# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

June 26th, 2023

1. Call to order

Andy Borrowman called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 7:11 p.m. in the upper courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Tenneycke gave the invocation and Chairman Borrowman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Chairman Borrowman asked Clerk Haley Rezba to take roll. The members present were Andy Borrowman, Joey Cobb, Don Foster, Reta Hoskin, Tom Lewis, Mark Mountain, Jim Sheppard and Mark Sprague. Derek Ross was absent.

1. Approval of May 22nd, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Tom Lewis made the motion to approve. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. Appointment of David Barton to the Bay Creek Watershed District Board for a term of 5 years.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of 2024 County Holidays

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. The review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit Application regarding an 190 feet tall wireless internet tower along 332nd Street on parcel #74-007-08 in Pleasant Hill Township.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Sale of Real Property.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 6-0-1. Reta Hoskin abstained. Motion approved.

1. 6 month reports.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve. Joe Cobb seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

Pike County Board met on June 21, 2023, in the conference room of the Pike County Government Building. Those in attendance were Don Foster, Reta Hoskin, Jim Sheppard, and Board Chairman Andy Borrowman. Also, present were Walker Filbert, Scott Syrcle, Dawn Leahr, Brenda DeSpain, and David Greenwood.

Routine Bills in the amount of $100,155.96 were approved for payment on a motion by Don Foster and a second by Reta Hoskin.

Brian Frericks of QFB energy was present to present quotes for our next energy contract. After an overview of the energy market and a discussion of the future he presented the following rates from Constellation Energy (whom we have our current contract with).

12 month $0.07587/kWh

24 month $0.08233/kWh

36 month $#0.08614/kWh

For reference our current rate is $0.04659/kWh. After further discussion the committee voted to accept the 36-month proposal on the belief that energy costs will only continue to rise due to government policy. Reta Hoskin made the motion to accept and Don Foster seconded.

The committee then entered a discussion of how we could alleviate some of our issues with payroll. Several options were discussed. Ultimately, the biggest hurdle is the flow of payroll information into our budget software. Which is where we are now. It was just the beginning of the process and the committee directed chairman Sheppard to gather more information for the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54PM on a motion by Don Foster and a second by Reta Hoskin.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved with the 36 month rate being $0.0865

Reta Hoskin- Says the IMRF audit found a lot of errors and thinks that the board needs a report on how the errors are being cleared up. Would also like to know the differences between the IMRF and Federal regulations with Walker Filbert to give an opinion on the matter.

Don Foster- Says there are errors with bills not being included in the figures for finance.

Highway

The Road & Bridge Committee met Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

**ROLL Call:**

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| Present: | Reta Hoskin, Don Foster, Mark Sprague, and Andy Borrowman |
| Absent: |  |
| Staff: | Chris Johnson and Brenda DeSpain |
| Visitors: |  |

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Mark Sprague to pay claims per claim reports dated June 21, 2023 as follows:

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| County Highway | $22,165.70 |
| Federal Aid Matching | $7,885.87 |
| County Motor Fuel | $50,696.25 |
| Township Bridge | $344,493.02 |
| Township Engineer Revolving | $12,297.27 |
| Township Motor Fuel | $244,232.26 |
| **Total** | **$681,770.37** |

All in favor. Motion carried.

**HALF AID TO BRIDGE SETTLEMENTS:** A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to approve Griggsville Township Half Aid to Bridge Project 2023-09, on 415th Street in Section 9, for the total project cost of $60,311.17 which was paid by the township. Pike County owes Griggsville Township $30,155.59. All in favor. Motion carried.

DISPOSTION OF 1101 LAKEVIEW HEIGHTS FACILITY: The committee discussed auctioning the highway facility at 1101 Lakeview Heights soon after the new salt shed is operational. The committee will refer the matter to the full board for action.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

County Engineer’s Report:

County Highway 2 resurfacing project is going well.

The Pleasant Vale bridge has been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS**: None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m**.** All in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Brenda DeSpain

Building and Grounds.

The Building and Grounds Committee meet at 3pm at the Government Building.Members present were Tom Lewis,Mark Mountain,Mark Sprague,and Chairman Andy Borrowman.Also present were Don Foster,Reta Hoskins,and States Attorney Filbert.

On a motion by Mark Mountain and seconded by Mark Sprague to pay bills in the amount of $5241.84. Motion Carried.

The Highway department committee wants to make sure that the Building and Grounds is kept in the loop on the sale of the old Highway Department Building and Land.

The Ag Committee was asking if there has been any decision on the sale of the Three acres that lays behind the Ambulance Building. There has not been any decision on the sale of this property as of this time.

Old Business:

Fan coil replacement in the States Attorney’s office. A Motion by Mountain to go ahead and replace the unit using Xcell Mechanical at the cost of $6900. The motion was seconded by Sprague.Motion carried.

New Business:

Darwin had stated that the steps on the North side of the Court House had been repaired and asked if the west side steps could be done next. The committee wants to get a couple of bids on this and bring back to the next meeting.

Mark Sprague brought up the condition of the Alley way to the west of the Annex Building.Chairman Borrowman stated he would contact the City of Pittsfield to see what could be done to repair the alley.

Derek Ross had contacted Lewis about the County Selling the parking lot behind the Reachout Center. It is the consensus of the Committee not to get rid of this piece of property.

With no more business to discuss a motion by Sprague to Adjourn was made and seconded by Mountain. Motion Carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:34PM.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

Minutes submitted by Tom Lewis

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT Committee was called to order at 4:03 PM on June 20th, 2023. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Jim Sheppard, and Reta Hoskin. Also in attendance were Brenda Despain, Walker Filbert, Andy Borrowman, Scott Syrcle, Dawn Leahr, Jr Bareis, David Greenwood, Paula Dean, and Natalie Roseberry via Zoom.

Under **Old Business:**

* Network Room Access: Natalie Roseberry proposed that her office needs its own key to the network room, to have access to a router for the State Board of Elections. Tiger Hawk will investigate how to get the router moved to Natalie’s office so she and whom she chooses would be the only ones to access the router. For security purposes, the goal is to minimize the need for access to the Network Room when at all possible. This move would also isolate who has access to the State Board of Elections router.

Under **New Business:**

* Tiger Hawk: has almost finished pulling network cables in courthouse and that project is moving forward. JR proposed that we switch to a different Backup system. The Datto contract expires in February of 2024, so the committee will continue to monitor this with the possibility of switching to Tiger Hawk's back up system with significant savings.
* JR has the new County Board laptops. The plan is to get board members their laptops before Monday’s County Board Meeting.
* JR, Scott, and Dawn spoke of moving our CIC database in-house. As CIC has been down a few more times since our last GIS/IT meeting, it again shows the importance of having in-house access instead of relying on CIC’s cloud-based server. Scott and Dawn were waiting for the final price from CIC to get the data file moved. The committee recommends that the board agree to move forward with the transfer, and the cost would be covered by IT contingency.

 Under **Public Comments:**

 None

Motion to pay bills in the amount of $ 7,704.57 was made by Jim Sheppard and seconded by Reta Hoskin. The motion passed.

Reta Hoskin made a motion and seconded by Derek Ross to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:23 AM.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the report. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

Minutes submitted by Derek Ross

Public Safety Approval of Bills for June 2023

Jim Sheppard made a motion to approve the bills with no meeting taking place. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Approved.

Agricultural

Meeting called to order at 10:01am Wednesday June 21st by committee chairman Sprague. Also present were Mark Mountain, Joe Cobb and Andy Borrowman. The guests present were Chas Anderson, Anita Andress, Walker Filbert, Greg Wyatt and Don Foster.

Under Animal Control, Joe Cobb talked to Michelle Hart at the Gray Trust and reported that they want to pay for spay and neuter services for Pike County residents only. The committee will discuss quarterly payroll at the July meeting.

Under the vaping ordinance ongoing discussion, consensus was to continue to explore our options and try to have something we can work with by the August meeting.

Under the ATV ordinance ongoing discussion, Mr Filbert will study up on the options and report back to us.

Under new business it was noted that the County’s share of property tax went up around 11% this year. This should be addressed during the budget process in the Fall.

On a motion by Mountain and seconded by Cobb, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26am.

Submitted by Mark Sprague

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve. Joe Cobb seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. New Business

Reata Hoskin is requesting to know sooner rather than later, when the December 2023 Board Meeting will be held. After discussion it was decided the meeting will be held on December 28th 2023 at 7pm.

Jim Sheppard has set an insurance

meeting for 2pm July 18th 2023.

1. Old Business

None

1. Chairman’s Remarks

Mr. Chairman wants to recognize the County Board members for giving their time and combining committee meetings into one day to save the County money.

1. Summary of Expenses for the Month/Mileage & Per Diem Report

Joe Cobb made a motion to approve the mileage and per diem reports. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Don Foster to seek clarification from Charlie on totals on report. Reports approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

None

1. Adjourn

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m

Minutes submitted by Haley Rezba



