# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2024

1. Call to order

Andy Borrowman called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 7:01 p.m. in the lower courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chuck Reid with Chainbreakers gave the invocation and Andy Borrowman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

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

1. Approval of January 22nd, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Tom Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes, Mark Sprague seconded. \*\*With change to say voice vote in the role call section in the minutes.\*\* Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

1. Appointment of Katie McConnell to the 708 board for a term to expires on December 31st, 2027.

Mark Mountain made the motion to approve Reta Hoskin seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Resolution recognizing the Quincy Convention and Visitors Bureau as the Entity authorized to represent Pike County in its Tourism Promotional Efforts.

Joey Cobb made the motion to approve Jim Sheppard seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 4:00PM on Wednesday February 21, 2024 in the conference room of the Pike County Government building. Those present were; Reta Hoskin, Don Foster, Jim Sheppard and Pike County Board Chairman Andy Borrowman. Also, present were; Scott Syrcle, Walker Filbert, Natalie Roseberry, and David Greenwood.

Routine Bills in the amount of $157,420.90 were approved for payment on a motion by Don Foster and a second by Reta Hoskin.

Reta Hoskin moved that The Treasurer be given the authority to transfer funds as needed or to get bids for anticipation warrants to cover any anticipated cash flow shortfalls which may occur this fiscal year. This applies to all funds. Don Foster seconded; motion carried. Scott reported that he thought the general fund would be $125,000 short this month.

Natalie Roseberry reported that her office would now treat reimbursed expenses as paid bills if accompanied by valid receipt and department head approval. The committee reviewed an agreement on printing for the Supervisor of Assessments office. The agreement did not comply with the Prompt Payment Act so the committee did not act on it and merely paid the invoice. Natalie Roseberry also informed the board of a change in IMRF payment method. IMRF had tried rolling this out in September and it had not worked so now they are doing it in March. Natalie was asking if the internal procedure that the county uses to assemble these funds could be simplified. The committee advised her to investigate the issue and get back with them.

Don Foster made a motion to adjourn and Reta Hoskin seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:29PM

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Foster seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

Joey Cobb wants to know where the County is at in moving Payroll out of the County Clerk’s office.

Jim Sheppard states that it depends on what day it is as to what answer he gets from the County Clerk.

Joey Cobb wants to know if Jim Sheppard has looked into and contacted other Counties that have made this transition.

Don Foster said he will provide Jim Shappard a list of who all he has made contact with about this matter.

Highway

The Road & Bridge Committee met Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 at :30pm at the Highway Department Building located at 39643 260th Ave, Pittsfield IL 62363. The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

Roll Call: Present were Reta Hoskin, Mark Sprague, Don Foster and Andy Borrowman

None were absent

Staff present were Chris Johnson, Gary Laux and Michelle McCartney

No public comments

Payment of Claims: A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Mark Sprague to pay claim reports dated February 21, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Half Aid to Bridge Project Settlements: Project number 2022-01 on 385th Lane in Perry Township: culvert replacement. The total project cost was $27,321.84 which was paid y the Township. Pike County owes Perry Township $13,660.92. A motion to approve settlement was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Loan: Scott Srycle discussed that the two-year loan is up this summer and he wanted to discuss getting a new two-year loan. H recommended making the required yearly payment of $125,000 in March plus any extra payment should the committee want to pay to reduce the loan and future interest. Doing this in March would give him time to advertise for a new loan and have it in place when the current loans balloon payment is due. A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to make a payment of $125, 000 plus an additional $175,000 as an extra payment in March 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wind Farm Project: There was about an hour of discussion on the general status of the wind farm project and the Road Use Agreement. The wind farm does not have a building permit yet and State’s Attorney Walker Filbert and Zoning Officer Greg Wyatt went through several required items that are still outstanding and have not been submitted to the County as of this meeting date. There are ongoing discussions with eh developer’s representatives on which roads might be used and a Road Use Agreement is being drafted by council retained by Pike County.

New Business: The County Engineer discussed that the winter forecast looks good and the salt order for next season will likely be less than usual due to the last two mild winters.

Discussed proposed legislation allowing ATV/UTV on County roads is currently ongoing in the state legislature.

Old Business: Building remodel/USDA loan—No discussion

Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Mark Sprague to adjourn the meeting at 2:53pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve Half Aid to Bridge Project. Don Foster seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

Mark Mountain made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Lewis seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

Building and Grounds.

The Building and Grounds committee meet at 3 PM at the Annex Building. Members present were Tom Lewis, Mark Mountain, Mark Sprague, and Andy Borrowman. Also, present were Judge McCartney, David Greenwood, Shane Martin, Charlie Ward, Natalie Roseberry, And States Attorney Filbert.

Bills in the amount of $24,894.10 was approved on a motion by Mountain and seconded by Sprague. Motion carried.

Judge McCartney gave an update on the Courthouse project. There has been a work order change i.e. Luan that had to be put down and carpet tiles instead of rolled carpet. Judge McCartney also has hired an interior designer to help with paint and carpet colors. McCartney stated he would take care of extra cost that this will incur. There are a few other minor things that have been added but does not think that those things will put us over budget. He also stated that if this did go over budget he would also help with these costs. Completion date is scheduled for late March.

David Greenwood stated that the stove hood at the Jail went out and cost of repairs for this would be covered out of funds he has at the Jail. David stated that there is a leak in the courthouse roof but is waiting on it to rain to see exactly where it is leaking and then give us a cost for repairs. David presented a quote to enclose the area below the assessor’s office. He stated that it would be some were between 39 and 48 thousand dollars for this project. This would have to go out for bids. This will be discussed at our next meeting. David is also to contact Petty construction is see when the repair at the Annex will start to stop the water from coming into the County Clerks Office. This Project was approved back in December.

Mark Sprague made a commitment about the cost of toilet paper and paper towel. Shane Martin and David Greenwood are going to look into find a different source to cut down on these costs.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mountain seconded by Sprague. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Submitted by Tom Lewis

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Derek Ross seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT Committee was called to order at 4:09 PM on February 20th, 2023. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross, Jim Sheppard, and Reta Hoskin. Also, in attendance were JR Bareis from Tigerhawk, Andy Borrowman, Nicole McDonald, Molly Caughlan, Angie Brawdy, Paula Dean and Dan Brennecke.

Under **Old Business:**

* JR Bareis addressed the following:
	+ There was an issue with CIC not setting up the payroll portion during the data switch, but that is now working.
	+ There was an issue at the Highway Department, where a computer had lost connection with a shared drive. This is an issue with Windows and can happen, but Nicole is aware of how to fix it in the future.
	+ The issue with the shared hard drive at the Highway Department identified another potential issue. The Highway Department uses the program Access to keep track of some of the time spent on jobs. Access may be discontinued at some point, and it is recommended that the department begin looking into something else soon.
	+ The new server at the Sherrif’s department should be installed in the next month. The idea of a “Roaming Profile” is being considered for employees to have individual logins that they can use at any computer and will hopefully resolve some identified issues.
	+ The new backup system should be installed in the next month. The committee agreed to bill out the installation costs to the respective departments and GIS/IT will pay the monthly fee.
	+ Moving to a new VOIP system is still proceeding forward.
	+ and, there was further discussion with the department IT coordinators on what IT issues may warrant a phone call vs a ticket and an onsite fix.

Under **New Business:**

* IT coordinators: did not have anything pressing to discuss. Our hope is that employees continue to utilize them when there are issues so the coordinators may continue to learn and handle future issues in–house. This should result in faster resolutions to IT problems and savings to the County.

Under **Public Comments:**

None

The motion to pay bills for $ 18,613.44 was made by Jim Sheppard and seconded by Reta Hoskin. The motion passed.

Jim Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Derek Ross, to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee meet at 7pm at the Ambulance Building. Members Present were Tom Lewis, Jim Sheppard, Derek Ross, and Andy Borrowman. Also, present were Kasey Kendall, Josh Martin, Don Foster, and Ambulance Employees.

Bills in the amount of $47,186.41 was approved on a motion by Sheppard and seconded by Ross.

Administrator’s Report:

Kasey gave the run totals for the month of January which was 205 calls. Expenditures were up this month with medical supplies due to inspections of our Ambulances and the First Responder Groups in the County. The Critical care Transport program that was on hold is now back up and going thru Blessing. There will be some upcoming training for our Ambulance employees at the Ambulance Building when everything gets approved. Kasey will be doing PR events soon at our schools in the County. Kasey stated that we are fully staffed at this time. We had 9 students complete the EMT course that has just finished up and all 9 Students passed their QAEMS test and now must go take their national test to get their licenses. Ross asked Kasey if there could be a line put into the budget report to show the CD that we have. Kasey stated that he would get that taken care of.

Josh Martin our EMA Director gave an update on things with EMA. Due to the stop payment, we are not receiving any money from the state. He stated he has been keeping up on the paperwork and forwarding it on to his contact with hopes that when the Audit is completed, we will start receiving our money again. Our Natural Hazard mitigation plan is complete but are waiting on two townships and one village to adopt the resolution and sent them back In. Josh stated that he still working on a few things from the flood of 2019. With the severe weather season coming up he will be keeping an eye on this especially when there are Festival or special events going on in the county. He also stated he has been working with the Sny Levy District with their new director. Sheppard told Josh that there is a possibility some updated computer to put in the EOC after the Courthouse receives their new ones. Kasey also asked Josh if there was, anyway, he could also receive weather alert? Josh stated that he would contact the Weather Service in St Louis to see what could be done.

With no other business to take care of Sheppard made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ross. Motion carried a meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

Submitted by Tom Lewis

Don Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Minutes approved.

1. New Business

Scott Syrcle is going for an anticipation note for the General Fund to get the County through until tax money is received.

Joey Cobb asks Mark Mountain if Pike County is a gun sanctuary County to which the answer was yes.

Joey Cobb wants to know if the County can form a militia and Walker Filbert is going to look into the County being allowed to do that.

Derek Ross wants to know if legislation reads that we “cannot” do it.

Don Foster states that we have to do what the State allows us to do.

This conversation will be continued at the next Ag Meeting.

Mark Sprague wants to schedule an Ag meeting on March 13th, 2024 at 2:00pm.

1. Old Business

Derek Ross asks about a Wind Farm update. He wants to know what this project has to offer the people of Pike Countyand if the land is going to be rezoned as commercial so that the EAV goes up? Is there a possibility for a large increase of taxes for the school districts? What value do these have and what jobs opportunities will this project create? Does the electricy being made benefit the residents of Pike County? Will this help the County like the Landfill has? Concerns from land owners about health issues, what effect does the electricity underground and the frequencies of the blades have on residents and animals?

Who have they sold the electricity to?

The Board to ask Cindy Shaw about a tax amount.

Derek Ross would like to see a number on the revenue that will be earned.

Joey Cobb wants to see the residents receive an energy break.

Andy Borrowman wants the company to have everything completed before any work starts on the project.

Walker Filbert states that this was voted on and passed in 2017 with 7 contingencies and in 2019 an 8th contingency was added. Right now the company states that they have completed 5 of them completed. If they complete all 8 contingencies, the Board will not vote because the project will move forward.

The Board wants to know what happens to the farm land that the turbines are being built on.

Scott Syrcle states that for 2 years and 9 months nothing from payroll has been entered in to the CIC program. That the County has spent $48,000 trying to correct only 2021 issues so that the audit can be completed. He states that the County Clerk needs to get both programs together (CIC and PayCom) to get this taken care of. Also states that there are no manual entries being done to the CIC system and it needs to be done by pay period.

Reta states that the County Clerk was asked to do this months ago and she is not doing it.

Scott states that everything with payroll is wrong.

Derek Ross states that allowing the same thing to continue to happen is insanity and that they have been getting the same answers from the County Clerk but that nothing is getting done.

Scott says that his office will not be taking over payroll to clean up the County Clerk’s mess.

Andy states that the County Clerk has been asked to enter things into CIC monthly.

1. Chairman’s Remarks

None

1. Summary of Expenses for the Month/Mileage & Per Diem Report for February of 2024

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Mike Boren gave some historical information regarding the pictures hanging in the Lower Court Room.

1. Adjourn

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Mark Mountain seconded. Voice vote 8-0.

 Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Minutes submitted by Haley Rezba



