# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

March 25th, 2024

1. Call to order

Andy Borrowman called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 7:00 p.m. in the lower courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Rob Roper with Brightstar United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Andy Borrowman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Andy Borrowman asked County Clerk Deputy Natalie Roseberry to take roll. The members present were Andy Borrowman, Joey Cobb, Don Foster, Reta Hoskin, Tom Lewis, Jim Sheppard and Mark Sprague. Mark Mountain by phone. Derek Ross was absent.

Mark Sprague moved that Mark Mountain be allowed to vote via telephone. Joey Cobb seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of February 27th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

Mark Sprague made the motion to approve the minutes, Joe Cobb seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

1. Approval of Resolution appointing the Officed of the State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor as the County’s agent from 12-01-2023 through 11-30-2024.

Tom Lewis made the motion to approve Jim Sheppard seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of County Tax Deed for 65-027-03 conveyance.

Tom Lewis made the motion to approve Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. 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, Bryce Gleckler, Cindy Shaw, Nicole McDonald, Dave Greenwood, Haley Rezba and Natalie Roseberry. Walker Filbert was present by phone.

Routine bills in the amount of $178,627.15 were approved for payment on a motion by Don Foster and a second by Reta Hoskin.

Following the February board meeting the question of whether the payrolls from 2022, 2023, and 2024 were entered into CIC was discussed. Natalie Roseberry reported that as of the meeting date all of 2023 was entered and 2024 was entered by payroll except for the 12/23 payroll. Jim Sheppard informed the committee that he had used the 2022 numbers from a CIC report to do the 2024 budget.

As to the question of doing payroll the clerk informed the committee that her office would continue to do the county’s payroll. Jim Sheppard reported that he had some information about how Adams County approaches payroll and the duties of their payroll clerk.

Scott Syrcle brought the bids he had received for anticipation warrants to cover the county’s cash flow shortfall. He had received three bids as follows:

Great Rivers Bank 5.45%

Farmers State Bank 4.97%

United Community Bank 5.24%

All notes would mature by November 30, 2024. Reta Hoskin made a motion to accept the bid from Farmers State Bank with an interest rate of 4.97%. Don Foster seconded. Motion carried.

Natalie Roseberry updated the board on IMRF. She was trying to obtain copies of banks statements for one bank account and may have to get online access. She was working with Dawn Leahr to streamline the payment process to better work with some changes that IMRF has implemented.

Walker Filbert reported he had heard nothing lately from Sikitch on the audit prep. Cindy Shaw asked about how some expenses were applied to her budget. Jim Sheppard told her he would follow up on it.

The committee went into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel on a motion by Don Foster and a second by Reta Hoskin. The committee entered closed session at 5:22 p.m. and exited closed session on a motion by Reta Hoskin and a second by Don Foster at 5:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on a motion by Reta Hoskin and a second by Don Foster.

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

Approval of Pike County Anticipation Note Resolution made by Tom Lewis. Seconded by Don Foster. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

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

Highway

The Road & Bridge Committee met Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at 1:30pm 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 March 20, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Half Aid to Bridge Project Settlements: Project number 2019-6 Bridge Replacement 400th St. in the SW corner of Sect 5 Griggsville Township (Section 19-09116-00-BR. One-half of the 20% MFT is $35,265.44 (Local Match) to be paid from County Road & Bridge to Township MFT.

Project 2019-7 Historic Bridge Replacement Township Road 376 (Spring Creek Road) Over South Prong of Spring Creek (Section 17-24112-00-BR). One-half of the 20% MFT is $54,872.02 (Local Match) to be paid from County Road & Bridge to Township MTF.

A motion to approve close-out(s) was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.

The County Engineer discussed the new “certificate of Authority” that is now required by the State for the annual Salt Procurement. A motion to approve was made by Don Foster, seconded by Mark Sprague. All in favor. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for CH-2 Resurfacing from Griggsville east city limit easterly to CH-21 intersection in Valley City and CH-14 Reconstruction from CH-2 southerly to Detroit north city limit as well as a discussion regarding the Resolution to expend FAM funds for the Preliminary Engineering Services (Section 20-0012-00-PP).

New Business: The County Engineer gave an update on the Wind Farm RUA progression and the salt order for next season will likely be less than usual due to the last tow 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 Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to adjourn the meeting at 2:17pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Reta Hosking to approve ½ aid to bridge close out for Griggsville. Seconded by Tom Lewis. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Motion made by Tom Lewis seconded by Joey Cobb to approve 1/2 aid to bridge closout Spring Creek, Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Motion to approve preliminary service agreement made by Reta Hoskin. Seconded by Don Foster. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. 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, and Charlie Ward.

Bills in the amount of $18,751 was approved on a motion by Mountain and seconded by Sprague. Motion carried.

Judge McCartney gave an update on the Courtroom project stating that the project was behind schedule by about two weeks. This is due to some changes in the project. With that being said, Judge McCartney stated that it looks like we will be over budget on this project. He also stated that he would help cover the overage with some of the funds he has control over.

David Greenwood stated that the encloser for under the Assessor’s office is going to be put out for bids. This will change the work that needs to be done to the foundation on that side of the Annex. Which should lower the cost of that project.

Shane Martin has received a different computer and will be able to access his Emails.

No new business

No publc comment

A nmotion to adjourn was made by Sprague seconded by Mountain. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Tom Lewis

Mark Sprague made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Sheppard seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

GIS/IT

The GIS/IT Committee was called to order at 4:04 PM on March 19th, 2023. Those in attendance were committee members Derek Ross 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:
  + The new backup system was delayed because of a backorder of equipment needed. The hope is it will be installed in the next month.
  + Tigerhawk present a proposal for switching to their VOIP system from Adams. It appears there is a potential savings of $1,000 to $1,200 per month.

Under **New Business:**

* IT coordinators: did not have anything pressing to discuss.
* The IT Committee would like to acknowledge Molly Caughlan in securing a $204,000 Court Technology grant which will provide numerous offices with updated equipment. A list of some of the items and services is attached.

Under **Public Comments:**

None

The motion to pay bills for $ 6,498.46 was made by Reta Hoskin and seconded by Derek Ross. The motion passed.

Reta Hoskin made a motion, seconded by Derek Ross, to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

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

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee met at 7pm at the Ambulance Building. Members Present were Derek Ross, Jim Sheppard, Tom Lewis and Chairman Andy Borrowman. Also present was Don Foster and on Duty Ambulance Employees

Bills in the amount of $37,751.50 was approved on a motion by Sheppard and seconded by Ross. Motion Carried.

Administrator’s Report:

Kasey gave the run totals for the month of February. There were 201 calls for the month and 406 for the year so far. Kasey is working with Sheriff Greenwood on the Tactical Medic program and have had 7 staff so far interested in the program. There will be an application process to find the medics that will be chosen for this. Kasey stated that we are still fully staffed but are still having issues filling the on call crew. The vehicle fleet is in good condition. Did have one that had to go to Gem City Ford but has been fixed. Up coming PR events include career day at PHS and Kasey has had interest in two Griggsville/Perry students to job shadow. Derek made a motion to except the policy seconded by Sheppard. Motion carried. Kasey and Jenna have been working on the Medicare audit which is due in April.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ross seconded to Sheppard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by Tom Lewis

Don Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Minutes approved.

**Agriculture**

Mark Sprague called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. All members present. Guests include Walker Filbert, Natalie Roseberry, Beth Zumwalt, Chass Anderson, Don Foster, Jeanie Hoover, Christina Butler, Jim Filbert, Jeanna Morrow, Greg Wyatt, Lotus Lawless, and Heather Hayden.

Natalie Roseberry presented a plan for an “administrative assistant” in the County Clerk’s Office to assist Animal Control in their administrative duties. She proposed a $5000.00 per annual stipend for the work and stated it would reduce the administrative cost to the shelter and allow them to work more directly with the communities. Animal Warden gave an update on the increase in animal care and Heather Hayden mentioned she has yet to hear back from Grey Trust. The Shelter is using the Janet Kelley fund to assist in spays and neuters. She also stated that the TNR program is going well. Lotus will be working with the City of Winchester to discuss creating space for some of their animals. This was a new situation that arose, and she will work with Clerk, Natalie Roseberry to see the viability in the potential project. The Liaison Committee announced Christina Butler as the new Liaison Chairman. They have 6 members and Joey Cobb in total and will continue doing what they are doing. The Shelter manager recently had a meeting with staff members to go over hours and procedures.

Zoning reports that things are slow an not a lot of building has been happening.

In February the Company representing the windfarm start presenting more information to the County. There are too many variables that are still up in the air to know a more accurate time frame of when work for this will be starting. The County is not holding anything up or preventing this from happening. The Road Use Agreement is still not final. The engineering company still must review the agreement before it can be passed. Until that is completed, no work can start.

There will be no discussion on the 2nd amendment and militia due to the State’s Attorney and Sheriff Greenwood stating that it is illegal. Joey Cobb states that what prompted his statements at the February Board Meeting is a senate bill stating it will be illegal to train private security staff and it will also make it illegal for conceal and carry classes to take place if there are 3 or more people in attendance. Sheriff Greenwood has addressed this topic via email and states that he is not in support of a County Militia. If the County becomes in need, there are trained people that can assist the Sheriff’s Department. If there is a local emergency, there are measures that he can take that will protect the community. He is able to deputize individuals if the need arises.

Joey Cobb stated that to deter an influx of immigrants from flooding the County, the County can put an ordinance in effect that would make it possible to penalize transportation providers that carry illegal immigrants to the county. Cobb claims it has been done by other counties. Walker Filbert stated he would look into some information provided to him by Mr. Cobb. Mark Mountain states that he has been reading a lot about the changes that are being proposed about the 2nd amendment and that It is not a good thing.

There was a house meeting in congress today (March 13th, 2024) at 10 a.m. that would allow ATV/s on County Roads and the County does have an interest in trying to accommodate this. As of the committee meeting there has been no information released. Jenna with the Farm Bureau has nothing new to report. GrainBelt Express wants to build new transmission power lines before there is a need for power to run through the lines. Don Foster addressed the Committee and stated that not all the landowners that will be effected have been contacted regarding the work. The committee does not think this process will be starting anytime soon.

The next Ag Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the upper conference room of the government building.

Mark Mountain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joey Cobb seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Walker Filbert stated that he looked into the ordinance that Mr. Cobb was referring to and the county referenced did not pass it. Mr. Filbert stated at the end of the day, the ordinance wouldn’t carry any weight. Mr. Cobb stated he still would like it to remain a possibility for the County.

Jim Sheppard made a motion to approve the amended Agriculture minutes. Seconded by Mark Mountain. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved.

1. New Business

Chairman Borrowman stated that this past Friday, there was substantial movement on the Road Use Agreement for the Wind Farm. There is a possibility to approve the road use agreement next week at a potential special meeting.

1. Old Business

None

1. Chairman’s Remarks

None

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

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve amended Mark Sprague seconded. Voice vote 7-0. Approved.

1. Summary of Expenses and Mileage and Per Diem for March 2024.

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

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Kirby Hobbs stated that Township Officials are against the ATV use. Mark Sprague stated that he understands Kirby’s point, however, what the County would be considering is only County Roads, not township.

1. Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel

Motion made by Tom Lewis. Seconded by Joey Cobb. Voice vote 7-0. Motion approved to enter into closed session.

Enter: 7:55 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:35

1. Adjourn

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Joey Cobb seconded. Voice vote 7-0 .

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Roseberry











