# Pike County Board

# Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 2024

1. Call to order

Andy Borrowman, Chairman, called to order the regular meeting of the Pike County Board at 7:03 p.m. in the upper courtroom of the Pike County Courthouse.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Don Castleberry from the Pittsfield Assembly of God gave the invocation and Andy Borrowman led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Andy Borrowman asked County Clerk, Natalie Roseberry, to take roll call. 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 July 22nd, 2024 meeting minutes

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

1. Appointment of Brad Lummis, Jack Buchannan, and Marsha Hill as trustees for the Cresent Heights Cemetery Association for terms to expire in 2030.

Tom Lewis made the motion to approve the appointment. Second by Mark Mountain. Voice vote 8 -0. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Pike County Workforce Development Month Proclamation.

Derek Ross Made a motion to approve. Mark Mountain seconded. 8-0.

1. Approval of submitted election judges by each political party for terms to serve beginning for the General Election 2024 through the Primary of 2026 per 10 ILCS 5/13-1.

Clerk Roseberry gave the history of how this has worked in the past and what is governed by statute. State’s Attorney Filbert advised the board at the language in statute is “shall” and requires the board to pass this. Jon Borrowman, Chairman of the Pike County Republican Party stated that since it has not been done in the past, why do it now. County Clerk, Natalie Roseberry responded that it is her duty to uphold statute.

Jim Sheppard made a motion to approve. Mark Mountain Seconded. Voice vote 3-4-1. Joe Cobb, Don Foster, Reta Hoskin, Tom Lewis voting no. Derek Ross voting present. Motion denied.

1. Consideration of moving the Martinsburg Precinct

Chairman Andy Borrowman stated that our Insurance Company has stated that we should not house a precinct at a private location and that it does not comply with ADA requirements. Clerk Roseberry stated that it does not qualify for financial assistance because it is on private property. Joey Cobb stated that he would pay for the improvements himself.

Chairman Borrowman did not receive a motion.

1. Resolution to support and work with Frontier to apply for a Connect Illinois Round 4 Broadband Grant.

Tom Lewis Made a motion to approve. Joe Cobb seconded. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Appointment of Brady Borrowman as Sny Island Commissioner for a term to expire in September 2027.

Trent Garner was present. Chairman Andy Borrowman asked if he was an Illinois resident. Mr. Garner stated that he was an Illinois resident. He claims there are possible discrepancies between the signatures. The Sny advised that this could lead to significant work.

Mark Sprague made a motion to table. Joe Cobb seconded. 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

Finance

The Finance committee of the Pike County Board met at 4:00PM on Wednesday August 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, Paula Dean, David Greenwood, Natalie Roseberry, Jill Reis, Catherine Raftery, and Anita Andress.

Routine Bills in the amount of$152,087.19 were approved for payment on a motion by Don Foster and a second by Reta Hoskin. $127,302.92 were to be paid and $24,784.27 were already paid.

We briefly discussed and the committee concurred that the pay period for the first payroll issued for the month is the 16th through the end of the preceding month and the pay period for the second payroll of the month shall be the 1st through the 15th. Of that month. Hours worked after those dates shall be paid in the following pay period.

Jill Reis from the Regional Office of Education was present to put forward a new three-year intergovernmental agreement with them reflecting no change in the annual cost of $32,128.32. We are statutorily required to support the regional office and the intergovernmental agreement is a lower cost alternative to paying based on the county’s EAV. Don Foster moved that the intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Office of Education to presented to the full board for consideration. Reta Hoskin Seconded. Motion carried.

The September finance committee meeting will be held on Tuesday September 17th at 2:00PM in its regular location.

The 2025 Budget hearing will start soon, dates will be established depending on board members availability. Scott stated that he could transfer enough funds to cover the bills and that the first distribution would be in September.

Reta Hoskin made a motion to adjourn and Don Foster seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:42PM

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

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve the ROE contract. Second by Mark Mountain. 8-0. Motion approved.

Highway

The Road & Bridge Committee met Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 1:30pm at the Highway Department Building located at 39643 260th Ave, Pittsfield IL 62363. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm

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

None were absent

Staff present were Chris Johnson and Michelle McCartney

No visitors were present

Public Comment: None

Payment of Claims: None

Half Aid to Bridge Project close-outs: None

Building Loan: A motion was made by Don Foster, seconded by Mark Sprague to pay off the highway department building loan when the Wind Farm Road Use Agreement funds become available. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: The County Engineer discussed looking to purchase a new Mini Excavator and selling the 30-year-old Backhoe as well as the John Deere Tractor/Boom Mower.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mark Sprague, seconded by Don Foster to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Building and Grounds.

The Building and Grounds committee meet at 3PM in the Government Building. The members present were Tom Lewis, Mark Mountain, Mark Sprague, and Andy Borrowman. Also present were David Greenwood, Shane Martin, Charlie Ward, Natalie Roseberry, Walker Filbert, and Reta Hoskin.

Bills in the amount of $7902.69 was approved on a motion by Mountain and seconded By Sprague. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Natalie discussed who was responsible for keeping track of Shane Martins Benefit time. It was decided that Shane keep track of his time then turn it in to Sheriff Greenwood who would then forward this on to the County Clerk’s Office. Natalie also stated that bids for the front door of the Government building should be in this week. She also went around to the different polling places to check on ADA compliance. She will be working on a grant to help make the polling places become ADA compliant. The polling place, that is in Martinsburg, is on private property and would not be eligible for the grant. It was discussed about moving this to a different location. Natalie will contact an individual about moving it to the Church in New Hartford and hopes to let us know soon if this will be an option.

Shane stated that the heating/AC unit in the States Attorney’s office is not working and will be getting bids on replacing it for the next Committee meeting.

Mark Mountain brought up that Jim Filbert stated that people are plugging in their Electric Vehicles around the Courthouse. It was discussed what we need to do and get this stopped. Greenwood stated he would investigate this issue.

With no future business Mountain made a motion to adjourn seconded by Sprague. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:35 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 4:01 PM on August 20th, 2024. Committee members Derek Ross, Reta Hoskin, and Jim Sheppard were present. Also, JR Bareis from Tigerhawk, Andy Borrowman, Angie Brawdy, Paula Dean, Crystal Miller, Catherine Raferty, Dan Brennecke and Mike Nelson from Frontier Fiber Broadband.

Under **Old Business:**

* Angie Brawdy and Crystal Miller coordinated recycling most of the County’s old technology through a company in Quincy.
* JR Bareis said he is ready to implement two step authorization needs. Jim will reach out to our cyber insurance carrier to find out what they recommend.

Under **New Business:**

* JR Bareis presented results from a penetration test that Tigerhawk ran on our network systems at the Annex building. There were only minor issues identified and they have been addressed.

Under **Public Comments:**

* Mike Nelson presented information regarding the Connect Illinois broadband initiative. There was $1.04 billion awarded to be used toward Fiber broadband in rural areas in Illinois. Reta volunteered to have more information sent to her for the committee to discuss later. To expedite the time-sensitive process, it was recommended that the county adopt a resolution as soon as possible to start the initial application. A county financial obligation, if needed, will be discussed later.

The motion to pay bills for $ 16,946,80 was made by Jim Sheppard and seconded by Reta Hoskin. The motion passed.

Jim Sheppard made a motion, seconded by Reta Hoskin, to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

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

Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee met at 7PM at the Ambulance Building. The members present were Tom Lewis, Derek Ross, Jim Sheppard, and Andy Borrowman. Also present was Kasey Kendall.

Bills in the amount of $42613.29 were approved on a motion by Ross seconded by Sheppard. Motion carried.

Administrator’s Report:

Kasey gave the run report for the month. 175 EMS calls for the month which is up by 150 calls from a year ago. We are still fully staffed currently. Kasey stated that with Fall Festivals and Football starting this would be a busy fall with these extra activities. Kasey stated that the 1st responder class just ended on the 19th with 3 students. The EMT will be starting on September 3 and run through January 21,2025. There are nine students signed up for this class. The chassis for the remount of 3G17 is in and will start work on it as soon as they come get the Ambulance that is being remounted. It has been almost a year and a half since the chassis was ordered.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ross stated that Tiger Hawk is working on a proposal to upgrade the computer system at the Ambulance Building. Ross hopes to have this at the next GIS meeting and then have It for next month’s Public Safety meeting.

With no future business Sheppard made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ross. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted by Tom Lewis

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

**Insurance**

The Insurance committee of the Pike County Board met at 2:00PM August 23, 2024 in the conference room of the Pike County Government building. Members present were Tom Lewis, Mark Mountain, and Jim Sheppard. Also present were; Paula Dean, Catherine Raftery, Brandi Wallis, Jason Boothe, and Anita Andress.

The committee was informed that our renewal application for the property, casualty, and workers compensation insurance had been sent in on Wednesday the 21st. It was also reported that Jim Sheppard had received some answers to cyber insurance questions that had come up at the IT meeting earlier that week. Catherine Raftery informed the committee that she was working on open enrollment for the Dental and Vision plans but had been slowed by an email issue. The ICRMT conference will be September 18th and 19th in Peoria. The committee also reviewed a matter concerning Cobra coverage for a retired employee and gave direction concerning that.

The committee then reviewed the renewal rates for the health insurance for 2025. A copy of the renewal numbers is attached to this report. Jason Boothe explained the reasoning for the increase is due to the group's past claims performance being in excess of premiums paid every year since 2017. He also noted that since 2017 the county overall cost per covered employee has risen at a rate of less than 4% annually. Mark Mountain made a motion to approve acceptance of the renewal and Tom Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

The Insurance Committee will meet Thursday August 29th to set employee rates for 2025.

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn and Mark Mountain seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM

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

Motion to approve Hope Trust 2025 coverage made by Tom Lewis. Seconded by Mark Mountain.

Derek Ross asked questions about the rate increase and budget amount. He had various questions for Jim regarding how the renewal works and the process of bidding out the policy.

Voice Vote 4-4. Joe Cobb, Don Foster, Reta Hoskin, and Derek Ross voting now. Chairman Andy Borrowman voted Yes for 5-4. Motion passes.

1. New Business

Jim Sheppard scheduled budget hearings. 1st budget hearing to be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on September 17th in the lower courtroom of the courthouse. 2nd meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. 3rd meeting on Monday, September 30th.

1. Old Business

Joe Cobb mentioned that Devnet stated he had an issue with Devnet email. Clerk Roseberry stated she is waiting on correspondence. Joe Cobb questioned Tom Lewis about the accommodations tax and the agenda.

Reta Hoskin wants a spreadsheet from Scott about expenses from ARPA. Scott will provide that to Reta.

1. Chairman’s Remarks

Chairman mentioned Robert Foster, a citizen of Pike County, who worked with fiber optics. He was in favor of the expansion of fiber optics in our area.

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

Tom Lewis made a motion to approve. Second by Derek Ross. Voice vote 8-0. Motion approved.

1. Questions from Press and Visitors

Jim Filbert asked Mark Mountain why he vote for the Insurance. Mr. Mountain, he believe it was a good deal for the County. Jim Filbert asked Mr. Sheppard if he is an officer of the executive committee of the Hope Trust. Jim stated he did and he was Chairman of the executive board. Jim Filbert wanted to know how the Hope Trust was registered with the Secretary of State. Jim Sheppard stated he was not sure and as far as he is aware, it is its own entity. Jim Filbert discussed Insurance and the transfer of risk and the difference between that and a trust and co-op. He stated that the Hope Trust is not considered an “admitted company.” Brenda Middendorf is informing the board of the housing crisis in Pike County.

Scott stated that he will be moving funds tomorrow for Patrick Engineering. Reta Hoskin asked Scott to send her an expense list for the COVID grant and he stated he would send that to the board members.

1. Adjournment

Tom Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Joe Cobb seconded. Voice vote 8-0 .

 Meeting adjourned at 9:02 .m.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk, Natalie P. Roseberry



