

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse, Main Courtroom, at 16001 Barnesville Street, Zebulon. Chairman Briar Johnson convened the meeting and Commissioners Tim Daniel, Tim Guy, Jason Proctor and James Jenkins attended. County Manager Brandon Rogers, Interim County Manager/ County Attorney Rob Morton and County Clerk Angela Blount were also present. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)).

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman J. Briar Johnson
- 2. **INVOCATION**..... Kyle Garner
- 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**..... Chairman J. Briar Johnson

- 4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))**
Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to approve the agenda, motion carried 5-0.

- 5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))**
 - a. Minutes of the September 11, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting.
 - b. Minutes of the September 11, 2024, Executive Session.
 - c. Minutes of the September 11, 2024, Special Called Meeting.

Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Daniel to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting, minutes of the September 11, 2024 Executive Session, and the minutes of the September 11, 2024 Special Called Meeting, motion carried 5-0.

- 6. **INVITED GUEST - NONE**

- 7. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES**

- a. Monthly Reports submitted from County Departments and County Authorities, including a Revenue/Expenditure Statement for all departments and a summary check register. *There are no Department reports as they will be provided during the first Board meeting of October. Revenue/Expenditure Statement and Detail Check Register is included.*

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to accept reports, motion carried 5-0.

- b. County Manager Report

Updated County finances will be provided on the October 9, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting agenda. The finances were not available at the time of the preparation of the agenda.

- c. County Manager Comment

County Attorney/Interim County Manager Rob Morton addressed the Board stating he provided them with a lengthy report prior to the meeting. If the Board has any questions pertaining to the report to contact him. Morton noted he received information earlier in the day that the Extension Office vehicle is having problems. The vehicle is no longer operational. Brooklyne Wassel was advised to drive the vehicle in overdrive around town. The county will need to be looking to acquire a vehicle for the Extension Office.

- d. Commissioner Reports

District 1 – Commissioner Daniel thanked Ken Lalumiere and Chirs Goodman with Public Works for being proactive with Brazier Road. Commissioner Daniel noted he receives calls all the time in reference to Brazier Road and he submits a work order, but this time Public Works was proactive, and he did not have to submit a work order.

District 2 – Commissioner Guy – No report.

District 3 – Commissioner Proctor – No report.

District 4 - Commissioner Jenkins – No report.

At Large Chairman Briar Johnson thanked Ameripro and their Staff for a situation that occurred last Thursday. Ameripro went above and beyond their duty.

- e. County Attorney Report to Commissioners

County Attorney Rob Morton noted the county has received additional information about the Opioid Settlements and the county should be getting additional income on that.

The county has not received any new filings after the EEOC notices the county has received. Morton stated he will keep the Board updated if the county receives anything by the deadline which is this coming month.

- 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

- 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Consider award of the 2024 Paving Projects Bid.

County Attorney/Interim County Manager Rob Morton stated the Board has all the bids that were provided, and he sat down with Ken Lalumiere and Chirs Goodman in Public Works, to review the bids in detail and all the bid documentation meets the specifications requirements. The lowest bid was

with Piedmont Paving at \$634,509.78. The second lowest bid was McLeRoy Inc. at \$645,691.20. There is a provision in the Pike County Code about local bidder preferences and there is a percentage application. However, the way the code is written, it says Local Preference – Bids awarded to local vendors contribute to the local tax base and will, therefore, be given special consideration when bidding against outside vendors. The County Manager is given the authority to give vendors from within the confines of the County, whose initial bid is within three percent of the low bid submitted by an out-of-county bidder, an opportunity to meet the lower bid priced. The local bidder must agree in writing within 48 hours to meet the lowest price. This policy does not apply to any purchases of materials, equipment or services in excess of \$20,000.00. In those cases, the Board of Commissioners will make their decision based on the lowest and best bid by a responsive and responsible bidder submitted. The recommendation of Public Works is McLeRoy Inc. because of their history with Pike County. Pike County has not had any prior dealings with Piedmont Paving. The difference between the two bids is \$11,181.42. Morton clarified that Public Works is making the recommendation because of the history and work that has been done with McLeRoy Inc. and that they are considered the lowest and most responsible bidder because of their history. Commissioner James Jenkins stated the county has not used Piedmont Paving, but what about their references that the county could verify. Morton noted the county received references for Piedmont Paving and Fayette County has used them as well as Meriwether County has used them. Piedmont Paving is located in Newnan.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Daniel to award bid to McLeRoy Inc. contingent upon McLeRoy Inc. matching the low bid of \$634,509.78, motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Tim Guy opposed.

- b. Consider Resolution to adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Pike County Tax Levy and authorize Chairman to sign the resolution.

County Attorney/Interim County Manager Rob Morton addressed the Board stating they were provided with the information at previous meetings the four options for them to consider. Option 3 was advertised for a .75 mill increase over the rollback. If the Board chooses to go with Option 4, which is what the recommendation was from the Finance Administrator to protect the fund balance, a 1.00 mill increase over the rollback, the county will have to re-advertise and have new public hearings. Option 2 was to cover the shortfall the county anticipated as the result of the digest. Option 1 is going with the rollback and the county is looking at a \$570,000.00 shortfall. Commissioner Jason Proctor stated he thinks with ARPA Funds and Impact Fees they can be used to supplement the shortfall.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Jenkins to roll back Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Pike County Tax Levy, motion carried 3-2 with Chairman Briar Johnson and Commissioner Tim Daniel opposed.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Jenkins to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution, motion carried 5-0.

- c. Coordinate vendor participation at Christmas Parade.

County Attorney/Interim County Manager Rob Morton stated the Chamber of Commerce will be handling the Christmas Parade. The Chamber of Commerce will not be handling the vendors at the Christmas festivities. One of the county officials has requested the county help coordinate vendor participation for the festivities at the Christmas Parade. Jim Totten approached the county for their assistance in helping coordinate vendor participation which will lead to possible road closure.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Guy to approve the county helping coordinate vendor participation at Christmas Parade, motion carried 5-0.

- d. Discussion of Animal Control vehicle.

County Attorney/Interim County Manager Rob Morton stated he provided information previously about the need of an Animal Control vehicle. Tanya Perkins, Director of Animal Control, was driving a 2000 Ford Truck that needs repairs estimated to be between \$5,000.00- \$6,000.00. Animal Control has provided two estimates for vehicle replacement. One estimate is for a F-150 Truck Regular Cab in the amount of \$37,524.00, and one is a F-150 Super Cab in the amount of \$46,610.00. Mrs. Perkins preference is a super cab since she will have cages on the back. Morton noted this would be an appropriate ARPA fund expenditure.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Guy to approve purchase of 2024 Ford F-150 Super Cab truck in the amount of \$46,610.00 with ARPA Funds for Animal Control, motion carried 3-2, with Commissioner James Jenkins and Commissioner Jason Proctor opposed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 5 minutes per person) - NONE

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. County Attorney/ Interim County Manager Rob Morton requests an Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or interviewing applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2), germane to personnel.

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Daniel to adjourn Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m., motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

[A copy of the affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting]

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF PIKE

AFFIDAVIT OF PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Pike County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, state under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Pike County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on 9-24-2024.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 6:56 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

No Consultation with the county attorney, or other legal counsel, to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

No Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and _____ *insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential*);

No Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

Yes Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or interviewing applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency, as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

No Other – Germane to authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property.

Pike County Board of Commissioners:

- J. Briar Johnson, Chairman (L.S.)
- Tim Daniel, Commissioner (L.S)
- Tim Guy, Commissioner (L.S.)
- Jason Proctor, Commissioner (L.S)
- James Jenkins, Commissioner (L.S.)

This the 24th day of September 2024.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 24th day of September 2024.

Robert L. Morton
Morton & Morton Associates
County Attorney and Notary Public

My commission expires: August 10, 2026.

Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Guy to adjourn Executive Session and enter into Regular Session at 8:59 p.m., motion carried 5-0.

Motion/second by Commissioners Jenkins/Guy to approve Chris Goodman as Director of Public Works, motion carried 5-0.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., motion carried 5-0.

J. Briar Johnson, Chairman

Angela Blount, County Clerk