

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

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held its Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 Ron Alexander, 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.....Ben Maxedon**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE..... Chairman J. Briar Johnson**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))**

County Manager Ron Alexander requested to amend the agenda to add Executive Session germane to personnel in Administration Office.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Daniel to approve the amended agenda, motion carried 5-0.**

- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2))**
  - a. Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to approve the minutes, motion carried 5-0.**

- 6. INVITED GUEST**
  - a. Employee Recognition for service to Pike County.

Hunter D. Ficalore was recognized by County Attorney Rob Morton, Sheriff Jimmy Thomas and County Manager Ron Alexander for 5-years of service to Pike County. County Attorney Rob Morton thanked Hunter for his 5-years of dedicated service to Pike County and presented him with a certificate and pin. Sheriff Jimmy Thomas noted that Hunter started from the bottom of the Sheriff’s office and worked his way into the position he is in now. Sheriff Thomas stated that he hears Hunter regularly on the radio making traffic stops; that he has stepped up to the plate and has become one of the better officers. Sheriff Thomas thanked Hunter for his service and hanging in there. County Manger Ron Alexander thanked Hunter for his service to Pike County.

- 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.
- Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to accept the Financial Reports, motion carried 5-0.**
- b. County Manager Report

Update on County finances for the following funds/accounts:

General Fund .....	\$4,633,229.94
Fire Dept. Donations.....	\$6,067.93
BOC – Jury Account.....	\$0.00
Cash Reserve Account.....	\$107,532.98
Pike County CD Special Revenue funds.....	\$0.00
Jail Fund .....	\$28,238.41
E-911 Fund .....	\$148,149.58
DATE Fund .....	\$51,472.25
Juvenile Court Fund.....	\$11,145.69
Residential Impact Fee .....	\$704,057.69
Commercial Impact Fees .....	\$89,819.06
C.A.I.P FUND .....	\$180,931.63
General Obligation SPLOST Tax Bond Sinking Fund, 2016.....	\$766,919.96
L.M.IG. Grant (DOT).....	\$135,265.83

- c. County Manager Comment
- County Manger Ron Alexander addressed the Board regarding a couple of updates from previous discussions. Alexander noted Nixon Road has been improved to where it is passable now. Public Works still has some work to do with drainage issues and things that need to be done for a new road construction. CM Alexander noted the property owner at the end of the road should have no problem accessing his property.

CM Ron Alexander stated the Board of Commissioners was advised at previous meeting that, at no cost to the County, the County was provided some preliminary engineering and construction costs for road improvements. The information is based on a couple of our more complicated roads as examples. Alexander noted the staff is comparing these costs to various aspects of other roads, and it is our intent to present some project areas, those costs projections, along with funding strategies. Staff should have more on this in the next couple of months.

County Manager Ron Alexander noted the staff has been reviewing ways to improve responses to citizens concerns. Staff has approached the County's IT Consultant (OTG) with a plan to add our current reporting system to the County website. The intent is to add at least one more convenience, for our citizens to request assistance for services. Alexander stated the staff will consult the Board of Commissioners once we have more information.

d. Commissioner Reports

District 1 – Commissioner Daniel – No report.

District 2 – Commissioner Guy

Commissioner Guy stated he has received phone calls on a couple of roads that need some attention. Friendship Circle, toward Hollonville, needs to be looked at and Old Zebulon Road, the dirt part west of Roberts Quarters Road, is in bad shape from the rain.

District 3 – Commissioner Proctor

Commissioner Proctor thanked Public Works for getting the roads back open after the floods last week. Commissioner Proctor stated he would still like for the Public Works workshop to still take place. He talked to a local grading firm and they are willing to come to help and train some of the Public Works employees or the grading firm even agreed to go onsite to dirt roads and show the employees some techniques. Commissioner Proctor stated the grading firm has been doing this for 20 years and are on board to help with no charge to the County. Commissioner Proctor thanked Mack Crawford (not present at meeting) for his service to the County.

District 4 – Commissioner Jenkins

Commissioner Jenkins stated he has a concern on how Board appointments are handled. The process now is the County Manager interviews the applicant and a representative from the Board or Authority the applicant is applying for may attend the interview. At this time, a recommendation is made to the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners appoints the applicant. Commissioner Jenkins would like for the Board of Commissioners to be more involved during the interviewing process instead of just taking staff recommendation. The Board of Commissioners are the ones who are being looked at for the decision being made.

At-Large – Chairman Johnson – No report.

e. County Attorney Report to Commissioners

No report.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Approve/Deny Resolution declaring Pike County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

County Attorney Rob Morton addressed the Board stating they have in their packets the proposed resolution at the request of the Commissioners they voted for at the last meeting. Morton noted the resolution as written doesn't put into law anything. The difference between a resolution and an ordinance is that a resolution is simply declaring something, not putting it into policy format and it simply says that you are supporting your local law enforcement to not follow any unconstitutional laws. Morton stated that might be somewhat ambiguous because who determines that, typically the court determines when a law is unconstitutional. Morton stated he did not know necessarily that this resolution would promote anarchy, it basically clarifies that you are supporting the constitutional rights of citizens.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to accept resolution declaring Pike County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, motion carried 5-0.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Approve/Deny Pike County Public Works to sell spreader body as surplus.

County Manager Ron Alexander stated Public Works has retired a Spreader Body a year ago and was left on the yard of one of the local vendors with the intent for them to sale on behalf of the County. An interested party has recently provided what appears to be a reasonable offer of \$3,000.00. CM Alexander requests the Board of Commissioners permission to move forward with the sale.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Daniel to approve the sell of the spreader body as surplus, motion carried 5-0.**

- b. Approve/Deny to send out a request for proposal for Concord Road culvert reconstruction.

County Manager Ron Alexander stated this issue has been discussed before the Board of Commissioners, and since received a bid for the original scope of work anticipated. The estimates assumed a lion's share of the work to be done in house by the County's Public Works. A closer look at the needs has revealed a few other elements needs in this scope, for which the County Public Works is not equipped to perform. Alexander noted Public Works has its plate full with various maintenance projects, and recent rain damage we have experienced. As such, it is staff request to devise a more accurate scope of work, and put the project out for additional bids. County Manager Ron Alexander requests the Board of Commissioners permission to proceed with the bidding process, and bring the item back to the Board Commissioners for further consideration.

County Attorney Rob Morton stated he believed this is the same project that the state had provided the County notice that they have been looking at doing; may be in the same proximity. Morton noted this was going to be on the state's list and if the funding was approved the County was going to be obligated to do it so he concurs with the County Manger recommendation to proceed with it and if the state does provide some funding then that would be great.

Chairman Briar Johnson asked for clarification if it was for the culvert or the bridge right below that; he thought it was two separate.

County Attorney Rob Morton stated it is, but it is going to be in the same proximity.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Daniel to send out request for proposal, motion carried 5-0.**

- c. Approve/Deny Assistant Library Manager position at J. Joel Edwards Library.

County Manager Ron Alexander stated recently he was approached by the Library Board, and then by the Library Manager. The Library Board is requesting the Board of Commissioners to consider re-opening a previous position of "Assistant Library Manager". Alexander noted he has discussed the request with the Library Manager and as he understands it the Assistant Manager position existed previously before the County was conveyed fill over site of the Library's personnel. The position will actually be converting a current library employee's position, to be re-classified as the Assistant Library Manager. The re-classification will be an increase in current employee budget line item. CM Alexander stated this action will not change the current budget as there is room to accommodate the cost in the current budget. The change will need to be further discussed in the upcoming budget hearings, as there is a slight increase anticipated in the coming physical year's budget. Alexander stated as the position existed and was vacated before the County's over site, the staff requests permission to officially create the Assistant Library position. Chairman Briar Johnson noted the library has not had this position in a while, why do they want to implement it now. County Manager Ron Alexander stated recently the library has had several employees out sick or other problems. Rosemary Bunn has a few issues she needs to address and it has her strapped on employee presence as a whole and needs someone to manage the library when she is not there. Commissioner Jason Proctor asked how much the increase would be. County Manager Ron Alexander replied the estimated dollar amount would be from around \$12.00 to \$16.00 and he will bring back the definite amount to the Board of Commissioners. The library has room in their budget for unused funds to move money around for this year but next year it will probably increase the budget. Commissioner James Jenkins stated any department needs to have a back up. Commissioner Jason Proctor asked if that is a full time position. CM Alexander replied yes sir. Chairman Johnson asked if this employee was already in a full time position, that her title will be changed to make her assistant. CM Alexander replied that is correct. Commissioner Tim Guy stated he would rather a decision not be made today and give the Board a chance to look at it and look at the budget. County Attorney Rob Morton stated he has not had the opportunity to talk about this matter with Ron. He noted there were discussions in the fall about this very issue. Morton noted there have been several hires since June of last year to replace employees from the turnovers. Morton stated there were increases the Board approved as well that were also covered during that time period including some benefits and other things. Morton state the suggestion at the time in the fall was to bring this issue up during budget workshop process; at that time designating the second in charge does not have to have the title of Assistant Library Manager that was addressed with the library manager at that time.

**Motion/second by Commissioner Guy to postpone the Assistant Library Manager position, motion failed due to lack of second.**

- . **Motion/second by Commissioners Jenkins/Proctor to approve Assistant Library Manager position, motion carried 4-0, with Commissioner Guy opposing.**

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. County Manager requests Executive Session for discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6) germane to personnel in Administration Office.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to adjourn Regular Session and enter into Executive Session at 9:26 a.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 2-12-2020.

2.

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

3.

The executive session was called to order at 9:26 a.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:

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

This the 12th day of February, 2020.

Sworn to and subscribed

Before me this 12th day of February, 2020.

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

My commission expires: August 14, 2022.

**Motion/second by Commissioners Daniel/Proctor to adjourn Executive Session and enter into Regular Session at 9:55 a.m., motion carried 5-0.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion/second by Commissioners Guy/Daniel to adjourn at 9:55 a.m., motion carried 5-0.**

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Chairman, J. Briar Johnson

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County Clerk, Angela Blount