

**Pierce County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:00PM**

**Commissioners in Attendance**

**Neal Bennett, Chairman**  
**Harold Rozier, District 1**  
**Mike Streat, District 2**  
**Randy Dixon, District 3**  
**David Lowman, District 4**

**Staff in Attendance**

**Franklin Rozier, County Attorney**  
**Jason Rubenbauer, County Manager**  
**Amy Hitt, County Clerk**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner David Lowman gave an invocation and Commissioner Mike Streat led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes, July 7, 2020**

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

5. **Request from Wade Grant to speak about bad dogs.** – Wade Grant of 1936 Hacklebarney Lane, Blackshear stated that there is a house on the corner that has 2 pit bulls and they hem him up in the road when he rides his motorcycle. There have been multiple situations where he has had to stop his motorcycle to avoid an accident and even an incident when he was in his pickup truck. He has asked the people to keep the dogs contained but its not happening. He has contacted the Sheriff Office and nothing has been done. He doesn't want to harm the dogs, just wants to be able to ride his motorcycle without the dogs causing a problem. The road is very sandy so you have to drive slow especially on the motorcycle. He would just like to the see the people keep the dogs contained.

**6. County Manager Report and June 2020 Financials.**

Financial Report & County Manager Report  
August 4, 2020

- Financial Report as of 06/30/2020
- a. Overall, revenues are still in the positive, but there has been shrinkage in:
  - i. Licenses/Fees/Permits
  - ii. Fines & Forfeitures (due to the closure of the courts for COVID-19)
- b. Expenses continue to be lower than budgeted for the year at the midpoint of the year
- County Manager Report
  - a. Budget
    - i. Conducting a complete analysis on several areas of the budget looking for ways that we can improve our spending efficiency
      1. Office supplies

2. Cleaning supplies
  - ii. Analyzing our fuel consumption and expenses to determine the savings that have been realized and determine what services we may need to look for alternatives on since we changed to Wright Express (State Contract)
  - iii. Anticipate having a proposed budget near the end of August
- b. Parks & Recreation
  - i. SGA Tournaments is planning on renting our facilities this Saturday and on August 22nd
  - ii. Registration for Fall sports is still ongoing and late fees have been waived
  - iii. GRPA is meeting next week to discuss state and district play, even though there may not be state or district competitions our Recreation Coordinator is working with surrounding counties to see what we can do to still provide competitive sports to those who wish to participate even though the season may be later than normal which is dependent on the numbers and final GRPA decision. Currently registration numbers are extremely low
- c. Fire/EMA/Public Safety
  - i. Southside and Bearville Fire Stations have passed final inspection and have now been put into active status in the new buildings as of Monday, August 3rd
- d. Elections
  - i. Early voting for the Sheriff's run-off and the Democratic US Congress runoff has seen greater than expected numbers. Lowest count for a day 89 – high was 196
    1. 699 Absentee ballots have been received
    2. 1638 in person ballots have been cast
    3. Final day to vote for both is Tuesday, August 11th

**Pierce County Board of Commissioners**  
Summary Financial Report  
June 30, 2020

6/30/2020  
General Fund-Cash & Investment: \$ 6,042,218

General Fund - Revenues (YTD Totals)	Original	Amended	YTD 2020		YTD 2019
	Budget	Budget	Actual	%	Actual
Taxes	\$ 8,365,000	\$ 8,365,000	\$ 6,345,659	75.9%	\$ 5,870,692
Licenses/Fees/Permits	\$ 140,500	\$ 140,500	\$ 62,463	44.5%	\$ 93,969
Charges for Services	\$ 521,850	\$ 521,850	\$ 244,313	46.8%	\$ 527,873
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 180,600	\$ 180,600	\$ 81,395	45.1%	\$ 99,247
Intergovernmental	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 87,166	79.2%	\$ 68,446
Other	\$ 169,500	\$ 169,500	\$ 23,650	14.0%	\$ 98,889
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 9,487,450</b>	<b>\$ 9,487,450</b>	<b>\$ 6,844,645</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>\$ 6,759,116</b>

Expenditures Analysis by Function (YTD Totals)	Original	Amended	YTD 2020		YTD 2019
	Budget	Budget	Actual	%	Actual
General Admin	\$ 2,099,265	\$ 2,099,265	\$ 875,454	41.7%	\$ 975,316
Judiciary	\$ 1,113,637	\$ 1,113,637	\$ 516,441	46.4%	\$ 533,437
Public Safety	\$ 3,908,895	\$ 3,908,895	\$ 1,813,985	46.4%	\$ 1,919,689
Public Works	\$ 1,169,503	\$ 1,169,503	\$ 473,990	40.5%	\$ 524,940
Health & Welfare	\$ 343,115	\$ 343,115	\$ 73,068	21.3%	\$ 137,448
Community Development	\$ 456,343	\$ 456,343	\$ 248,090	54.4%	\$ 218,360
Contingency	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,170,758	\$ 9,170,758	\$ 4,001,028	43.6%	\$ 4,309,190
Transfers to E911	\$ 41,692	\$ 41,692	\$ 20,846	50.0%	\$ 35,156
Transfers to Rec	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 137,500	50.0%	\$ 100,000
<b>Total Expenditures/Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 9,487,450</b>	<b>\$ 9,487,450</b>	<b>\$ 4,159,374</b>	<b>43.8%</b>	<b>\$ 4,444,346</b>

Payroll (Current Month)	Total Payroll	Overtime Pay	OT Hours Pd
Road	\$ 26,842	\$ 304	19.75
Sheriff Admin/Patrol/Detectives	\$ 67,552	\$ 13,237	539.00
Jail/Work Detail	\$ 41,909	\$ 12,495	683.25
EMS	\$ -	\$ -	-
E911	\$ 14,229	\$ 2,480	131.50
Other Depts	\$ 123,292	\$ 2,433	271.75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 273,825</b>	<b>\$ 30,949</b>	<b>1,645.25</b>

Other Items (YTD Totals)	Year 2020	Year 2019	Increase (Decrease)
Revenue-Loc Opt Sales Tax	\$ 654,842	\$ 612,400	\$ 42,442
Revenue-EMS Collections	\$ 1,769	\$ 193,903	\$ (192,134)
Revenue-Fines & Forfeiture	\$ 81,395	\$ 99,247	\$ (17,852)
Expenditures-Total Payroll	\$ 1,751,461	\$ 2,051,104	\$ (299,643)
Expenditures-Overtime Pay	\$ 179,015	\$ 266,687	\$ (87,672)
Expenditures-Electricity	\$ 108,870	\$ 108,263	\$ 607
Expenditures-Fuel Costs	\$ 90,101	\$ 96,283	\$ (6,182)
Expenditures-Prisoner Housing	\$ 38,972	\$ 99,498	\$ (60,526)

**7. Request to approve Grant Resolution for Community Facilities Grant from USDA for a Fire Truck. Grant amount of \$21,000.00 and County Contribution will be \$39,000.00. Chairman Bennett noted that Karen Jameson with the USDA is attending the meeting by phone.**

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the resolution for the Community Facilities Grant from USDA for the fire truck in the amount of \$21,000 with a county contribution of \$39,000. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 8. Request from Pierce County Library Board for appointment of Laci Gillis to fill the remainder of a term vacated by Dan Bennett that will be effective immediately through December 31, 2021.**

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to appoint Laci Gillis to the Pierce County Library Board for a term that begins immediately and ends December 31, 2021. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 9. Request to allocate matching funds to cover \$39,000 from the 2020 SPLOST and the General Fund as appropriate for the purchase of a fire engine in the amount of \$60,000. (This will be bid once the grant is awarded)**

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the funding of the county portion of the fire truck from the 2020 SPLOST or General Fund as appropriate. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 10. Request to allocate available 2014 SPLOST Funds (\$31,481.41) and Transportation Investment Act Discretionary funds for the purchase or lease of a Dump Truck (14-16 yd capacity) using state contracting prices or better. To be paid from the 14 SPLOST. Estimated cost \$150,000 – County Manager Jason Rubenbauer stated that he is looking heavily into lease option because the miles that we would put on the truck will be low and we should get a good buy back price. Commissioner Dixon stated that he would definitely like to see us look at lease option because we can eliminate the repair costs and maintain a quality truck at all times. He would like to see us with a 24 month lease, that would be in the county best interest.**

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to move forward in the purchase/lease of a dump truck at state contract pricing and to pay \$31,481.41 from the 14SPLOST and the remainder from the TIA discretionary funds. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 11. Request to replace the fencing around Moose Jowers field using 2014 SPLOST funds.** Chairman Bennett explained that there were 2 proposals received. Thrift Contractors submitted a proposal for \$4800.00 with a 9 gauge fence – not coated and T & T Fencing submitted a proposal for \$5200.00 for the same fencing.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the low proposal from Thrift Contractors of \$4800.00. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 12. Request to seek bids for inventory and complete assessment of all county-owned paved roads in Pierce County for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive project list using Transportation Investment Act Discretionary funds.** Chairman Bennett explained that this will be an evaluation of the condition of all the roads in the county that will help us prioritize paving. Commissioner Rozier asked if this evaluation will also look at water run-off. Chairman Bennett

asked the County Manager to make sure that the RFP is clear in requesting that be considered and noted in the evaluation process.

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to move forward with seeking proposals for Inventory and complete assessment of the county-owned roads in Pierce county to include water run-off in the assessment. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 13. Request to approved the final stumping and piling of debris at the recreation department to be paid for with 2014 SPLOST funds.** Chairman Bennett stated that we received two proposals for the project. Proposal from DB Wells was for \$4,750.00 and from Richard Blythe for \$8000.00

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the proposal from DB Wells at \$4,750.00 to complete final stumping and piling of debris at the Youmans St recreation property. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion. All voted aye and motion was approved.

- 14. Adjourn** – Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM

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