

**CITY OF PIKEVILLE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 30, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**The Board of Commissioners for the City of Pikeville met in a special called session on Thursday, October 30, 2014. The meeting was held in the City Hall Conference Meeting Room located at 243 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky.**

**There being a quorum present, Mayor Frank Justice called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commission Members present at roll call were as follows:**

**COMMISSIONER:            JIMMY CARTER  
                                      JERRY KEITH COLEMAN  
                                      BARRY CHANEY  
                                      EUGENE DAVIS -Absent**

**MAYOR:                        FRANKLIN D. JUSTICE, II**

**MINUTES**

**Consider a request to adopt the minutes from the special commission meeting held October 27, 2014, as submitted, and to authorize the mayor to sign and execute said minutes on behalf of the City of Pikeville. There being no additions or corrections, Commissioner Carter made the motion to approve the minutes as prepared. Commissioner Chaney seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for discussion, there being none, the motion passed. 4-0.**

**Consider a request to award a bid and authorize payment for the purchase of a garbage truck on behalf of the City of Pikeville, to Worldwide Equipment, who was the low bidder for the amount of \$125,693.00 and to authorize the city manager the authority to sign and execute any and all paperwork necessary to purchase and transfer said truck into the City of Pikeville's name. Commissioner Chaney made the motion to approve. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.**

**Consider a request to approve and authorize payment of invoice #72348 from Summit Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$29,100.00 for the Marion Branch Bridge project. Commissioner Carter made the motion to approve. Commissioner**

**Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.**

**Consider a request to approve and authorize payment of invoice #72350 from Summit Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the Veterans Park project. Commissioner Chaney made the motion to approve. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for questions or comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.**

**Consider a request to approve and authorize payment of invoice #72349 from Summit Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Marion Branch Industrial Park Access Road project. Commissioner Chaney made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for questions or comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.**

**Consider public discussion with the Breaks Interstate Park & Canoe Kentucky regarding their organization and a cooperative proposal with the City of Pikeville.** City Manager Donovan Blackburn opened the discussion. Mr. Blackburn; First of all I would like to make a couple of comments before we invite our guests to come before the group and speak. Over the last five years especially when I came on board in 2004, the commission was already looking for ways they could bring traffic into the City to improve the quality of life. I have told this story several times, years ago there was a story done by A&E that wasn't very flattering of the region and it was a fiction of Pikeville and Eastern Kentucky in bad light. In the last eleven years this commission has worked diligently to turn the attitudes of not only those who live away from here, but those who are local. God has blessed us with pristine beauty, beautiful mountains, river trails and some of the nicest walking trails that you will ever see anywhere. So over the last few years especially, the investments that have been made in the community have been absolutely amazing. The City has continued to turn around in many different ways. I just left a ribbon cutting event for Marshalls, which is the second store opened as part of a retail development that being a \$44 million dollar investment creating over 600 new jobs. It is projected over the next eighteen months to bring somewhere over 1000 to 1200 new jobs will be created, not only with the Pikeville Commons project, but with the new industrial park and several other appointments going on, but when you look at tourism in our state of Kentucky it is a 12 billion dollar industry. When you look at Eastern Kentucky we have some of the most beautiful landscape of anywhere that you can go. filled with natural beauty and also some of the best scenery you will ever see. Over the last few years, just to name a few things, very quickly, that the City has invested in is like the new RV Park with bathhouse, Hillbilly Christmas in July playground, numerous new picnic shelters, over a million dollar investment in the City park to attract the visitors and use as a local gathering point for our community, the new Jenny Wiley Theater, Pikeville Theater project which as recently opened and I and the commission had the opportunity to attend this past Thursday to go, sorry this past Tuesday to go see another play at the theater which was Sleep in the Safety, which is a local told story. You have Bob Amos Trails, walking trails, riding trails, running trails, we talked about additional shelters with

the new horse trail, four new river launch ramps in the City, the City park which I mentioned, the EXPO center which was about to go under and the City Commission found a way to keep this beautiful facility in our community and engaged, several new events have taken place this past year with several more to come. The City remolded shelters at the overlook, worked with the Hampton and the Hilton to bring quality hotels downtown. Bob Amos Park, too many things to mention there with improvements. The EXPO Plaza with events like Main Street Live, the bears downtown, the Hatfield McCoy riding tours and of course the river trails we will talk about here in just a moment, carriage rides, the ARTS house, the Terrance seating project which allows us to host events such as drag racing, The York House we recently purchased and are working toward remolding, the historical Pauley Bridge project, numerous hotels, new restaurants in our community and recently announced the new distillery brewery that will be in downtown with the name of Dueling Barrels, which will be part of the second City with part of the Bourbon Trails in their downtown and that is some of those several attractions of billions of dollars investments that has allowed the folks to see the growth over the last several years. It has also allowed us to create events such as Muscle on Main, Block Party, Drag Racing, Hillbilly Days, Night Mare on Main, Hatfield McCoy Heritage Days, various 5 K races, the Ruff Tuff Cuss race, Hillbilly Christmas in July, Kids Day in the Park, Main Street Live, and the recent new kayak Fishing tournament, so as you can see Pikeville is extremely serious about investing in tourism to create opportunity and candidly it was because of all the investments is why Alltech took the interest to build a multimillion dollar facility here in downtown, which lead to the additional investments in the industrial park. So today's announcement and signing is another symbol of our community moving forward with great partners, partners that are very respected in the state and out of state as part of an interstate. We are extremely delighted to welcome a couple of guests Nathan Depenbrock who is with Canoe Kentucky. Nathan; first we would like to thank you for inviting us into your community, seeing that commission meeting going on and being from the state capitol of Frankfort, you guys have got your act together, I have never seen a commission meeting that smooth and easy. We are really excited about being here in Pikeville, you guys really have your act together with the amount of events that was just rambled off, and you have a lot of things and we want to be a part of that. For a small business, we are a small family business, and we have family with us here today, my wife, my kids, and our managers are here with us. We try to do things in a big way, we are not as big as some of the announcement we heard today as far as employee, but we feel we will have a big impact on the community in a big way. Recreation and tourism is a huge part of communities and is somewhat accessible to everybody and that is what we want to provide. We also look at what we are going to do here in Pikeville with the beautiful stream of the Levisa Fork, something that this can turn a generation gap and get back to preserving our natural resources, having better water quality, teaching our youngsters why we should take care of our streams, why litter should be put in the trash cans not on the side of the road and we are hoping to bring some of that to this community and we just want to really tell you how much we appreciate being here and the opportunity. What we have done with our business in Frankfort for over the last 33 year is just continuous grow it. We started off as a Boy Scout project with six canoes and today we touch about 20 thousand people a year

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through our business. We rent about 250 boats with our rental operation, 500 boats a year that we sell or through our winter time instructional programs. We fill like what we have going here in Pikeville could easily get to those kinds of goals. Thanks for having us, and we look forward to this partnership we are going to have with this great City, thank you. City Manager Blackburn; Next a friend of mine, from the Breaks Park, Superintendent, Austin Bradley. Austin; the Breaks is absolutely a beautiful place as I live and work there every day. It is one of the only two interstate parks in the country and we protect some of the most beautiful pristine territory that you will find in this region of the Appalachian Mountains. One of the things Donovan and I are so excited about being here today is touch on the documentary that may have cast us in a poor light, hillbilly I guess. I am very proud to be from the Appalachian Mountains, to show we have always been very resourceful people, respectful and always figured out even in difficult conditions time to make a way forward for ourselves and our families. The partnership and the efforts locally to expand ecotourism are part of the character of the region to persevere in the face of adversity. Even in an economic downturn traditional thinks that we have relied upon to power our economy with the downturn of the coal industry and things like that our area is seeking ways to verify its economy. I think tourism the efforts have been ongoing for least ten years by this council and I think tourism is one of the ways that is one of our bright spots in our region where we have an opportunity where we are so blessed with natural and culture resources here. Because of that I am excited to partner with the City of Pikeville and I think the energy between ourselves and Pikeville with be huge and help package ourselves in the region and showcase what we have together, not just individually and speckled around the map. We are just very happy to be a part of it, we invite you to come experience the 4600 acres of landscape we have at the Breaks Interstate Park. The breaks Interstate Park attracts 300,000 visitors a year, and the city will not only promote the park and Pikeville, but the region as a whole. Thank you. City Manager Mr. Blackburn; Now that you have heard from both interties let me explain what the action is the commission is getting ready to take. The commission is fully aware of and to support all the amenities I mementioned, but also the water trails and to showcase the eighth wonder of the world the cut thru project, many of us have seen the cut thru project from above , but it is absolutely breath taking when you see it from the water. The commission wanted to bring in professionals and the intent today is sign a letter of Intent. This will allow working with and taking turns for excursions, taking turns shuttling people back and forth. Mayor Justice; I know we have been working and I'm glad to see this river trails going forward and want to continue the progress while we allow people to travel through one of the second largest man made earth moving projects. Commissioner Chaney; Over the last 30 years, I have traveled this water way, and It has often puzzled me why we had not taken advantage of this resource. Glad we are going to allow people to see our beauty which is second to none. Commissioner; Carter, I think the mayor said it right. We need diversity and we also have to look outside the box and make it better here. Commissioner Coleman; I'll want to thank you to your willingness to work with us and I think it will be great for everyone involved.

Consider a request to authorize and approve a Letter of Intent between the City of Pikeville and Canoe Kentucky for the purpose of intent to execute a contract between the City of Pikeville and Canoe Kentucky company for the operation of the Pikeville Water Trails service and to authorize the mayor the authority to sign and execute said letter of intent. Commissioner Chaney made the motion to approve. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for comments or questions, there being none motion passed. 4-0.

Consider a request to authorize and approve a Letter of Intent between the City of Pikeville and the Breaks Interstate Park for the purpose of an intent to execute a contract between the City and Canoe Kentucky for a mutual agreement to operate a shuttle service between the City of Pikeville and Breaks park for various tourism packages for visitors staying at the park the opportunity to enjoy in Pikeville and to authorize the mayor the authority to sign and execute said letter of intent. Commissioner Carter made the motion to approve. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for questions or comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.

Consider a request to award a bid and authorize payment for the purchase of a new street sweeper on behalf of the City of Pikeville, to CMI Equipment, who was not the low bidder. The low bidder did not meet the specifications as published. The bid is awarded to CMI Equipment for the amount of \$209,487.00 and the motion is to authorize the city manager the authority to sign and execute any and all paperwork necessary to purchase and transfer said truck into the City of Pikeville's name. Commissioner Carter made the motion to approve. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for questions or comments. Commissioner Carter asked if that was a capital item. City Manager Blackburn replied; yes. Mayor Justice called for additional questions or comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.

Pursuant to KRS 61.810, consider request for closed session for the purpose of discussion economic development, legal and personnel issues. Commissioner Carter made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for questions or comments, there being none motion passed. 4-0.

Commissioner Carter made the motion to re convene. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called the session back into order.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Chaney has made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coleman seconded the motion. Mayor Justice called for discussion, there being none, and the meeting was adjourned. 4-0.

APPROVED:



FRANKLIN D. JUSTICE, II, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

  
REBECCA HAMILTON, CITY CLERK