

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

A Reorganization Meeting of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Caridi at 11:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Robert Elliot of the Milford Bible Church.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; and Solicitor Farley.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the January 3, 2012 Agenda.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted "aye". Motion carried.

Questions and comments concerning today's agenda were entertained by the public.

REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Caridi called for a motion and second for the following items as listed:

1. Motion to appoint Commissioner Richard Caridi as Chairman of the Pike County Board of Commissioners for one year.
2. Motion to appoint Commissioner Matthew Osterberg as Vice-Chairman of the Pike County Board of Commissioners for one year.
3. Motion to set the Commissioners' Meetings for the first four Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m.
4. Motion to set the Commissioners' Conferences for every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
5. Motion to set the Retirement Board Meetings for the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m., and as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
6. Motion to set the Salary Board Meetings, as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
7. Motion to set the Election Board Meetings, as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
8. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-01, appointing The Pike County Dispatch, The News Eagle, The Pocono Record, The Times Herald Record, The Pike County Courier and The Law Journal (per statute) as Official Publications of Pike County for the Year 2012.
9. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-02, setting forth depositories of county funds for the year 2012; namely, Honesdale National Bank, Dime Bank, PennStar Bank, Wells Fargo and Wayne Bank.
10. Motion to execute the contract between Thomas Farley and the County of Pike, for services as Pike County Solicitor for a one-year term.
11. Motion to execute the contract between Stacey Beecher and the County of Pike, for services as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for a one year term.
12. Motion to appoint Christian Weed as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for the Pike County Commissioners for a one-year term, with continuity of benefits.
13. Motion to execute the contract between Thomas Mincer and the County of Pike, for services as Conflicts Counsel for the Public Defender's Office for a one-year term.
14. Motion to recognize the appointment of the following Row Officers' Solicitors, on an as-needed basis, for a one-year term:

Anthony Waldron - Coroner
Thomas Farley - Prison Board
Douglas Jacobs - Sheriff, Treasurer
Ron Bugaj - Auditors, Prothonotary
Christopher Kimler - Recorder of Deeds

15. Motion to appoint Richard McGoey as engineer for the County of Pike for a one-year term at the proposed rates.
16. Motion to appoint Fred Schoenagel as Dam Inspector for the County of Pike for a one-year term at the proposed rates.
17. Motion to appoint Benjamin Van Steenburgh as Public Defender for a one-year term.
18. Motion to appoint Robert F. Bernathy, Michael Weinstein, Matthew Galasso and Shannon Muir as Assistant Public Defenders for a one-year term.
19. Motion to appoint George Fluhr as County Historian for a one-year term, to perform assignments as directed by the Commissioners.
20. Motion to appoint James Gelatt, as Chairman, and Fred Suljic and Joseph Regenski as members of the Pike County Board of Assessment Appeals for a one-year term.
21. Motion to appoint Pierce Bunce as Veterans' Affairs Director for a one-year term.
22. Motion to appoint Cynthia DeFebo as Director of Workforce Development for a one-year term.
23. Motion to appoint Roger Maltby as Director of the Pike County Emergency Management Agency for a one-year term.
24. Motion to appoint Cynthia Gehris as Director of Tax Claim Bureau for a one-year term.
25. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg as the Pike County Representative, and Commissioner Wagner as alternate, to the NEPA Board for a one-year term.
26. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Transportation Advisory Committee.
27. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi, as a Commissioner liaison, to the Pike County Planning Commission for a one-year term.
28. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board for a one-year term.
29. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi, and Commissioner Osterberg as an alternate, to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District effective for a one-year term.
30. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a one-year term.
31. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Children & Youth Advisory Board for a one-year term.
32. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Penn State Cooperative Extension Board for a one-year term.
33. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board for a one-year term.
34. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi to the LEPC Board for a one-year term.
35. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Council of Governments Board for a one-year term.
36. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Road Task Force for a one-year term.
37. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Economic Development Authority for a one-year term.
38. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau Board, for a one-year term.

39. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14: Jacqueline Eadicicco, Rita Tepperman, George Kanfer, Joe Shevlin and Catherine Steele.
40. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a 2 year term ending 12/31/13: Anthony Cavallaro, Sonia Gatzke, Cindy Stine, Melanie Tek-Visgilio, Joan Ruffino, Maria Farrell and Mary Gordon.
41. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Economic Development Authority for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14: Tim Gartner and Marcia Guberman.
42. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14: Robert Cocchi.
43. Motion to appoint Glenn Stryas as Chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 1 year term ending 12/31/12.
44. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14: William Clauss, Lisa Napoletano and Jim Leighty.
45. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board as Alternates #2 and #3 for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14: Ed Nikles and Peter Helms, respectively.
46. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District Board: Keith Williams, to fill the unexpired term of Gene Shultz ending 12/31/12; Sally Corrigan, to fill the unexpired term of John Senio ending 12/31/14; Tom Oakley for a 4 year term ending 12/31/15.
47. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Hotel Tax Board for a 2 year term ending 12/31/13: Ronald Schmalzle, John Kiesendahl, Eric Ehrhardt, Craig Cox and Bridget Gelderman.
48. Motion to appoint Elspeth Goodin to the Pike County Library Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14.

Any Commissioner can attend any Board Meeting in case of the appointed Commissioners' absence, as a voting member of that Board.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve items 1 through 48 above as presented by Chairman Caridi.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to recess the Commissioners' Reorganization Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted "aye". Motion carried.

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reconvene the Commissioners' Reorganization Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted "aye". Motion carried.

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted "aye". Motion carried.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012, FOLLOWING THE REORGANIZATION MEETING AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING