

Monday, January 7, 2013

A Reorganization Meeting of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Caridi at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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 7, 2013 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 and third 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. 13-01, 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 2013.
9. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-02, setting forth depositories of county funds for the year 2013; 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 Mark Moulton 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 and Michael Lamoreaux, Principal and Associate of McGoey, Hauser & Edsall Engineering, as Engineers for the County of Pike for a one-year term at the proposed rates.
16. Motion to appoint Richard McGoey and Michael Lamoreaux, Principal and Associate of McGoey, Hauser & Edsall Engineering, as Dam Inspectors for the County of Pike for a one-year term at the proposed rates.
17. Motion to appoint Benjamin Van Steenburgh as Pike County Public Defender.
18. Motion to appoint Robert F. Bernathy, Michael Weinstein, Shannon Muir and Jason Ohliger as Assistant Public Defenders for a one-year term.
19. Motion to appoint George Fluhr as Pike 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 Pike County Veterans' Affairs Director.
22. Motion to appoint Cynthia DeFebo as Director of the Pike County Workforce Development Agency.
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 the Pike County Tax Claim Bureau.
25. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg as the Pike County Representative, and Commissioner Wagner as alternate, to the NEPA Board.
26. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Pike County Transportation Advisory Committee.
27. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi, as a Commissioner liaison, to the Pike County Planning Commission.
28. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board, for a three-year term ending 12/31/15.
29. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi, and Commissioner Osterberg as an alternate, to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District.
30. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board.
31. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Pike County Children & Youth Advisory Board.
32. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Penn State Cooperative Extension Board.

33. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board.
34. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi to the Pike County LEPC Board.
35. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Council of Governments Board.
36. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Pike County Road Task Force.
37. Motion to appoint Commissioner Osterberg to the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau Board.
38. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15: Doris Bannon, Charlotte Bell, Norma Goldner, Marianne McMillin and Richard Siss.
39. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a 2 year term ending 12/31/14: Erin Stroyan, Michael Newmark, Sandra Lefort and Ellen Schaffner.
40. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Economic Development Authority for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15: Matthew Osterberg, Maryanne Monte and Thomas Hogan.
41. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Economic Development Authority for a 1 year term ending 12/31/13: Mary Alice Petzinger, Aileen Kolvenbach and Davis R. Chant.
42. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15: Shirley Coutts and Matthew Martin.
43. Motion to appoint Glenn Stryas as Chairman of the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 1 year term ending 12/31/13.
44. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15: Roger Spotts and Georgene Snyder.
45. Motion to appoint Ed Nikles to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board as an Alternate for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15.
46. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District Board for a 4 year term ending 12/31/16: Charles Sexton, Trish Attardo, Eric Ehrhardt, Brian Smith and Keith Williams.
47. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending 12/31/16: Robert Cocchi, Mary Ann Conza and James Trunzo.
48. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15: Elizabeth Torkildsen and Mary Ohl.
49. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Library Board: Robert Rohner for a 3 year term ending 12/31/15 and Kirk Mackey to fill a vacancy with an unexpired term ending 12/31/13.
50. Motion to appoint the following individuals to fill vacancies on the Northeast Pennsylvania Rural Transportation Planning Organization with unexpired terms ending 9/30/13: Christine Kerstetter, County representative and Nicholas Dickerson, at-large representative alternate.

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 50 above as presented by Chairman Caridi.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Caridi asked that Chief Clerk Orben for the benefit of the media present to discuss the events over the weekend so there is no misunderstanding within the community when the papers do come out. Commissioner Caridi publicly complemented Mr. Orben for his diligence and responsibility to the County. Commissioner Caridi stated that he is probably the biggest critic and most confrontational with the Chief Clerk, but he never has to worry when he is on duty with anything that goes on with this County complex. His dedication is beyond reproach and Commissioner Caridi thanked Chief Clerk Orben for his service.

Chief Clerk Orben gave the following explanation for the events on Sunday, January 6, 2013. Early Sunday morning at 2 a.m. he received a call that the fire department was dispatched to the Courthouse. They had actually been dispatched at about 1 a.m. One of the air circulators in the air conditioning units in the basement, the motor had ignited and started to burn and sent a tremendous amount of smoke and odor throughout the Courthouse and the Courtroom itself on the upper floor of the building. By the time Chief Clerk Orben arrived at 2 a.m., the fire companies that were dispatched, Dingman Township, Westfall and Milford Borough, had everything under control. Mr. Orben complemented the fire companies for their time and services that they put in till way past 4 a.m. to make sure that everything was intact. There was no damage other than some doors that had to be torn apart to get into the units to make sure that everything was clear. The elevator and everything in the building functioned the way it was supposed to function. The alarm systems worked the way it was supposed to work. The elevator functioned the way it was supposed to function. When the alarm goes off the elevator drops to the first floor, the doors open, it’s locked and can’t go anywhere. So, one of the issues that the firemen had was on the second floor of the Courthouse was to get the door of elevator open. There was some minor damage to the elevator that had to be repaired. All those things were taken care of on Sunday. He spent a good part of Sunday at the Courthouse with Otis Elevator and Vector Security to make sure that the elevator was repaired so that it was functional for Court today. The fire alarm systems and suppression systems were fine. Everything was reset, double checked, reestablished the settings on the fire heads and all of the systems. Everything except for the minor repairs are all complete.

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 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.