

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

The second regular meeting of February 2020 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Schmalzle at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

PRESENT: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Assistant Solicitor Beecher.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Osterberg.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the February 19, 2020 Agenda.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the February 5, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the February 5, 10 and 13, 2020 Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$435,865.77**, subject to further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **ACT 13 ADMIN. ACCOUNT (Dingman-Park Pavilion Grant)**, in the amount of **\$25,000.00**.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **ACT 89 FUND (McGoey-Bridge Inspections)**, in the amount of **\$19,270.35**.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (McGoey-Kimbles Bridge Rehab)**, in the amount of **\$10,848.75**.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES HEALTH INS. FUND** in the amount of **\$8,615.00**.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve exonerations for properties sold out of the County Repository as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve exonerations for properties in Blooming Grove Township, as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for which interim bills were generated in error.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to open bids received for the leasing of approximately 80 acres of tillable fields (Santos property) for the purpose of planting for the 2020 growing season.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Assistant Solicitor Beecher opened the only bid which was received from Tom Owens of Hillcrest Farms in the amount of \$2,500.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to award the bid for the leasing of approximately 80 acres of tillable fields (Santos property) for the purpose of planting for the 2020 growing season to Tom Owens of Hillcrest Farms in the amount of \$2,500.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 20-04, a Resolution Adopting the Pike County Municipal Waste Management Plan, 2020-2029.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise that the Pike County Commissioners' Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 will be held at the Training Center at 10:00 a.m.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to appoint Bernard Knapp, Jr. to the Pike County Road Task Force for a three year term ending 12/31/2022.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Letter of Support for a study to be done by Dr. Robert A. Ollar on Lyme Neuroborreliosis Mimicry.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Action Plan for the CDBG Program.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Robert Ruiz, Director of Human Services, announced that we are using Federal fund money for CDBG and part of that is we have to give minority or women-led businesses priority. Any organizations or contractors or anything that are women or minority owned will get certified through a process. Those will receive a priority first choice of opportunities in contracting or consulting. Commissioner Guccini asked if this is something that we do each year? Mr. Ruiz responded no we don't need to do it each year, we needed to tweak it because it wasn't updated.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the First Amendment to the Voting System Agreement between Dominion Voting Systems and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Election Office for additional equipment.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schmalzle said this is for additional scanners and a central scanner as we prepare for the Presidential Election in 2020.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Agreements between Lauren Buccine and Larissa Yusko, Shared Housing Counselors, and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Ilan S. Levinson, M.D. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Robin Skibber, Area Agency on Aging Director - PA Dept. of Aging's Four Year Plan, March for Meals Campaign and Apprise MIPPA Initiative. Robin Skibber introduced Aleaha, a nutritionist internist, soon to be a dietician. She announced that they are doing our 4th year for March for Meals. As Ellie Hollander from Meal on Wheels of America said – 12K people turn 60 every day in America, that is a lot of mouths to feed. With the March for Meals campaign, we work with the public, using our lottery money, public money and private entities such as the Commissioners, to do deliveries of the meals and packaging of the meals. We also did a pet food collection and will be delivering that to the seniors who cannot always afford pet food. We will take any interested parties who would like to participate in the meal delivery system. We are delivering 5 days a week and have a center near you. The other initiative we are talking about is the State Plan on Aging. It is every 4 years, this year Secretary Torres would like us to include some of the State goals and our Local goals. They include coordinating the Title 3 programs with the Title 6 Native American programs. Strengthening and/or expanding the Title 3 and 7 services supporting families and caregivers and improving coordination between the Senior Community Service Employment Program or SCSEP and the older Americans Act. We also want to expand employment opportunities and increase business acumen for aging network partners. We will be doing a local survey and having it on our website and emailing it out. We are encouraging business entities, caregiving agencies, seniors themselves and their families to do the survey so we know what the local needs are. We're hoping to get as many returned as possible.

Lastly, I am representing Chris Crossley, our Apprise Coordinator in Pike County, a Diakon contractor. They will be having a Tele-Town Hall March 5, 2020, 10:00 AM at Blooming Grove Senior Center and Lackawaxen Senior Center. Chris is in coordination with Representative Rosemary Brown's office. This is to get people to an area where there's professionals to answer questions to help with Medicaid costs, helping with prescription drug costs, preventative benefits and to help low income people get their premiums paid through MIPPA, LIS and others that the Apprise coordinators know very well. We would like as many people to participate as possible.

- Jill Gamboni – Reality Tour – April 23 and May 14, 2020. Jill Gamboni announced that the Reality Tour is a drug prevention program. It is a 3 hour program for children 10 and older to attend with their parents. We cover 20 different drugs throughout the program. We have a law enforcement question and answer piece. We have a recovery addict question and answer piece and we have a dad that has lost his son, he will be speaking to the group. We give a lot of tips to parents on what to do on how to resist drugs and how to say no. That is happening April 23, 2020 and May 14, 2020 at the Milford Bible Church from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.
- Penn State Extension Calendar of Events – March 1-15, 2020.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

Reporter Chris Jones asked about the Commissioners' meeting at the Training Center. Commissioner Schmalzle said they will be introducing a Scholarship Fund for EMS and a couple of other things related to EMS. We thought it would be best to move the meeting up there (March 18th) to draw attention to those announcements.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.