

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

The first regular meeting of July 2019 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Diane Sommers of United Methodist Church, Matamoras.

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the July 3, 2019 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the July 19, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the June 19, 25, 26 and July 2, 2019 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$291,540.36**, subject to further review.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint Christopher Kimble as an alternate representative for Delaware Township to the Road Task Force for a term expiring 12/31/20.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint Nicholas Mazza and Michael Fischetta to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to advertise for the purchase of fortified flavored beverage bases for the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services and the following providers: Access Services, Children's Home of Easton, Community Solutions, Families United Network, Family Care for Children & Youth, George Junior Republic, Northern Tier Research and Pathways Adolescent City.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Anton Adams, Conservation District Summer Intern – Anton Adams is a recent graduate of East Stroudsburg University and majored in Environmental Studies and minored in Geography. He also has a certification in GIS (Geographic Information System). Anton Adams has had two articles published at the Conservation District. The first article is an autobiography. The second article is a brief overview of what GIS is and how it can be used to protect natural resources and for land management planning. Anton Adams also has a presentation on the basic soil health of Pike County that will be presented at the Board Meeting on July 15th. Anton Adams also has a personal project/goal and that is implementing a Conservation District in Philadelphia, PA, which would be the first one. Philadelphia, PA is Anton Adams' native home and he hopes he can implement this Conservation District to work alongside the entities that are already present in the City of Philadelphia to preserve the natural resources of that County. Commissioner Guccini asked why Philadelphia County doesn't have a Conservation District? Anton Adams answered that one of the main reasons is money. Some people feel it is not worth incorporating another government entity for the amount of money they will be getting from the Conservation Commission. Another reason is that Philadelphia has three organizations that pretty much serve as a Conservation District; one being the Philadelphia Water Company, another being the Office of Sustainability and the third being Parks and Recreation Management. They have a system established and people don't feel it is worth creating another entity for the amount of money that is going to be awarded to them. An attendee of the meeting asked what GIS is? Anton Adams answered GIS is Geographic Information System, basically digital maps. Anytime you are on Google and search for a landmark and you're looking to see where something is, that is GIS-they are creating visual maps. Krista Gromalski of Pike County Conservation District added if you go to privateconservation.org you can read Anton's article. Commissioner Osterberg asked if that (GIS) is a minor subject in college? Anton replied that it is not a minor at East Stroudsburg University, but you can receive a certificate for completing five or six courses and you will gain the certificate in GIS. Krista Gromalski also added that Anton Adams' internship comes through the State and Local Internship Program through Pike County's Workforce Development Agency. Asked by reporter Chris Jones what he wanted to do after the Internship, Anton replied that he would want to work with another Conservancy organization or a consulting agency. He wants to stay in the same field as what he is doing with the Internship as far as conserving natural resources and doing a little consulting.
- Penn State Extension Schedule of Events – May 1-15, 2019 – Circulated Event Information.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.