

### **Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

The first regular meeting of September 2020 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.

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

#### ***Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.***

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the September 2, 2020 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the August 19, 2020 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 August 18, 25 and 28, 2020 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 **\$242,736.90**, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **CLEAN & GREEN FUND (Pike Ag Land Pres.)**, in the amount of **\$4,658.00**, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **PIKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**, in the amount of **\$297,300.19**.

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

#### **PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has transferred, with Prison Board approval, **SARAH FABIAN** from Correctional Officer to full-time Food Production Supervisor for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 17, 2020. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **JOSHUA BURKAVAGE AND KEEGAN WERNER** as full-time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 8, 2020, with benefits after 90 days.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **JOHN JANOSIK** as a part-time Van Driver for the Transportation Office, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective September 2, 2020, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

**A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.**

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to reject all bids and re-advertise for bids for the Pike County Correctional Facility Waste Water Treatment Plant Controls Building Roof Replacement Project.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Request for Proposals for the Pike County Trail Feasibility Study.

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

Commissioner Osterberg said this project is being put together through the Pike County Planning Department along with the Pike County Commissioners with support from the Palmyra and Lackawanna Township Supervisors to work on a trail that will connect Hawley through to Lackawaxen. I believe there is going to be a showing of where the trail is going to go sometime in October. Commissioner Guccini added that there was approval of a trail in Honesdale going to Hawley on the Wayne County side. The idea is to continue that trail from Hawley down to Lackawaxen and this is a request for

proposal for anybody who is interested in doing a feasibility study. The participants are invited to do the entire section of trail September 8, 2020, which is a pre-bid meeting.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the PCCD Grant Application for the Child Advocacy Centers-Birth Certificate Project Funding for \$47,000 on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the PCCD Grant Application for the Victim/Witness Services, Victims of Crime Act, Victims of Juvenile Offenders Funding the Victim Witness Program for \$132,148, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the proposal from Vector Security, as recommended by the Prison Board, for the annual fire inspection at 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 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement between Family Promise of Monroe County and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the CDBG Flagged Activities Reporting Schedule Reasons for Delay and Remediation Plan, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Delaware Run for Senior Housing Subsidy for September 2020 for \$1,629, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the FY 2020-21 Purchase of Service Agreements between the following providers and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services: Bethany Children's Home, Concern Professional Services, County of Northampton, Devereux Foundation and Family Care for Children & Youth.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the FY 2019-20 Plan & Budget Amendment Certification Statement for Children & Youth Social Service Programs.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Agreement for Subcontracted Services between Ryan's Deli and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS: None.**

#### **PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT**

A member from the public, Kevin Hollian, stated he is a homeowner from Pike County and went on to propose to the Commissioners to bring to a new level, the concept of being a second homeowner in Pike County. Mr. Hollihan continued that he is proposing a program or project called "SHOHELP", Second Homeowners Help Enhance Local Projects. Second homeowners are asked to step up to the plate, either financially and/or physically, to support any project that the Commissioners generate or develop that may enhance the entire county, yet needs financial support and maybe that second home brings to the county as opposed to local residents. I'm not demeaning or trivializing a local resident, that is the furthest thing from my mind. The fact, as a second homeowner, we may have some financial resources, academic resources and skillsets that local residents do not possess. I want to step up to the plate as an individual. Financially, I am in a bind and just had brain surgery and in the middle of a major lawsuit back in New York, yet I am more than willing to write a check or to commit funds to Pike County to initiate a grant or fund a line item. The county could reach out to other second homeowners, maybe through Krista (Gromalski), or other mechanisms, and say Pike County is going through COVID, how can we as second homeowners, step up to the plate and support people that live here permanently? It's just an idea – if I step up, why can't other people step as well? The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hollian and said they would take it under advisement. Commissioner Osterberg suggested looking at places like United Way or the Greater Pike Community Foundation. There are a number of initiatives out there such as food pantries and that is probably one of the best ways for you to support the community. Commissioner Osterberg said the county already receives people's tax dollars and there are many organizations out there that you can support. Commissioner Guccini added that the Commissioners are not allowed to collect donations. Solicitor Farley suggested something like the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund. Krista Gromalski said that would go to the Greater Pike Community Foundation and it pays for the training for people to serve as EMS providers in the county. Krista said if you go to: [www.greaterpike.org](http://www.greaterpike.org) and look under "funds" it is listed there, you can give right there on line.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**