

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

The second regular meeting of January 2021 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 (via Zoom) and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

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

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

A RETIREMENT 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.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the January 20, 2021 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the January 4, 2021 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 January 4, 8 and 14, 2021 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 **\$719,232.12**, 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 **ACT 13 FUND-TRANSPORTATION (May Bros.-Stone Dam)**, in the amount of \$20,050.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (Zitone-install delineators)**, in the amount of **\$3,167.00**.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Tom Farley opened three (3) bids: Bernard Foods, total bid \$12,485.32; Sysco, total bid \$162,360.87; and Mivila, total bid \$154,719.66

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the awarding of the bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility until February 3, 2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint Arnold Lindaas as Westfall Township representative on the Road Task Force to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/23.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint Darlene Rand to the Children & Youth Advisory Board for a two-year term ending 12/31/22.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to advertise for bids for the Pike County Jail Complex Well #3 Drilling and Development.

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 Client Agreement between Confidio, LLC and the County of Pike, for the Pike County Employees' Express Scripts plan.

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 Network Administration Agreement between Highmark and the County of Pike, for Pike County Employees' health benefits.

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 Agreement for Engineering Services between McGoey, Hauser & Edsall Consulting Engineers and the County of Pike.

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 ADT Health Division and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
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 Department of Agriculture 2021 Certification of Funds for Clean and Green Rollback Tax Interest in the amount of \$1,611, as recommended by the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Program Board.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the PA Emergency Management Agency 9-1-1 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Communications Department.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Diana T. Myers & Assoc. for the December 2020 Pike Strategic Plan in the amount of \$270.48.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to the County of Pike for 2020 matching funds of the PHARE Grant in the amount of \$150,000.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Family Promise of Monroe for Caseworker salary from July to December 2020 in the amount of \$13,378.74.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

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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 Children's Home of York and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Timothy Knapp-Emergency Management Coordinator-Update on EMS Training Classes- Tim Knapp announced that on the 16th, last Saturday, they finally completed the first class using the EMS Foundation Funds for the purchase. We finished the class with 18 students, which is miraculous considering COVID, it is hard to run these classes. They were all successful in passing their practical exam. Now they are on to the National and hopefully into the EMS workforce. We have our next class kicking off on February 22, 2021 and it's full already. We have a waiting list for Class #3. Commissioner Osterberg asked how many are in that class? Tim responded 25, we always start with 25. Commissioner Osterberg asked how many of these new, or even the ones that just graduated, how many took part in the Initiative Fund to help off-set their tuition? Tim said probably this first class was probably 60%-65%. I'm still doing the close-out on the first class right now. The second class was 90%. That fund is definitely working. Quality control reviewed the stuff and we're happy with what we see there. We made a few changes along the way and we're tweaking a few things. We just had our staff meeting Monday night and we just want to tweak a few things because it was new to us. Commissioner Guccini asked Tim to reiterate for the public how much (real dollars and cents) students do not have to come up with out of their own pocket now. Tim replied the average EMT Class is anywhere from \$1,200-\$1,800. That's money they don't have to pay out of their own pockets. We had some younger kids in this class that were 16, 17 and 18. That's a lot of money to come up with so basically the Greater Pike Foundation and the EMS Foundation allows us to bring students into the class that otherwise wouldn't. Commissioner Osterberg added it's important to recognize the fact that this Initiative Fund that we started last year has really impacted the volunteers and the people looking to step up and take these courses. We will have Krista (Gromalski) do a Press Release on where we are as of this class graduating, maybe we can get a picture of those individuals. Also, we want to stress to the public that this Fund is out there. If all of us put a little bit in there, we can continue this program which is very beneficial not only for the County, but for the greater good, to see people get involved in these type of life-saving endeavors. Krista (Gromalski) can do a News/ Press Release on this and we thank those who were so instrumental in developing this program through the Greater Pike Community Foundation. They also have been a driving force in making sure that the money was collected and the money is expended.
Tim Knapp then gave an update on the Career Tech Program that is taking place in Wallenpaupack. That's a three phase program based off a program down in Chester County. We went and explored and share it with the school districts. They had an overwhelming response, unfortunately they had to cap it at 60 for the entry level programs and they had to turn away 30 something students. This program can produce 16 college credits while your still in high school. Commissioner Schmalzle concluded that none of this happens without really strong leadership and we recognize it and everyone in Pike County realizes your leadership – keep up the good work, thanks.
- Jill Gamboni-Legislative Aide-Unemployment Assistance – Absent (technical difficulties)

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press - NONE

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adjourn the Commissioners' Meeting.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.