

Monday, January 3, 2011

A Reorganization Meeting of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Caridi at 9:30 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi, Forbes and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; and Solicitor Farley.

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the January 3, 2011 Agenda.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Forbes 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 Harry Forbes as Vice-Chairman of the Pike County Board of Commissioners for one year.
3. Motion to set the Commissioners' Meetings for the first four 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. 11-01, 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 2011.
9. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-02, setting forth depositories of county funds for the year 2011; namely, Honesdale National Bank, Dime Bank, PennStar Bank, Wachovia Bank 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 appoint Oressa Campbell as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for the Pike County Commissioners for a one-year term.
12. Motion to recognize the appointment of the following Row Officers' Solicitors, on an as-needed basis, for a one-year term:

Stacey Beecher - Commissioners
Anthony Waldron - Coroner
Thomas Farley - Prison Board
Douglas Jacobs - Sheriff, Treasurer
Ron Bugaj - Auditors, Prothonotary
Christopher Kimler - Recorder of Deeds
13. Motion to execute the contract between Thomas Mincer and the County of Pike, for services as Conflicts Counsel for the Public Defender's Office for a one-year term.
14. Motion to appoint Richard McGoey as engineer for the County of Pike for a one-year term at the proposed rates.

15. Motion to appoint Fred Schoenagel as Dam Inspector for the County of Pike for a one-year term at the proposed rates.
16. Motion to appoint Benjamin Van Steenburgh as Public Defender for a one-year term.
17. Motion to appoint Robert F. Bernathy, Michael Weinstein, Matthew Galasso and Shannon Muir as Assistant Public Defenders for a one-year term.
18. Motion to appoint George Fluhr as County Historian for a one-year term, to perform assignments as directed by the Commissioners.
19. Motion to appoint James Gelatt, as Chairman, and Keith Raser and Joseph Regenski as members of the Pike County Board of Assessment Appeals for a one-year term.
20. Motion to appoint Pierce Bunce as Veterans' Affairs Director for a one-year term.
21. Motion to appoint Cynthia DeFebo as Director of Workforce Development for a one-year term.
22. Motion to appoint Roger Maltby as Director of the Pike County Emergency Management Agency for a one-year term.
23. Motion to appoint Cynthia Gehris as Director of Tax Claim Bureau for a one-year term.
24. Motion to appoint Commissioner Forbes as the Pike County Representative to the NEPA Board for a one-year term.
25. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi, as a Commissioner liaison, to the Pike County Planning Commission for a one-year term.
26. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Carbon, Monroe, Pike MH/MR Advisory Board for a one-year term.
27. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi, and Commissioner Forbes as an alternate, to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District effective for a one-year term.
28. Motion to appoint Commissioner Forbes to the Communications Advisory Board for a one-year term.
29. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a one-year term.
30. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Penn State Cooperative Extension Board for a one-year term.
31. Motion to appoint Commissioner Wagner to the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Board for a one-year term.
32. Motion to appoint Commissioner Caridi to the LEPC Board for a one-year term.
33. Motion to appoint Commissioner Forbes to the Road Task Force for a one-year term.
34. Motion to appoint Commissioner Forbes to the Economic Development Authority for a term ending 12/31/12.
35. Motion to appoint Commissioner Forbes, as a Commissioner liaison, to the Sussex County Community College Board, for one year term.
36. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/13: Joseph Fortin, Georgiana Ehrlich, Jean Carlstedt, Patricia Crane and Ethel Musselwhite.
37. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a 2 year term ending 12/31/12: Dr. Michael Newmark, Erin Stroyan and Sandra LeFort.

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve items 1 through 37 above as presented by Chairman Caridi.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to appoint the following individuals to the Economic Development Authority for a 3 year term ending 12/31/13: Kathy Hummel and Robert Bostinto.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to appoint the following individual to the Economic Development Authority for a 3 year term ending 12/31/13: David Farrington.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Forbes voted “aye”. Commissioner Wagner voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Commissioner Caridi called for a motion and second for the following items as listed:

38. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/13: Glenn Stry and Bill Obert.

39. Motion to appoint Glenn Stry as Chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 1 year term ending 12/31/11.

40. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Planning Commission for a 4 year term ending 12/31/14: Richard Gross and Dennis Brink.

41. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for a three year term ending 12/31/13: Carol Comando, John S. Dublanica and Anthony Waldron.

42. Motion to create three Alternate positions for the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for a three year term ending 12/31/13, and to appoint Alan Dolge as Alternate #1.

43. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District Board for a 4 year term ending 12/31/14: Carolyn Gwozdiewicz, John Senio and Alex Zidok.

44. Motion to appoint Steven Vitale, as a Commissioner representative, to the Marcellus Shale Task Force.

Any Commissioner can attend any Board Meeting in case of the appointed Commissioners' absence, as a voting member of that Board.

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve items 38 through 44 above as presented by Chairman Caridi.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Forbes voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to recess the Commissioners' Reorganization Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi, Forbes and Wagner voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reconvene the Commissioners' Reorganization Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi, Forbes and Wagner voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING