

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The second regular meeting of February 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 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 February 17, 2021 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the February 3, 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 February 3 and 9, 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 **\$296,679.16**, 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 **LIQUID FUELS FUND (Lattimore-plow/sand)**, in the amount of \$6,046.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **ACT 13 FUND (Lattimore-plow/sand/removal)**, in the amount of **\$22,697.47**.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve exonerations as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for 73 properties sold at the 2020 Repository Sale.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve exonerations as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for the 10% penalty of 2020 taxes for 42 properties.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve and advertise Addendum No. 1 for the Pike County Jail Complex Well No. 3 Drilling and Development Project changing the bid opening date from February 17, 2021 to March 3, 2021.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the USDA-NRCS No-Cost 12 month extension for Greene Dreher PA-439 Kintz Creek Dam Cooperative Agreement and Reimbursable Agreement.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute Amendment #2 for an extension of one year to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Contract for the Eastern Pike Regional Act 537 Sewage Plan between the County of Pike, Milford Township, Milford Borough, Matamoras Borough and Westfall Township, as recommended by the SRCP Board.

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 Cathodic Protection Corrosion Control System Maintenance Agreement between Corrpro and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility as recommended by the Prison Board.

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 Jaton Tank and Lining & Inspections Proposal, on behalf of the Correctional Facility as recommended by the Prison Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the District Attorney's Office & Dickson House Children's Advocacy Center and the County of Pike, for the Pike County CARE Clinic.

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

District Attorney Tonkin said this agreement is a huge step forward for children who are victims of abuse or neglect here in Pike County. This is bringing The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to perform certain exams of children when they're in need of a medical exam. We're going to start out with if they are a victim of sexual assault so we can have a forensic exam done by a physician from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with a Physician's Assistant here assisting the physician. They're going to be doing it through the internet. We're bringing world class health care for abused and neglected children to Pike County via the internet from Philadelphia. This has been a long term project coming together. There have been a couple of bumps in the road and, of course, the pandemic. We're finally at the point to really start making full use of the facility that we've all done in partnership to build here for abused and neglected children to assist families and to build a better Pike County.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Service Provider Contract between Guidelight Specialist Support Services and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services for the Family Preservation Program.

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 Affinity Forensic Services and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Small Business Forgivable Loan Program Funds in the amount of \$70,000 to Lattimore Construction, on behalf of Human Services.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Sara Loeb of the District Attorney's Office – Violet, an AKC laborador, was introduced. The District Attorney explained they are working with Violet to become a comfort dog for the Children's Advocacy Center. She is 5 months old and will be fully ready to engage with children as a comfort dog at about age 2. She will have socialization and obedience training and then comfort dog training.

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

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, MARCH 3, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.