

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

The second regular meeting of June 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 June 16, 2021 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the June 2, 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 June 2, 4 and 10, 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 the **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$223,462.10**, 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 exonerations as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for a property located in Delaware Township.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **JEREMY OETTINGER** from Resource Conservationist Grade 1 to Grade 2 for the Conservation District Office effective June 1, 2021.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **KATIE PESSELLI**, from a part time Job Developer/Office Assistant to a full time Welfare Program Specialist for the Workforce Development Agency, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective June 28, 2021, with benefits after 90 days. This is a newly created 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:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 21-20, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15, 2021.

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

Commissioner Guccini read aloud Resolution No. 21-20. Jill Gamboni added that Elder Justice Day will be August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 2PM at Airport Park in Matamoras, PA.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the revised COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP) award recommendations as follows, on behalf of the Human Services Office:

Dimmick Inn	\$50,000
Mel's	\$50,000
Promised Land Inn	\$50,000
Rodeway Inn	\$35,000
Milford Motel	\$35,000

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

Commissioner Osterberg explained this was revised because there was a reallocation of funding. If you will recall at the last meeting funds were allocated but there were changes in some business ownerships, so there was a reallocation of funds.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Grant Agreement & Assurance of Compliance between the County of Pike and the PA Department of Human Services, on behalf of the Transportation 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 the Recorder of Deeds for a Lien Satisfaction for \$63.75.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the 2021 Pocono Counties WIOA Financial Agreement for Employment and Training and Related Administrative Services between the County of Carbon and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Workforce Development Agency.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the final reimbursement of \$10,288.75 to Milford Borough for their Comprehensive Plan Update Project, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Fred Suljic, President – Lackawaxen Fire Department – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – July 17, 2021  
Mr. Suljic thanked the Commissioners for having him and announced that they are having their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (1941-2021). The parade will begin at 4 o'clock until about 4:45 PM and we want to know if any one of you will be available that day. We have brought tee-shirts for all of you and we'll present them to you at the end of the meeting. At 5 o'clock we're going to have a Proclamation and we're going to acknowledge all of the members that organized us in October 13, 1941. There will be a live band, a DJ and fireworks at dusk. We're expecting a huge crowd. If you any of you can be there, either for the Parade at 4 o'clock, or after 5 o'clock for the Proclamation, whatever you can do.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Suljic and Commissioner Schmalzle added that they thank him for his leadership and continued volunteerism.

- Penn State Extension Calendar of Events – June 15-30, 2021 - Circulated

*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, JULY 7, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**