

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

The first regular meeting of June 2019 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 recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Public Hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Program FFY 2015 Modification No. 2..*

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

A PUBLIC HEARING 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 19, 2019 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the May 15, 2019 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 May 15, 23, 29 and June 13, 2019 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 \$444,705.70, 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 (HRG-Sewer Study Project)**, in the amount of \$7,000.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **ACT 89 FUND (MHE-Mott Street Bridge professional services)**, in the amount of \$13,077.28.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND (Dri Absorbent)**, in the amount of \$557.74.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**, in the amount of \$317,240.18.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **EDWARD BELLO** as a part-time Van Driver for the Transportation Department, for less than 1000 hours per year effective June 17, 2019, 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 hire **ELAINE PREDMORE** to fill a newly created part-time Van Driver position for the Transportation Department, for less than 1000 hours per year effective June 17, 2019, with no benefits. This is to fill a newly created position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to amend the hours of **JAMES POLLARD** to a 37 ½ hour work week, as a temporary part-time Summer Youth Supervisor for the Workforce Development Agency, effective June 17, 2019, with no benefits.

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 award the bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility as follows: Benjamin Foods - \$70,243.36; Mivila Foods - \$47,753.40; Keyco Distributors - \$19,664.62; Sysco Central, PA - \$13,928.50; and Bernard Foods - \$12,380.80.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Amended Ordinance No. 18, An Amendment to the County of Pike Hotel Excise Tax Ordinance No. 18 to Define a Booking Agent as an Additional Authorized Entity for the Collection of the Tax and to Make the Booking Agent Subject to the Same Obligation as an Operator.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-15, Approving the Proposed Modification of the CDBG Program FFY 2015, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the letter to DCED requesting the modification be approved and also asking for an extension of time to 4/1/20.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-16, Recognizing the Staff of Pike County Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to reappoint Michael Brust and Fred Mutzek to the Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board for a 3 year term ending June 30, 2022.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to nominate Jay Morrow for appointment as a Public Director on the Conservation District Board to fill the unexpired term of John Sivick ending December 31, 2019.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Contract Amendment #1 for the Eastern Pike Regional Act 537 Sewage Plan, as recommended by the SRCP Board to add Matamoras Borough as a participating party and to provide for an additional \$17,500.

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 Caring Matters Homecare, Inc. 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 Agreements between the following food pantries and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Development Office, for the distribution of USDA foods through TEFAP: Ecumenical, Holy Trinity, Pike County and Bushkill Outreach Food Pantries.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Mortgage Satisfaction of a property located in Tafton, 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 Senior Rental Assistance Contract #38, on behalf of the Human Development Office.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Operation S.A.V.E – Robin LoDolce, Area Agency on Aging.
There will be a free training session provided by the VA Medical Center with Alberto Morales, a Licensed Counselor. S.A.V.E. stands for Signs of suicidality; Ask the important question; Validate the Veteran's experience; and Encourage treatment, expedite referral. The latest statistic shows 22 veterans commit suicide a day. It is staggering and we are looking to work with professionals in our area, families of veterans and veterans themselves to take a part of this presentation taking place next Tuesday here in Milford on June 25, 2019 at Marsch Kellogg American Legion (Post 139). During the training the staff and participants will learn about the truth, myths and misinformation about suicide. Signs and symptoms and how to recognize the signs if someone who may be suicidal. Asking about suicide and the person's intent. Validating, no judging, when suicidal intent has been identified and encouraging someone to get the help. Learning how to identify a veteran and how to get them to enroll in VA services. Pierce Bunce, our Veterans' Affairs Director, will be there with an RV, a van, to check for benefit eligibility on site. We have some great collaborative partners: GAIT will be there doing their Horses for Heroes Program for Veterans with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder); Safe Haven will be there; and SHARE (Shared Housing and Resource Exchange) will also be there. Marsch Kellogg American Legion Post 139, 103 County Rd 2001, Milford, PA 18337 - 9:30 AM Registration followed by presentation and lunch.
- Penn State Extension – July 1-15, 2019 Events.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

An attendee of the meeting stated the school is having a problem with "JUUL" (vaping with a JUUL) and was wondering what the oversight is of the convenience of smoke stores around Pike County? Commissioner Osterberg responded that the regulation of that is well beyond the Commissioners' jurisdiction as far as how they sell them and who they sell them to. There is a big push to get them out of the hands of children. We do meet once a month with a Needs Assessment group to discuss the harmful effects of addiction in Pike County. One of the topics is the amount of vaping (JUUL is a product that is purchased to vape) and it is highly used by high school students. The numbers are staggering and some of it does have to do with the availability of it in the stores. It is not a healthy addiction for a child, but on the other side of that, it is helping people with an addiction to traditional cigarettes. That is currently being debated in California. It is a State issue and that really needs to be taken to Harrisburg to regulate that.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.