

Wednesday, July 3, 2018

The first regular meeting of July 2018 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.

Commissioner Osterberg welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Ronald R. Schmalzle. He stated that the Commissioners are excited to be working with Ron and know that this will be a great partnership as it has been with the other Commissioners that he has had the honor of working with including Steve, Rich Caridi and Karl Wagner. It will add a new dimension to what they are trying to get accomplished in the County. The accomplishments are equal across the Board, and that is to make Pike County a stronger community. Ron comes with great experience in the business sector which is much needed in the operation of the County. At the same time, they are all concerned about the issues that are facing the residents of the County. He stated that Ron is up to speed with what the Commissioners are doing so far, and will continue to catch up with what needs to be done.

Commissioner Guccini also welcomed Commissioner Schmalzle mentioning that they have known each other for a long time. He believes he is a great addition and they will all continue to work together and try to do the right thing for the County.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the July 3, 2018 Agenda with one addition under new business.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the June 20, 2018 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the June 21 and 28, 2018 Commissioners’ Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$1,028,380.84**, subject to further review.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **MICHELE BURRELL** from Caseworker II to Interim Caseworker Supervisor for Children & Youth Services, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective July 2, 2018. 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 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 proposals to coordinate and provide effective service delivery to eligible older adults and disabled persons in Pike County, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging, as follows:

Provider	Service	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021
Above the Rest Home	RN Asst.	\$125.00 day
	Cognitive Asst	\$160.00 day
Above the Rest Home Care LLC	Personal Care	Reg. time \$23/hr. - \$25/hr wkend
	Errands	\$.56/ mile
	Live-in	\$240/weekday - \$245/ weekend
Allied In-Home Services	Personal Care	\$20.65/hr.
Caregivers of America	Personal Care	\$20.25/hr.
Guardian Homecare Specialties	Personal Care	\$20.25/hr.
Caregivers of America LLC.	PERS	\$25./Monthly (regular)
		\$35./Monthly (cellular)
		\$0.00 installation
Pike Correctional Facility	Meals	\$4.85 per meal
Serving Senior, Inc.	Ombudsman	\$28,709.00/per year

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint Commissioner Ronald R. Schmalzle as Vice Chairman of the Pike County Board of Commissioners for a term ending 12/31/19.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint Commissioner Schmalzle as Board Member on the following boards to fill the unexpired term of Richard A. Caridi ending 12/31/19: Planning Commission, Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District, Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) and the Conservation District Board.

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 Agreement between Delaware Highlands Conservancy and the County of Pike, for the amount of \$25,000 for a 1,173 acre donated Conservation Easement on the Northeast Connection-Maskenozha property in Delaware and Lehman Townships, 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 execute the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Agreement between Delaware Highlands Conservancy and the County of Pike, for the amount of \$25,000 for a 1,778 acre donated Conservation Easement on the Northeast Connection-Mink Pond property in Delaware and Lehman Townships, 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 advertise for bids for the paving of the Pike County Complex in Milford.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Penn State Extension – July 1-15, 2018 Events – Commissioner Osterberg commented that the Chocolate Chip Cookie eating contest was extremely good.

Commissioner Osterberg stated that the County has been requested to have a program called SMART Recovery. SMART Recovery is recovery through self-empowerment. Their purpose is to help participants gain independence from any addictive behavior. They believe that individuals seeking recovery should be fully informed about the range of recovery options and free to choosing among them. The program encourages participants to take responsibility for their own recovery. Their meetings support their capacity to regulate their own behavior. This is a program to address all additions. Opioid addiction is what is now consuming our community, but also alcohol, overeating, etc. The Commissions have been asked by a number of individuals including Choosing Integrity and Hope4Pike which are groups that are addressing this issue in the community. Choosing Integrity started off with being a re-entry program from the Correctional Facility but then they realized that the people they are dealing with are the very same people that have an addiction issue. Last week 25 individuals participated at the Training Center so that they can become facilitators in the community to give these programs outside the Correctional Facility. Right now SMART Recovery occurs within the walls of the Correctional Facility, but for it to be successful we need to have a counterpart outside of the Correctional Facility. This is a step forward and what the community is asking for. This is funded through Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission. The Commissioners are meeting with individuals today to determine how they are going to put this forward into the community in different locations. He believes there is a program like this in northern Wayne County.

Commissioner Guccini announced that Pike County was awarded a \$15,000 grant from PCCD to hire a consultant to establish a formal re-entry program which would contain the program above on a more comprehensive basis that would include job seeking, interview skills, getting clothing for people who don't have clothing to go on an interview, etc. Just another effort to coordinate all the programs and work on this from a holistic approach.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.