

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

The second regular meeting of September 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 approve the September 18, 2019 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the September 4, 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 September 11, 2019 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Schmalzle voted 'aye'. Commissioner Guccini abstained due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$683,946.67**, 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 **TICK TASK FORCE FUND (ESU-DNA Analysis)**, in the amount of **\$15,000.00**.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **ACT 13 FUND (Herbert, Rowland & Grubic)**, in the amount of **\$5,600.00**.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as Correctional Officers at the Correctional Facility for a 40 hour work week, effective September 16, 2019, with benefits after 90 days: **JOSEPH SHIFFLER, DEVIN WALKER, MATTHEW SOLORZANO, RYAN HASHAGEN, WILLIAM SWAN, JOSEPH RIXFORD AND BRIAN WEISS.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **SASHA JACKSON** as a case Manager for Children & Youth Services, for a 37 1/2 hour work week, effective September 23, 2019, with benefits after 90 days. 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 **SHERRY MADILL**, as a Caseworker I for Children & Youth Services, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 23, 2019, with benefits after 90 days. 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 change the Fiscal Manager/1st Deputy/Orphan Court position to Fiscal Manager in the Prothonotary's Office effective September 23, 2019.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the transfer of **ANNETTE OCASIO** from Lead Housekeeper for the Maintenance Department to Fiscal Manager in the Prothonotary's Office for a 37 1/2 hour work week, effective September 23, 2019.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to change the Custodian/Maintenance position to General Maintenance in the Maintenance Department, and to hire **VICTOR BROOKS** to fill this position, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 7, 2019, with benefits after 90 days.

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 open bids received for groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Tom Farley opened the following bids:

Key Co. Foods - total bid \$152,840.52

Benjamin Foods - total bid \$161,439.31

Cisco - total bid \$130,385.05

Bernard Foods - total bid \$8,176.32

Mivila - total bid \$139,529.16

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table bids received for the groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility until October 2, 2019, so it is reviewed by the Prison.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids received for the 2019-20 winter maintenance of County roads.

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

Solicitor Tom Farley opened the one bid received from Lattimore Construction for Brooks Road, Stone Quarry Road (by Eureka), and Tower Road: \$860.00 per application for plowing and sanding, \$340.00 per application for sanding; for Owego Turnpike and Raymondskill Road on Route 6: \$419.00 per application which includes plowing and sanding, \$233.00 per application for sanding.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table bids received for the 2019-20 winter maintenance of County roads until October 2, 2019, so it can be reviewed.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids received for the John Street Complex Roof Replacement Project.

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

Solicitor Tom Farley opened the following bids:

Grimm Construction - total base bid \$209,871.00, with a bid bond

Precision Roofing - total base bid \$259,500.00, with a bid bond

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table bids received for the John Street Complex Roof Replacement Project until October 2, 2019, so it can be reviewed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-18, National Recovery Month, September 2019, which was read by Commissioner Schmalzle.

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

Jamie Drake, of Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol (CMP-D&A) – We are in the middle of an opioid drug epidemic. Recovery Month is about celebrating with people who have achieved Recovery and providing hope for people who are out there struggling. We are doing an event next week on September 25, 2019 at Catholic Social Services, which is one of our contracted providers, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. It is open to the public. We will be having discussions about different activities that are going in with that office as well as my office. The Opioid Task Force meetings are the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM at the Pike County Training Center (135 Pike County Boulevard, Hawley, PA) and everyone is welcome to attend those meetings as well.

We have spent a lot of time trying to get our toll-free number out to the public and it is a 24 hour number staffed by CMP D&A employees and that is the number that we can place people's lives directly into detox. We have now shifted to making sure people really understand that there is funding available for those services. Many people call the hotline and say they really need help but they don't have any insurance and don't know how they are going to get any help. We want the message to get out to the public that we have those funds. We are able to fund individuals to get the services they need. As a result of the opioid epidemic, much more funding has come to us so it has expanded our ability to help individuals, many times in the past we would run out of funding partway through the year. The last few years we have been able to maintain funding for the whole entire year. Research shows that when people get all of the treatment they need, at the level they need, they have a better chance to be successful and maintain recovery.

Commissioner Osterberg added that it's just been announced that there is going to be \$56M in State Opioid Response Grants which is going to come forward here very soon. Jamie used the word "celebrate" and we celebrate the people who have been able to find recovery. At the same time, we need to recognize individuals like Jamie, the counselors and the people at the correctional facility who work diligently to help these individuals to overcome this harrowing addiction that is facing so many people in our community. That job is not an easy job. It is rewarding when someone does find recovery and they move on in your lives. Also, there are those times when people don't find that and they fall victims to it and families suffer. We need to recognize what all of these individuals are doing to change this culture. About 4 or 5 years ago, Pike County hired an attorney to take on the pharmaceuticals and, you can see, we weren't off the mark. Now you are hearing that these companies are starting to recognize that they have some blame to be held. No one is saying they're wholeheartedly to blame, but they certainly hold a piece of the puzzle. Companies like "Purdue" are stepping up now and recognizing that they need to come up with some money to help with this treatment. Some of this money is coming from the Federal Government as these settlements occur. We have been notified by the attorney that we hired that the discussions are going on. I don't know what that means for Pike County. I don't know how that money is going to come down to us, maybe it is going to come into the State and then maybe filter back into organizations like Jamie's or Catholic Social Services. The important part is, there is funding out there. Again, we need to recognize the people that are working hard to make a difference in these individual's lives.

Rob Mikulski, Director of CMP-D&A spoke about Self-Management Recovery Training. There are 3 locations in Pike County. Those recovery programs are free of charge at the Community House, 201 Broad Street, Milford, PA and take place at 12:00 PM on Wednesdays; at 6:30 PM at the Delaware Township Building (the Emergency Management Building) on Wednesday evenings; and on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Catholic Church's Office (St. Patrick's).

Commissioner Schmalzle added that there seems to be some positive direction and help from organizations. The front page of the Times Tribune today says "Opioid Hospitalizations Plunge". The heading was overdose admissions down almost 50% in the County from 2016 to 2018. They went on to report on Luzerne County facing a bit of a plunge as well. I believe that it's organizations like CMP-D&A and the Opioid Task Force that are creating this awareness to drive it down. It is my hope that the Counties we're involved with are going to experience a similar turn as well.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-19, Suicide Prevention Month, September 2019, which was read by Commissioner Guccini.

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

Gabrielle Gardner from the Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative spoke about September being National Suicide Prevention Month. I called the Coroner's office yesterday and in 2018 there were 17 deaths by suicide in Pike County. That is a big number. Our organization's goal is to provide education and training to the community. We donated books to the Milford Public Library-if anyone is interested or needs more information on suicide and how you can help prevent it. Signs of suicide include changes in mood, changes in behavior, change in friends or any threats or comments. Part of what we have as far as support and resources through Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Department of Mental Health Services is our local crisis hot line. Anyone needing support and services during the day or off hours can call this line (1-800 273-TALK (8255)). This is the also the national line-no matter where you are, you could use this line. New in suicide prevention is the Text-Line. We can target younger folks and there is a National Suicide Crisis Text Line and it is (741741). They will get back to you and talk to you. We will have a lot of this information at the Suicide Prevention Walk on September 28, 2019. We also offer a Support Group at the Wayne Memorial Hospital in Wayne County, PA, on the 4th Thursday of each month. Also, through Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Department of Mental Health Services we offer two different training programs that address suicide prevention and awareness. If anyone is interested, please reach out to me.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-20, National Preparedness Month, September 2019, which was read by Commissioner Osterberg.

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

Commissioner Osterberg stated that, as we move into winter, we feel it is important to stress the need for families and everyone to be prepared for emergencies. There is only so much that emergency volunteers can do during major snow storms. In a lot of cases, we need to make sure we are prepared ourselves and make sure the people that we care for, particularly the elderly, also are prepared for this so they are not caught in any circumstances that can be life threatening. Commissioner Osterberg introduced Jordan Wisniewski from the Pike County Training Center and Bernie Swartwood, Director of Public Safety.

Jordan Wisniewski stated that everyone should be prepared. They should stock up on things. A lot of people have problems preparing for things – they don't want to think about the worst. If power goes out for a long period of time you will need batteries, flashlights and car chargers for your phones. A lot of people don't have land lines anymore, all they have are the cell phones so it is nice to have the car charger so you can go out to your car, start your car up and charge your phone. If it is a long outage or event, you want to make sure you have a back-up plan, be it a neighbor's house or a family friend, another home to go to for a long period of time.

Attorney Jason Ohliger and Bernie Swartwood, Director of Public Safety spoke about EMS Training Grants/Scholarships available in Pike County:

Jason Ohliger – My firm, Weinstein, Zimmerman & Ohliger, located in the Kenworthy Building, know that there is a potential EMS Crisis that's facing the County. We kept hearing over and over again that there is a lack of volunteers-there are not enough people willing to take time away from their families or can't take time away from their families, there is the burden of training, etc. We are sponsoring a Scholarship Program. It is going to be available to people who want to be trained for the first time and become EMT's, people who have some training-if they are EMR's and want to upgrade their training to an EMT, or, maybe for an EMT who is inactive and not in a local ambulance or fire department and are not utilizing the training that they have. We have committed \$5K to fund 5 scholarships up to \$1K a piece, which will either fund training or create a financial incentive for someone who just can't take the time away from their family. It's not a way of solving the entire problem, but it's a way to hit at one of the biggest concerns at the micro-level, which is just getting people in a position where they're available and financial able to get that training that they need. We would like to, at some point, say this is so successful that we are going to go to other local businesses and say help us contribute to this solution.

Bernie Swartwood, Director of Public Safety – Thank you Jason and your firm. When they first reached out to us, 2 ½ months ago, Tim Knapp and myself went and met with Jason., Ashley (Zimmerman) and Mike (Michael Weinstein). They explained what they wanted to do and we went back and forth and came up with a pretty well rounded Grant/Scholarship opportunity for the folks in Pike County. The only thing that is really going to solve anything is that it does take man-power. Whether they're paid, whether they're volunteers, it takes people to run all the ambulances. Again, thank you for stepping up to the plate, I do think it will take a burden off some of the cost. Jason Ohliger added they will be working closely with Tim (Knapp), Bernie and Jordan to make sure these Scholarships are going to people who have good community ties. Bernie then added that this will be going on the County Website and the Training Center Website. We don't have the next EMT class scheduled, normally is starts in the early Spring or late Winter. It is basically need driven. We coordinate the scheduling of the classes with the students, instructors and the training center.

A meeting attendee asked Bernie Swartwood if they charge for the classes currently taken at the Training Center? Bernie responded yes, there is a cost, either to the individual taking the class or to the Department that they belong to-it's done differently within each agency. Everybody does them a little bit differently. There is definitely a cost and a test at the end from the Department of Health. It is a very lengthy process. We are also looking at trying to put the standards back the way they were a few years ago and make it a little bit easier to get through the process. Commissioner Osterberg asked how many hours is it? Jordan Wisniewski responded 200 hours for the EMT Course.

A meeting attendee asked if this is an annual Grant. Jason answered they are launching it as a pilot program because it may not work and we want to make sure the money that we are investing is going into productive use. If it works, then we'll do more. If it doesn't work, we'll shift gears.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint Monica McVitie to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to fill a vacancy for a term ending December 31, 2019.

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 Extension Agreement between Linsey Collins and the County of Pike for legal services as Solicitor for Children & Youth Services.

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 Agreement for Engineering Services between McGoey, Hauser & Edsall and the County of Pike concerning the structural rehabilitation of the Kimbles Road Bridge.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to initial the revisions to the Cooperative Site Use Agreement between the PA Game Commission and the County of Pike for the use of the High Knob Tower.

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 Service Quotation from Smith Detection for the maintenance of the magnetometers at the Administration Building, Courthouse and John Street.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Agreement for Janitorial Services between Robert Crawford and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging for the Matamoras Senior Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the 2019-20 Purchase of Service Agreement between Devereux Foundation 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 authorize the Chairman to execute Pike County Rental Assistance Contract No. 33, 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 the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher for \$200,000 for matching funds for the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Agency Grant, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

Director of Human Development Office, Robert Ruiz – We have received a matching fund for a Grant that we received. Earlier this year, we received a report called 211, which is an access number that residents can dial to access information and referral. The top 3 concerns that we received were housing, utilities and information and the other 2 were food and general information. My office has consulted with the Commissioners and one of the things we did was apply for a Grant – Pennsylvania Finance and Housing Authority. This will allow us more rental and more business services. About 50 households get about \$1K; utility payments at about 50 households get about \$1K; and we will also be providing roof repairs, home accessibility and another Program that we partnered with Agency Area on Aging (with Director Robin LoDolce). There is a program where they match certain individuals in the Housing Share Program to bridge the gap when they sometimes don’t have the funds available until they do have the funds available. It also allows us to bring another staff person to the Human Development Office. The grant provided \$200K and the County, through Act 137 and Affordable Housing Program in Pike County, also provided \$200K. This Grant is renewable every year and we didn’t even receive the funds yet and they are already asking for a new application.

Commissioner Guccini stated that, in the past year, as the President of Pike County United Way, he gets phone calls saying “I need \$150.00 for my electric bill” or “I need an X number of dollars for....”. If you travel around the County and go to events and talk to people, the issues are housing, transportation and those kinds of things. This is a step in the direction of how we use some of the funds we have available through Act 137. This is something we really need.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Payment Voucher for the Senior Rental Subsidy to Delaware Run in the amount of \$1,725 for September 2019, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mike Mrozinski, NEPA 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update – This is when the public has an opportunity to have input about the future of transportation in Pike County. In Northeastern Pennsylvania, every 5 years we update the Long Range Transportation Plan as part of the NEPA Alliance and working with Penn DOT. The original plan was done back in March of 2016, so we are looking to update that now. This is a public opportunity, scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Pike County Training Center at 10:30 AM. There will be representatives from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance and Baker National, the Consultant for the project and our staff. They will have maps of the County available and what we’re looking at is what you see as a priority in Transportation for the County. We’re talking up to 25 years out into the future. Penn DOT works a 1 year plan and what they’re doing the current calendar year is that they have a TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) that works over the next few years and then they have a 12 year plan, a TIP that they also developed. That is internal with Penn DOT and this Long Range Plan is something that we do as a Region.

- Pike County 4-H Newsletter – Angela Smith, Penn State Extension - Angela Smith stated she just took the EMS Training Class and it started in March and just ended in August. She will be taking her National Certification Test on September 30th. Angela also stated that through the experience at the training class, it did help her to develop some of the programs that she had over the Summer. Our most successful program by far is our Preparing for Emergency Services camp that was held in the Training Center. It was one week long and I had the privilege of working with Jordan Wisniewski, Tim Knapp and Kyle Rohner at the Training Center. The week long programming included CPR and first aid training, emergency preparedness training, personal emergency preparedness and community-wide emergency preparedness. We got to meet fire departments, ambulance companies, DCNR about forest fires, water rescues and they even had a chopper land to teach about medi-vacs. It was a really cool week and an opportunity for us to connect the use of emergency services and their needs. The goal is to try to get more kids connected to those services and to realize that this a volunteer opportunity as they get older and will, hopefully, see increased participation in the Junior Programs and down the road have 4-H help to make a pipeline to those volunteers. We decided to expand the program and going forward we have a new program. The letters will be going out to all the Departments in the County. It's called 4-H-First Responders. We are taking a miniature version of that and bring it to the Departments in the communities. The Department will then be able to contact me and we will host a 6 hour program at the site. Kids will get 2 hours worth of CPR and first aid training and 2 hours of emergency preparedness training. Then they will volunteer 2 hours of their time to community service to the Departments.

We are also looking for more volunteers in general for 4-H. We can use about 10 hours of a volunteer's time to run a single program through 4-H. I am offering Penn State Creamery Ice Cream to anyone who will come on Wednesday, September 28th. The Columns Museum will be hosting us in the Community Room and we are asking anyone who is interested in volunteering for 4-H, whether it is to be a leader or to lead an event one time or to join our Program Development Committee. Our 4-H participated in the State Archery Competition for the very 1st time ever. We did a lot of collaborating with other agencies. We had a Leadership Day at PEEC. We also got community service done over the Summer.

Last, but not least, PROSPER is working with the schools to get people to offer the Strengthening Families Program within the school district-Wallenpaupack Middle School will run it the 1st week in October and run through mid-November. I don't know if they selected the day of the week yet. Delaware Valley School District plans on running their Program out of Delaware Valley Middle School in Spring 2020.

A meeting attendee asked about Warrior Fest this weekend. Angie said there would be a Warrior Fest this weekend and the Opioid Task Force would be there to promote the different programs that they have, the Reality Tour and some other information and resources that they have will be there.

- Jill Gamboni – Reality Tour – There will be a Reality Tour October 17, 2019 and November 14, 2019. It is a drug prevention program for kids ten and older to attend with their parents. It meets out front and if anyone is interested, please get the word out.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

An attendee of the meeting asked about the Purdue Settlement, some States are saying they don't want to settle, do we know what Pennsylvania's stance is? Commissioner Osterberg answered no he does not know and they are waiting to speak to the attorney that is representing us. We have not had a chance to connect yet. It will really fall back on the Attorney General, Josh Shapiro and how he wants to settle that on the State level. There are a number of cases out there, State and County cases and I don't think they've all been joined together. Commissioner Guccini added there are individual County cases, and ours is one of them. The Attorney General has also filed suit and, to my understanding, the State cases have been consolidated in Delaware County. There are Federal cases that have been consolidated in a Federal Court in Ohio. Where we're going to go yet, I don't know. We will be having a conference call with the attorneys that we hired for our case.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.