

Monday, January 4, 2021

A Reorganization Meeting 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 (via Zoom) and Guccini, Chief Clerk Orben and Solicitor Farley.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the January 4, 2021 Agenda with the exception of item #12 regarding Conflicts Counsel.

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

Questions and comments concerning today’s agenda were entertained by the public.

REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Osterberg called for a motion and second for the following items as listed, excluding item #12:

1. Motion to set and advertise the Commissioners’ Meetings for the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m.
2. Motion to set and advertise the Commissioners’ Conferences for every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. Motion to set and advertise the Retirement Board Meetings for the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m., and as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
4. Motion to set and advertise the Salary Board Meetings, as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
5. Motion to set and advertise the Election Board Meetings, as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
6. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-01, appointing The Pike County Dispatch, The Tri-County Independent, The Pocono Record, The Times Herald Record, The Pike County Courier and The Law Journal (per statute) as Official Publications of Pike County for the Year 2021.
7. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-02, setting forth depositories of county funds for the year 2021; namely, Honesdale National Bank, Dime Bank, NBT Bank, Wells Fargo, Wayne Bank and PNC Bank.
8. Motion to execute the contract between Thomas Farley and the County of Pike, for services as Pike County Solicitor for a 1-year term.
9. Motion to execute the contract between Stacey Beecher and the County of Pike, for services as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for a 1-year term.
10. Motion to appoint Jason Ohliger as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for a 1-year term.
11. Motion to appoint Jason Ohliger as Board of Assessment and Appeals Solicitor for a 1-year term.
12. Motion to execute the contract between _____ and the County of Pike, for services as Conflicts Counsel for the Public Defender’s Office for a 1-year term.
13. Motion to recognize the appointment of the following Row Officers’ Solicitors, on an as-needed basis, for a 1-year term:

 Anthony Waldron - Coroner
 Douglas Jacobs - Treasurer
 Ron Bugaj – Auditors, Prothonotary, Sheriff
 Christopher Kimler - Recorder of Deeds
14. Motion to appoint Michael Lamoreaux of McGoey, Hauser & Edsall Engineering, as Engineer for the County of Pike for a 1-year term at the proposed rates.
15. Motion to appoint Michael Lamoreaux of McGoey, Hauser & Edsall Engineering, as Dam Inspector for the County of Pike for a 1-year term at the proposed rates.

16. Motion to appoint James Gelatt, as Chairman, and Fred Suljic and Joseph Regenski as members of the Pike County Board of Assessment Appeals for a 1-year term.
17. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23: Laura Engle, Mary Little and Rita Tepperman.
18. Motion to appoint Glenn Stryas as Chairman of the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 1-year term ending 12/31/21.
19. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23: Jane Neufeld and William Clauss.
20. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a 2-year term ending 12/31/22: Dr. Michael Newmark, Erin Stroyan, Larissa Kimmel, Sandra LeFort, Ellen Schaffner and Tanya Carrelle.
21. Motion to appoint Carol Witschel to the Pike County Library Board for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23.
22. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District Board for a 4-year term ending 12/31/24: Arnold Anderson, Eric Ehrhardt, Andrea Polkowski, Steve Gelderman and Brian Smith.
23. Motion to appoint Luke Barbalich to the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commissioner for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23.
24. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Economic Development Authority for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23: Gerry Najarian, Will Whitehead and Tim Gartner.
25. Motion to appoint Tom Carasiti to the Carbon/Monroe/Pike MH/DS Advisory Board for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23.
26. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Community Planning Board for a 4-year term ending 12/31/24: Mary Ann Conza, Fred Suljic and David Zeiler.
27. Motion to appoint the following individuals to the Road Task Force for a 3-year term ending 12/31/23: Vincent Flatt – Christopher Kimble/Alternate -Delaware; Gary Williams-Milford Township; Thomas Simons/Brian Matthews – Palmyra; and Russ York - Kathy Otting/Alternate – Porter.
28. Motion to appoint Roger Howard – Matamoras Borough to the Road Task Force to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/22.
29. Motion to execute the Lease Agreement between Lackawaxen Township Volunteer Fire Department and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
30. Motion to execute the Lease Agreement between Matamoras Fire Department and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
31. Motion to execute the Lease Agreement between American Legion Post #851 and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
32. Motion to execute the Professional Services Agreement between Belle Reve Senior Living and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
33. Motion to execute the Agreement for Janitorial Services between Peter Carella (Lackawaxen), Jess Cumberland (Blooming Grove) and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
34. Motion to execute the Maintenance Agreement between Koberline and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.
35. Motion to execute the Agreement between Lauren Buccine and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging for SHARE Housing Counselor services.
36. Motion to execute the Planned Maintenance Agreement between L.J. Bogumil, Inc. and the County of Pike for all County facilities.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the above items as presented by Commissioner Osterberg.

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

Any Commissioner can attend any Board Meeting in case of the appointed Commissioners’ absence, as a voting member of that Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to recess the Commissioners’ Reorganization 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’ Reorganization Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted “aye”. Motion carried.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT: THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.