

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021
PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Approve April 7, 2021 Agenda.
 2. Approve March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
 3. Approve March 17, 23, 24 and 31, 2021 Conference Minutes.
 4. Approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**.....\$1,313,148.86
 5. Approve payment from **ACT 13 FUND (McGoey-various bridge repairs)**\$21,653.90
 6. Approve exoneration as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for the Charles Homer Estate.
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-07, National Library Week 2021, Proclamation, April 4-10, 2021.
2. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-08, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2021.
3. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-09, Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2021.
4. Motion to adopt Resolution No.21-10, National Service Recognition Day, April 7, 2021.
5. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-11, Authorizing the Transportation Office Official to Assign Roles within the PA DotGrants Program.
6. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Resolution Authorizing the Submittal and Modification of PA DotGrant Objects.
7. Motion to appoint Lori Vant Slot to fill a vacant position on the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a 3 year term ending 12/31/2023.
8. Motion to advertise for bids for the Kimbles Road Bridge Repair Project.
9. Motion to execute a Letter of Support for the Poconos Multisports Festival at the Wallenpaupack High School on June 11-13, 2021.
10. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Program Authorization Form for the County Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program for FY 2021-22, on behalf of the Probation Office.
11. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the PCCD Subgrant Award Notification for \$50,642 for the 2020-21 Adult Probation Grant-in-Aid application.
12. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Inspection Agreement between Beach Lake Sprinkler and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.
13. Motion to execute the Cooperative Block Agreement Amendment for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 between the PA Department of Aging and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Pike County Emergency Rental Assistance Program-Robert Ruiz, Human Services.
- Pike County CHIRP-Robert Ruiz, Human Services.
- Spotted Lanternfly Information-Stephen Alessi, PennState Extension.
- COVID-19 Vaccine Update.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-07 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2021 PROCLAMATION - APRIL 4-10, 2021

WHEREAS, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities, and not just about what they have on the shelves; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools and academic campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve people of all ages, interests and backgrounds providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer equipment and professional staff support to utilize technology, programs and services; often free or with nominal charges to users; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all – regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today; and

WHEREAS, librarians thoughtfully develop collections and programs that are side-ranging and explore the diversity of our changing society; and

WHEREAS, the PA Forward, Literacy is POWER, initiative highlights how libraries and staffs encourage literacy in Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health and Financial, which contributes to greater personal and community success; and

WHEREAS, America is celebrating National Library Week including April 6th as National Library Workers' Day and the immeasurable contributions made by library workers; and April 8 as Take Action for Libraries Day encouraging community support for libraries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, we, the Pike County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim National Library Week in Pike County, April 4-10, 2021 in Pike County. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit our libraries, and explore all that they offer to help move PA Forward!

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-08 Sexual Assault Awareness Month April, 2021

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Pike County; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped in their lifetime.

WHEREAS, 12% of female victims and 28% of male victims of rape were first raped at the age of 10 or younger.

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 young women and 1 in 16 young men experience sexual violence while on a college campus.

WHEREAS, between 25% and 29% of LGBTQ identifying people are victims of rape.

WHEREAS, 50% of child molestation cases are perpetrated by adolescents (ages 13 – 17)

WHEREAS, Victims' Intervention Program provided services to over 1000 victims last year, with slightly fewer than 200 presenting as victims of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of Victims' Intervention Program in Pike County encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Pike County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, Pike County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners of Pike County, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of Pennsylvania, we do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-09 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, APRIL 2021 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2019, 4.4 million reports were made to child protective services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Pike County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, law enforcement agencies, children's advocacy centers, and education, health, community organizations, businesses, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pike County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Pike County and urge all citizens to recognize this month.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-10 NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY APRIL 7, 2021

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Seniors participants, specifically RSVP in Pike County, sponsored by Diakon Community Services, address the most pressing challenges facing our communities; they support seniors to live independently and age in place with dignity, as well as support other community priorities, respond to natural disasters, and support veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Seniors shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 7, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Pike County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2021 as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 21-11
COUNTY OF PIKE**

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OFFICIAL TO ASSIGN ROLES WITHIN THE PA
DOTGRANTS PROGRAM**

Be it resolved, by the authority of COUNTY OF PIKE
(Name of Governing Body, e.g. Board of Directors, etc)

that ROBERT RUIZ of PIKE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION be the Authorized Official (AO) and directed to assign
(Name or Title of Authorized Official) (Transportation System)

roles within dotGrants on its behalf.

I, MATTHEW M. OSTERBERG, PIKE COUNTY COMMISSONER CHAIRMAN of the COUNTY OF PIKE
(Name) (Official Title) (Name of Governing Body)

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the

PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS held the 7th day of April, 2021.
(Name of Governing Body)

By: _____
MATTHEW M. OSTERBERG, CHAIRMAN (Date)

ATTEST:

COUNTY OF PIKE
(Name of Governing Body)

By: _____
GARY R. ORBEN, CHIEF CLERK (Date)



Contact Pike County Human Services

Phone: (570) 296 3434

Email: humanservice@pikepa.org

Affected Directly or Indirectly by COVID-19?

**The Pike County
Emergency Rental
Assistance Program
Can Help!**



Apply at:
PikeRentHelp.com



Assistance Available:

- Rental arrears & future rent
- Lot rent
- Utility arrears
- Home energy costs
- Internet costs for remote work & schooling

Eligibility:

- Pike County resident
- Renters
- Below 80% of the Area Median income
- Financially struggling due to COIV-19
- Qualified for Unemployment

Income Limits:

1 Person	44,350
2 Person	50,650
3 Person	57,000
4 Person	63,300
5 Person	68,400
6 Person	73,450
7 Person	78,500
8 Person	83,600

Pike County Human Services
506 Broad Street Milford PA 18337

Pike County CHRP

Grants of \$5,000 to 50,000 for eligible businesses

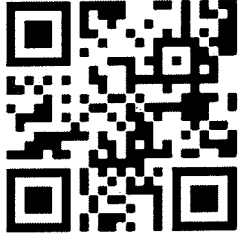
Applications Due April 30

If your business experienced a loss of 25% or more because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for this grant.

The grant is available to businesses with an NAICS code of Accommodations (721) or Food Services and Drinking Places (722) that provide accommodations food, and/or drink on site. Other eligibility criteria apply.

Apply today! Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received.

Questions? Call Jessica at (484) 225-4929



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Updated April 6, 2021

CONTACT: Krista Gromalski 570-296-9805 office / 570-832-1434 cell / kgromalski@pikepa.org

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Scheduled in Pike and Wayne Counties

More Than 9,000 Doses to be Administered through April

PIKE COUNTY, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently accelerated its COVID-19 vaccination timetable.

- PA is now in Phase 1B of its vaccination rollout plan.
- April 12 - Phase 1C opens.
- April 19 - All residents 16+ will be eligible for vaccination.

Visit the Department of Health website at health.pa.gov to see who is included within each phase.

Pike County Clinics

As the Pike County Commissioners continue to partner with Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers on COVID-19 vaccination clinics, the following dates for first dose shots of the Moderna vaccine are scheduled at the Pike County Training Center, 135 Pike County Boulevard, in Lords Valley.

- **Tuesday, April 13**
- **Wednesday, April 21**
- **Wednesday, April 28**

More than 4,000 doses will be provided in Pike County through April clinics in Pike County. The dates for second doses will be provided by Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers.

Wayne County Clinics

In addition, there are first dose COVID-19 vaccine clinics upcoming in Wayne County, where more than 5,000 doses will be administered.

- **Friday, April 9; Saturday, April 17; Saturday, 24; and Friday, April 30 at the former Rusty Palmer facility at the intersection of Routes 6 & 652, near Honesdale**

As more vaccine becomes available, clinics may also open on the first floor of Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park Street, in Honesdale.

To register for an appointment at any of the clinics in Pike or Wayne counties, visit www.wmh.org and click on the COVID Vaccine Registration button at the top of the page, then either login to your Wayne Memorial account or create an account. You do not need to be a patient of Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

The second regular meeting of March 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.

A moment of silence was held for former Pike County Commissioner Sally Thompson who passed away this past weekend.

Greater Pike Community Foundation update on the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund and NEPA Gives – Commissioner Osterberg – We're going to move into our Agenda, but first we're going to have a presentation by Greater Pike Community Foundation on the update of the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund and other events that the Greater Pike Community Foundation is going to be doing here as we move forward into the Spring and into the Summer which is a really good announcement for our community and our non-profits and showing support to our community. It's so important during this year after this past year and moving forward that we show lots of support for non-profits and other organizations. They suffered as much as many, if not more in some cases, due to the COVID Virus. We welcome Jenni Hamill from Greater Pike Community Foundation, we have Bill Lovejoy and added that Jason Ohliger, Esquire may also join in. We're going to have an update about the Pike County Emergency Initiative Fund, which we have here from Tim Knapp. Tim from Pike County Emergency Services is not going to be here because Tim right now is running a vaccination clinic up at the Training Center for one thousand vaccines. Hopefully, with Wayne Memorial Hospital's partnership, this will be something that occurs on a regular basis. We're working hard here in the Commissioners' office to see that the Department of Health and Wayne Memorial Hospital help us in Pike County get this vaccine out. We have an update about what is going on up there, which is really good news.

Commissioner Osterberg introduced Jenni Hamill, Director of the Greater Pike Community Foundation and she followed with a PowerPoint Presentation. Jenni thanked the Commissioners, not only for allowing her to join, but for all that they do for our community to make Pike great. She said the Greater Pike Community Foundation is located in the Community House in town. Jenni continued that she's here this morning to tell you a little about what we, at Great Pike, do and to highlight a few things you may find of interest coming up.

Greater Pike Community Foundation is a 501 c3 Non-Profit Organization that was founded in 2012. I like to say informally we're sort of like a bank of philanthropy. We help generous donors create funds for causes or charities that they care about, which are then invested with a long term prospective, similar to a savings account or retirement fund. The difference being that the proceeds or earnings gained from our funds are given back out to the community in the form of grants to local non-profit organizations. We have been making grants to donor funds since 2013. In 2020 alone we awarded 70 grants totaling more than \$226K.

A large chunk of grants last year, of course, were COVID related. I have to say that I felt very thankful to be a part of an organization that was able to both raise and distribute funds during this pandemic when they were so greatly needed. Our reward funds have run the gamut for things like food pantries, emergency housing needs, literacy programs, child care, animal welfare, arts and cultural events and many, many other outstanding projects. The main way we give out money is through grants. Our available grant opportunities encompass both recurring annual programs and special programs. The Barbara J. Buchanan Fund is a grant program that is available every Winter that just closed. The Richard L. Snyder Grant Fund which will open on May 1st for non-profits and that's awarded later on in the Summer after applications are received. Our latest grant program is a Safe Haven Legacy Fund, new this year, and will be opening later on in the Summer so stay tuned on our website or join our mailing list. We hope to make an announcement of that grant in October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. That grant is actually specifically targeted at an organization with a project that addresses long term housing solutions for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Apart from our recurring annual grants, you will see that Greater Pike also offers funds for particular purchases, such as to address a critical community need. Two examples are the Greater Pike COVID Relief Fund, which was established in the midst of the pandemic probably a year ago and is hugely successful and the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund which we're going to talk about more in a few minutes. Another thing that we offer, which I think is a very interesting program we put together last year, is called the Memorial Fund Program. When a loved one passes away, I can tell you first hand that it can be a very overwhelming time. There's lots of immediate decisions to be made and one of those decisions is how to best honor the memory of your loved one in a meaningful way. Friends and family can choose to ask that donations be made in memory of the deceased's favorite charity in lieu of flowers or they can set up a memorial fund through Greater Pike. These are easy to set up. They're usually named after the person who passed away and the family can suggest that memorial contributions be made to Greater Pike, to this fund.

The nice thing about these funds is we will acknowledge every gift we get, with a letter to the donor and also send the person who set the fund up we'll send them regular updates on the gifts, with addresses if they choose to contact those donors and the funds balance as it changes. Then down the road, a few months later,

the family can then decide where they would like to direct gifts, to which charity they would like to direct gifts in the memory of their loved one and Greater Pike will send a check directly to that charity. Sometimes, instead of using the fund mainly as a point of organization and donation collection, a family may decide to create a permanent fund with us in memory of a loved one. In that respect will grow and support a cause or causes in perpetuity. Examples of those memorial funds are the Kyle James Pasco Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Amanda Nicole Thoenig Memorial Scholarship Fund were both created within the past couple of year and both are now permanent funds within the Greater Pike Community Foundation and are offering scholarships in several school districts locally to rising seniors who are moving on to college next year.

The Walt Edwards Ashenfelter Memorial Fund is also a relatively new fund. It was established by Walt's widow Kathy in memory of her husband who was a local musician and ardent supporter of the Milford Music Festival. Kathy's goal is to create a public fund to support local musicians in our area. I believe that the Commissioners or someone else might have a few more words to say about that coming up. There is an upcoming benefit concert to help make his memorial fund become a reality.

In addition to traditional granting, we pride ourselves on working together with the community. To combine traditional support to our local non-profit organizations by encouraging not only our individual donors that I was just talking about, but also local businesses and local government. The first thing I want to share with you is something I'm really excited about, there's an event coming up on June 4th called NEPA Gives. For those of you who are my age or older, you may remember the old-fashioned Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon with Jerry Lewis. I don't know about you, but I remember watching that on television every time it happened, every year. By the end, Jerry Lewis was almost falling over he was so tired. NEPA Gives is sort of like that, it's a 24 hour on-line day of giving and we are co-hosting it this year with the Scranton-Area Foundation and several other community foundations. NEPA Gives will help every single non-profit in the NEPA region that joins. It's a safe and socially distanced way to help replace lost revenue from in-person fundraisers and dinners and ticket sales. Last year's event helped raise over \$500K for over 160 charitable organizations. This will be the 2nd year that Greater Pike is co-hosting this day with our regional partners as well as local sponsors and we are hoping that we can enlist your help in spreading the word to encourage local charities go to the website and sign up. As an additional incentive this year, many of incentives in the form of prizes are being offered that non-profit organizations can win by participating and being successful at fundraising for their event. This is something new this year, I hope everybody pays attention to and speaks to charities that need your involvement. Last year we didn't have local prizes for NEPA Gives for Pike County and this year we do. This is very exciting (examples were shown). At the top of my list is the Pike County Commissioners Good Neighbor prize and that will be a \$500 prize award for the Pike County organization that receives the greatest number of donations from Pike County. There's also a \$500 Legal Eagle prize that's being sponsored by the ZO law firm. This prize will be awarded to the Pike County organization who has the highest number of unique donations between 12AM and 6AM on the day of the event. McAteer and Will Estates is another one, a \$1K prize for a Pike County organization that provides housing assistance in our area and the way to win that prize will be on the website shortly. We also have the Chant Realty Down Home Prize, the Greater Pike Community Foundation Four Good Prize and the Miller's Prize from the Historic Upper Mill. In addition to cash prizes there will be local gift prizes, the Neversink Media Company is offering two \$500 radio advertising packages. Details what the parameters are for winning that will be posted on our website within the next month.

The bottom line is you can't help your non-profit organization and non-profit organizations can't help themselves unless they register and participate in this event. If you go to the website www.NEPAGives.org it'll take you to the page, click the button in the middle and it'll take you through the process to register your organization and you'll be given your own fundraising page and the ability to market and promote it in many different ways. There's tool kits there on how to do it, there's graphics, there's language, it's super simple. You can't win, unless you register. Every little bit counts.

One other initiative that I'd like to highlight is a very special fund that came together through the collaboration of a local concerned citizen, a community minded law firm and our very own Pike County Commissioners. That's the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund (PCEIS). Sometimes a community need comes to our attention that is so pressing that we agree to help immediately. Such was the case when a local attorney, Jason Ohliger, met with me a while back about the crisis our community was experiencing in maintaining and recruiting trained emergency service personnel and the need for increased ambulance and emergency services. This was pre-COVID. It became even more important after last year. What eventually transpired was a new, greater Pike fund called the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund and the PCEIS has been successfully funding training needs for emergency medical staff since last year. I believe there are a few other people here to take over from me and talk a little about the success of this program. Thank you for having me and if you would like to reach out to me after this meeting, my contact information is: Greater Pike Community Foundation, PO Box 992, Milford, PA 18837 (570) 832-4686, jennihamill@greaterpike.org, www.greaterpike.org.

Commissioner Osterberg gave an update about the Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund and read a note from Tim Knapp. Emergency Medical Technician class started in the Fall of 2020 and finished up the beginning of January, 2021. It was a tough road due to the current pandemic, but they pushed through and finished with 16 students. Six of the students have gone on to complete their National Registry and are

currently recognized as EMTs by the State of Pennsylvania. The other 10 are currently studying hard and hope to be finished up with testing by May. The remaining 4 students will be jumping in the current class and finishing up their studies. We are currently finishing up an Emergency Medical Responder class, one level lower than the EMTs. At the completion we will have 14 more medical responders in the County. This is another class that worked hard to complete due to the current pandemic. We have also completed numerous CPR, First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogen classes, totaling 62 students, and we expect those numbers to go up this year. I want to thank everyone who made this fund possible. Without this in place, this would be hard to accomplish. We currently have a waiting list for our Fall EMT class. This shows the dedication of the responders in Pike County in a time when we need it most – Tim Knapp

Commissioner Osterberg said this is the hard work of everybody up there at the Training Center, but it's also the dedication of our community and two of the people on here – Bill (Lovejoy) and Jason (Ohliger) and I will let you speak to this. It's important that when the Greater Pike Community Foundation has this event coming up that people in this community recognize the importance of this fund and that they support it. These volunteers that we have are being helped through scholarships to be able to provide services to all of us in our community. That's why we're here today, to make sure that we promote this and make sure people understand the importance of our EMTs and where we're going. This was just in the Dispatch again. This is still an issue in our County when it comes to providing much needed ambulance services in our County by volunteers and even having a paid staff. Somehow all of us need to figure out how this is going to be a viable service in our County.

Bill Lovejoy – Long story short, I had been injured and needed to get to the hospital and was fortunate that my grandchildren were with me on Christmas Day when I broke my ankle. They got me in an SUV and took me down to Morristown – I broke my fibia and tibia. After that event, my daughter was telling me that I shouldn't be living in such a remote place like Pike County since there isn't an urgent care, there is no hospital there or no ambulance service that we can really rely on. When I was mending I called the Mayor (Sean Strub) and told him that I wanted to start an initiative to make sure that we had enough EMTs because I had read some newspaper accounts and talked to some people about it. In Shohola there's no ambulance and they didn't have any EMTs where I live. Sean (Strub) recommended that I talk to Matt (Commissioner Osterberg). I talked to Matt and he said we know all about it and gave me a whole bunch of material. I told him that we need a vehicle and I was amazed at the professional people that we've had – Krista (Gromalski) and Jenni (Hamill) of the Greater Pike Community Foundation, Matt suggested I speak with her and we got together. She told me that she could do a pass through and Matt got a couple of people like Bernie Swartwood (Pike County Director of 911 Communications) and we talked through this issue and said let's merge with Jason (Ohliger) and let's start training EMTs. I was in business for forty years with General Motors and I realized you need a process. You need dedicated, professional people, and you need businesses to be able to pass out funds. You need a training center and Bernie (Swartwood) came up with it. If people who want to become EMTs have to spend their own money and have to go out to independent trainers that he could develop at the Pike County Training Center where the 911 Center is. It was really easy to set up the fund at the Greater Pike County Community Foundation and then get some people to contribute to that through NEPA Gives. It's the infrastructure and the general idea that Jason (Ohliger) and his law firm had to start this concept. I love Pike County. The only thing missing, as far as I'm concerned, is to make sure that we get good health services. As people just said, the COVID thing really hit home. You're making a lot of progress. We are pleased to do that and we'll continue to support it.

Jason Ohliger – By way of some even more detailed back story, I did have this conversation with Jenni before Bill's incident that Jenni alluded to. Identifying the issue in the community and the conversation that we had is how do we make this work? If we're going to do this, how do we do justice to the problem by having a fund created that is substantial. We're having these conversations and then Bill has his incident. I can't even remember who came to me with it, but we have a donor here. Everything merged together at that point. It really is an amazing thing because it is a true public/private partnership/arrangement that we have here. Without Bill's donation, the original identification of the problem by us, the Commissioners having access to the Training Center and being the real vehicle for moving these funds and, of course, the Greater Pike Community Foundation, managing these funds. Without any single one of these components, this would not work the way it is working. One of the important things people in the community should realize, is that we have now reached the point where it is working. When we were starting this last year, starting to fund-raise, we knew the need. We were confident that if we had funds to move in that direction that they would be used productively, but we didn't have any track record at that point. With the NEPA Gives event, we had a \$10K matching funds promise for donations on that day. That day actually raised \$8K for the EMSI and our firm contributed about \$3,500 or maybe a little more to the matching funds. Then I read afterwards that the Pike County Training Center had a training class where it was completely funded by the EMSI to the tune of about \$10,400. I thought that was incredible because it was very short after the NEPA Gives event that we are then moving funds directly into subsidizing this training which is the whole idea. The original problem that we identified was that volunteerism is low and part of the reason is volunteerism requires not just the time commitment, but a substantial financial commitment on the part of individuals and fire companies to fund this training. You shouldn't have to do that. You should be able to volunteer your time to the community, you shouldn't have to pay hundreds of dollars approaching \$1K for the training to enable you to do that. I'd like to think at this point we have a track record and we're moving forward. I hope that people recognize that and give even more to the EMSI this year on NEPA Gives Day. We are going to offer the \$10K matching fund

promise again this year on the NEPA Gives Day and we hope the donations from the public are even higher and our contribution is even higher.

The Commissioners thanked Jason. Commissioner Osterberg said that's very generous of you and that's why we're here – to show that there's support for this initiative, both from private and public sectors. That's what it's going to take for us to help fix this and get this crisis moving forward in a positive direction. As you said, the track record shows that. It's organizations like Greater Pike Community Foundation that helps us also to be a vehicle to move these funds and in many other ways too because they support many other non-profits. We're here talking about that, but I also don't want to discount the fact that there's other organizations out in our community doing really good things. Our food pantries and all, and the day this NEPA Gives occurs, we hope people are generous to all organizations and recognize the needs in our community. If we're going to get through this COVID, it's going to take all of us as we said from the very beginning. Supporting our local restaurants, but also our non-profits. I know she spoke about the small funds, like the Walt Edward Fund, which was just started. It's an important part of our community to sponsor the arts and see that people are involved in our community, in making it a stronger community by having music festivals and different events like that. All of it ties together for a great Pike County. We appreciate everything you and Bill (Lovejoy) are doing and all the others that are involved in this. We've been discussing with the Townships about this whole EMS crisis. Partnerships between municipalities is how we can be sure that we have strong emergency services. We're glad everyone was able to attend today.

Commissioner Schmalzle also thanked Jason and Bill. He said he recently attended an EMS strategy session with all of the Township Supervisors and I was so pleased and gratified to be able to speak about this. When you have a dream of something and making a difference and immediately see the positive impact that it's having on our community, it is really special. I'm not sure they understood exactly what was happening, but they do understand that new EMTs are coming into the County and being trained and staying here. Thank you for your efforts. It is immediately paying off so keep up the good work.

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 March 17, 2021 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the March 3, 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 March 8 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 \$391,432.40, 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 the PIKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND in the amount of \$212,567.18.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote MICHAEL UPTON from Caseworker I to Caseworker II for Children & Youth Services, retroactive to March 1, 2021.

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 bid for the Pike County Training Center Burn Building Lining Replacement Project to Harty Construction, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$146,003.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the bid which was received for the Pike County Jail Complex Well #3 Drilling and Development Project for thirty days due to the high cost and single bid that was received on this project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award the bid for the Winona Falls Road over Saw Creek Bridge Parapet Deflection Joint Repairs Project to Pioneer Construction Company for the base bid amount of \$55,450.

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. 21-05, Pike County Designating the Month of April 2021 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 21-06, C.A.S.U.A.L. Day, March 25, 2021.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FFY 2020 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the 2nd Quarter FY 20-21 Act 148 Certification Statement 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 execute the Professional Services Agreement between Belle Reve Senior Living and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Pike County Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Commissioner Osterberg said this has to do with some funding that the County was awarded due to the COVID Virus, which is the Pike County Emergency Rental Assistance Program. We're asking people that are in need of rental assistance and also there's other programs out there for utility payments. Please contact the Human Services office at (570) 296-3434 or go to our website www.pikepa.org and you will see information on there about this. This is funding that is out there and we'll have more to report at the next meeting from Mr. Ruiz as these programs develop and more programs are coming forward that will benefit businesses also. This one that we're announcing here has to do with the Rental Assistance Program for County residents.

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

Communications Director Krista Gromalski said she had received one that came in from Michael Zimmerman relating to the Walt Edward Fund. He wanted to let everyone know that last night Milford Borough Council approved the Walt Edward Memorial Concert in the Ann Street Park on Sunday, July 11, 2021 from 2PM – 4PM. Commissioner Osterberg added that Michael Zimmerman was going to try to be here to be part of the Greater Pike Community Foundation's presentation because that is one of the new funds that was done. Again, it's a really good thing that the community is coming together under all of these funds to help support everyone.

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

Commissioners' Conference
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini, Chief Clerk Orben.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Master Software License and Services Agreement between Knowink and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Election Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Alison Otto, PsyD and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Task Order No. 21-02 between McGoey Hauser & Edsall and the County of Pike, relating to Lake Paupack Bridge Priority Items.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Task Order No. 21-03 between McGoey Hauser & Edsall and the County of Pike, relating to the Sheen House Front Steps replacement.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Provider Agreement and necessary documents relating to the reimbursement of the salary of Cassandra Kimberlin-Teller (Finance Office).

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the Revize Web Services Sales Agreement to redesign the County's web site.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

Commissioners' Conference
Tuesday, March 23, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini, Chief Clerk Orben.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise for bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the PCCD Grant-in-Aid Application for FY2020/21 for \$50,640, on behalf of the Adult Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chief Clerk to execute the Consignment Auction Agreement between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Group Benefit Plans between Highmark and the County of Pike for PPO, Traditional Indemnity, 65+ Medicare Supplemental and PPO Correctional Officers.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

Commissioners' Conference
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini, Chief Clerk Orben.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Notice Letter approving T-Mobile to update their equipment on the tower located at 138 Pike County Boulevard, Blooming Grove.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the PA State Offender Supervision Fund Agreement FY 2020-21, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Maximus Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan on behalf of Domestic Relations.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Alternative Living Solutions and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Pike County Senior Rental Assistance Contract #36, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the Phare Grant Payment Vouchers totaling \$15,104.09 for the April subsidy for the Senior Bridge, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Court Interpreter Services Grant Application for Language Access Reimbursable Costs, on behalf of the Courts.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment of County bills from the **GENERAL FUND in the amount of \$1,483,402.68.**

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as a Correctional Officer for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week effective March 25, 2021, with benefits after 90 days: **ROBERT PARDUE and WILLIAM GRENNON.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **TIMOTHY AVILES** as a Correctional Officer for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week effective April 1, 2021, with benefits after 90 days.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to change the status of **JOHN JANOSIK's** employment from part-time to full-time, for a 40 hour work week, as a Van Driver for the Transportation Office, effective March 22, 2021 with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

**Commissioners' Conference
Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini, Chief Clerk Orben.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from the following:

GENERAL FUND (County Bills).....\$154,236.05
ACT 8 (ESRI-GIS Mntce.).....\$14,195.62
ACT 13 (McGoey Hauser & Edsall-Bridge Repair-Dec.).....\$15,890.00
ACT 89 (McGoey Hauser & Edsall-Bridge Repair-Dec.).....\$3,064.00
PC EMPLOYEES HEALTH INS. FUND\$77,280.86
DEBT SERVICE FUND (TD Bank).....\$180,748.06
SRCF DEBT SERVICE FUND (TD Bank).....\$37,020.69

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to open bids for 8 Transportation vehicles.

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

The following bids were opened:

Vehicle #	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Jersey One	Cavalone	Strouse	Helms
22	2009	Ford	E350 Bus	198,876		500		
23	2009	Ford	E350 Bus	172,142	271	500		
32	2011	Ford	E350 Bus	100,626	232	500		
33	2011	Dodge	Grand Caravan	206,807	333		2,012	
34	2012	Ford	E350 Bus	37,105		2500		500
35	2012	Ford	E350 Bus	43,486		2500		700
39	2012	Dodge	Grand Caravan	218,540	311	500	3,512	
45	2013	Ford	E350 Super Cargo Van	200,543	556	1500		

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to award the bids to the highest bidders for the 8 Transportation vehicles listed above, AS IS.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise for bids for additional Transportation vehicles, AS IS.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Senior Rental Assistance Contract #51, on behalf of the Human Services Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Delaware Run for April 2021 in the amount of \$1,703, on behalf of the Human Services Office.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from District Attorney Ray Tonkin advising that he has hired **HELANA GORSKI** as a Special Victim Advocate in the District Attorney's Office, for a 37 1/2 hour work week, effective April 5, 2021, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

Commissioners' conference was adjourned.