

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

The first regular meeting of January 2019 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Schmalzle at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg (via telephone), Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Special Meeting with regard to finance \$4.2 million for capital improvements for the Blooming Grove and Milford Complexes.

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Ronald Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg to adjourn the special meeting
Vote: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to amend today's agenda by adding the adoption of Ordinance #29.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Ordinance #29 by roll call vote.

VOTE: Commissioner Guccini voted 'aye'; Commissioner Schmalzle voted 'aye'; Commissioner Osterberg voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, 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 Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the January 16, 2019 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the December 19, 2018, January 7 (Reorg) and (Special), 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the December 27, 2018 and January 3 and 9, 2019 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$412,268.75**, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS (Lattimore-plowing/sanding; Westfall-traffic light)**, in the amount of **\$2,023.00**.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve exonerations of 40 properties that were sold of the County Repository, as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Courts advising that they have hired **SUSAN SHEARE** as a Tip Staff/Fill-In Court Crier for the Courts, effective February 1, 2019, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Kerry Welsh advising that he has hired **STEVEN JONES** as a full time Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective January 28, 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 Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from District Attorney Ray Tonkin advising that he has hired **NINA BREUER**, as a temporary part time Intern for the District Attorney's Office, for no more than 20 hours per week, effective January 7, 2019, with no benefits. This is a temporary position.

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

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

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Bernard Foods - \$12,380.80; Benjamin Foods - \$165,214.40; and Sysco - \$112,838.11

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility for review until February 6, 2019.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint Carl Martin to the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a three year term ending 12/31/21.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification of County Funds for the 2019 Program Year for the PA Department of Agriculture, as recommended by the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Acceptance of Proposal from LaBella for the asbestos inspections on the Administration Building and Courthouse Building roof.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Inspection Agreement between Fire Facilities Inc. and the County of Pike, for the Pike County Training Center Site.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Dispatch Map and CAD Interface and Maintainer Solution between the County of Pike and TeleCommunication Systems/Comtech, on behalf of the Communications Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreement between Northeast Medical Equip and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging, for a property located in Dingmans Ferry.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Act 148 FY 2018-19 1st Quarter Certification Statement for Children & Youth Social Service Programs.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreements between the following providers and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services: CDI BTM Technology Services and Pathways Adolescent Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Certification Statement for the period 4/1/2018 to 6/30/2018, on behalf of the Transportation Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Penn State Extension – January 15-31, 2019 Events.

Penn State Extension – Toss Your Hat in the Ring –Peter Wulfhorst of Penn State Extension explains one of the programs listed in the schedule of events. Every four years is a County Election year and Penn State Extension does a workshop in counties to highlight and provide information on local government. A recent survey taken by a professor for the Center of Pennsylvania found that most local officials run unopposed or there isn't anyone running. Local government is the level of government that people interface most often with- school board members, township supervisors and local councils. We do a program called "Toss Your Hat in the Ring". It is being held on January 28, 2019 at the Blooming Grove Training Center from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. We talk about different components and facets of local government from townships to school districts to the boroughs to positions like tax collector, constable, auditors plus the governing body. The cost is \$25.00 and the flyer has a link to the registration site. Monroe County is also doing one on February 7, 2019 at the Extension Office in Stroudsburg, PA.

Nadeen Manzoni of Pike County Elections will be giving an overview on how to run for office. She will be going over everything from how to circulate a nomination petition, how to get on the ballot, campaign finance, campaign finance reports will be available and so will various forms and petitions. People will have the opportunity to ask questions and at the end current, local, elected officials will be talking about their experience in local office. It is a great workshop for anyone considering running for office. All the materials needed to run for local office will also be available.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Jones of the Dispatch asked why some of the contracts do not need to go out for bid. Commissioner Osterberg responded that the amount is way below the amount of the bid threshold. That is the beginning of the roof projects and that was part of what the funding is for. The bids have already been put out to do the roofs on both buildings and that is the first step in the process.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.