

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

The second regular meeting of March 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 March 20, 2019 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the March 6, 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 March 6, 11 and 13, 2019 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini voted 'aye'. Commissioner Guccini abstained due to his absence on the 11th and 13th. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$783,120.19**, 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 **PC EMPLOYEES HEALTH INS.FUND**, in the amount of **\$230,572.31**.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND (Decals/Badges)**, in the amount of **\$405.00**.

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 Judge Gregory Chelak advising that he has hired **SARAH JOHNSON** as an Intern for the Probation Office, for 240 hours effective May 6 through July 29, 2019, with no benefits. This is a temporary part time position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from District Attorney Ray Tonkin advising that he has added the duties of Forensic Interviewer to **SARA LOEB**'s current Special Victim Advocate position in the District Attorney's Office, effective April 1, 2019.

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: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-05, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Proclamation, which was read by Commissioner Schmalzle.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 19-06, 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 recommend Cynthia DeFebo and Derek Bellinger for appointment to the Board of Directors of the NEPA Alliance for the new fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019.

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

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

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 Change Order No. 4 between Grimm Construction and the County of Pike, for a credit to contract of \$4,288 for subbase material not used, regarding the Correctional Facility Generator and Cooler Building.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Access Services 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 execute the Children & Youth Social Service Programs Certification Statement for the period 10/1/18 through 12/31/18.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Jessica Yoder, Planning Office – Pike Outdoors Magazine.

Jessica Yoder announced we have a new printed Pike Outdoors Guide. The Guide contains new articles, State Lands, new trails, municipal parks and local recreation sites. The Guide will be available at the Visitor Bureaus, Welcome Centers, The Conservation District and Planning Office in Shohola. The Guide was printed with monies from the Pocono Mountain Visitor's Bureau. Our partners that contributed to the data in the Guide include DCNR, the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the National Parks Service. They help make sure the information is accurate and up to date for the public.

- Pike County 23rd Annual Fishing Derby, April 27, 2019.

Commissioner Osterberg announced the Annual Pike County Fishing Derby will take place on April 27, 2019.

- Penn State Extension – April 1-15, 2019 Events.

Angela Smith from Penn State Extension announced that this is Ag-Literacy Week or Agricultural Awareness Literacy Week as well as Pennsylvania's 4-H Week. Ag-Literacy Week is a program sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. They ask agricultural professionals to go out into the community, to early learning and elementary education classrooms, and provide a book and an activity to do to help kids and the community raise awareness about the importance of agriculture. This year's selection is a book entitled "Right This Very Minute". It has an activity that helps the kids tell time and talks about that, at any given moment, somebody out there in the world is farming and producing food that you will eat at your corresponding mealtimes. There will be ten classrooms participating this year in all three Delaware Valley Elementary Schools as well as the early learning centers.

This is also Pennsylvania 4-H Week. We would like to take this week to kick off our search for the New 4-H Program Development Committee. This is going to be replacing the previous "Advisory Committee". We are looking for volunteer Board members who will help to be able to support 4-H at events in the community. To help recruit volunteer adult leaders and help with recognition for adult leaders. We are lacking adult volunteers to help grow and promote these programs. (Flyer distributed)

- Jill Gamboni, Reality Tour.

There will be a Reality Tour coming up on Thursday, April 11th and Thursday, May 16th from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM at Milford Bible Church. This is a drug prevention program for kids 10 and older to attend with their parent(s)-that is required. We do this 4 times a year and, thanks to the Commissioners, the Pike County Coroner and Dave and Maryanne Ruby, we are able to pull it off again. Thank you all for doing it again.

- Nadeen Manzoni, Elections.

Nadeen Manzoni announced that the new voting systems were delivered last week. Acceptance testing was performed which involved opening and unpacking equipment, making sure there was no damage during shipping, testing multiple times each piece of equipment with test ballots and making sure everything was in working order before we accepted the delivery. We are now able to do some demos scheduled. We also have a system set up in the Elections Office in the Pike County Administration Building so anyone can come down and get a hands-on interactive demonstration on the new machines. Our County sponsored schedule of events will be April 3, 2019 at the travelling Commissioners' Meeting at Top of the World Restaurant in Lehman Township. April 18, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Pike County Training Center (open to the public). April 24, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Pike County Administration Building. We have reached out to the two political parties in the County and will be doing demonstrations on March 28, 2019 with the Pike County Democratic Committee and on April 4, 2019 with the Pike County Republican Committee. Commissioner Osterberg has some speaking engagements that he has been invited to at the St. Vincent's Senior Club (April 4, 2019 at 1:00 PM) in Dingmans Ferry and I will be joining him with the new equipment. Also, at the Hemlock Farms Men's Club (April 9, 2019 at 1:00 PM) I will be joining him to demo the equipment as well. We've had some outreach, other community organizations and, if we can fit it into the schedule, we will try to get out to as many demos as we can. We have sent an e-mail to the poll workers, candidates (anyone running for office), and to the County employees, inviting everyone down to the Elections Office to check out the new equipment. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback. It is very simple to use. The paper trail in the current political climate and having that paper ballot really makes people feel confident and secure in the integrity of the elections.

Commissioner Osterberg announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Pike County Commissioners will take place on April 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Top of the World Restaurant and that a new Senior Center has opened at that location in the Saw Creek Development. It has all been arranged for us to have the meeting down there. We thought it was important to go there also for Nadeen to bring the machines while the Commissioners are there to demonstrate the new equipment.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public asked Commissioner Osterberg if it would be a long term plan, (changing the location of the Pike County Commissioners' Meetings). Commissioner Osterberg answered that this is only the first one and will have to see how it goes. We don't know yet.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M., AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD RESTAURANT IN BUSHKILL.