

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

The second regular meeting of April 2019 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg at 10:00 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.

PRESENTATION OF \$75,000 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

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 April 17, 2019 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the April 3, 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 April 3, 2019 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 **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$292,558.47**, 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 **OPERATING RESERVE FUND (Jan-Mar Reimb.)**, in the amount of **\$344,765.55**.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **MARGARET UMBRIA** from Case Aide I to Case Aide II for Children & Youth Services effective April 14, 2019.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **HEATHYR ISHMAN** from Clerk Typist I to Clerk Typist II for Children & Youth Services effective April 14, 2019.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **SHANNON POORE** as a full time temporary Legal Secretary for the Public Defender's Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective April 11, 2019, with not benefits. This is a temporary replacement until a permanent replacement is hired.

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 the Alterations to Existing Building at 102 John Street Project.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Grimm Construction - \$163,713 and Zitone - \$149,900.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, tabled the bids received for the Alterations to Existing Building at 102 John Street Project for review by the Solicitor and Engineer for award the week of April 22nd, no later than April 26th.

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. 19-09, Parkinson’s Awareness Month, April 2019, 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. 19-10, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2019, which was read by Commissioner Guccini.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the following Change Orders between Bognet and the County of Pike, relating to the Courthouse addition:

No. PC01	Additional work to fire protection system	\$8,673.58 additional
No. PC02	Change invert on 4” storm line	\$1,589.69 additional
No. PC03	Change invert on 6” storm line	\$1,612.13 additional
No. PC04	Additional cleanouts in basement	\$1,595.35 additional
No. PC05	First floor recirculation line changes	\$2,610.69 additional
No. PC06	Replace two gauges in meter room	\$1,504.66 additional
No. PC07	Second floor recirculation line changes	\$2,772.63 additional
No. PC08	Additional roof drain	\$5,346.94 additional
No. PC09	Relocation of waterline in old Courthouse	\$3,732.85 additional
No. PC10	Additional gas line for relocated generator	\$2,504.46 additional
No. PC11	Relocation of trap primers	\$1,690.70 additional
No. PC12	New split system condensate lines	\$6,034.57 additional
No. PC13	Recirculation pump installation	\$1,248.41 additional
No. PC14	Credit for four gas valves; cost to retest sprinkler connection; cost to provide additional condensate lines; cost for floor drain in secure toilet; cost for additional piping to change secure toilet	No additional cost

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the following Marcellus Mini Grant awards as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board: \$25,000 to Palmyra Township for the Tennis Court Resurfacing Project; \$25,000 to Dingman Township for the Park Pavilion Project; and \$23,282 to Milford Borough for the Barkley Park Renovation Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to amend the SRCP Grant Agreements with Delaware Highlands Conservancy for extension of time to October 4, 2019 for the following projects: Northeast Extension – Lehman Lake Donated Easement, Northeast Extension – Maskenozha Donated Easement, and Northeast Extension – Minks Pond Donated Easement, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge correspondence from Delaware Highlands Conservancy advising that they must decline the grant award of \$400,000 for the Saw Creek Conservation Easement, and to accept their decision without prejudice, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Penn State Extension – April 15-30, 2019 Events. Commissioner Osterberg circulated a packet. Penn State Extension is looking for adult volunteers to lead the 4-H Youth Groups. Please contact Angela Smith at Penn State Extension (570) 296-3400.
- League of Women Voters/Penn State Extension – Program on Municipal Government Involvement. Liz Forest, President of the League of Women Voters of Pike County announced that we have a lack of volunteers for Township/Borough Committees. We feel people aren’t stepping forward and it is that people don’t even know that these Boards exist or how important they are. We want to ask Penn State Extension to partner with us to present a program which would educate people on what these Boards do and how you can get involved in the Township without running for office. We hope you come out on May 6, 2019 at the Pike County Training Center at 7:00 PM, open to the public. Peter Wulhurst will be presenting for us and he will tell us about the program. Peter Wulhurst explained that the program is really to educate people about the different opportunities to volunteer and to go over some of the things that are in the different County Codes, Rural Codes and Planning Codes and what the responsibilities of individuals that want to serve on these Boards. Liz Forest added that there is another concern that most people have. Some people have never had that tradition of civic duty/activity because they are new to it. I would love to see us get people of Pike County to come out and be a part of Pike County.

- Jill Gamboni – Reality Tour. Jill Gamboni announced that the Reality Tour will be on May 16, 2019. We had to cancel the one scheduled for April due to lack of registration. This is a drug prevention program run by the Pike County Alliance for Prevention Programs. It is a series of 6 scenes: a peer pressure scene, an arrest scene; a jail scene, an overdose scene, an emergency room scene and, finally, a funeral scene. It is all done at the Milford Bible Church from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. This is a licensed program and an evidence based program. It is for children to attend with their parents-they must attend with a parent. We can't accept any children under 10 years old. Unfortunately, we have a lot of requests for 8 and 9 year olds to attend. That is the rule. Flyers distributed and a suggested \$5.00 donation request. Question: Is this targeted to young children or is for teens and young adults? Answer: The Pike County Alliance for Prevention Programs (PCAP) targets 5th, 6th and 7th grades. What I'm seeing now, because we've been doing this for 12 years, is that the 5th grader that came in is now coming in at 12th grade - their parent wants them to see it again. Anyone is welcome-you don't have to bring a child.
- Nadeen Manzoni – Election Machines. Video presentation on how to operate the new voting machine systems was uploaded to the Pike County website, www.pikepa.org. We are making every effort that we can to try to get the word out about the new voting systems. We have a demonstration on Thursday, April 18th at the Blooming Grove Training Center from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. We also have another demonstration in the Commissioners' Meeting Room next Wednesday night (April 24th) at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Sample ballots are ready so you can see what's on the ballot, who you will be voting for and what the ballots will look like because we will be using paper ballots with the new system. Question: What is the benefit of using the new machine? Answer: The benefit of the new machines is that we have a paper ballot now. A voter verified paper ballot where we can audit our results if there is a recount in order we can actually recount the ballots. Auditing the results after every election will be part of our regular Election Administration practices. Question: Is the video available now? Answer: It will be on www.youtube.com and www.pikepa.org by this afternoon.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Question: The Boards are appointed positions, but there are a lot of elected positions, including the Commissioners, how can you expect people to get into the fray of volunteering for these Boards, which are very political, when all the County Row Officers, Commissioners and every office is completely uncontested, including the State Legislature? Where is this well spring of volunteerism when there is no example of it out there in elected offices? - Chris Jones, Pike County Dispatch

Answer: Commissioner Osterberg answered that is why they are having the seminar and doesn't know why people don't volunteer.

Question: When people are looking at this extreme politicized State which is exemplified by the fact that nobody wants to get in to run to contest these offices – why is that? – Chris Jones, Pike County Dispatch

Answer: Commissioner Osterberg responded that some of this might be more than politicized. What is going on in Milford Township is just a controversial issue right? I don't know if it is politicized, but it is controversial. Some people don't want to get involved in controversial issues. Peter Wulfhurst has put on seminars for getting people to come out to run for public office in January. We are trying our best. The seminar he is going to run now is a good steppingstone for that. Liz Forest added that one of the reasons it has been politicized is ignorance will allow you to politicize anything. For the longest time, there really was a closed company of people that were allowed to be on Boards, I have seen it happen. One of the thing that happens is, eventually, you get vacancies you can't fill because that pool of people has been exhausted. If we can get people interested in getting on these Boards and just applying to get on the Boards, most people don't even know how to go about asking.

Question: What about the elected offices? You can't say people don't know how to become candidates for these offices, but this year, including your party, no one has stepped up for these political offices – Chris Jones, Pike County Dispatch

Answer: Liz Forest answered that is not necessarily true. By the way, The League of Women Voters is non-partisan. There is for Prothonotary and there is for Auditors. This is the point - people don't even know where to go to find that information out. It's on the ballots.

Question: What about the Coroner, the District Attorney and all the way down? Chris Jones, Pike County Dispatch

Answer: Liz Forest responded-here's the thing, you will have people say "we don't have people running on Township level". One of the things we are trying to do is open this up so the people know that there are opportunities for people to get involved. I agree with you - it is not enough. Commissioner Guccini added that tomorrow is the 244th Anniversary of the start of the American Revolution. I don't know why people don't go and volunteer. I don't know why we don't have enough volunteers for ambulances and fire departments like we used to have. It is true, what you're saying is accurate and people need to step up. Running office is hard. Being appointed is a little easier. Commissioner Osterberg stated that he doesn't think we should think people are not stepping up. In this County a majority of people live in private lake communities. All of those private lake communities have Boards of their own and subcommittee Boards and all of those have to be filled by volunteers and they're having problems. In other communities and other Counties, where there are less private communities, there is probably more people available to get on Municipal Boards.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.