

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The first regular meeting of June 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.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the June 2, 2021 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the May 19, 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 May 25 and 27, 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 **\$3,200,825.13**, subject to further review.

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 Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **GERALD HOPF** as a full time Maintenance Staff Member at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective June 1, 2021, 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 Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **CARLOS MEDERO** as a full time Correctional Officer for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective June 1, 2021, with benefits after 90 days.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **KENNETH KRESGE** as a part time Dispatcher for the Communication Center, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective June 1, 2021, 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 Schmalzle, to change the Forensic Interviewer/MDIT Coordinator position to Assistant County Detective/MDIT Coordinator in the District Attorney's Office, effective June 7, 2021.

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 promoted **MOLLY CARSON** to Assistant County Detective/MDIT Coordinator in the District Attorney's Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week effective June 7, 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 Kimbles Road Bridge Repairs Project to Fabcor, Inc. for the amount of \$537,350.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award the bids for frozen foods and groceries for the Correctional Facility as follows: Mivila Foods - \$76,346.60; Sysco Foods - \$25,115.08; Bernard Food Industries - \$12,500.64; and Driscoll Foods - \$126,873.61.

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. 21-16, Parkinson's Awareness Month, June 2021.

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

Resolution No. 21-16 read by Commissioner Schmalzle.

Commissioner Osterberg introduced Marcia Guberman and Rolland Grote to speak about an event that is planned for June - the yearly Fox Trot. Rolland Grote said Marcia and the Guberman family have done a fabulous job of running this for five years. As you are probably well aware, last year because of the pandemic, we didn't have it, so this year we are going to do something to really attract people. I got the idea when I heard the "Power of Love" by Huey Lewis and The News. I said "that's it, the Power of Love is Back to the Future, when Parkinson's didn't exist anymore". I got the foundation to approve the concept and contacted the DeLorean Club and they're going to have 4 or 5 DeLoreans there and it's going to be a lot of fun. It's June 19th, registration is at 8:30 AM and the run starts at 9:00 AM at Ann Street Park – Fathers' Day weekend (Milford, PA) and it's going to be a great event. We tried to get Michael Fox out here and we couldn't do it. We'll have to do it without Michael.

Commissioner Osterberg added you can register on-line and paper registrations are here. I know that other years you've raised tremendous amounts of money, what's the goal this year? Rolland responded \$70K. Marcia Guberman said the first five years we raised and donated \$200K with the support of people from Pike, Wayne and the surrounding counties. It's very encouraging. Commissioner Osterberg said I think what we found out during COVID is that people are very generous. More generous than we realize, there are a lot of people out there suffering through all sorts of peril during COVID. I think you'll probably reach it. Rolland closed with saying Marcia was instrumental in forming a 501(c)(3) – Parkinson's Project and that way we don't have to give all the money to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, we're going to keep some of it for awareness and education and exercise programs around here. Commissioner Osterberg stated that whatever we can assist you with, we're here to help you. Thank you.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 21-17, Pike County DCED-CDBG Program 2020 Modification.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 21-18, Authorizing Robert Ruiz to sign COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program Subgrant Agreements.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint Jeanne Marie Passaro to the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023.

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 the proposal from Underwater Consultants International for the Inoperable Sluice Gate Inspection at Wilson Creek Lake Dam.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute Amendment #1 to the SRCP Marcellus Mini-Grant Agreement for the Palmyra Gorge Trail Development Project between Palmyra Township and the County of Pike, to extend the agreement to January 31, 2022, 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 approve the following for the Pike County Small Business Forgivable Loan Program, on behalf of the Human Services Office: Guided Tours Camp Lee Mar - \$35,000 and Delaware Tire & Auto Center - \$35,000.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the following COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP) award recommendations, on behalf of the Human Services Office:

Promised Land Inn Bar Restaurant Inc.	\$45,000
Fauchere Hospitality Inc.	\$50,000
Settlers Hospitality Group, LLC d/b/a Silver Birches Resort	\$50,000
Santram, Inc. d/b/a Scottish Inns	\$50,000
Jay Haran, Inc. d/b/a Rodeway Inn	\$20,000
New Ranchodji, Inc. d/b/a Milford Motel	\$20,000
Old Mill Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Apple Valley Restaurant	\$50,000
Woodloch Spa Resort LP	\$50,000
Gresham’s Chop House Inc.	\$50,000
Overboards LLC	\$50,000
Red Brick Tavern LTD d/b/a Dimmick Inn	\$45,000
Rohman’s Pub Inc.	\$50,000
Jokem Inc. d/b/a Mel’s	\$45,000
Myer Motel Inc.	\$45,000
Total Grant Awards:	\$620,000

Commissioner Osterberg stated that these are the funds that were given to the County by the State back in December, somewhere around there. The process is a little long, but sometime in December the State allocated money to be distributed to restaurants and tourism-based businesses in the County. The process is complete and we’re happy to support these businesses with these funds. Commissioner Guccini added that, as in the previous awards we have made with some other COVID funding, we hired consultants to assist our Human Services Office to look at all of the grant applications and make recommendations on the awards. Commissioner Osterberg said it was done by Sara Hailstone & Associates in coordination with our Human Services Department.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Citizen Participation Plan in Accordance with the HUD Guidelines for the Community Development Block Grant Program, on behalf of the Human Services Office.

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 the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Delaware Run for Senior Housing Subsidy for June 2021 for \$1,652, on behalf of the Human Services Office.

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 the Agreement between Lexis Nexis and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility as recommended by the Prison Board.

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 the County of Chester and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Penn State Extension – Calendar of Events – June 1-15, 2021.

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press: None

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, JUNE 16, 2021, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.