

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

The second regular meeting of July 2020 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; and 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 July 15, 2020 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the July 1, 2020 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 July 6 and 9, 2020 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 **\$5,690,964.07**, subject to further review.

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 execute the Engagement Letter between Zelenkofske Axelrod and the County of Pike for audit services for the year ended December 31, 2019.

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 PA Department of State County Application for GEMS (Grants for Election Modernization and Security) Program Funds, on behalf of the Election Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the 3rd Quarter FY 19-20 Act 148 Certification Statement for Pike County Children & Youth Social Service Programs.

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 Lease Agreement between Atlantic Tomorrows Office and the County of Pike, for a copier for 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 FY 2020-2021 Provider Agreements between the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services and the following providers: Adelphoi Village, Forensic Counseling Assoc., Perseus House, Access Services, CAC of NEPA, Child & Family Focus, Children’s Home of Easton, Clear Vision Residential, Community Solutions, Edison Court, Families United Network, George Junior, Heart and Wings Home, Judith Munoz, Justice Works, YouthCare, KidsPeace, Manos House, Merekey PA, MidAtlantic Youth Services, New Way Youth Services, PATH, Pathways Adolescent City, Pentz Run Youth Services, Torrace Cove Prep, Vallerie & Counseling, Valley Youth House and VisionQuest.

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 from Act 137 for a lien filed payable to the Recorder of Deeds Office in the amount of \$58.75, on behalf of the Human Development 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 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Lien, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Press Release – Policy for Public Gatherings on Property Owned by the County of Pike
Commissioner Osterberg announced that due to the recent requests to hold gatherings on the front lawns of County property we felt it important that we put out a policy. There is no payment or insurance required, it just requires you to register with us. There is a permit to be filled out and brought to the Commissioners' Office, 506 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337 so that we can be aware of it. There is also something in there about the Jail property. Commissioner Guccini added that public buildings and property people have a right to assemble and organize. No one is trying to abridge that – we are just trying to stay informed about these gatherings. It's an opportunity for us to know what's happening on County properties. Policy was read aloud.
- Press Release – COVID-19 CDBG Funds – Commissioner Osterberg informed the attendees that the County has received a little over \$5M that can be allocated toward different purchases. We are urging people to go to: www.pikeforward.com and it helps you through the application process and contact phone numbers. We want people to apply for these monies for purposes to help cover expenses that people have incurred because of COVID-19. Commissioner Schmalzle added that we are one of the first Counties to roll out something like this – an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to receive some relief and have a portal to get relief. We urge you to go to the site and fill out an application and, hopefully, help your business. Commissioner Guccini added that this is one pot of money that is really in control of the Commissioners, but there are lots of other pots of money out there. In addition to filling out an application for this, they can help you navigate through the application process system.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.