

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Approve September 1, 2021 Agenda.
2. Approve August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve August 23 and 26, 2021 Conference Minutes.
4. Approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**.....\$172,745.51
5. Approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS (Westfall Township-Welcome Center)**\$1,400.00

PERSONNEL

1. Motion to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as full time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 2, 2021, with benefits after 90 days: **JOSEPH COSOLARO and ROBERT DEFREESE.**

2. Motion to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has promoted, with Prison Board approval, **GEORGE KUMBURIS**, from Sergeant to Lieutenant for the Correctional Facility, effective August 29, 2021. This is a replacement position.

Motion to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

SALARY BOARD

1. Motion to approve the August 18 and 23 and 22, 2021 Salary Board Minutes.
2. Motion to set the pay of the following individuals at \$24.00 per hour, as full time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 2, 2021, with benefits after 90 days: **JOSEPH COSOLARO and ROBERT DEFREESE.**
3. Motion to increase the pay of **GEORGE KUMBURIS**, to \$80,764, due to his promotion from Sergeant to Lieutenant for the Correctional Facility, effective August 29, 2021. This is a replacement position.
4. Motion to increase the pay of **AMANDA WALKER**, Dispatcher at the Communications Center, to \$21.26 due to the satisfactory completion of training, effective August 31, 2021.
5. Motion to adjourn Salary Board.

Motion to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to open bids received the Pike County Courthouse Sally Port Parking Pad and Sidewalks Project.

NEW BUSINESS

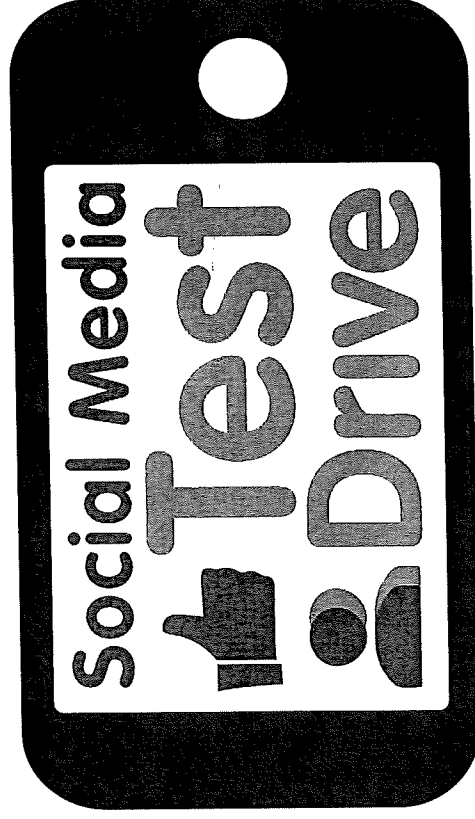
1. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-31, 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001.
2. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-30, Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month, September 2021.
3. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-28, Resolution Authorizing an Application by Pike County, PA to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program.
4. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-29, Resolution Submitting a Request for Modification of Community Development Block Grant Funding for FFY 2020 to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.
5. Motion to appoint Kenneth Coutts, as a representative for Palmyra Township, to the Road Task Force to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/23.
6. Motion to appoint Janice Holleny to the Children & Youth Advisory Board for a term ending 12/31/2021.
7. Motion to advertise for bids for or the 2021-22 winter snowplowing and ice control for the following roads as one bid: Brooks Road, Old Owego Turnpike from Raymondskill Rd. to Route 6, Stone Quarry Road by Eureka and Tower Road.

8. Motion to execute the Master Agreement and Addendum A-Court Scheduling Agreement between Teleosoft and the County of Pike, relating to the network infrastructure upgrades and the online Court Calendaring System.
9. Motion to execute the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Financial Statement of Funds Expended under Grant-in-Aid for Juvenile Probation Services for FY 2020/21, the Letter of Compensation and the Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office.
10. Motion to execute the PCCD Grant Application for the Child Advocacy Centers – Birth Certificate Funds for \$47,000 on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.
11. Motion to execute the Contract between Smart Choice Communications and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Communications Center for electronic faxing.
12. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Renewal Lease Agreement between Atlantic Tomorrow's Office and the County of Pike, for copiers and fax machines.
13. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Affordable Housing Payment Voucher payable to Family Promise for the salary adjustment for Pike/Family Promise employee in the amount of \$2,469.60.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Cyber Bullying Presentation - Angela Smith, Penn State Extension.
- Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau Presentation – Chris Barrett, Brian Bossuyt and Marlyn Kissner
- PennState Extension Calendar of Events – September 15-30, 2021.

**PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT:
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**



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PennState Extension

Penn State Extension September 15-30, 2021 Events

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Have you seen this insect? It is the Spotted Lanternfly, a very invasive species.

Pike County is now in the quarantine area. If you have spotted this insect, please contact your local Penn State Extension office immediately or call our hotline at 1-888-422-3359 with questions on spotted lanternfly management or to report a sighting.

Learn about the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), and what action you can take to stop the spread of this invasive insect that is threatening the northeastern United States, especially southeastern Pennsylvania from our website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



Photo: Holly Ragaza, Pennsylvania

4-H/YOUTH:

ADULTS: WE NEED YOU!

Pike County 4-H is in desperate need of adult volunteers to lead youth groups! Share what you are passionate about with kids who are interested in learning a new skill or hobby. As a Group Leader, you determine the time you spend in the activity that you choose to do. 4-H will help with supplies and support. Consider volunteering your time to make a difference in a child's life. **4-H is open to youth ages 5-18**, unless otherwise noted. Contact Penn State Extension in Pike County for more information on the 4-H program by calling 570-296-3400 or send an email to the 4-H coordinator, Angela Smith, at axs1397@psu.edu Please like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PikeCountyPa4H/>.

WATER:

Penn State offers **Drinking Water** testing through the Penn State University Lab or through Prosser Labs. Call the office at 570-832-2800 to arrange to pick-up test kits and information. Collect the sample and bring to the office on Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 11am. Test results take one to three weeks or more depending on the test. For more information on Water Quality, visit: <http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/water>, or call us at 570-832-2800.

ONLINE COURSES

Spotted Lanternfly Permit Training for Business: Pennsylvania- Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect that can damage many crops. To stop its spread, Pennsylvania Dept of Ag issued a quarantine for counties where the presence of the pest has been confirmed. **Businesses operating in the quarantine zone must have a permit to move equipment and goods within and out of the zone.** This course is designed to train designated employees how to comply with the quarantine, who will in turn train other employees. Please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training> for more information.

Food Safety Certification Exam Preparation Forum- This course is intended to prepare those who have participated in the Penn State Extension TAP Series Online Food Safety Course, or an in-person ServSafe Class to take the ServSafe Food Manager Certification Exam. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://web.cvent.com/event/1293eebd-188f-4b36-9602-743d45ca056a/summary>.

Understanding Forests: Education for the General Public- Learn practical knowledge and skills about forest trees, wildlife, and water, as well as forest ecology, management, and silviculture. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/understanding-forests-education-for-the-general-public>. There is a \$79.00 fee for this course.

WEBINARS

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease- 9/17/2021 9:30pm Learn to recognize the common signs of Alzheimer's Disease with this informative webinar. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/10-warning-signs-of-alzheimers-disease>. This is a free webinar.

Green Thumb Series: Daffodils- 9/18/2021 8:30pm. Join us for this informative event to learn all about the glorious daffodil from Master Gardener Experts! For more information and to register, please visit <https://extension.psu.edu/green-thumb-series-daffodils>. There is a \$5.00 fee for the webinar.

Fall Into Gardening- 9/18/2021 9:00am.

Learn how to create a natural bird habitat, grow mushrooms at home, and manage the spotted lanternfly! To register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/fall-into-gardening>. There is a \$12.00 fee for this webinar.

Home Food Preservation: Charcuterie Accompaniments- Learn how to make your own jellies, pickled vegetables, and more! For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/cover-crops-for-home-gardeners>. There is a \$5.00 fee for this webinar.

Mental Health First Aid- 9/21/2021 1:00-4:30pm, and 9/22/2021 9:00am-12:00pm. Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance disorders. This training gives you the skills to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance abuse challenge. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/adult-mental-health-first-aid>. There is a \$35.00 fee for this webinar.

Cover Crops for Home Gardeners- 9/23/2021 7:00pm. Join us for this informative event to learn about cover crops that will make your home garden flourish! For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/cover-crops-for-home-gardeners>. There is no fee for this webinar.

Let's Cook at Home: Vegetarian- 9/27/2021 12:00pm. Explore different ways to eat and cook a balanced, vegetarian diet during this cook-along event. For more information or to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/lets-cook-at-home-vegetarian>. There is a \$10.00 fee for this webinar.

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Wednesday, August 18, 2021

The second regular meeting of August 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 (via Zoom), Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Assistant Solicitor Beecher.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda.

Commissioner Schmalzle announced they will change the order of the Agenda moving the Resolutions to this point in the Agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to amend the meeting and move Items 1, 2 and 3 under New Business section to this point.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 21-24, Pike County Conservation District’s 65th Anniversary.

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

Commissioner Schmalzle read Resolution No. 21-24 aloud. Commissioner Schmalzle said one of the first things that he got involved with when he became a Commissioner was being appointed to the Conservation Board as a representative. It is a vibrant group of people. It’s an eclectic group of people that get together once a month and beyond to organize this wonderful organization. Pike County has a special place in this area because we’re the birthplace of Conservation. I think, as a business owner, you can look at these types of organizations in a couple of different ways. We do need to look at them as a partner and an education, and not just their enforcement processes and maybe some fines from time to time. Their mission and goal is always to protect what is the most important part that people come to Pike County for: the natural beauty and protecting that. I would like to personally thank the organization and thank them for having a soft hand. When my business has dealt with them and many of the other businesses that have dealt with them, just in educating us to develop and look forward in a way that conserves what we have.

Commissioner Guccini seconded that – thank you all. It’s a really well run organization. We can see that and there are people who sometimes have difficulty with it, but you’re always willing to look at an issue, talk to people and when you do that at the local level, things get accomplished – thank you. Commissioner Schmalzle added that any good organization that is successful requires good leadership and we have exceptional leadership in Michele (Long) and with a long-term Chairman, Scott Savini.

Director of Pike County Conservation Michele Long was introduced. She thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the Conservation District for 65 years. I’ve been with the Conservation District for 18 years. My predecessors and the Board of Directors have always been very supportive and work closely with the community and our partnering agencies: State, Federal and Local to provide natural resource protection from our community. Since 1956, the district has worked closely with those Local and State Government Agencies, individuals, non-profits and other organizations to protect our extraordinary natural resources here in Pike County. We are glad some of the agency partners are able to join us today. We have some of our Board members today – Scott Savini, our Board Chair, he’s been with the Board for almost as long as I’ve been here. Ken Coutts, one of our Directors and Jim Andre, who is our Associate Director and new to the district. Ron (Commissioner Schmalzle) has always been supportive with the district since he’s been on board and former County Commissioner Rich Caridi as well. We’re very happy that the Commissioners have taken this opportunity to support the district and recognize the work that we do. In June we celebrated our 65th Anniversary at Grey Towers National Historic Site, which was the birthplace of Conservation. We take that responsibility to heart and we move forward to helping our partners. Today we not only reflect on the district’s accomplishments of the past, but look forward to the future as the district is actively engaged in the mission to conserve the natural resources, which make our County unique.

Board Chair Scott Savini thanked the Commissioners for their support over the years – 18 years since I’ve been involved. I will tell you that it is a joy sitting on the Board because of our staff team. They’re the boots on the ground – they’re the ones that make everything happen. It’s not always a popular position, but they’re protecting our natural resources and I’m proud to be able to support them and help them along the way.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 21-25, Overdose Awareness Day, August 31, 2021.

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

Commissioner Schmalzle read Resolution No. 21-25 aloud. Commissioner Guccini continued that there are some members from Pike County Drug & Alcohol Commission here and introduced Shannon Wisniewski. Shannon Wisniewski said, as always, we continue to appreciate the support the Commissioners have given the Drug & Alcohol Commission in addressing this issue. I do have flyers for Overdose Awareness Day. At our office we are going to be holding an event that day (August 31st) from 2PM – 4PM to be able to distribute Narcan as well as education in regard to overdose, not only opiate use disorders, but as well as other substances that we have seen overdose on. We know in this County we continue to see an increase over the last few years, not only in the amount of overdose deaths that we’ve seen, but in the amount of overdose numbers that 911 responders are going out to. In 2021, up to June of this year, we’ve seen 51 overdose calls that ambulances were dispatched to. Those are ones that we know are overdoses, that’s not including the general illness causes, the families aren’t sure of whether or not it’s an overdose, and whether or not it’s purposeful or accidental. I also have flyers for our September event. September is Recovery Month, which will really be focusing on those in the community that have continued to recover and continue to have success in that. I have information that I’ll be able to give you the additional flyers and things like that, we’ll have tons of information on the 31st (August) in our office. We’ll also, in regard to Overdose Awareness Day, have the pinwheels out in front of the Courthouse. Since 2014, we’ve had 100 residents in Pike County that have died from overdoses in the County. We’ll

be able to have those on display starting next Monday, August 23rd through Overdose Awareness Day. Rob Mikulski thanked the Commissioners for their continued support, not just in the treatment area, but also the prevention and intervention areas and our expansion of the School Districts, the community partners and bringing the whole community together to fight this disease. Commissioner Guccini added that this statistic of 100 deaths was brought out at our last meeting, and I was shocked, quite frankly. I don't know why I was, I shouldn't have been, but I was. This is like grappling a monster with seven heads - you try to figure out what the best thing to do is. We try to have some leadership here to the extent we can, the Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission does a really good job. From my perspective, the main thing that the community can do is: a) recognize we have a problem. I think that there is still a little bit of burying your head in the sand and 'this doesn't happen here, it only happens in cities' - not true. Rural communities have been devastated by this across the country; and b) just try to understand that there's all sorts of factors that lead to this, but if we have this stigma issue where we continue to, I don't know, obviously personal responsibility is a big thing here, but there are other factors involved and it takes a whole lot of information and programs to try to right this, in addition to just the individual involved. If we can all remember that, it would be really appreciated -- thank you. Commissioner Osterberg asked if he could just add to that -- in regard to 'we need to remove this stigma'. We all need to understand that these individuals are suffering and we as a community need to do the best we can to recognize their suffering. Sometimes it's hard to give support to these individuals that are struggling but I think we, as a community, need to know compassion and we need to work harder to give that compassion to them. They're struggling, in many cases, with mental illness. There are many things contributing to these addictions and we need to recognize that. We need to, at least, give them a helping hand when they reach out to us. I know sometimes that's difficult, especially when it's within your family and you've tried countless times. The end result is devastating as Shannon just mentioned -- the number of deaths that occur in our County. The one thing we need to recognize is that that does not count the people that pass away outside of the County. If they're transported by an ambulance and die in New York, New Jersey or someplace else, or outside the State I should stay, they are not addressed. There's more than you realize that are suffering from this. I just ask everyone to show compassion, I know Steve works really hard with the Reentry group, which is an important part of this to give people a chance when they come out of the Correctional Facility, but there's also the individuals that don't end up in the Correctional Facility -- they are just out there. All of the programs that Carbon-Monroe-Pike are advocating for, whether it's AA or many others, and we as a County just need to keep on supporting them because each one of them you save is just best for that family. Thank you for what you do up at Carbon-Monroe-Pike and we will continue to support you as long as it takes.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 21-26, Wynooska Club, 100th Anniversary.

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

Commissioner Schmalzle read Resolution No. 21-26 aloud. Commissioner Schmalzle said he had the wonderful opportunity to visit the club and the many interesting characters that formulate the club. It is a gem in Pike County and it's beautiful in every respect. We got a good tour of the dam there and some of the properties and the plans for the future. Again, we commend and recognize you. We have a couple of members here today, Art Hoffman and Mark Erhard.

Mr. Hoffman thanked the Commissioners and other Pike County residents for recognizing us today. It's not easy to do anything for 100 years these days and when you think of all the things that changed in the past 100 years, how do you keep one organization together? It was those 12 men from Scranton, originally, who came out to Pike County and formed the club. It has evolved over the years. We do have members-approximately 25 members with various statuses, honorary members, third generation members, members of families who've been with this organization for countless years. In line with the Conservation District here today, we are good stewards of the land as you've seen yourselves in person. It's something we strive to do. It's actually in our Charter than we can really never be sold or developed, we will always be a hunting, fishing, outdoor organization. We think that's important and in that sense we are very good stewards of the land, as you've witnessed in your visit and thank you for coming out, I guess it was about 2 years ago now. We do have a common interest, we have a flood control dam in the middle of our property and the County and the club have been working very closely together to make sure that that goes forward properly in the future. Again, thank you -- I have another representative from the club here -- he has some pictures of the club from its' start many years ago. Thank you again.

Commissioner Schmalzle added they look forward to celebrating with you sometime in the near future. Commissioner Guccini also thanked them for coming and said he appreciated it. He said he is a lifetime Greentown resident, which is fairly rare these days, so I'm just up the road. I never really was at the club until 1979 or 1980 when I returned to the area from law school. We had a giant ice fishing party on the lake with a bon fire and probably beer and it was interesting because that ice fishing party over the years has now morphed into being inside and nobody fishing and there not being any fish where we have the party. It was good to be out on the lake and drill holes in the lake and ice fish. It was a long, long time ago. Thank you all. Photographs were taken during a pause.

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 August 18, 2021 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the August 4, 2021 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 August 4, 10, 12 and 16, 2021 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 the

GENERAL FUND (County Bills), in the amount of **\$340,933.73**, 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 exonerations as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for two properties located in Greene Township.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to set the annual pay of **RACHEL MARQUES** at \$36,000, as a full time Watershed Specialist 1 for the Conservation District for a 40 hour work week, effective September 7, 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 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 award the bid for fortified flavored beverage bases for the Correctional Facility to Bernard Food Industries for \$8,176.32.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schmalzle said we covered the first 3 items on that list already.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 21-27, Notice of Intent to Participate In, and Approving an Application for a Grant Under the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge Governor Wolf's Proclamation recognizing August 2021 as Child Support Enforcement Awareness Month.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint Cordell Bowman to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/2023.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute Change Order No. 1 between Pioneer Construction and the County of Pike, for a credit of \$48,800 for the Winona Falls Road Over Saw Creek Bridge Parapet Joint Repairs Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Letter of Engagement for the Provisioning of Next-Generation 911 (NG911) Services between the PA Emergency Management Agency and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Communication Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the 4th Quarter FY 2020-21 Act 148 Certification Statement on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the FY 2020-21 Plan and Budget Amendment Certification Statement on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute Purchase of Service Agreements for FY 2021-22 between the following providers and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services: Hoffman Homes, Adelphoi Village, Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families, and Justice Works Youth Care.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreement for Subcontracted Services between Destiny Empowerment and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Program Management Agreement for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) between the PA Department of Agriculture and the County of Pike, 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 Osterberg, to execute the Sub-Grant Agreements for the State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program for 2021-22 between the following food pantries and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Services Office: Holy Trinity, Ecumenical, Blooming Grove, Pike County and Bushkill Outreach Food Pantries.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund 2021 Grant Agreement between the PA Housing Finance Agency and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Services Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Penn State Extension Calendar of Events – September 1-15, 2021.
- Commissioner Meeting/Conference changes effective September 1, 2021 – Commissioner Schmalzle explained that this is from now on – our meetings will be held on the same days, but at 11:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM to give an opportunity to meet the latest guidance handed down from the Sunshine Act.

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press:

Reporter Chris Jones asked about #11, all the Purchase Service Agreements for these different companies, are they like residential treatment places? I'm thinking we now have, over on High Street, the center to integrate the kids and give some treatment and so on. These aren't duplicative of any of that, what are they? Commissioner Guccini responded he doesn't know what each specific ones are, I am familiar with Justice Works. I don't know that these are necessarily residential treatment programs, but they are not related to the Child Advocacy Center. These are just services that are provided to children in care. They may be residential services, they may be in-home services, but I'm not sure I know what each one does at this point. The Child Advocacy Center is a very specific thing for interviews and medical tests and exams for suspected physical abuse. These are general services for any child in care. When I say 'in care', I mean they can be in care under the auspices of the court or they can be in what they call 'General Protective Services' which is just the Agency providing services to a family. These are all contracted services, I'm not aware of anybody who does in-house services anymore in the State.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, 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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

**Commissioners' Conference
Monday, August 23, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the Pike County Internal ARP Request for a vehicle for the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$57,428.38, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the Pike County Internal ARP Request for the Pike County website redesign and CMS platform upgrade in the amount of \$25,000, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Service Contract between Pioneer Pole Buildings, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Training Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the letter to Governor Wolf expressing the opinion that it is contrary to the best interests of Pennsylvania's disabled and older adult populations for the PA Department of Human Services to contract with MAXIMUS to perform assessments for in-home Medicaid services.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

**Commissioners' Conference
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Pike County Internal ARP Request for infrastructure upgrades for the IT Department in the amount of \$623,692.20, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Pike County Internal ARP Request for the Online Court Calendaring System replacement for Court Administration in the amount of \$120,000, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the letter to PCCD in support for the Grant Application for Child Advocacy Centers-Birth Certificate Funding on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the letter to PCCD in support of the MDIT Mini-Grant Application for the Children's Advocacy Center-Dickson House on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from the following:

GENERAL FUND (County Bills) \$348,067.48

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Human Services Payment Vouchers from ERAP funds for \$41,748.47 and \$16,741.60; PHARE funds for \$500.00 and \$3,034.00; and American Recovery Act funds for \$57,428.38, on behalf of the Human Services Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to accept the proposal from TAM Enterprises for \$1,800 for the Correctional Facility Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to accept the proposal from Zitone Construction for \$936.37 for the Creek Road Bridge signs, and trimming and pruning branches.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Certificate of Resolution authorizing Gary R. Orben, Chief Clerk, to execute Lease Agreement documents between Atlantic Tomorrows Office and the County of Pike.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the DCED Municipal Assistance Program-Shared Services and Planning Grant Application for the Pike County Comprehensive Plan Update, on behalf of the Planning Office.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

SALARY BOARD
August 18, 2021

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

NOT PRESENT: Treasurer Gilpin.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to convene Salary Board.

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the August 4 and 10, 2021 Salary Board Minutes.

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to set the annual pay of **RACHEL MARQUES** at \$36,000, as a full time Watershed Specialist 1 for the Conservation District for a 40 hour work week, effective September 7, 2021, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adjourn Salary Board.

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.

SALARY BOARD
August 23, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Guccini, Chief Clerk Orben and Treasurer Gilpin.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to convene Salary Board.

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to increase the pay of the following Probation/DRS managerial staff effective August 30, 2021:

JEFFERY ANGRADI, Chief Probation Officer/Domestic Relations Director - \$107,382
JANINE ACOVENO, Domestic Relations Deputy Director - \$86,782
DANIEL WILSON, Juvenile Probation Deputy Chief - \$80,602
ROBERT WOLFF, Adult Probation Deputy Chief - \$74,422

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adjourn Salary Board.

VOTE: All members voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-31 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes to carry out terrorist attacks against the United States; and

WHEREAS, two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a total of 2,996 individuals lost their lives in the terrorist attacks that occurred on 9/11; and

WHEREAS, in New York City, 2,763 individuals lost their lives after the planes hit the twin towers, this includes 343 fire fighters and paramedics, 23 New York City police officers and 37 Port Authority police officers; and

WHEREAS, in the attack on the Pentagon, 189 individuals lost their lives, this includes 125 military personnel and civilians, as well as the 64 individuals aboard American Airlines Flight 77; and

WHEREAS, on United Airlines Flight 93, passengers and flight attendants courageously fought the hijackers. Their brave actions saved countless lives. The 44 individuals aboard lost their lives when the plan crash landed in Pennsylvania; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on the 20th anniversary of this infamous day in American history, we, the Pike County Commissioners remember all those who lost their lives, recognize and thank the brave first responders who were on the scene at all three locations where the attacks occurred. We also thank local first responders who continue to protect the people of Pike County every day.

Attest:

Gary R. Orben, Chief Clerk
September 1, 2021

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-30 SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 in the state of Pennsylvania, one person died by suicide every four hours, making it the 11th leading cause of death in Pennsylvania and 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-34; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, each member of our community is valued and irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, talking openly about stress and psychological health builds trust, reduces barriers to care, and enables early intervention; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pike County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the month of September 2021 as “Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month” in Pike County.

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Matthew M. Osterberg, Chairman

Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice Chairman

Attest:
Steven R. Guccini, Commissioner

Gary R. Orben, Chief Clerk
September 1, 2021

FREE screening of "My Ascension"

A documentary film raising awareness of mental health and suicide while spreading a message of hope and healing to all.

Tuesday September 30, 2021

6:30-8:30pm

Pike County Training Center
135 Pike County Blvd, Hawley, PA 18428



A suicide attempt left 16-year-old varsity cheerleader, Emma Benoit, paralyzed, but propelled her on a mission to use her painful experience to help others find hope, and shine more light on the fact that **20 young people die every day by suicide in the United States.**

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion about preventing suicides in our community. Panelist will include professionals and community partners.

FREE Event!

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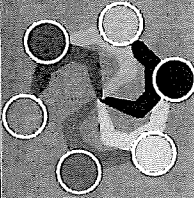
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RESOLUTION NO. 21-28

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY PIKE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Pike County will be undertaking a project to update the Pike County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available grants-in-aid to such projects through the Municipal Assistance Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pike County hereby authorizes submission of an application to the Municipal Assistance Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pike County hereby commits municipal resources in the amount of \$100,000 as match for said project.

Duly presented and adopted by the Pike County Board of Commissioners in a public meeting held this 1st day of September, 2021.

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Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice-Chairman

Steven R. Guccini, Commissioner

Attest:

Gary Orben, Chief Clerk

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO. 21-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY TO
SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT FUNDING FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the need exists within Pike County for financial assistance to homeowners;
and

WHEREAS, Pike County participates in the Community Development Block Grant through
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
Development as an entitlement grantee; and

WHEREAS, Pike County wishes to modify Community Development Block Grant Funding
for federal fiscal year 2020 to address this need; and

WHEREAS, Pike County held one public hearing for public input on comment on August
3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Pike County Board of Commissioners has determined that Mortgage
Assistance meets the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program
by assisting low- to moderate- income residents of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners
of Pike County that:

1. Pike County is hereby authorized to prepare a Community Development Block Grant
modification request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
Development as follows:

- A. Reduction of FFY 2020 funding for Rental Assistance by \$231,246
- B. Allocation of \$231,246 or FFY 2020 funding toward Mortgage Assistance
- 2. That the Board of Commissioners of Pike County directs and designates Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Development, to act in all matters in connection with this application and Pike County's participation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Community Development Block Program; and
- 3. Pike County officials and staff are directed to do any and all acts necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

DULY RESOLVED, this 1st Day of September, 2021, by the Board of Commissioners of Pike County, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY

Matthew M. Osterberg, Chairman

Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice Chairman

Steven R. Guccini, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Gary R. Orben, Chief Clerk
September 1, 2021