

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The second regular meeting of September, 2021 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg at 11:00 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 Thomas 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 September 15, 2021 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the September 1, 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 September 8, 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 **\$1,196,978.33**, 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 the Courts advising that they have hired **MONICA RYAN-SCHATZ** as Tip Staff for the Courts, effective September 13, 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 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 groceries and frozen foods bids for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Driscoll Foods, \$251,645.05; Sysco Foods, \$155,052.29; Mivila, \$216,767.52; Keyco, \$162,721.22; and Bernard Food Industries, \$13,120.12.

Solicitor Farley suggested that they table the bids for one meeting, maybe two.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the award of bid received for the groceries and frozen foods bids for the Correctional Facility until October 6, 2021.

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. 21-32, 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 Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 21-33, National Preparedness Month, September 2021.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 21-34, National Recovery Month, September 2021.

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

Commissioner Osterberg said there are some people here from Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol, and

Commissioner Guccini read Resolution No. 21-34 aloud.

Commissioner Osterberg said Shannon Wisniewski is here, Pike County Outreach Supervisor of Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol, and we'll have her speak to what their doing to recognize recovery month. It is important for us to remember that the County Commissioners always support all of these programs that are so important. Last month on the front of the Courthouse we remembered those who, unfortunately, succumbed to many of these addictions, particularly the opioid addiction. It is just as important that we recognize the people that have found sobriety and have found recovery programs and continue to do that. We need to support them and remove the stigma that revolves around them, whatever that addiction may be. Over the years we've supported Smart Recovery, we supported AA and also the Reentry Program is part of all of these components with this when it comes to Choosing Integrity. All of these individuals need our help to get over this, plus their families and friends. I know you have some things planned for this month and I'll let you (Shannon Wisniewski) speak to that.

Shannon Wisniewski said we planned our Celebration of Recovery event, this Saturday, September 18th at Akenac Park from 10AM-1PM. We have a number of community organizations coming out to support us. The Lion's Club is helping us with the food, we have a number of different providers in the area that are coming. We've had donations. Aging (Area Agency on Aging) will be there, Mental Health & Disability services, the Sheriff's office and Probation. We'll have music and really making it a Celebration of Recovery. A lot of folks put a lot of time and effort into the number of task forces that we sit on as well as the members of our community that support their family members as well as those in recovery in our community. This is really an event to celebrate the day having fun at a sober event. They can come and participate with their family.

Rob Mikulski thanked the Commissioners, as always, for your continued support, not just in the prevention, but also the treatment area and things like that. I can tell you we did our second live drug disposal a month ago at the Elder Justice Day. It was our largest direct take back that we've done so far. I think we had between 12-15 pounds. We actually had on-site destruction and we did have some requests for a drug disposal machine in Pike County again, so we'll be taking that through the area and also doing a lot of distribution of products to make the substances incapable of retrieval and things like that. Shannon added that we will be doing drug take back – the Sheriff's Department will be there to do drug take back on the 18th and we'll also have Narcan available. In regard to the Celebration, it's also making sure that information is out there and we're able to make the community as safe as possible through this. Rob said we'll have our usual table out. I don't know if everyone is aware this year, we're going to do 9th, 8th, 7th and 6th grade with the "Too Good for Drugs Program", which is an evidenced based program. We take a survey and kind of get more of an idea of where those gaps in services are and maybe put a little bit more education in those areas.

Commissioner Guccini thanked them and said we appreciate the things you said about us, but you guys are in the front line. We appreciate everything you guys do – thank you.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Agreement for Subcontracted Services between Pizzarro's Pizzeria 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 Schmalzle, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Pocono Mountain Lake Estates 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 Schmalzle to authorize the Chairman to execute Contract for Professional Services between North Pocono Preschool, Inc. 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 authorize the Chairman to approve the Title VI Program, on behalf of Pike County Transportation.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Human Services Payment Vouchers from ERAP funds for \$66,431.07, 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 approve the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Troy Estus Contracting Service for Housing Rehabilitation for \$5,700.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Penn State Extension Calendar of Events – October 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, OCTOBER 6, 2021, AT 11:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.