

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022, 11:00 A.M.
PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Approve August 24, 2022 Agenda.
 2. Approve August 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes.
 3. Approve August 10 and August 17, 2022 Conference Minutes.
 4. Approve payment from **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)** \$ 280,747.47
 5. Approve payment from **PCEHIF** \$ 90,916.34
 - HealthNow Administrative Services August services \$ 86,005.59
 - Vision Benefits of America September srv. \$ 2,567.75
 - Telemedicine Mngmt. August srv. \$ 2,343.00
 6. Approve payment from **Act 13 Administration** \$ 215.00
 - Pike County Dispatch ad \$ 215.00
 7. Approve payment from **Bridge Repair Account** \$ 26,101.05
 - MHE Engineering Lake Paupack \$397.00
 - MHE Engineering Kimbles Rd. \$3897.47
 - MHE Engineering E Sugar Mtn. \$3862.94
 - MHE Engineering Spring Brook \$9500.00
 - MHE Engineering Spring Brook \$3756.14
 - MHE Engineering Creek Rd \$1705.50
 - MHE Engineering Shohola Falls \$625.00
 - MHE Engineering Toms Creek \$2357.00
 8. Motion to approve the exonerations presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for a property in Palmyra Township with Control: 10-0-00900, due to the trailer on leased land being sold on October 2020.
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PERSONNEL

1. Motion to create the position of Benefits Clerk in the Office of Human Resources, for a 37.5-hour work week. This position comes with benefits after 90 days.
2. Motion to hire **THERESA COLEMAN** as Benefits Clerk in the Office of Human Resources, for a 37.5-hour work week, effective August 29, 2022, with benefits after 90 days, pending drug test results.

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

SALARY BOARD

1. Motion to convene Salary Board.
2. Motion to approve the August 3, 10, and 17 2022 Salary Board minutes.
3. Motion to set the hourly rate of **THERESA COLEMAN** at \$12.00 per hour as Benefits Clerk in the Office of Human Resources, for a 37.5-hour work week, effective August 29, 2022, with benefits after 90 days, pending drug test results.
4. Motion to adjourn the Salary Board.

Motion to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to table the award of bids for the Pike County Jail WWTP Bar Screen Replacement Project to the September 7, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.
2. Motion to execute Change Order No. 1 for the Kimbles Road Bridge Repair Project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt resolution No. 22-28 proclaiming August 31, 2022, as International Overdose Awareness Day.
2. Motion to execute the Child Welfare Information System Data Sharing Agreement October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

3. Motion to authorize the fiscal year 2022 second quarter payments from Pike County Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant funds to the following municipalities: Milford Borough in the amount of \$10,000.00; and Lehman Township in the amount of \$89,182.00
4. Motion to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers on behalf of the Office of Human Services: PHARE in the amount of \$5,187.88; Human Services Development Fund in the amount of \$2,029.25; Homeless Assistance Program in the amount of \$1,550.00; Emergency Rental Assistance Program in the amount of \$67,891.10; Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 in the amount of \$12,648.49; and American Recovery Program in the amount of \$344,721.20.
5. Motion to execute the Resolution of Corporations, Partnerships & LLCs between The Dime Bank and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Treasurer's Office.
6. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Quotation for the Administration Building Railing Repair by Superior Aluminum Products.
7. Motion to approve the Quotation for Interim Courthouse In/Out Readers between Vector Security and the County of Pike, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- PennState Extension September Calendar of Events

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

The first regular meeting of August, 2022 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, Waldron, Chief Clerk Gromalski, Solicitor Farley and Treasurer Gilpin.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda-NONE

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the August 3, 2022 Agenda, as amended.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 20, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 27, 2022 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$326,469.67**, subject to further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **ACT 13 (Transportation Account)**, in the amount of **\$2,190.00**, subject to further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **BRIDGE ACCOUNT (MHE Engineering)**, in the amount of **\$999.32**, subject to further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

SALARY BOARD

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 20 and July 27, 2022 Salary Board Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to set the hourly rate of **MAGALIE PEREZ** at \$33.99 per hour as a Correctional Officer for the Correctional Facility, effective July 25, 2022, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between Pike County and the Pike County Correctional Officers' AFSCME, AF-CIO District Council 87, Article IX, job classification and compensation, due to Officer **PEREZ** having 8+ years prior experience in corrections.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg to adjourn the Salary Board Meeting and reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to open sealed bids for the Pike County Jail WWTP Bar Screen Replacement Project in accordance with the drawings, specifications, and other contract documents prepared by MHE Engineering.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Solicitor Tom Farley said there are 3 bids, one from Pioneer, one from Lindy, and one from TAM Enterprises:

TAM Enterprises Base Bid - \$383,836, Total Bid - \$406,901;

Pioneer - Base Bid - \$256,000, Total Bid- \$309,920; and

Lindy - Base Bid \$392,311, Total Bid - \$414,231.

In response to a meeting attendee's question, Solicitor Farley said he is just reading what the bid is stating, the engineers review it, and we go from there. The bids are in, and we have a bid bond and now it's up to the engineers. I would ask for a motion to table the bids for the engineers to review.

A meeting attendee asked when did the meeting start? Commissioner Osterberg replied 11 o'clock. The attendee asked when the bid was given to them and Solicitor Farley responded he showed up before the meeting started, he provided it to me before the meeting started. The meeting attendee said it seems to me he came in during the meeting, after the Pledge of Allegiance. Solicitor Farley stated he'll accept the bid.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table the bids for the Pike County Jail WWTP Bar Screen Replacement Project until the next public meeting on August 24, 2022.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Solicitor Farley asked the gentleman what time was he here? The attendee responded 11 o'clock. Solicitor Farley announced we received one bid for fruit flavored beverages, Bernard Industries, but it looks like the bidding process wasn't 100% correct, so I would ask that the matter be tabled for further review until our next Conference, okay? Commissioner Osterberg said okay.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table the annual beverage bid for further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reject bids received for the Pike County Jail Complex Well #3 Drilling and Development in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents prepared by MHE Engineering.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to readvertise bids for the Pike County Jail Complex Well #3 Drilling and Development in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents prepared by MHE Engineering.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the contract agreement for Owego Turnpike Repaving and Drainage Project.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the contract agreement for Lake Paupack Road over East Branch Wallenpaupack Creek Priority Maintenance Repairs Project.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 22-25 National Health Centers Week, August 7-13, 2022.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Commissioner Waldron read Resolution No. 22-25 aloud.

Commissioner Osterberg said that earlier representatives from the health centers were here for a photo, and we explained to them how grateful we are to them during the pandemic. They came to our aid, considering Pike is without a hospital. They stood up and they came to our aid. That is why it is so important that we continue to work toward expanding our health care in the County, so we don't run into that issue again. Wayne Hospital has a Tick Borne Diseases clinic, they have a Women's Health Center and Pediatric Center in our County, they have shown great leadership in the community. We are so glad they're here.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 22-26 Establishing the Pike County Women's Commission.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Commissioner Osterberg read Resolution No. 22-26 aloud.

Commissioner Osterberg introduced the next speaker, Crista Caceres, a 17 year resident of Pike County. She thanked Commissioners Osterberg, Waldron, Schmalzle and Chief Clerk Krista Gromalski and Shannon Devuyt for their leadership. The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step and in this case, the journey is a thousand dreams that begins today.

Commissioner Osterberg said I think it is important, I am a history guy, to recognize that Pike County, with women in government, has always been in the forefront and that it started out with Gifford Pinchot's wife, Cornelia. I think I brought this up many times, one of the most interesting and unforgotten notes of Pike County is that Pike County elected the first female District Attorney in 1932. Her name was Stroh Tisdale. That was a remarkable thing – she was only 28 years of age, had graduated from Dickinson Law School and as the city District Attorney at that time, would serve for 32 years. Part of her reason for running was women needed to be more involved and it was also right at the end of Prohibition, and she was a dry. She believed that alcohol needed to be abolished and she was very much against the "rum runners" or "the mob" being located in Pike County with stills in the woods. She was going to see that they were eradicated and brought to justice.

Commissioner Waldron said we appreciate your efforts to bring this to our attention. It shouldn't be necessary, but it is. We really appreciate the way you have advocated for this to happen.

Crista Caceres thanked the Commissioners and said she looks forward to working with them.

Reporter Chris Jones asked what was the District Attorney's name?

Commissioner Osterberg replied her name was Stroh Tisdale. Her first name is Dorothy, Dorothy Stroh Tisdale. Her father was the Mayor of Milford. It's a really interesting story. When I called Dickinson Law School, she was very active in creating women's organizations. You can imagine, in the 1920's – she graduated from high school when she was 16 and graduated from law school when she was 22. She was one of the first ones (females) and she formed a women's sorority.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the proposal for the Landscaping for the Pike Court House between Arnold Landscaping Corp. and the County of Pike.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the quotation between Kinsley Power Systems and the County of Pike, for the Courthouse generator repair.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Monitoring Activity Progress Report CDBG on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers on behalf of the Office of Human Services: State Food Purchase Program in the amount of \$10,875.56; PHARE in the amount of \$2,000.00; Emergency Rental Assistance Program in the amount of \$65,664.43; Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 in the amount of \$41,880.90.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the 2020CV Payment Voucher in the amount of \$6,259.00, payable to The Sunshine Station, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the 2020CV Payment Voucher in the amount of \$7,905.00, payable to Green Trees Early Learning Center, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the Affordable Housing Payment Voucher in the amount of \$3,455.00, payable to Delaware Run Associates.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint **SHAWN HANOMANJIE** to the Pike County Road Task Force fill the unexpired term of Vincent Flatt, ending 12/31/23.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman execute to the Customer Proposal between Kelley Bros and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Domestic Relations Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract between Vector Security and the County of Pike.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Auditors HVAC Install Proposal between L.J. Bogumil Inc. and the County of Pike.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the VIP HVAC Install Proposal between L.J. Bogumil Inc. and the County of Pike.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreement for Subcontracted Services between I Am Home Care, LLC. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Faith, Hope and Charity Foster Care Agency and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Children's Home of Reading and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Michael A. Church, Ph.D. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Contract between Delaware Township and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

At this time a conversation was had concerning Item #20. Commissioner Waldron suggested amending the Motion to execute the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Contract between the County of Pike and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board, to say what it's for. It's not like the County is giving money to itself.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to amend the Motion to execute the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Contract between the County of Pike and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board to reference what that funding is for (Pike County Comprehensive Plan).

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Grant Contract between the County of Pike and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board, for the Pike County Comprehensive Plan.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Elder Justice Day – August 10, 2022
- PennState Extension Calendar of Events – August 15-31, 2022

Commissioner Osterberg announced the next public meeting will be August 24th. There will be a Conference meeting next week. Our normal public meeting like this would be on the 17th, but because of scheduling conflicts with Tony, Ron and I, we moved the public meeting to August 24th. The 17th will be a Conference meeting.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

Reporter Chris Jones asked about well drilling, what kind of drilling is that? A water well? Commissioner Osterberg said yes, we've been working on this for a while. We had an LSA Grant to complete that so we put it out to bid 3 or 4 years ago and they came back at \$500,000 or \$600,000 so we got rid of that. It might have been two years ago. We've reevaluated it and gone back and put it out to bid again. The problem is the bid that we opened here 2 weeks ago wasn't complete. It appeared complete, that's just why we do what we did here today of tabling them. It wasn't complete. When the engineer looked at it, he said this is not a complete bid, so we had to throw that out and now we're starting over again.

Reporter Chris Jones asked about the Bar Screen Replacement Project – is that just something inside? Commissioner Osterberg said it is. It's sewage related to get rid of trash that comes down through the sewer pipes and the one that we have in there, it was installed back in the 1990's, it freezes up in the winter time and I don't need to get into detail, but you can just imagine the mess it creates on our staff. Again, we have an LSA Grant that will pay for this. We're putting it out to bid so that we can get rid of that maintenance issue.

Reporter Chris Jones asked about Landscaping for the Courthouse - will the flags (on the Courthouse lawn) stay? Commissioner Osterberg answered they'll go. That was an organized by the Knights of Columbus to recognize heroes. I have seen that done over in Warwick (New York) and somebody over there has the same thing, but a different organization for Flags for Heroes. It might have been the Rotary over there. Reporter Chris Jones said he went back and looked at the paper and it says the flags will be there through July and they are still there. Chief Clerk Gromalski answered they are coming down either this Saturday or the following week. The need to just get over here and take them down. What are they (the Landscaping for the Courthouse) going to do? Commissioner Osterberg said we have been discussing this with Penn State Master Gardeners. On the other side of the flagpole, closer to the Kenworthy Building, part of that lawn is a reserved area for our septic. We really can't do anything on there. What we can do between the edge of that and pushing on into the Kenworthy property, which is owned by the Lutfy's, there was a design put together by the Master Gardener's Club and an architect, putting raised beds out of fieldstone. We have now gotten the bids for them and we're awarded the bid today. He's going to do some beds there and the Master Gardeners will come in and do some educational gardens. They can't just do gardens; they have to do gardens where they identify all of the plants. It will be educational and then we also have gotten into contact with the Bar Association and the Courts, some of it will be dedicated to some of the past Judges and maybe some of the past lawyers, with some benches around it to make it more welcoming.

Reporter Chris Jones asked if that back corner is where the Judge's office used to be? Commissioner Osterberg replied that's the Kenworthy Building. If you look over there now, you'll see the strings and that's where the gardens are going to be. There's a bunch of 6 or 7 of them that are going to be raised bed gardens. We don't want to dig too far into the soil and we're not going to intrude onto the reserved area, it's going to be along side of it. It'll be very nice. Reporter Chris Jones was shown a layout of the proposed gardens.

Reporter Chris Jones asked what's the 2020 CV Payment (Items 7 and 8 under New Business)? Commissioner Osterberg replied that has to do with childcare payments. Sunshine Station is eligible for children out there that fall into different categories for Human Services. Chief Clerk Gromalski said she can follow up with Chris Jones on that – that's what it's called in the document itself, Child Care Voucher.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022, AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

**Commissioners' Conference Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron, and Chief Clerk Gromalski present via Zoom.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to amend the agenda to include items 18 - 24 under New Business.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from the following: **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**..... \$ 877,003.22

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to recess the Commissioners' Conference to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to reconvene the Commissioners' Conference.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to advertise for bids for the Pike County Courthouse Exterior Repairs Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to advertise for bids for the Tri-Annual Groceries & Frozen Food Bid for the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to advertise for Fruit Flavored Beverage Products for the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Planned Maintenance Agreement between Cummins Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the 911 Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute Amendment 1 to the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Chester and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Needs-Based Plan & Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Families, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Advertising Campaign Agreement between WNEP-TV and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint **LINDA LEYH** to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a 3- year term, ending December 31, 2024.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize Chief Clerk, Krista Gromalski as an authorized signee on the Fees/Misc account.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize Chief Clerk, Krista Gromalski as an authorized signee for Motor Vehicle Lease(s) between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Open-End (Equity) Lease Rate Quote between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute Resolution No. 22-27 of the County of Pike Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Funding to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant in the Amount of, and Not to Exceed \$5,000,000 for Forest Hall Event Center (Milford) Improvement Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers on behalf of the Office of Human Services: PHARE in the amount of \$5,901.79; American Recovery Act in the amount of \$16,000.00; and Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 (ERAP 2.0) in the amount of \$2,889.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Payment Voucher in the amount of \$8,075.00, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

VOTE: Commissioners Schmalzle and Waldron voted 'aye'. Commissioner Osterberg abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher in the amount of \$3,562.50, payable to Hailstone Economic for Quarter Payment for the Pike-Monroe Community Needs Assessment Invoice, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Quotation in the amount of \$1,685.78, payable to TRUDOOR, on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between DARS and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between PA Treatment and Healing and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Guidelight and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint **JOSEPH DOOLEY** to the Pike County Road Task Force as the Milford Borough Alternate for a term ending 12/31/24.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Certificate of Cost Allocation, on behalf of the Domestic Relations Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Borner Lock Proposal between Borner Lock and Safe and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Open-End (Equity) Lease Rate Quote between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Department.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

**Commissioners' Conference Minutes
Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle and Chief Clerk Gromalski; Commissioner Osterberg present via Zoom; and Commissioner Waldron present via phone.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to amend the agenda to include the Retirement Board Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to recess the Commissioners' Conference to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to reconvene the Commissioners' Conference.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve payment from the following: **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**..... \$ 729,254.10

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to hire **GABRIELLA N.**

FOSTER as Probation Officer in the Adult Probation Department for a 40-hour work week, effective September 6, 2022, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from District Attorney Raymond J. Tonkin advising that he has appointed **ALEC COLQUHOUN** as Assistant District Attorney in the District Attorney's Office for a 37.5-hour work week, effective August 22, 2022, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to recess the Commissioners' Conference to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to reconvene the Commissioners' Conference.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Financial Statement of funds expended under Grant-in-aid and The Letter of Compensation for Juvenile Probation Services for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Lien between M. Freeman and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs for the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers on behalf of the Office of Human Services: Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) in the amount of \$21,995.15; Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 (ERAP 2.0) in the amount of \$17,809.11; and PHARE in the amount of \$2,380.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher in the amount of \$58.75, payable to Recorder of Deeds for Housing Rehab. Lien M. Freeman, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Sub-Grant Agreement State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program 2022-2023 between Blooming Grove Food Pantry and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Sub-Grant Agreement State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program 2022-2023 between Bushkill Outreach and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Sub-Grant Agreement State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program 2022-2023 between Ecumenical Food Pantry and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Sub-Grant Agreement State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program 2022-2023 between Pike County Food Pantry and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Sub-Grant Agreement State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program 2022-2023 between Holy Trinity Food Pantry and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the FY2022-2023 OIM-Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) First Quarter Advance Payment for the Period July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC and the County of Pike.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Proposal for Engineering and Land Planning Services between Kiley Associates LLC and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Community Planning.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Agreement between MXI Environmental Services LLC and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Office of Community Planning.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Bill of Sale between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office, for the purchase of a 2018 Chevy Traverse.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Open-end (Equity) Lease Rate Quote for a 2023 Nissan Altima between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between CAC of NEPA and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Child & Family Focus and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between New Way Youth Services and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Merakey Youth Services, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Hoffman Homes and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Change Order for the Pike County Courthouse Sally Port Parking Pad and Sidewalk Project, on behalf of MHE Engineering.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the ICE Office Trane Air Handler Replacement Proposal between L.J. Bogumil and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Right Side Bullpen HVAC Replacement Proposal between L.J. Bogumil and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Request for Quotation for Priority 0 Maintenance Item for Pike County Bridge No. 16 on Creek Road between MHE Engineering, DPC and the County of Pike.

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

Commissioners' Conference was adjourned.

SALARY BOARD
August 3, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron; Chief Gromalski; and Treasurer Gilpin.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to convene Salary Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 20 and July 27, 2022 Salary Board minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to set the hourly rate of **MAGALIE PEREZ** at \$33.99 per hour as Correctional Officer for the Correctional Facility, effective July 25, 2022, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between Pike County and the Pike County Correctional Officers' AFSCME, AFL-CIO District Council 87, Article IX, job classification and compensation, due to Officer Perez having 8+ years prior experience in corrections.

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

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

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

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.

SALARY BOARD
August 10, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron; Chief Clerk Gromalski; and Treasurer Gilpin.

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to set the hourly rate of **BRYCE GIFFORD** at \$26.78 per hour as Correctional Officer for the Correctional Facility, for the completion of one year of service, under the terms of the agreement between Pike County and AFSCME, District Council 87, effective August 16, 2022.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adjourn Salary Board.

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

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.

SALARY BOARD
August 17, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle and Chief Clerk Gromalski; Commissioner Osterberg present via Zoom; and Commissioner Waldron present via phone.

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to set the annual salary of **GABRIELLA N. FOSTER** at \$50,000 per year, as Probation Officer in the Adult Probation Department for a 40-hour work week, effective September 6, 2022, with benefits after 90 days.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to set the annual salary of **ALEC COLQUHOUN** at \$90,000.00 per year as Assistant District Attorney in the District Attorney's Office for 37.5-hour work week, effective August 22, 2022, with benefits after 90 days.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to adjourn Salary Board.

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

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-28 INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY AUGUST 31, 2022

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized globally to raise awareness about the risks of overdosing, honor the individuals whose lives have been lost from overdosing and acknowledge the grief felt by families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day aims to publicly challenge the stigma associated with substance use disorders and overdosing; and

WHEREAS, Thus far we have had 9 deaths resulting from drug overdose in Pike County this year and a total of 17 for 2021; and

WHEREAS, Every person deserves our best efforts to prevent injury and death from overdose, and it is imperative to support overdose prevention policies and projects and to help make sure everyone understands overdose is a social issue, which impacts victims' families, friends, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, The County Commissions of Pike County do hereby proclaim Wednesday August 31, 2022 as OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY

Matthew M. Osterberg, Chairman

Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice Chairman

Attest:

R. Anthony Waldron, Commissioner

Krista Gromalski, Chief Clerk
August 24, 2022



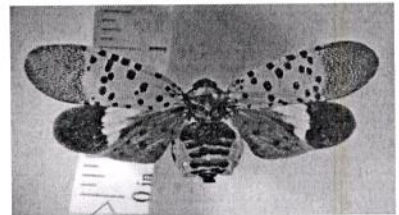
Penn State Extension September 2022 Events

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 call our hotline at 1-888-422-3359 immediately to report a sighting or contact your local Penn State Extension office with questions on spotted lanternfly management.



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 from our website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

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. Call the Extension office at 570-832-2800 to arrange to pick-up test kits and information. 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.

TWILIGHT POND WALK: Thursday, **September 8th 6-8pm** at the Delaware Township Office, 116 Wilson Hill Rd. Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Ponds are a common feature of the landscape of the Poconos and provide a source of enjoyment for many landowners. Although they occur naturally in this area, many have been constructed for a variety of purposes.

Topics include:

- Getting to Know Your Pond Walk & Talk
- Pond Water Testing
- Land Use issues affecting Pond Health

Cost: \$10/person

Registration Deadline - September 7

Credit cards and checks accepted.

Register at: <https://extension.psu.edu/pond-twilight-walk>

For more information contact: Peter Wulfhorst, ptw3@psu.edu, 570-296-3400

FOOD SAFETY:

ServSafe Food Safety Program is for individuals who are serving as managers or are in a supervisory role requiring certification. Upon successful completion, participants will receive the **ServSafe®** Food Protection Manager Certificate. Training meets the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture requirements for the Food Employee Certification Act. Search the website for your closest class location and dates.

<https://extension.psu.edu/servsafe> There is a \$165.00 fee for this course and you must pre-register.

ONLINE COURSES

Growing Raspberries and Blackberries: From Planting to Harvest – This course prepares you to grow berries, from choosing varieties, to planting, to handling pests and diseases. Growing can be rewarding and profitable. Visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/growing-raspberries-and-blackberries-from-planting-to-harvest> more information and to register. There is a \$99.00 fee for this course.

Working with Volunteers - In this online course, learn about strategies in volunteer management, recruitment, retention, and supervision to apply as you work with or manage volunteers. Please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/working-with-volunteers> for more information and to register. There is a \$89.00 fee for this course.

Mediterranean Cuisine Comes to You - Why is everyone is talking about the Mediterranean diet? In this online course, you'll learn what it is, why it's so healthy, and easy ways to adopt this diet. Visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/mediterranean-online> for mor information and to register. There is a \$59.00 fee for this course.

Private Wells and Water Systems Management - This online course will help you identify the proper location, construction, maintenance, testing and treatment of a water well, spring or cistern. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/private-wells-and-water-systems-management>. The fee for this course is \$39.00.

Woodland Stewardship: Management Practices for Landowners - Learn about forest ecosystems, management, and stewardship practices, as well as wildlife, water, tree identification and measurement, and legacy planning. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/woodland-stewardship>. There is a \$99.00 fee for this course.

WEBINARS

Exploring the DASH Diet to Lower Your Blood Pressure- 8/30/2022 (12:00 PM)
Learn about a flexible, delicious, heart-healthy way of eating designed to help lower high blood pressure and so much more! For more information and to register, please visit: <https://extension.psu.edu/exploring-the-dash-diet-to-lower-your-blood-pressure>. There is no fee for this webinar.

Mental Health First Aid – September 7, 2022 (12:45 PM) October 4, 2022 (12:45 PM)
Mental Health awareness is such an important factor in knowing how to help those in crisis find the help and care they need. <https://extension.psu.edu/adult-mental-health-first-aid> There is a \$35.00 fee for this webinar and you must pre-register.

Home Gardening Series: Planting Fall Bulbs for Spring – September 11, 2022 (1:00 PM)
Registration Deadline 09/08/22. Learn how to add bulbs to your garden to support pollinators in early Spring during this virtual event! When done correctly, you can have bulbs in bloom from late February through July. The early bulbs are a great way to support our pollinators when nectar is scarce. <https://extension.psu.edu/home-gardening-series-planting-fall-bulbs-for-spring-webinar> There is a \$5.00 fee for this webinar and you must pre-register.

Scaling up your Food Business: Series Introduction – September 16, 2022 (1:00 PM)
Join us to learn how to successfully scale up your food business. This webinar is the first in a new ongoing series, through which Penn State Extension will tackle various topics important for small food businesses wanting to scale up their operations. <https://extension.psu.edu/scaling-up-your-food-business-series-introduction> There is no fee for this webinar, however you must pre-register.

Dining with Diabetes – October. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2022 (12:00 PM - 1:15 PM)
*Follow-up Class: Jan. 5, 2023 (Registration Deadline 09/30/22). A program for adults with type 2 diabetes or prediabetes and their families. This series will increase your knowledge of healthful food choices and diabetes management. <https://extension.psu.edu/dining-with-diabetes-webinar> There is a \$15.00 fee for this webinar and you must pre-register.

Please visit <https://extension.psu.edu> to search for more topics that may be of interest, or visit <https://extension.psu.edu/aboutme> to sign up to have up-to-date information of your choosing emailed directly to you.