

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

A Reorganization Meeting 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 Waldron, Chief Clerk Gromalski and Solicitor Farley.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve the January 3, 2023 Agenda.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted “aye”. Motion carried.

*Questions and comments concerning today’s agenda were entertained by the public-none.*

**REORGANIZATION**

Commissioner Osterberg called for a motion and second for the following items as listed:

1. Motion to set and advertise the Commissioners’ Meetings for the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 11:00 a.m., with the exception of the month of January 2023 as follows: the first Commissioners’ meeting will be held immediately following the Reorganization Meeting; and the second Commissioners’ meeting will be on Wednesday January 18, 2023.
2. Motion to set and advertise the Commissioners’ Conferences for the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of the month at 11:00 AM.
3. Motion to set and advertise the Retirement Board Meetings for the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM and as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
4. Motion to set and advertise the Salary Board Meetings, as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
5. Motion to set and advertise the Election Board Meetings, as needed, at any regularly scheduled meetings and/or conferences.
6. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-01, appointing The Pike County Dispatch, Tri-County Independent, The Pocono Record, The Times Herald Record, The Pike County Courier and The Law Journal (per statute) as Official Publications of Pike County for the Year 2023.
7. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-02, setting forth depositories of county funds for the year 2023; namely, Honesdale National Bank, Dime Bank, NBT Bank, Wells Fargo, Wayne Bank and PNC Bank.
8. Motion to execute the contract between Thomas Farley, Esquire, and the County of Pike, for services as Pike County Solicitor for a 1-year term.
9. Motion to execute the contract between Stacey Beecher, Esquire, and the County of Pike, for services as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for a 1-year term.
10. Motion to execute the contract between Eric L. Hamill, Esquire, and the County of Pike, for services as Conflict Counsel for the Public Defender’s Office, for a 1-year term.
11. Motion to appoint Thomas Mincer, Esquire and Justin Pfaff, Esquire, as Assistant Public Defenders for a 1-year term.
12. Motion to appoint Jason Ohliger, Esquire, as Pike County Assistant Solicitor for a 1-year term.
13. Motion to appoint Jason Ohliger, Esquire, as Board of Assessment and Appeals Solicitor for a 1-year term.
14. Motion to appoint Stacey Beecher, Esquire, as Tax Claim Solicitor for a 1-year term.
15. Motion to appoint Stacey Beecher, Esquire, as Area Agency on Aging Solicitor for a 1-year term.
16. Motion to recognize the appointment of the following Row Officers’ Solicitors, on an as-needed basis, for a 1-year term:
  - Steve Guccini – Coroner
  - Douglas Jacobs – Treasurer
  - Ron Bugaj – Auditors, Prothonotary, Sheriff
  - Christopher Kimler – Recorder of Deeds

17. Motion to appoint Michael Lamoreaux of MHE Engineering, as Engineer for the County of Pike for a 1-year term at the proposed rates.
18. Motion to appoint Michael Lamoreaux of MHE Engineering, as Dam Inspector for the County of Pike for a 1-year term at the proposed rates.
19. Motion to reappoint the following individuals to the Pike County Road Task Force for a 3-year term ending 12/31/25:
  - Guy Cook, Tim Morey/Alternate – Blooming Grove Township
  - Bernard (Jay) Knapp, Jr. – Lackawaxen Township
  - Keith Rodriguez – Matamoras Borough
  - Brian McBride – Matamoras Borough
20. Motion to reappoint the following individuals to the Pike County Planning Commission for a 4-year term ending 12/31/26:
  - Dennis Brink – Dingman Township
  - Charles Burnett – Greene Township
  - Thomas Greiner – Matamoras Borough
  - Kevin Stroyan – Milford Township
21. Motion to reappoint Kelly Cumiskey and Justin Genzlinger to the Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District for 4-year terms ending 12/31/26.
22. Motion to change the title of Liana VanTuyt to Tax Administrator for the GIS/Tax Administration Office, effective January 1, 2023.
23. Motion to promote Gina Rios to Tax Claim Director, effective January 1, 2023.
24. Motion to reappoint Commissioner Ronald Schmalzle to the Pike County Conservation District Board for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2023.  
***Any Commissioner can attend any Board Meeting in case of the appointed Commissioners' absence, as a voting member of that Board.***
25. Motion to appoint Christa Caceres as Chair of the Pike County Women's Commission, effective January 1, 2023.
26. Motion to reappoint Carol Comando to the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2025.
27. Motion to reappoint Glenn Strydom to the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2025.
28. Motion to appoint Glenn Strydom Chair of the Pike County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2023.
29. Motion to reappoint the following individuals to the Pike County Economic Development Authority Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2025:
  - Kathy Hummel
  - Mike Spencer
  - Jeff Shook
30. Motion to reappoint the following individuals to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2025.
  - Kathie Joseph
  - Jean Carlstedt
  - Monica McVine
31. Motion to appoint Jane Neufeld as At Large representative on the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for a 3-year term ending 12/31/25.
32. Motion to reappoint Fred Suljic and James Gelatt to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2023.

33. Motion to reappoint the following individuals to the Pike County Children and Youth Advisory Board for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2024:

Tanya Carrelle  
Darlene Rand  
Janice Holleny  
Larissa Kimmel

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle to approve items 1 through 23 above as presented by Commissioner Osterberg.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg to approve item 24 above as presented by Commissioner Osterberg.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle to approve items 25-33 above as presented by Commissioner Osterberg.

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

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

***A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD***

*Motion to reconvene Commissioners' Reorganization Meeting.*

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS - NONE**  
**AJOURNMENT**

**THE FIRST COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OF THE YEAR WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REORGANIZATION MEETING. THERE IS NO PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4.**

**THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 506 BROAD STREET, MILFORD, PA 18337.**