

AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023, 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 January 3, 2023, Agenda.
2. Approve December 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve December 28, 2022, Conference Minutes.
4. Approve payment from **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)** **\$844,596.52**
5. Approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS** **\$1,500.00**
 Westfall Twp Agency Funds TS Welcome Center \$1,500.00
6. Approve payment from **SRCP Program Account** **\$17,640.00**
 Pike County General Fund reimburse exp. \$17,640.00
7. Motion to approve exonerations as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director, for a property in Palmyra Township with Control Number: 10-0-100243.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion to hire **ANGELA WRIGHT** as County Caseworker 2 for Children and Youth Services, for a 40-hour work week, effective January 9, 2023, with benefits after 90 days, pending drug test results. This is a replacement position.

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 December 21, 2022 Salary Board Minutes.
3. Motion to set the annual salary of **ANGELA WRIGHT** at \$41,135 as County Caseworker 2 for Children and Youth Services, for a 40-hour work week, effective January 9, 2023, with benefits after 90 days, pending drug test results.
4. Motion to adjourn the Salary Board.

Motion to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to authorize the fiscal year 2022 fourth quarter payment from Pike County Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant funds to Milford Borough in the amount of \$20,000.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023, AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

SALARY BOARD
December 21, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron; Chief Clerk Gromalski; and Treasurer Gilpin.
NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Schmalzle

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 December 7 and 14, 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 the following individuals at \$24.72 per hour as full-time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective January 9, 2023, with benefits after 90 days: **ZACHARY MURPHY, DAMARI GRIFFITHS, EDDIE TORRES, AND TRAVIS STEFFENS.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to set the hourly rate of **ROBIN BEDNARSKI** at \$16.00 per hour as full-time Administration Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective January 9, 2023, with benefits after 90 days.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to create the position of General Maintenance and Food Service and Sanitation Worker in the Area Agency on Aging for a 15-hour work week, effective January 2, 2023.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to set the hourly rate of **ANTHONY FLOYD** at \$12.00 per hour as General Maintenance and Food Service and Sanitation Worker in the Area Agency on Aging for a 15-hour work week, effective January 2, 2023.

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.



Penn State Extension January 5, 2023 Events

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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.

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.

** The next nearest local in-person training will be in Honesdale, PA. January 25, 2023, (9AM to 4PM) Be sure to register by January 23rd.

GARDENING:

Second Saturday Gardening Series – On Demand Webinars. Visit our website extension.psu.edu and search 'Second Saturday Gardening Series.' You will find very informative classes on Composting, Enjoying Holiday Plants, Nature in Autumn, Winter Sowing, Pollinators, House Plant Propagation, Seed Starting, Pruning.

** *Propagation of Houseplants* will air on January 14, 2023 (10AM to 11:30AM).

Know your Natives Series - On Demand Webinars. Visit our website extension.psu.edu and search 'Know your Natives Series.' Expand garden enthusiasts' knowledge and appreciation of these versatile and valuable plants. The Master Gardeners will cover native plants' many benefits to our home gardens and landscapes. Speakers will focus on pollinator-friendly native plants in this fall series. However, the plants can be used in all native plantings in the garden and landscape. Enjoy classes on Native Seeds, Under Appreciated Plants, Shrubs and more.

Stay Connected with the Master Gardeners! *Home Garden News* has the latest news and information on classes, workshops, publications, videos, and online and in-person events. This monthly newsletter covers topics like vegetable, herb, and fruit production; garden and landscape maintenance practices; pest and disease identification and management; Master Gardener volunteer training; and more! Sign up to receive news, upcoming event details, gardening information, and the monthly e-newsletter. <https://extension.psu.edu/trees-lawns-and-landscaping/home-gardening> By entering

your email, you consent to receive communications from Penn State Extension. [View our privacy policy.](#)

WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning *Via Zoom*, Tue, Jan. 10, 2023, (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET). Conversations with family members about dementia can be challenging and uncomfortable. The fear or lack of awareness that may accompany these conversations can result in delays that have serious consequences for the entire family. Common difficult discussions include going to the doctor, when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans. To help you prepare for these conversations, Penn State Extension partnered with the Alzheimer's Association® to provide: *Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning*. This program will help you talk with your entire family, including the person with signs of dementia, about difficult topics related to Alzheimer's and dementia. <https://web.cvent.com/event/1b5ce1d6-22d9-4ba8-a346-2cde547b564c/summary> There is no fee for this webinar, however you need to register.

Woods in Your Backyard Series *Via Zoom*, (7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ET), Wednesdays Jan. 11, 18, & 25 2023; Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2023; Mar. 1 & 8, 2023. The vast majority of landowners have small woodlots less than 10 acres in size. *Woods in Your Backyard Series* is designed specifically, but not exclusively, for smaller landscapes. Join us to learn how landowners can positively influence the environment by implementing simple stewardship practices. The manual used for this workshop, *The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home*, is a self-directed book. It will guide participants through the process of developing and implementing projects to enhance their land's natural resources. Each participant will receive a full-color, 108-page copy of *The Woods in Your Backyard* manual (a \$29 value). Please do not enter a PO box address for package delivery. <https://web.cvent.com/event/200f85e9-e7f2-4b5f-a094-c8e4b61aa4e8/summary> There is a \$50.00 per person fee for this webinar and you must **pre-register by 01/04/23**.

Exploring the Small Farm Dream *Via Zoom*, (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM ET), Thursdays Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2023. The course, designed by the New England Small Farm Institute and taught by trained facilitators, is designed to help you and your partner decide whether starting a farm business is right for you.

This four-session course includes exploratory discussion, curated research tools, and self-assessment activities provided by the instructors as well as a workbook for hands-on application both during class and at home. Each week we will hear from subject matter experts and community partners, as well as existing farmers. By the end of the series, you will create an action plan that works best for you and will have the tools and contacts to help you get started. <https://extension.psu.edu/exploring-the-small-farm-dream> There is a \$50.00 per person fee for this webinar and you must pre-register by 01/02/23.

Mental Health First Aid *Via Zoom*. Tue., Jan. 10, 2023, (12:45 PM - 4:00 PM ET); Wed., Jan. 11, 2023, (8:45 AM - 12:00 PM ET). An eight-hour skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. It teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. In this course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

Everyone can play an essential role in helping those with mental health or addiction concerns. Participants must complete a two-hour, self-paced, online class before participating in a six-hour, instructor-led virtual or face-to-face training. A certificate will be available online after completion of the course.

Approximately one to two weeks before the first webinar, registrants will receive an email with further instructions on how to complete the participant prework. The course also requires self-completion of Prework and Postwork Assignments. See the Agenda tab for the course timeline and requirements. <https://extension.psu.edu/adult-mental-health-first-aid> There is a \$35.00 per person fee for this webinar and you must pre-register by 12/29/22.

Master Watershed Steward Information Session for Carbon, Monroe, and Pike Counties *Via Zoom*, Wed., Jan. 11, 2023, (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET) Do you have a deep

love of water, wildlife, and woods? Do you enjoy learning about the environment and being outdoors? Is it important to you that we preserve our waterways and natural areas for future generations? Take action! Join the *Master Watershed Steward Information Session for Carbon, Monroe, and Pike Counties* and learn about the MWS program! <https://web.cvent.com/event/32c7f91e-556b-4d64-8dca-31e87cea693c/summary> There is no fee for this webinar, however you need to register.

Choosing the Right Yeast for Your Beer Via Zoom, Thu., Jan. 12, 2023, (3:00 PM - 4:15 PM ET). This webinar will help you brew the best beer possible by educating you about yeast in the context of brewing and how to fully harness the diversity of yeast strains available to commercial and home brewers. Happy Brewing! *The program is funded by a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant ME# C940000781. It is a partnership between: Imperial Yeast, Penn State Extension and Penn State Continuing Education.* <https://web.cvent.com/event/0619d286-841b-4ed7-9554-10c3e692db7c/summary> There is no fee for this webinar, however you need to register.

Building Tourism Using the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Model Via Zoom, Tue., Jan. 17, 2023, (2:00 PM - 3:15 PM ET) As Kentucky's \$9 billion signature industry, the impact of Bourbon ripples throughout the economy, generating more than 22,500 jobs with an annual payroll topping \$1.23 billion. The production and consumption of spirits pour over \$286 million in annual tax revenue for Kentucky state and local governments. Say the word "Kentucky" and "Bourbon Trail®" almost always follows, offering over 1.7 million tours annually. *Building Tourism Using the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Model* will analyze how the Kentucky Bourbon Trail experience has gone from a cult following to a global tourism phenomenon. <https://web.cvent.com/event/36e8ff87-42cc-42bd-a1cf-a11fd9d1374e/summary> There is no fee for this webinar, however you need to register.

Your Money Matters: Setting Money Goals Via Zoom, Wed., Jan. 18, 2023, (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET). Goal setting is a roadmap to success with a higher level of financial security, freedom, and literacy. Without a financial destination or a plan, we often find ourselves on convoluted paths toward meeting our needs, our desires, and our dreams. *Your Money Matters: Setting Money Goals* will help keep you focused when making decisions about how you allocate your money. Clear goals allow us to celebrate accomplishments and the small steps taken toward goal achievement. <https://web.cvent.com/event/2104472a-2225-4e59-8501-ad9613ff1055/summary> There is a \$4.00 per person fee for this webinar and you must pre-register by 01/16/23.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Pike County is 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.



The Spotted Lanternfly lay egg masses from October through December. Egg masses laid on hard surfaces, including trees, stones, patio furniture, etc. The egg masses are covered in a white putty-like substance, which age over time to look like cracked mud. Each mass can hold 30 to 50 eggs and can survive over winter.

Image by Erica Smyers.

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>

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.

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

The second regular meeting of December, 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 and Waldron; Chief Clerk Gromalski; and Solicitor Farley.
Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda – None

Motion to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting. A Retirement Board Meeting was held. Motion to adjourn the Retirement Board Meeting and reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the December 21, 2022, Agenda.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the December 7, 2022, Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the December 14, 2022, Commissioners’ Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$147,662.84**, 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 REPAIR ACCOUNT**, in the amount of **\$5,889.46**, subject to further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden 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 January 9, 2023, with benefits after 90 days:

ZACHARY MURPHY, DAMARI GRIFFITHS, EDDIE TORRES, AND TRAVIS STEFFENS.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **ROBIN BEDNARSKI** as full-time Administration Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective January 9, 2023, with benefits after 90 days.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **ANTHONY FLOYD** as General Maintenance and Food Service and Sanitation Worker in the Area Agency on Aging for a 15-hour work week, effective January 2, 2023.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Motion to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting and to hold a Salary Board Meeting. A salary Board Meeting was held. Motion to adjourn the Salary Board Meeting and to reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to award the bid for Fresh Bread and Baked Goods, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, to Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc in the total annual bid amount of \$95,827.60.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Cummins Planned Maintenance Agreement on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.

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 Subsurface Technologies Remove and Replace Pump/Well/Motor Agreement, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.

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 Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 for the Construction of Rehabilitation of Greene Dreher PA-439 (Kintz Creek Dam), on behalf of the Office of Community Planning.

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 Certification Regarding Lobbying regarding the Construction of Rehabilitation of Greene Dreher PA-439 (Kintz Creek Dam), on behalf of the Office of Community Planning.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the Quote from CDW Government, on behalf of the IT Department.

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 Representation Letter from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC in connection with the audit of financial statements of Pike County's Early Intervention Grant Contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Contract #C000072631 for the grant period July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the Open-End (Equity) Lease Rate Quote between Enterprise Fleet Management and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, for two Ford F-250 vehicles #4 and #7.

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: PHARE in the amount of \$5,168.25; Homeless Assistance Program in the amount of \$2,083.64; and Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 in the amount of \$86,924.60.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the 2020-CV Payment Voucher in the amount of \$3,900.00, payable to The Sunshine Station, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events
- AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment Program- Patricia Vergnetti – Commissioner Osterberg introduced Patricia Vergnetti. Patricia Vergnetti thanked Commissioners Osterberg and Waldron and said she is the Project Director for the AARP Foundation's Senior Community Service Employment Program. We cover twelve Counties including Pike County. I want to make sure that you are aware of the program and what we do and how it might help the residents as well as assistance with community service hours at the County or at Non-Profit Organizations. We are in over 100 offices and in 19 States and Puerto Rico. We are the foundation of AARP and have been offering the senior community service employment program which we say CSEP (acronym) for over 50 years. We are the non-profit end of AARP and serve more than 12K participants in any given year. What we do is take unemployed, income eligible residents of the area being served, 55 years of age and over who are seeking to return to employment. We prepare them for work again and that's what we do, we help them. The most important part of what we do is we provide community service training through 501(c)(3) government agencies. We provide 20 hours a week to a non-profit or government agency of community service hours. We provide the workers' compensation and provide for the wage. This is funding through a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Aging. People can be in the program for up to 4 years, we suggest 3-6 months, each person is different depending on what they need and how much training do they need. It changes depending on the person's needs. We also do specialized training and partner a lot with Career Link. We can also do on-the-job training with employers very easily. We make a simple agreement with employers where we can pay for two to three weeks of training, where we pay the wage to whatever they want to pay up to \$16.00 an hour. We pay, they set the criteria, if everything works after those two to three weeks of training, they become employed. It's a nice way for an employer to give mature workers a chance to come into their organization. It works well. I just wanted to come here today to talk to you about it and get the word out. You may have people here who could use the assistance, you might know people who are income eligible and need to work and are just really struggling and not able to hold or find a job. The world changed. The way we get jobs has changed. It has left a lot of people behind and so this program really helps them to learn the skills they need to become employable again. We are here and we are in Pike County – we do work with non-profits and work with some government agencies, and we want to help.
- Commissioner Osterberg asked Patricia Vergnetti if she had been up to the Pike County Area Agency on Aging? Patricia answered yes, I've worked a lot with Robin (Director Robin Skibber of AAA). She suggested I come here and meet with you to make sure the Commissioners know about the program and what we do. They are very helpful to us. It's a great way, without a lot of pressure, to get people back into the workforce and get into a job again.
- Reporter Preston Ehrler asked what are some of the non-profits? Patricia Vergnetti answered Workforce Alliance and the Area Agency on Aging. If you don't have an agency yet, and someone comes to us and say this is the area I would like to work towards and this is the area I live in, we will do a search and work with the agencies in that position and help them so we can always find something for that person.
- Patricia Vergnetti was asked by Reporter Preston Ehrler what are some of the typical jobs that you find for people? Patricia Vergnetti answered we have one woman who just went into a job last year at FEMA and she is down in Florida right now. She takes the applications and helps with the emergency response. We've done everything from

custodial, clerical to a higher level as I said like FEMA, we've had blue collar workers who now need to switch over and transition to security. Security has been a great opportunity for us. People who have been blue collar who can't physically do that type of work anymore, so we need to transition them and help them build skills to go to a different type of employment.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked about the pay rate. Patricia Vergnetti replied \$7.25 an hour. It is required by the grant that we pay minimum wage. However, it doesn't alter the benefits someone may be receiving. If someone is getting benefits while they're in the program, it won't affect their SNAP or Federal Housing. We consider this as a training stipend that assists them.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked how long you've been offering this in Pike County? Patricia Vergnetti said AARP has been here since 2016.

An audience member who works with State Representative Joe Adams said their primary job since March of 2020 has been to work with unemployed folks and I can think of 20 people off the top of my head that could use this and I think you should reach out to your State Representatives we are linked to unemployment. Patricia Vergnetti said should would.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked about the \$5,000.00 paid to the Biondo Group. Commissioner Osterberg answered this is for operating the retirement program. That comes under how they manage funds, there's Broadridge, there's Biondo and Kom Ferry, they're all the different agencies that manage the retirement fund.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked if Biondo manages the retirement funds? Commissioner Osterberg answered they handle part of it along with so does Dime Bank. We keep both of them local instead of using big corporations out of State.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022, AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Commissioners’ Conference Minutes
Wednesday, December 28, 2022

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to call the conference to order at 11:00 A.M.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda-NONE

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to recess the Commissioners’ Conference to hold an Election Board Meeting.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

AN ELECTION BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

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

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

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

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve payment from the following: **LIQUID FUELS**

Lattimore Construction Owego/Brooks Rd Dec 11-12 plow/salt \$3,656.60

Lattimore Construction Owego/Brooks Rd Dec 15-16 plow/salt \$6,112.60

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to approve payment from the following: **BRIDGE REPAIR ACCOUNT**

Fabcor Inc. E Sugar Mtn Rd repairs, app #GC01 \$ 134,927.55

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Quote for LiftMaster Motor Operator Door from A&B Door Sales & Service, Inc.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Savin Maintenance and Service Agreement Between the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute and Pike County, on behalf of the District Attorney’s Office.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to execute the Open-End (Equity) Lease Rate Quote for one 2022 Chrysler Pacifica, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the fiscal year 2022 fourth quarter payment from Pike County Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant funds to Lackawaxen Township in the amount of \$81,902.00; Matamoras Borough in the amount of \$5,500.00; Milford Township in the amount of \$15,000.00; and Palmyra Township in the amount of \$40,000.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Schmalzle and seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to authorize the Chairman to execute the 3-Year Project Activity Completion Extension Request for Contract #0000069011 FFY 2017, Activity: Housing Rehab Activity Extension Request, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.

VOTE: All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT- NONE

Commissioners’ Conference was adjourned.

THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2023, AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IT WILL BE PRECEDED BY THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEET AT 11:00 A.M.