

AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023, 11:00 A.M.  
PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING TODAY’S AGENDA**

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- 1. Approve October 4, 2023 Agenda.
  - 2. Approve September 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
  - 3. Approve September 27, 2023 Conference Minutes.
  - 4. Approve payment from **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)** ..... **\$1,041,723.36**
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**PERSONNEL**

- 1. Motion to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired the following individuals as full-time Correctional Officers, for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 10, 2023, with benefits after 90 days: **KIMBERLY CURULLI, BROOKE GUNDERMAN, AND JUAN RODRIGUEZ.**
- 2. Motion to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired **JOHN PHRANER** as full-time Administration Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 10, 2023, with benefits after 90-days.
- 3. Motion to create the position of temporary part-time Accounts Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for less than 1,000 hours per year.
- 4. Motion to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired **KATHLEEN CRONIN** as temporary part-time Accounts Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for less than 1,000 hours per year, retroactive to September 20, 2023.
- 5. Motion to promote **JAMIE WAGENHOFFER** to Assistant District Attorney III in the District Attorney’s Office, effective October 23, 2023.
- 6. Motion to create the position of Justice Opioid Resource Coordinator in the District Attorney’s Office for a 37.5- hour work week.
- 7. Motion to hire **AMANDA WALKER** as part-time Dispatcher for the 911 Center, for less than 1,000 hours per year, effective October 7, 2023.
- 8. Motion to transfer **DAWN SCHREPPPEL** from the Correctional Facility to Dispatcher Trainee for the 911 Center, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 16, 2023.
- 9. Motion to create a part-time Legal Secretary position in the Office of Children & Youth Services, for less than 1,000 per year with no benefits.
- 10. Motion to hire **NICHOLAS MCINTYRE** as Special Counsel for Children & Youth Services, retroactive to October 2, 2023, with benefits after 90 days.
- 11. Motion to appoint **JASON OHLIGER** as Special Counsel for Children & Youth Services.

*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 September 20 and 27, 2023 Salary Board Minutes.
- 3. Motion to set the hourly rate of the following individuals at \$25.46 per hour, as full-time Correctional Officers, for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 10, 2023, with benefits after 90 days: **KIMBERLY CURULLI, BROOKE GUNDERMAN, AND JUAN RODRIGUEZ.**
- 4. Motion to set the hourly rate of **JOHN PHRANER** at \$16.00 per hour, as full-time Administration Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 10, 2023, with benefits after 90-days.
- 5. Motion to set the hourly rate of **KATHLEEN CRONIN** at \$30.00 per hour, as temporary part-time Accounts Clerk for the Correctional Facility, for less than 1,000 hours per year, retroactive to September 20, 2023.
- 6. Motion to increase the annual salary of **JAMIE WAGENHOFFER** to \$87,978.00, effective October 23, 2023, due to her promotion to Assistant District Attorney III in the District Attorney’s Office.
- 7. Motion to set the hourly rate of **AMANDA WALKER** at \$25.11 per hour, as part-time Dispatcher for the 911 Center, for less than 1,000 hours per year, effective October 7, 2023.
- 8. Motion to set the hourly rate of **DAWN SCHREPPPEL** at \$18.10 per hour, as Dispatcher Trainee for the 911 Center, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 16, 2023.

- 9. Motion to set the annual salary of **NICHOLAS MCINTYRE** at \$50,000 as Special Counsel for Children & Youth Services, retroactive to October 2, 2023, with benefits after 90 days.
- 10. Motion to set the rate of pay of **JASON OHLIGER** at \$100.00 per hour, as Special Counsel for Children & Youth Services.
- 11. Motion to increase the hourly rate of the following individuals to \$30.77 per hour, effective October 28, 2023, due to the terms of the agreement between Pike County and AFSCME District Council 87, for the completion of 2 years of service as Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility: **LAVERNE GORDON AND MONICA BONILLA**.
- 12. Motion to adjourn the Salary Board.

***Motion to reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Motion to award bids for the purchase of Groceries and Frozen Foods for the period of November 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, to Mivila in the amount of \$183,507.39; Sysco in the amount of \$41,521.87, and Bernard in the amount of \$15,194.20.
- 2. Motion to award bids for the 2023-24 Winter Maintenance of County Roads to Lattimore Construction.
- 3. Motion to open bids for the George Street Parking Project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-37 Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2023.
- 2. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-38 Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 1-7, 2023.
- 3. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-39 Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2023.
- 4. Motion to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers on behalf of the Office of Human Services: Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 in the amount of \$37,277.43; PHARE in the amount of \$1,342.58; Human Services Development Fund in the amount of \$4,000.00; Homeless Assistance Program in the amount of \$2,000.00; and State Food Purchase Program in the amount of \$513.28.
- 5. Motion to approve the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher in the amount of \$2,923.00, payable to Delaware Run Associates, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.
- 6. Motion to approve the Pike County Home Program Payment Voucher in the amount of \$6,000.00, payable to Frank DeEsch, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.
- 7. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract Amendment for Extension Request letter, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.
- 8. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Grant-In-Aid Award Notification/Invoice for 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$130,804.00, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office.
- 9. Motion to execute the Title IV-D Legal Services Agreement between Sarah Wilson, Esq. and Jennifer Onofry, Esq., on behalf of the Pike County Domestic Relations Section.
- 10. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Vector Security Fire Alarm Inspection three (3) year agreement, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.
- 11. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Department of Corrections Mutual Aid Agreement, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.
- 12. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the PREA Auditor Consultant Services Agreement, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.
- 13. Motion to authorize the fiscal year 2023 second quarter payment from the Pike County Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant fund to Matamoras Borough in the amount of \$6,050.00.
- 14. Motion to authorize the fiscal year 2023 third quarter payment from the Pike County Emergency Medical Services Grant fund to Lackawaxen Township in the amount of \$82,712.53; Milford Township in the amount of \$15,000.00; and Dingman Township in the amount of \$88,005.60.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events
- Aging Master Plan Listening Session, October 11, 2023 at 11:30 AM at Eastern Pike Senior Center in Matamoras-Lana Romeo
- Greater Pike Community Foundation and Human Services Office Presentation- Victims of Domestic Violence Grant

**PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT**

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

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DRAFT  
RESOLUTION NO. 23-37  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 2023

**WHEREAS,** 1 in every 4 women and 1 in every 9 men will experience severe domestic violence during their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ victims face added and complex forms of abuse and barriers to receiving services compared to their heterosexual counterpart; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence was found to occur at a rate 8 times higher among bisexual persons and more than twice as high among lesbian or gay persons as it was among straight persons; and

**WHEREAS,** 43.8% of lesbian women and 61.1% of bisexual women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** 26% of gay men and 37.3% of bisexual men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** only about 5% of LGBTQ+ survivors of intimate partner violence sought orders of protection; and

**WHEREAS,** the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** all victims, regardless of their gender, race and sexual orientation have the right to receive respectful and equal support throughout this county; and

**WHEREAS,** it is abuse survivors themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education.

**NOW THEREFORE,** in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims’ service providers, the Commissioners of Pike County, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by VIP to work towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women, men, children and the LGBTQ+ community.

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Attest:

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-38  
Mental Illness Awareness Week  
October 1-7, 2023

WHEREAS, mental health is a key component of every individual’s overall physical health and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects people of all ages, races, ethnicities, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are not only common, they are treatable, and early and effective intervention can save lives and change the trajectories of people living with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, only 50 percent of individuals with a serious form of mental illness seek treatment. Feelings of personal shame and fears of social stigma and discrimination prevent many living with mental illness from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, untreated mental illness leads to higher rates of emergency department visits, hospitalizations, school drop-outs, and suicides; and

WHEREAS, stigma leads to fear, mistrust, and violence against people with mental illness, who are significantly more likely to be victims than perpetrators of violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, stigma can be reduced by increasing the awareness of mental illness and available resources for those suffering from mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental wellness can positively transform attitudes about, and towards people with mental illness, making it easier for our citizens to seek help.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pike County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the week of October 1 - 7, 2023, as “Mental Illness Awareness Week,” to be observed to raise public awareness and understanding of mental health, available resources within the community, and to reduce stigma faced by people with mental illness.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 23-39 National Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2023

**WHEREAS**, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held annually in October, aims to promote screening and prevention of breast cancer through campaigns and programs conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations to major retailers aimed at supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including metastatic breast cancer, educating people about breast cancer risk factors, stressing the importance of regular screening, starting at age 40 or an age that's appropriate for your personal breast cancer risk, and fundraising for breast cancer research; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer affects one in eight women in the United States every year and 2.3 million women worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, about 85% of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer. These occur due to genetic mutations that happen as a result of the aging process and life in general, rather than inherited mutations; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer is much more common in women, breast cancer affects men, too.

**WHEREAS**, approximately 2,710 American men this year are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer, and about 530 are expected to die from the disease, and lack of awareness and stigma can be barriers to detection and care; and

**WHEREAS**, regular breast self-exams, an annual exam by your doctor, and yearly mammograms are important tools in breast cancer detection — especially early detection, when cancers may be more treatable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pike County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the month of October 2023, as “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” and encourage citizens to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control breast cancer and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to this disease.

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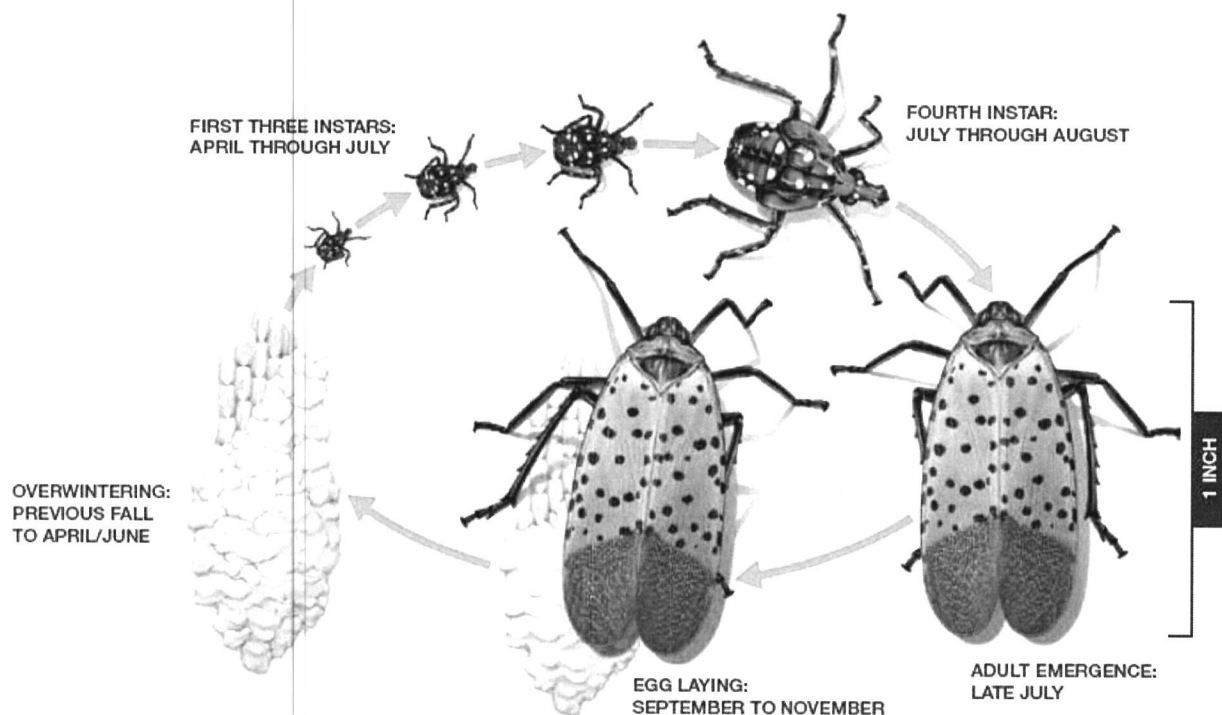
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# Penn State Extension Upcoming Events

## October 4, 2023

### Community Development:



Spotted lanternfly life cycle. Illustration © Emily S. Damstra.

### Spotted Lanternfly

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

Newly hatched nymphs are small (~1/8 inch) and can be hard to find, often being mistaken for small ticks or spiders. With each molt to the next instar, the nymphs roughly double in size. The first three instars are black with white spots.

To learn more about the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) and what action you can take to stop the spread of this invasive insect, visit our website, <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

**Remember, every adult stomped out can prevent 30-50 eggs being laid!**

### 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 get the opportunity to determine how much time you spend and what activity you do, while 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) 832-2800 or send an email to the 4-H coordinator, Angela Smith, at [axs1397@psu.edu](mailto:axs1397@psu.edu).

**Please like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PikeCountyPa4H/>.**

## Budgeting:

### Your Money Matters

**Via Zoom – Thursday, October 5, 2023 (11:30 PM – 12:30 PM ET).**

Budgeting is the foundation of a healthy relationship with money. *Your Money Matters: Developing a Budget* will discuss the process of creating a plan to spend and invest your hard-earned money wisely to meet your personal and financial goals in life. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/your-money-matters-identity-theft>.

**Via Zoom – Thursday, October 12, 2023 (11:30 PM – 12:30 PM ET)**

Identity theft can wreak havoc with one's credit and good name. New scams pop up all the time and staying ahead of fraudsters is one sure way to avoid becoming a victim. *Your Money Matters: Identity Theft* will teach participants about protecting their identity by monitoring accounts to help keep us financially safe. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register by October 11, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/your-money-matters-identity-theft>.

**Via Zoom – Thursday, October 19, 2023 (11:30 PM – 12:30 PM ET)**

Over-borrowing money can be a downward spiral into financial despair if not caught and controlled. No matter what someone's level of debt is, there are many strategies and resources available to control the pattern and get back on a path of financial wellness. *Your Money Matters: Debt Management* will discuss these strategies! There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/your-money-matters-debt-management>.

**Via Zoom – Thursday, October 26, 2023 (11:30 PM – 12:30 PM ET)**

Credit cards are powerful financial tools, especially for building a credit history. However, they may cause consumers to spend more than what is allowed in their budget, creating the illusion of free money. Join *Your Money Matters: Credit Cards* to learn how to manage credit cards wisely to maintain financial health. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/your-money-matters-credit-cards>.

## Energy:

### Renewable Energy Academy

**Via Zoom – Thursday, October 26, 2023 (9:00 AM – 11:45 AM ET).**

Participants of *Renewable Energy Academy: Applied Energy Efficiency for Homes and Businesses* will be able to identify common strategies for energy efficiency upgrades to a home or business, understand how to interpret the results of an energy audit report, and outline the next steps for implementing energy efficiency measures. There is a **\$10.00 registration fee** for the event, and you must pre-register by October 25, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/renewable-energy-academy-applied-energy-efficiency-for-homes-and-businesses>.

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## Family:

### Kinship Family Forum

**Via Zoom – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET).**

Youths need their parent's attention and support the many changes and transitions of adolescence more than ever. *Branch Out with Thrive* is designed to support mothers and fathers in their parenting roles as they, in turn, nurture their children as they transition from childhood to adulthood. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register by October 17, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/kinship-family-forum-branch-out-with-thrive>.

### **On Demand Webinars**

Visit our website [extension.psu.edu](https://extension.psu.edu) and search 'Kinship Family Forum.' You will find very informative pre-recorded classes on Kinship care – a term used for individuals that are not the biological parents of the children they are raising for whatever reason.

Penn State Extension collaborates with the *Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness at Penn State* to offer Thrive resources.

**There is no registration fee for each pre-recorded webinar.**

## Food Safety:

### ServSafe

*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. There is a **\$165.00 fee** to take the course and you must pre-register. For more information or to determine the closest class location and dates, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/servsafe>.

### Cooking for Crowds

**Via Zoom – Thursday, November 2, 2023 (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET)**

Preparing food in large quantities is different than food preparation in the home. *Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling* webinar program helps non-profit organizations and their volunteers understand the risks involved with preparing large volumes of food and the important food safety practices that need to be implemented to ensure a safe event. Access to the live webinar, as well as the ingredient/supply list will be provided in the registration email. There is a **\$5.00 registration fee** for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/cooking-for-crowds-webinar>.

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## Gardening:

### Master Gardeners

*Home Garden News* has the latest news and information on classes, workshops, publications, videos, and online and in-person events.

Sign up to receive news, upcoming event details, gardening information, and the monthly e-newsletter at <https://extension.psu.edu/trees-lawns-and-landscaping/home-gardening>. By entering your email, you consent to receive communications from Penn State Extension – view the [privacy policy](#).

### Growing Paw-Paws: America's Forgotten Fruit

**In Person – Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (6:30 PM – 7:30 PM ET)**

**Penn State Extension Monroe County – Stroudsburg, PA**

Join the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Monroe County to discover the secrets to successfully cultivating native American paw-paw trees. The presentation starts with an overview of the significance of this "tropical-like" fruit in Native American and pioneer diets. We will guide you through plant selection, site planning, preparing the soil, planting, and care techniques. There is a **\$10.00 registration fee** for the event, and you must pre-register by October 10, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/growing-paw-paws-americas-forgotten-fruit>.

### Second Saturday Gardening Series

**Via Zoom – Saturday, October 14, 2023 (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET)**

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Montour and Northumberland Counties will discuss the Lasagna Gardening Method. This is a compost/sheet layering method of gardening to create better soil and reduce energy and work to get started. This method may take six to twelve months to prepare your garden bed using this method. The fall is a great time to get started with lasagna gardening. There is a **\$10.00 registration fee** for the event, and you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/second-saturday-gardening-series-lasagna-gardening-method>.

### **On-Demand Webinars**

Visit our website, [extension.psu.edu](https://extension.psu.edu), and search 'Second Saturday Gardening Series.' You will find very informative pre-recorded classes on composting, enjoying holiday plants, nature in autumn, winter sowing, pollinators, house plant propagation, seed starting, pruning, etc.

There is a **\$10.00 registration fee** for each pre-recorded webinar.

\*\* Planting for Pollinators in Sun and Shade

Available until 03/14/24

## Green Industry Update Series

### **On-Demand Webinars**

Visit our website, [extension.psu.edu](https://extension.psu.edu), and search 'Green Industry Update.' You will find very informative pre-recorded classes on invasive species, pest management (including - but not limited to - spongy moths, mosquitos, ticks, etc.), noxious weeds, pesticide safety, pond management, etc.

The following pre-recorded webinars require a **\$10.00 registration fee** to access them:

- \*\* Invasive Weed Identification Trivia
- \*\* Understanding & Managing Noxious Weeds in PA
- \*\* Greenhouse & Interior Plantscape Pest Management
- \*\* Unusual Plant Pests in PA
- \*\* Powdery Mildew Review and Environmental Stressor on Landscape Plants
- \*\* Spongy Moth in PA

The following pre-recorded webinars require a **\$15.00 registration fee** to access them:

- \*\* Core Pesticide Safety Topics
- \*\* Mosquito & Tick Management
- \*\* Leaf Feeding Beetles & Tree Disease Update
- \*\* Aquatic Plants and Pond Management

**All the webinars in the *Green Industry Update Series* are available until 12/23/2023.**

**Certification credits may be available, depending on the webinar!**

## Know your Natives Series

### **On-Demand Webinars**

Visit our website, [extension.psu.edu](https://extension.psu.edu), and search 'Know your Natives.' 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.

- \*\* Under-Appreciated Plants Available until 11/28/23
  - There is a **\$5.00 fee** to access this pre-recorded webinar.
- \*\* Container Gardens Available until 04/28/24
  - There is a **\$10.00 fee** to access this pre-recorded webinar.

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## Health:

### Dementia Conversations

**Via Zoom – Thursday, October 5, 2023 (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM ET).**

Conversations about going to the doctor, when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans with family members with dementia can be challenging and uncomfortable. Offered in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association®, this program can help you prepare for these conversations. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/dementia-conversations-driving-doctor-visits-legal-and-financial-planning-webinar>.

### Mental Health First Aid

**Via Zoom – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (12:45 AM – 4:00 PM ET).  
and Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (8:45 AM – 12:00 PM ET).**

*Mental Health First Aid for Adults Working with Youth* is designed to teach adults who regularly interact with young people how to provide initial support to youth experiencing mental health or addiction challenges and assist them in finding the help and care they need. As certified instructors, Penn State Extension educators teach the National Council for Mental Wellbeing's Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course. There is a **\$35.00 registration fee** for the event, and you must pre-register by September 22, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/mental-health-first-aid-adults-working-with-youth>.



## Suicide Prevention Training

**Via Zoom – Monday, October 16, 2023 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET)**

Developed by the QPR Institute, this 2-hour training is designed for all people concerned about helping others with mental health and substance use challenges, regardless of their background. QPR is an emergency mental health intervention for persons considering suicide. Participants will learn skills to identify and interrupt a crisis and direct someone to proper care. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register by October 15, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/qpr-gatekeeper-suicide-prevention-training>.

## Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

**Via Zoom – Tuesday, October 17, 2023 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET)**

The health of the brain and the body are connected, and now, science provides insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Participants will learn about current research on healthy aging and brain health, reasons for taking care of yourself as you age, and practical strategies to age well. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register by September 27, 2023. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/healthy-living-for-your-brain-and-body>.

## Mental Wellness Series

**Via Zoom – Monday, November 6, 2023 (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET)**

Due to challenging times, stress, anxiety, depression, and related disorders are on the rise. During the *Mental Wellness Series: Emotional Overload* you will learn how to identify signs of stress and be taught strategies to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, including the practice of self-directed cognitive behavioral therapy. You will learn to change your pessimistic thinking into positive and productive thoughts. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/mental-wellness-series-emotional-overload>.

## Land:

### An Introduction to Zoning

**Via Zoom – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (2:00 PM – 3:15 PM ET)  
or Tuesday, October 17, 2023 (6:00 PM – 7:15 PM ET).**

The way that land is used can have a significant impact on individual landowners, surrounding residents, and community members. Zoning is a land use regulation that sets standards for items such as land use, density, and lot dimensions. *An Introduction to Zoning: What is It and Why Should I Care* will help participants increase their knowledge of zoning. As a result, they can be better prepared for potential future actions. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/an-introduction-to-zoning-what-is-it-and-why-should-i-care>.

You can also contact one of the presenters, as well as our Penn State Extension Educator at the Pike County office, Peter Wulfhorst, for more information on the program by calling (570) 832-2803 or emailing [ptw3@psu.edu](mailto:ptw3@psu.edu).

### Land Use Webinar Series

**Via Zoom – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (12:00 PM – 1:15 PM ET)  
and Wednesday, November 18, 2023 (12:00 PM – 1:15 PM ET)**

The *Land Use Webinar Series*, partnered with the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (PA-APA), is a series of monthly sessions that present in-depth information on land use topics affecting the communities of Pennsylvania. This series benefits those involved in decision-making processes regarding using or preserving natural resources. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/land-use-webinar>.

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## Leadership:

### Hiring and Retention

**Via Zoom – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET).**

Work stress is a serious problem for the person who suffers from it and for the organization to which it belongs. *Empowering Workers and Reducing Stress* addresses stress resiliency and employee motivation strategies to build performance and enhance the work environment. The workshop will also introduce leaders to concepts that build employee motivation and how they can empower and retain good workers.

There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/hiring-and-retention-empowering-workers-and-reducing-stress>.

**Via Zoom – Tuesday, October 17, 2023 (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET).**

Effective hiring and onboarding can lead to increased productivity, longer tenure on the farm, and increased engagement. In *Onboarding and Mentoring Employees*, management will learn how an effective hiring and onboarding process will help you find the right new hires who feel valued and better understand their role. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/hiring-and-retention-onboarding-and-mentoring-employees>.

## Water:

### Woodlands and Watersheds

**Via Zoom – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET).**

Forests play a crucial role in protecting creeks, rivers, and lakes. *Woodlands and Watersheds: How Forest Stewardship Protects and Improves Pennsylvania's Streams and Groundwater* will delve into the connections between our forests and water quality. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/woodlands-and-watersheds-how-forest-stewardship-protects-and-improves-pennsylvanias-streams-and-groundwater>.

### Water Testing (Drinking & Lake/Pond)

Penn State offers drinking water, as well as lake/pond water, testing kits 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.

### Water Webinar Series

Visit our website, [extension.psu.edu](https://extension.psu.edu), and search 'Water Webinar Series.' The Water Webinar Series is hosted by the Penn State Extension Water Resources team. Learn about a variety of private water topics such as common health and aesthetic impacts on drinking water supplies, preventing bacteria contamination, well construction, and septic systems. Each event will include an interactive Q&A session with the presenters! There is no registration fee for this event, but you must pre-register.

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## Wildlife:

### Forest Management and Birds

Audubon's Healthy Forest program is designed to help foresters protect forest birds that are experiencing population declines.

**Via Zoom – Wednesday, October 4, 2023 (8:00 AM – 9:00 AM ET).**

In *Forest Management and Birds: Habitat Management Planning and Assessment* participants will learn a method used by the "Audubon's Society" for evaluating the diversity of forest bird habitats. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/forest-management-and-birds-habitat-management-planning-and-assessment>.

**Via Zoom – Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (8:00 AM – 9:00 AM ET).**

*Forest Management and Birds: Forest Management for Birds* will teach its' participants about establishing and maintaining the desired habitat conditions for mature and young forest birds to meet their full breeding season requirements. There is no registration fee for the event, but you must pre-register. For more information or to register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/forest-management-and-birds-forest-management-for-birds>.

**Certification credits may be available for the webinars!**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

The second regular meeting of September, 2023 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Schmalzle 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.

Commissioner Osterberg asked if everyone would stand for a moment. We have the Marine Corp League here. Last week, unfortunately, we had the loss of (former Commissioner) Richard Caridi. He was a dear friend of mine; we were close friends. In 2011, I became really good friends with Rich when we first ran for office. He was a leader in our community, and he also taught me a lot about how to do this job and I am forever grateful to him for that. It was a sad day when I got that call. I was in Texas visiting my grandchildren, I was not hiding, but I got that call down there about Rich’s passing and it was a very emotional time for me at that moment. Rich lived a great life in this community. He served well in the Marine Corp League, he served in the Marines, but he also served our community. He was on the school board in Wallenpaupack, he served as a supervisor in Blooming Grove, and he served a great fifteen years here as a Pike County Commissioner and showed true leadership to this County every day that he came into this office. I just want everybody to bow their heads and remember Rich and remember his wife, Bunny, and his children. They are in our hearts today and in mine and will continue to always be in our thoughts and prayers as we move forward in our lives.

A moment of silence was held.

Commissioner Osterberg announced that we have the Marine Corp League here to do a presentation in remembrance of Rich and I’m handing it over to Gary.

Gary Brinks said he met Rich years ago, about 25 or 26 years ago. I knew who he was, and we were at some function here in Milford and he and (former Commissioner) Karl Wagner came walking over to me and Rich asked me where I got this hat. My grandchildren call me Pop-Pop, I have this hat that my daughter bought me and it read ‘World’s Greatest Pop Pop’ and he said I’ve got to get one and I said you got to go to Key West. Karl looked at him and said you got to go to the Key’s, any excuse to go to Key West is a good excuse. Then he saw I had a small EGA on my cap, a Marine Corp emblem. He said he was a Marine too. He introduced himself, obviously I knew who he was, and we became instant friends and before I knew it, I was in the detachment and he was our Chaplain at the time and he did a fantastic job for us. Every function we had he was involved, working our golf tournament and I’m very proud to call him a friend. There is no doubt in my mind, God’s going to embrace him in his loving arms in Heaven. Eternal peace until he meets with his loved ones again. We’d like to honor him with a soft rendition of Taps.

Bugler played Taps.

Gary Brinks continued, one last thing, I talked to Rich two days before his surgery and Rich, being Rich, he knew I had some serious health issues over the last two months, he told me I’m praying for your full recovery. Always thinking about the other guy – thank you.

Commissioner Osterberg agreed, Rich was always thinking about the other guy. We all miss him, and I know we all miss him in this office when he decided to retire, but that was his time. I know from that point on he enjoyed his grandchildren and his family and he travelled and I’m glad he had that time to be able to celebrate his life with his children. Thank you all and remember Rich and remember his family. Thank you, gentlemen, and thank you for your service.

*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.*

Commissioner Osterberg announced before we do this next one we have one addition on here and that is to add to the end of the Agenda a motion to amend the Agenda to include an item under NEW BUSINESS, Resolution 23-36 National Recovery Month, September, 2023.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to amend the Agenda to include an item under NEW BUSINESS, Resolution 23-36 National Recovery Month, September 2023, Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the September 20, 2023, Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the September 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the September 13, 2023, Conference Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from the **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)** in the amount of **\$1,225,540.04**.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from the **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND** in the amount of **\$159,634.05**.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **RENEE GIFFORD** to Second Deputy in the Recorder of Deeds office, effective September 25, 2023.

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

*Motion to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.  
A SALARY BOARD MEETING was held.  
Motion to adjourn the SALARY BOARD MEETING and reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award bid for the Re-Bid Bennett Ave Building 1 Interior Renovations Project (GC) to Charles W. Grimm Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,068,328.00. No Electrical Contract Bids were received for the project.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award bid for Bennett Ave Building 1 Interior Renovations Project Mechanical Contract to MYCO Mechanical in the amount of \$483,000.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award bid for Bennett Ave Building 1 Interior Renovations Project Plumbing Contract to LH Reed & Sons in the amount of \$141,584.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to re-advertise bids for Bennett Ave Building 1 Interior Renovations Project Electrical Contract.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids for the purchase of Groceries and Frozen Foods for the period of November 1, 2023, to February 28, 2024, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley announced we have three bids received. The first one is from Bernard Foods – so everyone knows, the bids are going to be completely different because each vendor selects certain items they wish to bid on and none of them bid on everything. Some may bid on a few and some may bid on most of them.  
Bernard Foods - total bid is \$15,194.20 with the bid bond. The next one is from Mavila Foods – total bid \$223,720.69. The last bid is from Sysco – total bid \$175,102.89.

Solicitor Farley asked that a motion be made to table the awarding of bids until they are reviewed by the Prison Board Administrator.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the awarding of bid for the purchase of Groceries and Frozen Foods for the period of November 1, 2023, to February 28, 2024, on behalf of the Correctional Facility to the Commissioners’ meeting of October 4, 2023.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award bid for the purchase of Fortified Flavored Beverage Bases for the period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, to Bernard Food Industries for the total bid amount of \$9,377.28.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids for 2023-24 Winter Maintenance of County Roads.

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

Solicitor Farley announced that one bid, as always, each and every year from Lattimore Construction, no one else ever bids on this project. Lattimore Construction – the bid is \$577.50 per application for plowing; \$183.75 for sanding only; and \$288.75 for salting only.

Commissioner Osterberg said I know it’s only the one bid, but we should table it, review it from last year’s bid and see where we’re at. Solicitor Farley said just so you know there’s two of them, I apologize – one is for Bennett Avenue, the other two Brookstone for Stone Quarry Road and that’s \$1,022.75 per application plowing and sanding; \$433.65 for sanding only; and then Old Owego, which also they do, would be \$531.30 per application plowing and sanding; and \$295.68 per application for sanding only. Commissioner Osterberg said we just want to look it over. He’s bid on it for the last twelve years and I’m sure it’s the same, so I’ll need a motion.



**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the awarding of bid for 2023-24 Winter Maintenance of County Roads to the Commissioners’ meeting of October 4, 2023.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Federal Financial Report for the Kintz Creek Dam project.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 23-35, a Resolution of the Pike County Commissioners Delegating Authority to the Executive Director of Human Services to Sign the Agreements for Residential Housing Inspection Services for the Whole Home Repair Program and Other Related Housing Rehabilitation Programs.  
**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: Human Services Development Fund in the amount of \$19,857.06; Whole Home Repair in the amount of \$2,437.50; and State Food Purchase Program in the amount of \$824.04.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Affordable Housing Payment Voucher in the amount of \$1,343.75, payable to Hailstone Economic, 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 2021 CDBG Program Payment Voucher in the amount of \$11,031.25, payable to Hailstone Economic, 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 authorize the Chairman execute the Contract for Professional Services between Forensic Counseling Associates, LLC, 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 authorize the Chairman to execute the 2023-2024 Transportation Plan between Delaware Valley School District and Pike County Children and Youth Agency.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute 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 authorize the Chairman to execute the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) extension request letter for the funding for the Forest Hall Event Center Improvement Project.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Pike County Fentanyl Awareness Campaign Agreement.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Commissioner Osterberg announced that that Agreement is coming out of and being paid for with the funds that were allocated to the County through the lawsuits against the opioid manufacturers. The County was one of the first counties to file lawsuits against them and then we were combined into some larger lawsuits, first with the State and then Nationally. This is the funding where that’s coming from. We’re beginning to spend those dollars with different programs. In a few minutes we’re going to have the Resolution about awareness month, and we have Shannon (Wisniewski) to speak to it and we’ll speak a little bit more about it.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve Resolution No. 23-36, National Recovery Month, September 2023.  
**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Commissioner Waldron read aloud Resolution No. 23-36.

Commissioner Waldron added that forty-three years ago, some people in my community, including my family, convinced me that I needed to get treatment because I was an alcoholic and drug addict. Fortunately, I was able to lead a healthy lifestyle and it was the best thing that ever happened to me in my whole life, that’s for sure. Not only because I was able to have a meaningful life and, fortunately, I was lucky to have not gotten married yet and hadn’t put my problems on anybody other than my parents and my brothers and sisters. My brother is a doctor, and he was the one that convinced me and with the help of some attorneys in our community who had resources to make sure you got to the treatment place whether you had money or not, I was able to get the help I needed and recover. Since then, I’ve been helping other people and I’ve been on the Lawyer’s Concerned for Lawyers Board for twenty-eight years and just stepped down as their secretary. I’m fine with



sharing this because it is a meaningful thing in my life and is important and Shannon (Wisniewski) can speak to it more because she is the professional. It's important that people understand that it's okay. I'll never forget, I got sober slightly after Betty Ford went into rehab. They ended up naming a rehab after her and that one instance where the public realized that someone like her had a problem and could deal with it, really helped with the idea of getting people help. Thank you.

Commissioner Osterberg introduced Shannon Wisniewski, the Supervisor for Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug and Alcohol, Pike's outpatient office.

Shannon Wisniewski said that we service all three Counties for folks that either don't have insurance or under insured, making sure everybody has access to getting treatment in all levels of care. Regardless of if they need detox, rehab, or outpatient services. We also do case management services in all three Counties to make sure we're addressing those non-treatment needs. We know that folks addressing these issues are living with these issues every day and are going to have multiple issues throughout their lives such as housing and employment and we help with those services as well. Part of our outreach services is no door is the wrong door. People deal with substance abuse, mental health, and suicide crisis issues. Any door you walk into in Pike County you should be able to access whatever services you need. I sit on a number of different committees -Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative and Mental Health, we address Children and Youth issues as well as our legal issues. Folks are coming into contact in a number of different ways in our County. We want folks to have access to services and look at what services they need and not be worried about the stigma that comes with that. A lot of outreaches we've done in the community has been through community events. This past weekend we had our Suicide Prevention Walk at Wallenpaupack High School, and I was at Harvest Fest in Delaware Township to make sure we reached out to the community there. The awareness campaign that the Commissioners were just signing is from the opioid dollars that were part of the lawsuit. We've been there at Carbon Monroe Pike Drug and Alcohol for three and a half years and people still say they don't know where to get services. The awareness pieces with the fentanyl is for folks in the community and a lot of what we're focusing in on is reaching out to our elder population because people without insurance and things like that are purchasing prescriptions off the street. They are not buying what they think they're buying. We want to make sure we're doing that outreach there as well as with the other two Counties, Monroe and Carbon. We're looking at our adolescent population, our school population and being able to tell kids what the issues are and what is going to be in the substances, it's not the safe substances that we dealt with twenty years ago. A lot of the things we're seeing are laced with things, laced with fentanyl and, of course, that's leading to more suicide risks, more emergency responders calling out for 911 calls and access to Narcan through our office as well.

Commissioner Osterberg added it is important that we share all this information with the community. I'm sure everybody is aware in the news just a few days ago in New York City with the day care, they were pressing fentanyl into pills, and they ended up having a young one year old pass away from this. These are the tragic stories that are going on in our community and that's why we are focused on putting together awareness programs and making sure people understand that they're suffering from some addiction, they're suffering from mental health. Being at the Suicide Prevention Walk the other day, that's a somber moment to be there with family members who have suffered through this. I'm sure everybody in this room can relate to someone in their life or friends or family, who have suffered through these types of horrors in their life. We need to make sure that people know that services are out there. We've got to make sure that the stigma is not there. That if they need help, they need to reach out. I put a number of hand-outs here for Veterans or whoever it's for. In the Veterans' population in this community, they are extremely affected by suicide. I believe Pike County and Monroe and this area have some of the highest suicide rates among Veterans. We need to figure out why that is occurring and whatever we need to do in this office and through Carbon Monroe Pike and MHDS out of Stroudsburg, we need to do all we can. These are statistics we should not be allowing. As they said at the Walk, suicide is preventable and we as a community need to work toward how we can help that happen. How we can make it preventable, how we can reach out to those families who feel that there is just total despair in their lives that we're here to help them. Shannon's office works diligently on the opioid side of this. These are scary times out there with these fake pills. That program that she speaks about, we just signed the contract, that's an educational component. That's going to be on billboards that's going to be worked in the schools. Identifying the whole thing with the fentanyl is an issue that's going on with fake pills. Back to that story in New York, that's what they were doing. They were pressing pills and pushing them off as maybe some other type of prescription. We think this is something that can only affect people that are addicted to these products but think about the cost of prescription drugs out there. If someone is out on the street trying to sell things that they are saying are Oxycodone for medicinal use, because some people do need those prescriptions and they're buying them for \$10 opposed to the pharmacy where maybe they're \$20. The next thing you know, we have senior citizens dying from fentanyl overdoses. This is just going on throughout our Country, Pike County is not immune from this nor is the Northeast of Pennsylvania. It is here and all you have to do is speak to the District Attorney and hear his stories about what's going on in all of our communities around here.

Commissioner Osterberg asked Shannon (Wisniewski) about the pinwheels outside and asked how many were out there? Shannon replied one hundred and twenty-two. Commissioner Osterberg said that is one hundred and twenty-two overdoses in Pike County since 2014. We know that there are more, just that some of them are not reported in Pike County. This has to do with the fact that we don't have a medical provider in our County. If someone is transported to Pike County because of an overdose and they pass away in some other jurisdiction whether it's Monroe, Carbon, Wayne or Sussex County, New Jersey or Orange County, they are not reported to us. I'm not saying we want to know these numbers, but don't think 122 is just a number, the number is higher than that.

Reporter Chris Jones asked fatal overdoses? Commissioner Osterberg answered these are fatal overdoses, yes. Shannon Wisniewski added that part of that number is we know that our ambulances, responders and things like that if they're responding to an overdose and we get those numbers from the 9-1-1 Center too, but when we're looking at those fatalities, it's people that have actually died in the County. When they are transported to a hospital in another county, those numbers are counted in those counties, not here. Part of why those numbers matter and part of why we're collecting that data is because things like the opioid use disorder dollars and the lawsuit dollars look at the County and say their overdose trend is still higher than the State average but it's not some of those other counties where the money is obviously much higher and we will continue to advocate and fight for what the substance abuse issues look like in Pike County. Those pressed pills look

exactly like what you would buy at the pharmacy. It's very hard to tell what a real pill versus a pressed pill is unless you're looking at it under a microscope and trained in pharmaceutical practices. We continue to outreach and make sure the kids are aware. We will be at Warrior Fest on the 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll be at VIP's event on the 30<sup>th</sup>, they have their Glow Run, but being able to get a reach out to folks in some non-traditional ways seems to have worked best in Pike County. Folks aren't aware of where to receive services, aren't aware of the dangers and, unfortunately, we've seen fentanyl in marijuana in Pike County. We've seen people that are buying Adderall off the street that end up looking like methamphetamine. We have to make sure that everyone is aware of what the stigma looks like, what the dangers are and how to get those services. I see you guys put up different things like Crisis Intervention Services, the new Suicide Prevention number is the 988 number, we brought additional magnets for that; even our outreach with fetal alcohol month and things like that. Making sure that people are aware of the dangers of what you're putting in your body and the effects it can have on your health and lifestyle.

Commissioner Osterberg added that he wants to commend Tony (Commissioner Waldron) for doing this. Having somebody stand up here, which is really us celebrating his sobriety and he found a way out of addiction, because that sends a signal to people in this community that you can find sobriety and you can be successful. These are the things that people are fearful of coming out, because I'm sure you (Tony) felt stigmatized too at that time of admitting this. That's what we're here to do. We need to make sure everybody knows that we cannot hold judgment. This should be a judgment-free zone, no judging and words matter. When people are out there making certain comments about why we shouldn't be using Narcan, that just adds to the stigma of this – words do matter. These individuals are in a crisis mode, and I just wanted to end on that. Shannon Wisniewski added that we continue to do the Narcan distributions, continue to work to make sure that our first responders, our schools and other health care providers, probation departments, children and youth department and folks from the County that are out in the community have access to Narcan, have access to drug disposals that we pass out. I hope to God, you never need it, but if you're in the position where you need it, I'd rather you have it and then call 9-1-1 and make sure we're getting somebody immediate response. The danger with fentanyl is there – the quicker we're able to administer the Narcan, the quicker we're able to call 9-1-1, the better off the person is going to be. Thank you for your continued support.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked what is going on up in Wayne County, they're looking to build a facility for recovering, multi-prong recovery center? Shannon Wisniewski answered a Crisis Center? Reporter Ehrler said they've run into a brick wall so to speak, funding-wise, they were expecting to spend something like \$8M and the bid came in for \$17M, just for the first phase of this thing. One of the issues it seems that is going on around here and I've seen this personally, parents don't know how to get their kids into some type of a recovery program in this area. They're being shipped off to places like Pittsburgh or even out of State – what's going on here at the grassroots level? Where does a parent need to go first and then how do they avoid having their kid shipped off six hours away or something like that? What's going on here in Pike and Wayne? Shannon Wisniewski answered in Pike and Wayne Counties as well as in Monroe and Carbon, we see each of our schools in the prevention program at the schools. We have prevention specialists that go into each of the schools starting from elementary through high school, go out speak to the kids who identify as high risk through the SAT programs, through their guidance counselors, the parents can reach out to the school. We've seen this continued increase in adolescents with additional mental health issues and addiction issues where we are actually identifying kids as young as fourteen that need drug and alcohol treatment services. The earlier we can get them into treatment, the less likely we are to have to send them out to rehabs and detoxes and places like that. We do have a number of adolescents that are in our outpatient programs here in the County, they come to our office, we assess them and then we'll work with the parents as well as the adolescent or teen to be able to get them the treatments and services they need. We offer that right here in the County. Wayne County is the same way, the Wayne County Drug and Alcohol office does the prevention for Wallenpaupack schools, and they also work for the outpatient programs. The other options we have as we contract with PATH, which has a day treatment program so the kids can go there during the day, get treatment and then come back to their home lives in the evenings. There's bus transportation for that, the schools participate in that, and they make sure the kids continue to get their education while they're there. Very rarely do we see this kind of day program where we're sending adolescents further out, specifically for addiction issues sometimes when it's coupled with those additional mental health issues though is where we're seeing the longer wait times and being able to access services where they're being sent further out in the County.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked so what should a parent do first if they know their kid has a problem, the very first initiative, who should they pick up the phone and call? Shannon Wisniewski answered reach out to the schools as well as their guidance counselors or they can contact our office directly. The hotline is 24/7 so even it's at night and there sitting there with their teen and this is what's coming up when they've come home from school, they can still access the hotline numbers to get in touch with one of us. No door is a wrong door, if they call us and it's primary mental health, we'll make sure that we'll hand off to mental health services. Whatever door they need to access, we'll make sure they get to the right places.

A meeting attendee, Linda Touissant, asked if young adults and adults could go the same route because a lot of them are drop-outs and I'm dealing with this with a relative in New York. Anybody can call this hotline number? Shannon Wisniewski responded yes, and we'll connect them. If it's not our County and not our State, if they reach out to the hotline number, we'll pull up and find out exactly where they need to go in the County and State they live in. We're able to use ATLAS which is a search service that we contract with and that we've been able to make sure that we're able to make sure that we're able to look at different States or we'll use the SAMHSA website to be able to identify which County and State there in and where their services are.

Reporter Chris Jones asked if this Awareness Campaign is getting any Federal funds? Commissioner Osterberg answered this is the lawsuit funds, the opioid lawsuit. We were awarded funds from that.

Reporter Chris Jones asked how much? Commissioner Osterberg answered over the course of seventeen years right now, this is the initial block of money that will be spread out, right now we have \$250K, we will get another \$143K at the end of this month and then it will be spread out over the next seventeen years. That's the first tranche of money, the next amount of money will be coming from Walmart, CVS, Rite Aid and all of the pharmacies that were also named in this lawsuit and they're going to be paying up. This is where the funding is coming from. We have other programs that we're putting together, this is the first because the requirement is we need to show or spend most of the money within eighteen months.



We have to be careful because they put that kind of time frame crunch on it that we just don't waste it. We want to make sure we are effective with the money. This is the first campaign that we are doing. We have meetings once a month with the District Attorney, with Carbon Monroe Pike Drug and Alcohol and the Sheriff's Department on what other programs we can do in the County to identify people with addictions and offer treatment. We have a medical assistance treatment program in the Correctional Facility that can be funded out of this so we can make sure that people the services that they need in there.

Reporter Chris Jones asked how are you spending on this? Commissioner Osterberg answered \$50K, this is a \$50K contract and now we're going to work with the schools and everybody of what that contract will look like. It'll be some billboards and educational material and we're going to work through that with this company who has already contracted with Monroe County and Carbon County and I believe Northampton County.

Reporter Chris Jones asked is that company's name on here? Commissioner Osterberg said it's called Kudu. Commissioner Waldron added that they're down in Lehigh Valley area.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked if we are going to see some type of recovery facility here in Pike County like they're trying to build in Wayne County? Commissioner Osterberg answered we could – I'll let you (Shannon Wisniewski) answer that. Shannon Wisniewski replied part of that facility is including Pike. Part of those resources that were awarded were with Monroe, Pike and Wayne Counties to be able to access those services. When they're looking at that crisis intervention and ER-style piece that they're trying to create there which is going to be the walk-in crisis center that's part of MH/DS's effort to make sure there's more access in all three of the Counties. Commissioner Osterberg added we do have a treatment facility right now and Shannon Wisniewski said the drug and alcohol treatment facility, there's a rehab, a detox and the outpatient facility is there.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked where is that? Commissioner Osterberg answered Malibu (Wellness Ranch). Commissioner Waldron added Malibu is technically in Westfall Township, but it's right on the border of Milford Township and Westfall Township if you go all the way up Seventh Street to the end. They recently opened a detox in Dingman Township.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked, from what I understand, Malibu doesn't take insurance. Shannon Wisniewski answered they do, and they also contract through us.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked, I really want to be clear on this, somebody who is a Pike County resident, who has an issue, can go to Malibu and what happens? Shannon Wisniewski answered they would contact us or contact their admissions first and then we would determine whether or not they need that level of care and then we would make the appropriate referrals and set up a bed date.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked who pays? Shannon Wisniewski answered if they don't have insurance and they are a Pike County resident, they need the income validations that we give that's part of the Single County Authority funding. Commissioner Osterberg added that when they initially opened they were not, this is a process like everything else that goes on. They needed to get licensed in the State, they needed to get certified and now they are. Commissioner Waldron also added they're kind of full, but they're opened about four years and there was a slower transition there because of COVID, so it complicated it. Shannon Wisniewski continued that the next closed rehab that we access as well is right off of Route 209, right over the Pike County border into Monroe County. It's technically in Stroudsburg, but it's Marshall's Creek, right there off of Route 209. There are some within an hour of the County, they just CCBH which is our State insurance program actually just contracted with another provider out in Carbondale. Within an hour and a half, we have a number of different rehabs we can access.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events
- Rachel Moyer, AED Advocacy and Placement- Greg Moyer Defibrillator Fund –

Commissioner Osterberg announced as you can see, we have all of these AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) and I'll let Rachel speak to this. This is something we had to make sure that we renewed some of them in our County facilities that we now will be sure that we have one in every single building that the County owns. Rachel Moyer said this is so exciting to be here because the times I've been here before was always a process, building awareness, but the fact that Pike County has really stepped up to the plate and we have used a lot of resources to get you more AEDs. I met with the Governor because we're doing a Bill that's only taken twenty-three years since the loss of my son in school. He was playing basketball, he was fifteen years old, and he was the coolest thing since sliced bread, he was only in tenth grade. Even though it's Monroe County, East Stroudsburg North, he was playing for Notre Dame in East Stroudsburg, they came up here and when the school was brand new and there weren't any identifications on the building, and I think about this when I go everywhere. When 9-1-1 was called it took them forty-two minutes to get there because there was no AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the school to help him and he was a healthy kid. He had no signs, no symptoms, no fainting or being uncomfortable and we were very excited and saw him play the first half and thought he did really well and when he walked off the court, probably two minutes later and one of the kids came out and said Mr. and Mrs. Moyer 'Greg needs you', I thought he put somebody in a locker and couldn't open the locker now, or he put him in the garbage can, these things he had done in the past. When I walked to that room, I saw my fifteen-year-old on the ground. I was a teacher for fifteen years and taught in Port Jervis (New York) and there's my son. I grab his head and said 'Greg, you're not breathing, why aren't you breathing?'. He opened his eyes for a split second and that was it, I did not know how to do CPR and there was a doctor and three nurses there and in the year 2000 no one wanted to touch anybody because they were afraid that they were going to get sued.

Rachel Moyer continued looking back, we have come such a long way. Everywhere I go the first thing I say is where are the AEDs? You shouldn't have to spend ten minutes looking for an AED. It should be on the map for the building and in the schools. Rachel Moyer then gave the Commissioners some papers that had to do with the Bill yesterday, it has to do with all of your friends, neighbors, your community. If you don't have an AED in your community, you should get one. Getting

AEDs are not that expensive. The hardest thing I face other than the Commissioners are the school boards. They all say ‘no, they’re too expensive’. I say pick up the phone, how much did your phone cost? What do you pay a month? Krista (Chief Clerk Gromalski) has been dealing with me for years and Krista wanted these AEDs and there was 265K on back order and I kept on calling every single day. I think I whine a lot and that’s how we got them now, because I still have people call. I wanted to make sure you got them, and we were able to save you enough money that you got additional AEDs. We’re not in this to make any money, we’re in this to make sure AEDs are located. Whenever I get on a plane I ask them where are the AEDs and they’ll ask me ‘why do you think you’re gonna need one?’ and I’ll say no, but if you do, I know how to use them. There always at the back of the plane and I think put them in the middle of the plane, it takes too long. Every minute a person is down 10% less of a chance of saving them. Even when someone is down, call for help, get somebody to start CPR and hope that they use it until the AED comes.

The American Heart Association says there’s about 10% of people that are saved with CPR alone. Think about that – we have 90% of the people that need an AED to revive them. If you have a widescreen tv, you have a nice vehicle, think about that and say I don’t need that special stereo system, I can buy an AED and always have it in my vehicle, they don’t like below 32 degrees or above 105 degrees so we’re pretty good here. Sometimes our Winters can be cold, but it’s just your support over these years that have made me so grateful. My husband is County Commissioner in Monroe County. He said make sure you tell the Commissioners that I helped put these together – it takes a long time! Every one of these AEDs is so easy to use. You have to have about fourth grade education and the important thing is you do dial 9-1-1 and put them on speaker phone and you identify the issue, you can’t do more damage than death when person who collapses in sudden cardiac arrest, which is 365K people a year, and 23K of them are below the age of eighteen. It’s not rare, especially when it happens in your life. We made a commitment the night that Greg died when the nurses told us, neither one of us knew what an AED was in 2000 and they said there should’ve been an AED. We were looking at them like, what is that? When they explained, we made a vow that we were not going to put a headstone on our son’s grave until we had an AED in each school in this country. Now, Monroe, Pike, I can get here in about a half hour, we’ve been successful, but there are other parts of the State and country. We’ve been involved in getting lower prices for about 19K AEDs throughout the country, we’ve donated one to at least every State and we’ve also trained about 30K people in CPR and AED. An employee was just telling me about the class that she had, this is going to be here and you’re going to want to know how to use it. It’s not going to shock you and it’s not going to shock someone that doesn’t need a shock, that’s the power of how smart they are. I’m going to tell Krista (Chief Clerk Gromalski) when these go out if they would put the date that they went to wherever this is going to be distributed. The battery is good for four years and you put it in the back. A demonstration was given by Rachel Moyer. Rachel Moyer continued and said as far as the cost of the AED, in 2001 a Bill was passed in Pennsylvania, really the country, because it brought the cost of \$3,400.00 down to \$1,776.00. Since then, they’ve gone up, they’ve gone down, they’ve made cheaper models, but I think this is the best because it checks itself every day. You’re not going to pick this up and all of a sudden when you open it, oh the battery is dead, this beep drives you nuts. The biggest fear I have is that Gregory will be forgotten and when it happens like this, when they go to all the other places in Pike County, I know the #23 is going to be remembered and hopefully it will save more lives in this County – thank you all! I love you guys!

Reporter Chris Jones asked where are these (AEDs) going? Commissioner Osterberg responded that Krista (Chief Clerk Gromalski) has a list of all the offices that we identified. Chief Clerk Gromalski added they are going in every County facility and in some departments specifically. I believe there are eighteen of them and some replacement parts, but there’ll be multiple ones in every County facility. It is funded by a grant from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. Commissioner Osterberg continued we were able to identify the funds for this but regardless of how we identified the funds, these are much needed in the County and we knew that we needed to renew some of them and have some replacement parts, for the cost of saving a life, I think the check is for \$28K, it’s not even a matter of what the money is, it’s more important that one of these is available for any office in this County. We will be doing training again. I know we did it the last time we got these. I am making a note that what we need to do, and we will talk to Timmy (Pike County EMA Director Knapp) at Emergency Services and open this up to the community also. This was we can show them how easy it is to use this piece of equipment, but at the same time, as Rachel was saying, they will think it will be important to go out and purchase one. Wherever they work, or wherever they live, one of these needs to be in every single community building but having it in your car is really a life-saving idea. You never know when you’ll come across this situation. Rachel Moyer added that these go on-line, try to buy these, you all saved \$800 on each one of the units. If you go on-line, they’re about \$2,500-\$2,600.

#### **PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**

**Commissioners’ Conference Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, 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 Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the Agenda.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from the following:  
**GENERAL FUND (County Bills) ..... \$304,766.15**  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **CARISSA DUBE** as a Caseworker II for Children and Youth Services, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 10, 2023, pending drug test results, with benefits after 90 days.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to promote **TRACY SIMON** to Aging Care Management Supervisor I in the Area Agency on Aging, effective October 8, 2023.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

***Motion to recess the Commissioners’ Conference to hold a Salary Board Meeting.***  
***A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD***  
***Motion to reconvene the Commissioner’s Conference.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the initial payment from the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program to the Pike County Office of Community Planning in the amount of \$16,597.75, for the Comprehensive Plan Update.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**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: Homeless Assistance Program in the amount of \$1,543.58; PHARE in the amount of \$11,539.09; and ERAP 2.0 in the amount of \$95,896.91.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the 2018 CDBG Program Payment Voucher in the amount of \$8,614.00, payable to Pro Home Solutions Home Renovations, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the 2018 CDBG Program Payment Voucher payable to the Recorder of Deeds, in the amount of 58.75, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the CDBG Housing Rehab Lien, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.  
**VOTE:** All members voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Outside in School of Experimental Education, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth 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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023, AT 11:00 AM IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**



**SALARY BOARD**  
**September 20, 2023**

**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 approve the August 16, 23 and 30, 2023, and September 13, 2023 Salary Board Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to increase the annual salary of **RENEE GIFFORD** to \$33,750.00, effective September 25, 2023, due to her promotion to Second Deputy in the Recorder of Deeds Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to increase the hourly rate of Correctional Officer **QWANISHA HENDERSON-MUNDY** to \$32.89 per hour, retroactive to September 11, 2023, due to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between Pike County Correctional Officers', AFSCME, AFL-CIO District Council 87, Article IX, job classification and compensation, for 4 to 8 years prior correctional experience.

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

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

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

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.

**SALARY BOARD**  
**September 27, 2023**

**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 annual salary of **CARISSA DUBE** at \$42,497.00, as a Caseworker II for Children and Youth Services, for a 40-hour work week, effective October 10, 2023, pending drug test results, with benefits after 90 days.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to set the annual salary of **TRACY SIMON** at \$50,500.00, effective October 8, 2023, plus protective services supervisory on-call twice monthly pay, effective October 13, 2023, due to her promotion to Aging Care Management Supervisor I in the Area Agency on Aging.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to increase the hourly rate of pay of Correctional Officer **MICHAEL PANISSE II** to \$32.89 per hour, retroactive to September 11, 2023, due to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between Pike County Correctional Officers', AFSCME, AFL-CIO District Council 87, Article IX, job classification and compensation, for 4 to 8 years prior correctional experience.

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

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

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

Salary Board Meeting Adjourned.