

### **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

The second regular meeting of May, 2023 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg at 11:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron; Chief Clerk Gromalski; and Solicitor Farley.

*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 Schmalzle, to approve the May 17, 2023, Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the May 3, 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 May 10, 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** in the amount of **\$506,757.32**.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids for Groceries and Frozen Foods for the period of July 2023-October 2023, on behalf of the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the bids and announced Bernard Foods for \$15,194.20; Mivila for \$212,822.65; Driscoll for \$441,560.60; Sysco \$232,176.16; and the last one, Driscoll Foods \$441,560.60. Solicitor Farley asked to table all the bids so that can be reviewed. Solicitor Farley said there is an extra and he is not sure if it goes with Driscoll. Chief Clerk Gromalski said she thinks it is New England Foods. Solicitor Farley said it doesn't say, there's no bids on it and there's no information in it. I'm assuming it's attached to one of these (the bids opened above).

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the award of bid for Groceries and Frozen Foods for the period of July 2023-October 2023, until June 7, 2023.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Schmalzle and Waldron 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: Human Services Development Fund in the amount of \$1,481.80 and Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2.0 in the amount of \$49,921.78.

**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 \$2,956.70, payable to Family Promise of Monroe, for Mortgage Assistance, 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 Pike County HOME Program Payment Voucher in the amount of \$530.00, payable to Pike County Dispatch, 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 Revision Request #1 for Contract #C000071793 FFY 2018, 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 Chief Clerk to execute the Pike County Domestic Relations Section (DRS) Retirement Reconciliation Worksheet for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2022, on behalf of the Domestic Relations Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint **SHANNON WISNIEWSKI** to the Pike County Children and Youth Advisory Board for a 2-year term, expiring 12/31/24.

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events

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

Reporter Chris Jones asked if the Commissioners could say something about the Primary results? Commissioner Osterberg answered he is very humbled by the support that we received. I know Ron is and I know Tony is, from the residents. I don't want to gloat, but what it shows is that people agree with what we're doing in this County. I'm humbled by it. I never take anything in my life ever for granted. You can see the type of campaign that me and Ron ran, it was positive, we didn't get anywhere as near whatever was being said about us. We just talked about the good things that we've been doing and all the positive things and what we see in the future for the County.

Commissioner Schmalzle said I will say the same exact thing. When we found out that we were going to have a Primary race, we welcomed it. We think more people should get involved and run for office. I think it makes you do a self-assessment on where you're going and makes you review the things you've done for the community. We are fully committed, fully involved and ready to continue to serve the residents of the County.

Commissioner Waldron said I really didn't have a race because there were two of us on the ballot and we are both now going to the General Election. However, quite frankly, I was very pleased that the Republicans who voted kept these guys and the opportunity to continue in office because I think they've both done a really good job and I think we all work well as a team.

Reporter Chris Jones asked out of all of the voting and all that, does there seem to be any problems or anything? Commissioner Schmalzle said we can't comment on that. Commissioner Osterberg said we weren't the Board of Elections. Commissioner Waldron said we are not allowed to participate. Commissioner Osterberg added that he didn't see anything, he was at Dingman #1 all day long. Commissioner Schmalzle said the normal problems, Tom (Solicitor Farley) had a couple of things. Solicitor Farley said I'm here and Krista (Gromalski) is here, I am the Solicitor also for the Election Board. We actually had three individuals appointed representing each of their (the Pike County Commissioners') interests. It went fine. There were hardly any issues at all. Any minor issues Krista took care of or Nadeen (Manzoni), she is the head of our Elections Department. She did a great job!

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**