

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023, 11:00 A.M.
PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING TODAY'S AGENDA

Motion to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Motion to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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1. Approve June 21, 2023 Agenda.
 2. Approve June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes.
 3. Approve June 14, 2023 Conference Minutes.
 4. Approve payment from **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)** **\$473,063.12**
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to advertise re-bids Bennet Ave Building 1 Interior Renovations Project (GC & EC).
2. Motion to open bids for the Springbrook Road Over Rattlesnake Creek Bridge Replacement Project.
3. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order #1 for the Bennet Ave Building 1 Roof Replacement Project.
4. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order #1 for the Pike County Courthouse Exterior Repairs Project.
5. Motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Notice to Proceed on the Pike County Jail ICE Building Roof Replacement Project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-30, Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week, June 5-9, 2023.
2. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-31, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Pike County to Utilize Whole Home Repairs Program Funding as Grants to Homeowners in Pike County.
3. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-32, Pride Month, June 2023.
4. Motion to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers, on behalf of the Office of Human Services: Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) in the amount of \$21,864.84; Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP 2.0) in the amount of \$36,353.13; Homeless Assistance Program in the amount of \$3,156.65; and PHARE in the amount of \$3,501.34.
5. Motion to approve the Pike County HOME Program Payment Voucher payable to Frank De Esch, in the amount of \$675.00, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.
6. Motion to approve the Pike County HOME Program Payment Voucher payable to GateHouse Media, in the amount of \$264.08, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.
7. Motion to approve the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher payable to Hailstone Economic, in the amount of \$625.00, on behalf of the Office of Human Services.
8. Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between The Children's Home of Easton and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
9. Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Justice Works Youthcare and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
10. Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Pathways Adolescent Center and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
11. Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Community Service Foundation and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
12. Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Hoffman House and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
13. Motion to allocate \$19,000.00 of Act 137 Funding to Pike Autism Support Services for a Local Affordable Housing Study.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events
- Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau (PMVB) Spring Update

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-30
CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK
JUNE 5-9, 2023

WHEREAS, the week of June 5-9, 2023 has been proclaimed as Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week by Governor Shapiro, recognizing the efforts of child welfare professionals serving the children of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, every day in Pike County, children are at risk of child abuse and neglect or have been removed from their homes due to such abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the risks and the need to protect the children in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the challenging task of investigating child abuse, providing services to families, assessing safety, and providing services to ensure that Pike County's children are provided with nurturance, family connections, support as they transition into adulthood, and services that allow a child to remain safely in their home or return home as expeditiously as possible falls to the child welfare professionals of the Pike County child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, the work of child welfare professionals may require them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may be put at risk; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals work in difficult and emotional situations with children who have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, the professionals of Pike County must develop great skill in working with families who are in crisis situations, struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, and other difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, the laws surrounding child welfare, how to develop culturally sensitive services, and the legal processes governing the system; and

WHEREAS, child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the endeavor to protect Pike County's children, often with long hours, tremendous demands, and with dramatic impacts to their personal life; and

WHEREAS, every year, child welfare professionals are injured or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and changes to the economic picture has created substantial challenges in the recruitment and retention of staff of child welfare agencies, while the workload has continued to increase; and

WHEREAS, innumerable injuries and deaths of children in Pike County have been averted due to the efforts of Pike County Children and Youth Services.

THEREFORE, in special recognition of the efforts of Pike County Children and Youth Services serving the children of Pike County, We, the Commissioners of Pike County, do hereby issue this Resolution recognizing the staff of Pike County Children and Youth Services for their dedicated efforts in protection the children of Pike County.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY

Matthew M. Osterberg, Chairman

Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

R. Anthony Waldron, Commissioner

Krista Gromalski, Chief Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY TO UTILIZE WHOLE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FUNDING AS GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS IN PIKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the need exists within Pike County for housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied units; and

WHEREAS, Pike County participates in the Whole Home Repair program through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Whole Home Repair (WHR) Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has determined that each WHR agency can follow their own procurement procedures when it comes to the selection of contractors. This is because the homeowner (from DCED's perspective) is a beneficiary of the funds rather than a grantee (with the grantee/subgrantee being the county agency or a subrecipient agency).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADOPTED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Pike County that:

1. Pike County is hereby authorized to utilize Whole Home Repair funding as a grant to homeowners who are eligible to receive assistance, and that bidding of Whole Home Repair projects will not be required.
2. That the Board of Commissioners of Pike County directs and designates Robert Ruiz, Executive Director of Human Development, to act in all matters in connection with this program and Pike County's participation in the Whole Home Repair program; and
3. Pike County officials and staff are directed to do any and all acts necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

DULY RESOLVED, this 21st of June, 2023, by the Board of Commissioners of Pike County, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PIKE COUNTY

ATTEST:

Matthew M. Osterberg, Chairman

Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice Chairman

Robert Ruiz, Executive
Director of Pike County Human Services
June 21, 2023

Tony Waldron, Commissioner

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-32
PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and every individual is protected by the 14th Amendment of the Constitution regardless of gender, race, creed, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners call upon the people of this County to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice and hate everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month began to commemorate the LGBTQ+ community; today all human beings are recognized during Pride Month, regardless of gender, race, creed, or sexual orientation, as being born free and equal in dignity and rights; and as having the ability to impact the cultural, civic and economic success of our country; and

WHEREAS, Pike County is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for all people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, Pike County is home to a robust and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to support all residents and citizens, and it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice wherever it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating diversity creates awareness and provides support and advocacy for the Pike County community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pike County Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as Pride Month.

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