

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

The second regular meeting of July, 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.

Commissioner Osterberg said we have an exciting meeting here, once again to honor people who have voted in many elections, in some cases fifty and sixty years. We are going to consolidate the Agenda so we're not sitting here a long time so we can get to that festivity time and celebrate those great accomplishments.

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 July 19, 2023, Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the July 5, 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 July 12, 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 **\$391,048.83**.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve all seven (7) items under 'PERSONNEL'.

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

The motions approved are as follows:

- Motion to create the part-time position of Conservation District Management Consultant in the Pike County Conservation District for less than 16 hours per week, as needed, effective July 31, 2023.
- Motion to hire **MICHELE LONG** as part-time Conservation District Management Consultant in the Pike County Conservation District for less than 16 hours per week, as needed, effective July 31, 2023.
- Motion to promote **DAWN VANDUYNE** to Financial Caseworker in the Adult Probation Department, effective August 1, 2023. This is a replacement position.
- Motion to promote **KATHLEEN SARRO** to Probation Services Assistant in the Adult Probation Department, effective August 1, 2023. This is a replacement position.
- Motion to create the position of as per-diem Adult Basic Education/General Education Development (ABE/GED) Tutor for the Workforce Development Agency.
- Motion to hire **WILLIAM GAA** as per-diem Adult Basic Education/General Education Development (ABE/GED) Tutor for the Workforce Development Agency, effective July 19, 2023.
- Motion to promote **ANNA GUTIERREZ** to Caseworker 2 for Children and Youth Services for a 40-hour work week, effective July 19, 2023. This is a replacement position.

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

Commissioner Osterberg announced that the first item on here we will have a motion to table the awarding of the bid for the Springbrook Road over Rattlesnake Creek Bridge Replacement Project for the base bid amount of \$1,212,253.40. Solicitor Farley added 'to the next Commissioners' meeting' (August 2nd).

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to table the awarding of the bid for the Springbrook Road Over Rattlesnake Creek Bridge Replacement Project until the next Commissioners' Meeting, August 2, 2023.

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

Commissioner Osterberg announced that no bids were received for the Re-Bid Bennett Ave Building 1 Interior Renovations Project (GC & EC). Solicitor Farley added, for the record, we have no bids. Commissioner Osterberg added we will just re-advertise it for some time in August.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked what work is that on? Commissioner Osterberg answered Interior Renovations.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked is that for the roof? Commissioner Osterberg answered the roof is done and we have a bid out for plumbing and electrical. We never got a contract for a General Contractor yet. We're just going to have to wait and put it

out to bid again. It's amazing everyone is so busy that they don't even have time to bid on the project. This is a fairly large project to renovate that building into a Department of Transportation and Human Services.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to appoint **JANNA GENZLINGER** to the Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board as a Private-Sector Member, for a three-year term, effective July 19, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

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

Commissioner Osterberg announced that the next items under 'NEW BUSINESS', numbers two (2) through seven (7), which are all contract service agreements for Children and Youth Services, these are yearly occurrences. These are all services that Children and Youth must provide. We just have to renew all of them. Solicitor Farley indicated that he reviewed all of them and has no objection to them.

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve items two (2) through seven (7) under 'NEW BUSINESS'.

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

The motions approved are as follows:

- Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Kidspace National Centers, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
- Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between The Children's Home of Reading Youth & Family Services, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
- Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between CONCERN Professional Services for Children, Youth, and Families and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
- Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Diversified Treatment Alternative and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
- Motion to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Alternative Living Solutions and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.
- Motion to execute the Contract for Professional Services between The Wright Center Medical Group dba The Wright Center for Community Health and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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 \$402.00 and PHARE in the amount of \$5,619.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the fiscal year 2023 second quarter payment from the Pike County Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant fund to the following municipalities: Palmyra Township in the amount of \$58,000; Delaware Township in the amount of \$53,750.00; Milford Borough in the amount of \$10,000.00; and Porter Township in the amount of \$8,000.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events – July 19, 2023
- Back to School Event, July 21, 2023- Michele Burrell, Pike County Children & Youth Services Administrator – The Director of Children and Youth Services, Michele Burrell, announced that the Back-to-School Event is this Friday at the Ann Street Park, (Milford Borough) and Children and Youth Services are giving approximately 100 backpacks to families and children that need it. The backpacks will be filled with school supplies. These supplies as well as the backpacks were donated to us from local churches and from a non-profit organization in Monroe County as well. In addition to that, we also invited service providers to come out and they will be there as well with their tables and handing out information to families as they come through. The objective for that is just for families to learn about services that we offer within the community; drug and alcohol will be there and someone from mental health will be there. Families coming through will be getting school supplies and backpacks as well as information on services they would possibly need. The event is from 1PM – 4PM and it is a free event.
- Concealed Carry Event- Jill Gamboni of Representative Joe Adams' Office – Ms. Gamboni announced they are doing a Concealed Carry Seminar and Castle Doctrine Seminar with the District Attorney from Pike County and the Sheriff on August 17, 2023, from 6PM – 8PM at Dingman Township Fire Department and distributed flyers.
- Elder Justice Day, August 22, 2023- Tracy Simon, Protective Services Case Manager 3, Area Agency on Aging – Ms. Simon introduced herself and said she is an elder abuse investigator at Pike County Aging. This year's Elder Justice Day is the ninth (9th) annual and it will be at the Matamoras Senior Center at the Matamoras Fire House on Avenue Q. This year will focus on self-care and cyber security. As many of you know, COVID left a large amount of our senior population confined to their homes, away from their activities outside their homes, away from their families and medical care. Many seniors fell into a pattern of secluded socialization, and we'd like to get those seniors back out in the community and have them recognize the symptoms of self-neglect and educate them on what can be considered self-neglect such as not taking your medications as prescribed, not going to the doctor, living in a home that has safety hazards or fire hazards, lack of personal care. We will have vendors there as well to talk about self-care.

Tracy Simon continued that we are also focusing on cyber security. During COVID we saw a huge amount of people who were scammed through their computers – 'I can get you your COVID vaccine quicker than anybody else'; 'I can get you stimulus payments quicker than anybody else'; and seniors ended up using computers and advanced technology during COVID to get their groceries and meet their needs. People got smart, you're sitting on your computer and get 'this is Microsoft, you have a virus, click here' and the next thing you know your entire

investments from your bank are gone. This year, we had five cases which totaled over \$1M in monies scammed and they will not get that money back in five cases. They wiped out two people for over half a million dollars. The best thing I can tell you is that if somebody is calling you asking you for your personal information, it's probably a scam. Our speakers will educate seniors how to identify those cyber threats and keep finances secure. I began working for the County in 2014, one case manager for the entire County to do investigations and I was under (former) Director Robin Skibber who retired. We are now three full time case workers, a part time case worker, a Supervisor and last year we investigated three hundred sixteen cases. My first year it was eighty-three cases. Last year there was almost \$300K allocated for services under protective services, personal care, transportation, emergency housing, emergency payments to nursing homes, medical bills. We're on-call 24/7 responding to these and we've had a 300% increase in our budget in 3 years to help service seniors. I hope anybody that wants to come out, to please register. There is free breakfast, free lunch, free transportation and lots of vendors. It is inside this year, so there's air conditioning. Commissioner Osterberg thanked Tracy and said it's just as important to realize that the seniors are extremely vulnerable, but so are people younger than us. They are very convincing on the phone to make people believe that they should be giving this information for different threats. We urge the community to make sure they are aware who they are dealing with when they talk on the phones, many calls that we all get on a daily basis.

- Voter Hall of Fame – Elections Director Nadeen Manzoni and Chief Registrar Char Scheuermann were introduced. Director Manzoni announced that Ms. Scheuermann did most of the investigating to determine who was eligible to receive the certificate from the government today to be entered into the Voter Hall of Fame. Eligibility requirements are a voter had to have voted in the last 50 consecutive elections without missing a single one and that is quite an accomplishment. The list of names we have here today are the people acknowledged to not have missed a single election in the last 50 years, contrary to popular belief, the Elections office does work more than 2 days a year. It is my honor and my privilege to be here today and to honor people that have taken part in our democratic process for the last 50 years. We work hard to provide secure and fair, honest elections in the County and it's just truly an honor to be here today. When I call your name, just raise your hand and Char will bring your certificate to you: Ella Eggenberger, Thomas Peifer, Patricia A. Navarro, Robert C. Nied, Betty A. Reaggs, Sandra F. Smith, Jim A. Whittaker, and Gregory D. Yetter. Director Manzoni also pointed out that Betty A. Reaggs was one of the poll workers for many, many years in Matamoras and Sandy (Sandra F. Smith) was honored for 14 years of being the Judge of Elections in Greene Township last year. Elections Director congratulated the award recipients and said they work hard all year long to provide our voters the best experience, whether you're voting by mail or voting in person. Commissioner Schmalzle said we should all learn from a generation that really understands how important it is to vote.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT

Reporter Chris Jones asked about the Springbrook Road Bridge – that keeps coming back, I see the bid is pretty expensive, it's over \$1M. What's the problem? Commissioner Osterberg answered they are working on the easement agreements between the property owners (neighboring property owners Commissioner Waldron added). There are different easement agreements we need to get into place. We knew the number was going to be in that range, it's a big deal. That bridge is from 1916 and it's time to be replaced.

Reporter Chris Jones said he was looking on the map and it's a dead-end road, right? Commissioner Osterberg replied yes, there's a housing development back there, Springbrook Estates is at the end of it, there's a number of homes in there. There's only one way in and that bridge is very important to those residents. Reporter Chris Jones asked how many (residents)? Commissioner Osterberg answered probably 50 or 60 homes back there. Reporter Chris Jones asked if that is Dingman Township? Commissioner Osterberg said yes, the beginning of it in the front is showing Shohola, but the bridge is right on the Dingman line and there's also a quarry back there. Commissioner Waldron added it is several miles long and about 4 miles in. Commissioner Osterberg added it is a private development. When you first get in past the bridge on the left-hand side and then when you go all the way to the end, the Township road ends and it becomes a private development, Springbrook Estates. Reporter Chris Jones asked so it's a Township road, but a County bridge? Commissioner Osterberg answered County bridge. The first section of that road, a small piece of it, is a County road, that's Old Owego Turnpike. The County is responsible for a short piece of that road and the bridge came along with Owego Turnpike.

Reporter Chris Jones asked if there are any restrictions because the bridge is so old? Commissioner Osterberg answered not right now. The bridge is wide enough, it's a single lane bridge, there's no trouble with getting equipment across there right now, but it's an old concrete, arched bridge. I don't even want to talk about what could happen because it would be a detriment for that to happen, this happened a number of years ago in Lehman Township. A truck hit the sidewall of one of those concrete bridges and it was the only route into the hunting camp and it turned into a big dilemma and drove the price for through the roof because it was now an emergency repair.

Reporter Chris Jones asked if this number could stay then (over \$1M)? Commissioner Osterberg answered yes, we're just trying to get all the easement agreements in place.

Reporter Chris Jones asked was this the only bid? Commissioner Osterberg answered no, I think there was another bidder. Commissioner Waldron added that the bids were acceptable, but we need to make sure that we can get the proper easements before they start, because once we commit to the bid we have to pay. Solicitor Farley added there are 2 bidders for this project. Commissioner Osterberg said this is from the \$5 Registration Fee money.

Reporter Chris Jones asked if that (\$5 Registration Fee money) would cover that? Commissioner Osterberg answered yes, plus if you remember what we did with the \$5 Registration Fee is we went out and took out a bond toward it so we were able to bond some of that when the bond rates were so inexpensive and we were able to bond another \$5M. The \$5 Registration Fee turned into about \$7M worth of construction use because the State gave us \$2M in matching funds.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked about Bushkill, in Monroe County and said LVHN (Lehigh Valley Health Network) opened up a new medical facility, can you comment on that and give us a Northwell update? Commissioner Schmalzle answered most people know we formulated a foundation to raise money to build a hospital in Pike County. That is on the way and the first steps are putting two urgent care facilities in place. Yesterday we received renderings of the urgent care down at the Weis market in Delaware Township in Dingmans. It is a very impressive rendering of it. Within the next two weeks they will be hanging their sign at that facility and a couple of months later they'll be opening that facility as they get bids to replicate the building for that. The next property is going to be up on the Route 507/Route 6 Corridor and that property has been identified and they will be visiting that property in the next two weeks to put that lease in place. Following that, we hope to build a

small hospital, a mini or micro hospital on our Blooming Grove property which is right in the center of the County. It is a direct center of the County and I think everybody knows that we use hospitals surrounding the County and, depending on where you live, you go to the closest hospital. This will cut that time in half because we're putting it in the middle of all those hospitals that serve us currently. Northwell has made a commitment to us to have a facility up and running within three years. We're hoping that is the case and we're working with them to come up with the further details. They are also working with a Pennsylvania hospital to partner in that joint venture. The facility that opened in Dickson City, PA and a new facility that just opened in where you just talked about, is a prototype of what we hope to build on the Blooming Grove, PA property. The Blooming Grove property is not only a center, but it's the one place we have sewer and water. It will be the County's gift to this company that's coming in to give them the property with utilities and they'll sign long term agreement because we believe there's not higher priority than to improve health care services in the County. That is the update. September 20, 2023, we're going to have a kick-off meeting with the Foundation and by that time we should have renderings of the facility. We should have a budget in place and begin the fundraising process. I think we all know that if it was viable and profitable for a hospital to be in Pike County there would be one. It's not viable so we found that we have to contribute it. Matt (Commissioner Osterberg) has said on a number of occasions – nobody is coming in here to do this; we need to do it. We will be very involved with the fundraising efforts to make sure that the Northwell facility is viable and sustainable even though they are a large employer in New York State and a vastly larger organization than any hospitals that we know of in Pennsylvania. It's a large organization coming into here.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked about the property in Blooming Grove that you're giving them, are you going to deed ownership to them? Commissioner Osterberg answered we will leave that up to the legal minds, but our thoughts would be a long-term lease, basically a one-hundred-year lease, basically giving them the property, but we would always have control of it. That's a bit down the road, there will have to be some discussions of we give you this and what are you giving us, there has to be some long-term commitment from them. That's the whole idea of forming this foundation, not only come to them with land, but come to them with money and say here's the money to help you succeed because we know these types of ventures are extremely expensive. It's going to take time for them to make this into a profitable type of business. We also have to look at this as the future for Pike County. The population just hit sixty thousand. I don't anticipate that population is going to go down. We can only anticipate the population going up. It's going to put even more stress on our already stressed EMS services which have to drive long distances out of the County. There's another component to it, if we can get some place smaller or a facility closer, I'll call it 24/7 ambulatory services, those ambulance calls in that region of Pike County will not be going all the way to Stroudsburg or Wayne or all the way to Port Jervis, in many cases out of service two to three hours. That's our commitment with the land, but it will be a long-term lease is what I envision. I'll leave that up to the legal minds. This is not the first time that's been done to allow somebody to use property up there.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked what is Pennsylvania hospital that keeps getting mentioned? Commissioner Waldron answered it's going to mention that just two add-ons to Ron's (Schmalzle's) report. We expect one of the reasons why we're going to have the foundation meeting mid-September is Northwell has indicated to us that they intend to make an announcement in the next sixty days approximately and we don't want to jump the gun on them because there's an actual agreement that we believe is in place already, but they want to make an announcement at the appropriate time. Reporter Ehrler said, I'm sorry, an announcement about? Commissioner Waldron answered about who that partner is. Commissioner Osterberg added who that partner is we really don't want to get out in front of them. Commissioner Waldron continued hopefully, we intent to be able to say that on September 20th to the Board and then to the public. The other thing is medical foundation was started with my colleagues here along with (former Commissioner) Steve Guccini, my predecessor, took \$2M of recovery money that the federal government gave us, all together Pike County got over \$10M, but they took \$2M and said we're going to keep that there just for medical services. They could've spent it on lots of other things, but they dedicated that and that's the kick-off money. Even though we haven't gotten any kind of contributions, or one I believe, we already have \$2M in that account. We hope to grow it to at least \$10M to \$20M. We're already talking to federal and state people, in fact we met with some of them just yesterday, (Senator) Casey's office personnel, to say if we can get at least \$10M of private money, hopefully you're going to help us go to the next level.

Reporter Preston Ehrler said this sounds great, but we've had medical facilities here and then they've left. What happens if worst case scenario, they come in, we give them \$2M or \$10M or whatever, and then in two or three years they say this isn't working, we're hemorrhaging money and we're leaving? Is there any kind of claw back? What are we looking at here? Commissioner Schmalzle answered there are two parts to the medical foundation. One part is going to be a capital campaign to help whoever's coming in, Northwell, to build a facility. The second part is going to be a sustained drive that will, like every hospital, organization, non-profit, Northwell is non-profit as large as they are, but every hospital has a fund that helps them sustain as well. I think we all know right now hospitals around the country is a very challenging field to be in to make it profitable, so our thought is to build a foundation to have grants available so that they can sustain. You make a good point. I think there's a good reason why some of them failed in the past and one of the reasons is I believe they were in the wrong place. Putting it here in Milford where there's not a lot of population right next to a facility that's just over the bridge into New York probably wasn't as viable and, they also could not accept all insurances. That led them down a path to fail here. That's why the coordination of a relationship with a Pennsylvania hospital will help with the health insurance providers to make sure that they take all insurances. Putting it in the center and putting it in a population base that this urgent care is going in, in Dingman's on 739, is a large part of our population. People have a hard time believing this that on the 739 corridor because they're all behind gates. When I go to meetings, when I was on the Board at Wayne Memorial, I said that Hemlock Farms has a larger population than Honesdale and they thought I was being a politician and lying. That isn't a lie, it's truth. Hemlock Farms is a large community as is Wild Acres, Sunrise Lakes and all of them, you can drive down 739 and not see any homes, but it is the largest population area. We won't let them fail. Commissioner Waldron added we also have a big company coming in. Northwell is the fifth largest medical provider in the United States. The idea that they're going to run out of money is not likely. They actually said to us when we first talked to them about the urgent care, we said we have this \$2M earmarked for medical services, if you need that to get the urgent care going, we can give you some or all of that, they said no hold on to that for your bigger plan – we don't need that, we can afford to lose a \$1M a year is what they told us, for two or three years at least. Does that mean that they're going to want to keep losing money? They've grown to the place they are already because they haven't lost money. They've been able to manage that and that's helpful. Commissioner Osterberg added one thing is important here, we didn't solicit them, they solicited us. They came to us with a study and said we think this will work in your county. There's a report that we have that they did whole analysis of medical concerns in Pike County and they came to us and said this is what our plan is. It wasn't the other way around where we are forcing them to come into

the community. They're coming here willingly. In fact, in some cases when we sat here in amazement that they were realizing that there's money to be made here, maybe not today, but certainly into the future. It's very enlightening and exciting to think there's a company like this and others that they're looking to partner with that believe that Pike County is an open market for them, and we can only benefit from it.

Reporter Chris Jones asked so the partner that Ron (Commissioner Schmalzle) was talking about, that's a Pennsylvania hospital? Commissioner Osterberg replied it is. Reporter Chris Jones asked and that will be revealed in September? Commissioner Osterberg said they will do that, we're allowing them because they told us that they're in the process of doing it. Commissioner Schmalzle added we know, but we're not going to tell anybody. Reporter Chris Jones asked why is it important to have that? Commissioner Osterberg answered insurance, staffing. Commissioner Waldron added staffing and recruiting. Commissioner Schmalzle also added that they felt recruiting was the number one importance and then the acceptance of all the insurances was secondary, very important, but I think we know that recruiting doctors in a time when there's a shortage across the country is very challenging so that makes somebody that's already in Pennsylvania to recruit licensed doctors and nurses it is important to them. Commissioner Osterberg continued I think it's also name recognition for the residents. While we have a lot of people that relocated here from New York that recognize the Northwell name, and if you live in this part of Pike County with our TV you'll see lots of commercials on the New York networks from Northwell. At the same time, there are people that have lived here a very long time that have no recognition of who Northwell is. By them connecting with a known name in Pennsylvania, makes everyone feels comfortable. We have a company here that we recognize this company and other groups recognize others and there are a lot of commuters here that go to New York everyday that are probably in the Northwell system because that's where their insurance is. They're being insurance by companies in New York State where Northwell is.

Tracy Simon from Area Agency on Aging said that they are very happy at the Aging office for a small hospital to come because part of our investigation are medical. Our people have to go, usually, out of county and we can't follow those cases, especially if they go to New York. We're at a disadvantage for serving seniors who have been abused and need medical. We struggle to find those doctors to assist us with our seniors. With this in place, we hope to get a relationship so when we need somebody to have an evaluation to say they're safe to remain in their home. We need to know if this person has a medical diagnosis that they're unable to manage? We put somebody in there who can help them. At this point, our seniors are going to Wayne Memorial, Lackawanna County, Port Jervis (New York) and guidelines for the Department of Aging, if they go over to New York, we can't follow them so we're out. If they go to the hospital, we're not going to see them at a hospital. We're relying not only on another State, but another County, to go and say your resident is okay, but most people think their safe in a hospital. What happens when they come back to our County and we don't know they came back? By working within our County, we'll probably have a better relationship with the seniors too and to help those who haven't been identified as being a victim of some form of abuse of criminal activity because we're going to hopefully have that relationship with them. Commissioner Schmalzle said the last thing I'll say is that I can't say this anymore, this has been my schtick since day one, but we are the only county currently of the 67 Pennsylvania counties that doesn't have either a hospital or an urgent care. I won't be able to say that anymore and I'm excited to not be able to say that anymore. It's an exciting time and there's no bigger priority for us to accomplish this and when we're done here in four and a half years, we hope to leave the county in a place that is in a better spot than this.

Reporter Preston Ehrler asked if you're saying this is going to be your final term Ronald? Commissioner Schmalzle responded he is not going to say anything – yes. Reporter Preston Ehrler said thank you for answering the question.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.