

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

The first regular meeting of August, 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 and Waldron; Chief Clerk Gromalski; and Solicitor Thomas F. Farley.

*Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda-none.*

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the August 2, 2023, Agenda as amended.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 19, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 26, 2023, Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUNDS (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$479,544.13**, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **PCEHIF, (PIKE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND)** in the amount of **\$86,019.50**, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **BRIDGE REPAIR ACCOUNT**, in the amount of **\$59,345.55**, subject to further review.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **RYAN MCGAVIN** as Communication Dispatcher Trainee for the 911 Center for a 40-hour work week, effective August 23, 2023, pending successful drug screening, with benefits after 90 days.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to promote **BENJAMIN AMMERMANN** to Senior Probation Officer for the Domestic Relations Office, effective August 1, 2023.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **CARRIE HOLGERSON** as Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging for a 40-hour work week, effective August 14, 2023, pending successful drug screening, with benefits after 90 days.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as full-time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, for a 40-hour work week, effective August 14, 2023, with benefits after 90 days:

**SEAN WAGNER, ELI DEVASH, IMMANUEL GREENE, BRANDON SANTANA, AND XAVIER MOLINA.**

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as full-time Maintenance Staff Members for the Correctional Facility for a 40-hour work week, effective August 14, 2023, with benefits after 90 days: **STEVE GALANTE AND MICHAEL MOFFA.**

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **BRYCE HARRIGAN** as full-time Food Production Supervisor for the Correctional Facility for a 40-hour work week, effective August 14, 2023, with benefits after 90 days.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table the hiring of **DAWN THOMPSON** as part-time Clerk in the Commissioners' Office, for less than 1,000 hours per year, pending successful drug screening.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg 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 Osterberg, to table in general the awarding of the bid for the Springbrook Road Over Rattlesnake Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise bids 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.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise 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 and Waldron voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 23-33, National Health Centers Week, August 6 – 12, 2023.

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

Commissioner Waldron read Resolution No. 23-33 aloud.

Commissioner Osterberg announced that there are some members of the Wayne Memorial Community Health Center (WMCHC) here and said we here at the County recognize Wayne Hospital and what they do for the Pike County residents. As we know, during COVID, it was a very trying time for everyone in this County, particularly the fact that we do not have a hospital. We do not have urgent cares, but when that time came Wayne Hospital stepped up to the plate and helped us make sure we provided adequate services to all our residents. For that, we are always grateful for your support there. We support what you do in Pike County when it comes to tick borne diseases and other things you handle at your clinics up in the Blooming Grove region. I have a list of who we have here (from WMCHC) Teresa Lacey, Erica Brown, Julia Pacheco, Nichole Yannone, Karen Arthur and Margaret Allen.

Terri Lacey introduced herself and said she is the new CEO for Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers and said FQHC's (Federally Qualified Health Centers) are built to respond to the needs of our community so we're happy to continue with our tick borne disease. We realize that is a very difficult disease to manage for a lot of people, so we do have that specialty. We also have recruited a new dentist for the Pike region, we're expanding our pediatric office because we've seen an increase in volume with pediatrics and we are looking to expand our testing for obstetric women in Pike County. As we come out of this public health emergency, I would encourage all of the residents to seek preventative care. We have not only locally, but nationally, that people have not sought health care for prevention. They were afraid to go into health care facilities because of the pandemic, but now that we're out of that public health emergency, we really encourage people to seek care and reengage with their primary health care physician and engage in preventative practices. Thank you very much for having us today.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Proposal from Kinsley Power Systems, Inc.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Dickson House Children's Advocacy Center.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the updated Agreement for Subcontracted Services between Above the Rest Home Care LLC. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Subgrant Award Notification from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the PikeCARE Grant, on behalf of the Probation Department.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint **TOM CALPIN** to the Poconos Counties Workforce Development Board as an Organized Labor Representative, for a 3-year term, effective September 1, 2023, through August 20, 2026.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement between Adelphoi Village and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children and Youth Services.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the following Human Services Payment Vouchers on behalf of the Office of Human Services: PHARE in the amount of \$1,900.00 and Human Services Development Fund in the amount of \$1,608.78.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Waldron and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the fiscal year 2023 first quarter payment from the Pike County Emergency Medical Services Matching Grant fund to Blooming Grove Township in the amount of \$2,263.88.

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- PennState Extension Calendar of Events
- Senior Expo Event- Friday, September 8, 2023
- Pike County Implementable Comprehensive Plan Community Collaboration Meetings- Mike Mrozinski, Planning and Mapping Director – Director Mrozinski thanked the Commissioners and announced that the Pike County Comprehensive Plan is an eighteen-month process which we started back in 2022. We already have gone through the public survey, and we have eight hundred some odd responses and we also have the report which is available on-line along with the responses. In order to get more public input, we have community collaboration meetings that we’ve set up. Our steering committee felt the best location to have them is in the three school districts and it’s an open house format, open for two hours at East Stroudsburg North, Wallenpaupack High School and the Delaware Valley School District. With the Survey we identified a lot of the major concerns that residents have identified. We’ll focus on that but it will be a general presentation; we have a consultant, Michael Baker International, that will be there to provide that and stations you can go and discuss housing, identify any concerns which you might have with transportation, economic development and the like. It’s open house, two hours and we’re trying to get word out. The information has been sent out to news outlets and it’s on the County website ([www.pikepa.org](http://www.pikepa.org)). We are looking to make sure as many residents can participate in that. Realizing that the time frames may not work for everybody, we have some during the weekday in the afternoon and one of them is evening and there will be a virtual option that we populated that will be available on the website and we’ll have one more Community Collaboration meeting in the Fall to wrap things out and put together the document and hopefully by Spring of 2024 we hope to have a final document. We look forward to getting the word out any way we can on this.

A meeting attendee asked about the dates of the Community Collaboration Meetings, general presentations? Director Mrozinski answered August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6PM – 8PM at East Stroudsburg High School North; August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12PM – 2PM at Wallenpaupack High School; and August 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM – 6 PM at the Delaware Valley High School. At each session there will be a brief fifteen or twenty minute presentation on generally what a Comprehensive Plan is, where we are right now, what we’ve learned thus far and the rest will be open house.

**PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT – None**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**