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June 16, 2020

Dear members of the community:

The past few months have been difficult for all of us. We understand the uncertainties and economic challenges that many of our local residents, organizations, businesses, and municipalities have been going through. Please be assured that the Board of Commissioners is aware of the many needs in our County and is working to address these needs.

You may have learned that Pike County will be receiving \$5,040,047 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") funding. The purpose of this funding is to cover necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19 between March 1 and December 30, 2020.

The first step for the County to access these funds is to submit an application to the state. This application was submitted on June 16. We are unable to commit these funds until the County has a contract in place with the state.

In the meantime, we are developing a fair and equitable process for small businesses, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations to apply to use these funds in a way that complies with all U.S. Department of the Treasury and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development guidelines. This application will be available at PikeForward.com once the County executes our contract with the state. To receive a notification when the application is available, sign up to receive email updates at PikeForward.com.

Pike County is working with Hailstone Economic to administer this project. The project manager, Sara Hailstone, is available if you have any questions. She can be reached at (570) 687-6112 or shailstone@hailstoneeconomic.com. Sara and her team are also putting together guidance to help businesses, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations understand and make choices about all of the funding sources that are available to them to address the impact of COVID-19. This will be made available through PikeForward.com.

Feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any questions or concerns. We are here for you.

Sincerely,

Matthew M. Osterberg, Chairman

Ronald R. Schmalzle, Vice Chairman

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