

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

The second regular meeting of January of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Caridi at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Osterberg.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

Motion: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the January 21, 2015 Agenda.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$309,845.96, subject to further review.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS FUND (legal ad and 1/3-19 plowing)**, in the amount of \$8,245.48.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (MHE-bridges)**, in the amount of \$548.96.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND (Lock Data-January 2015)**, in the amount of \$475.00.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$100,278.40.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to award the bid for fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility to Bimbo Foods, Inc. for the amount of \$62,988.75.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification for Authorized Use of 9-1-1 funds under Chapter 53, Emergency Telephone Service, of Title 35 of the PA Consolidated Statutes for FY 2015-16, on behalf of the Communication Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Subscription Agreement for Weather Services between Telvent and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Pennsylvania Emergency Performance Grant Application FFY 2015, on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Award Letter for the Pike County Victim Witness Program in the amount of \$47,294, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Certification of County Funds for the 2015 Program Year, as per recommendation by the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the CDBG Request for Release of Funds and Certification for 2012 and 2013, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the CDBG and HOME Annual Fiscal Status Reports, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Fair Housing Annual Report, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute Rental Assistance Contract #20, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Christine Kerstetter, Human Development Director, distributed a Press Release regarding Housing Rehabilitation Grants for Pike County. Ms. Kerstetter was excited to report that the County received a \$500,000 grant from DCED and funding from the County's Act 137 Fund in the amount of \$245,000. The County is seeking senior citizens 55 years of age or older and people with disabilities who are resident home owners of either Greene, Lehman, Porter or Delaware Townships. Eligible owners will qualify for grants to make home repairs.

Julia Sullivan, Pike County Interagency Council Chapter Coordinator for Project Linus, gave a presentation on the national volunteer non-profit organization. Project Linus has over 300 chapters nation-wide, including the Orange County, NY and Pike County, PA Chapter. She gave a brief history of the beginning of Project Linus in 1995 by a girl named Karen, who lived in Denver, and gave a child cancer patient a blanket. Since then the organization has donated over 5 million blankets nationwide. The Orange County, NY and Pike County PA Chapter has donated over 30 thousand blankets to children in need. The chapter reaches out into the community to get volunteers to make the blankets, which are all handmade. There are blanket making days in some of the churches and looking to expand their effort in Pike County. Children can also participate by coloring the blankets. Donations are always accepted. They also make beds for the animal shelters with the scraps. Ms. Sullivan distributed flyers regarding Project Linus.

Cynthia DeFebo, Workforce Development Agency Director, announced that the Agency will be hosting a "How to Land a Federal Job" workshop for veterans on January 22 at the Visitor's Center in Hawley from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a waiting list for anyone who is interested in the next workshop as this one is full already.

Commissioner Caridi stated that there is a Vetstock Veteran's event occurring on January 24 at Wallenpaupack which raises money for veteran's causes. They have partnered with Homes for Our Troops. 100% of donations go to providing homes for disabled troops. This is the third partnership, which will be held in the Wallenpaupack Area High School Auditorium. The home will be at 70 Deer Run Road, Millstone Development, outside of Hawley, for a young man whose primary care givers live in Hemlock Farms. His name is Roberto Reyes. He has been in a VA nursing home in the Bronx for 10 years from tragic wounds he received in Afghanistan, and is totally disabled. There will be a flag line assembling at 10:30 a.m. for anyone who wishes to participate.

PRESS & PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.