

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

The first 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. Pastor Leonard Gilpin of Hope Evangelical Free Church in Matamoras offered the opening prayer.

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

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Wagner.

The Commissioners presented a Certificate of Recognition to Linda Cioppa for her years of service as a Conservation District Board Member. The Conservation District Board of Directors Chairman Scott Savini also presented a certificate to Ms. Cioppa, along with certificates from the Governor, Representatives Mike Peifer and Lisa Baker's Offices.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the January 7, 2015 Agenda, with an amendment to add item #7 under new business to execute a contract with the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 17, 2014 and January 5, 2015 (Reorg) Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 18, 23, 29 and 30, 2014 and January 6, 2015 Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$172,827.66, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (MHE-Bridge Repairs)**, in the amount of \$378.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$28,210.71.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **NANCY PRATZ**, as a Legal Secretary for the Adult Probation Department, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective January 5, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS NOT HELD DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open bids for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the only bid which was received from Bimbo Bakeries in the amount of \$62,998.75 with bid bond.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to table the bid for review, for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility, until January 21, 2015.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 15-03, Authorizing the Transportation Office Official to Assign Roles Within the PA Dotgrants Program; and to execute accompanying documentation.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Marvin A. Brotter Consulting Services and the County of Pike, for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Community Development Block Grant Programs.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Senior Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher from Delaware Run in the amount of \$2,145 for January 2015, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute Senior Rental Assistance Contract #18, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the FY 14/15 Amended Purchase of Service Agreement between Families United Network and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Senior Community Center Grant Agreement between the PA Department of Aging and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Agreement for Professional Services between Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission and the County of Pike, for drug and alcohol treatment services at the Correctional Facility.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Kevin Cope, Hope for Veterans, was unable to attend and will be present at the January 21, 2015 meeting.

Rich Mroczka, Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, spoke about the Agreement for Professional Services between Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission and the County of Pike, for drug and alcohol treatment services at the Correctional Facility. He stated that there has been a chronic issue with drug and alcohol dependence and the criminal justice system. In order to address this problem, there has been education and intervention, which he stated has helped, but treatment in the facility itself is missing. Treatment can only be given by a licensed program. The Drug & Alcohol subcontracts with provider Catholic Social Services. The services will be given in the Correctional Facility itself. The extension of Catholic Social Services license is very critical because they have to follow all the regulations that the PA Drug & Alcohol Programs and Division of Licensing has put upon them to do this. Catholic Social Services will provide an individualized plan with goals, objectives and action steps for dealing with the addiction. They will also match offenders with other agencies and it will allow treatment to continue inside and outside the facility. The program will interface with the PA Board of Probation & Parole, the Probation and Public Defender's offices, and private attorneys and anyone else who is necessary in that development of the individual and their treatment goals. There are also very strict rules about confidentiality, and the provider can only release information on the individual to certain persons. This is a very critical program for society as a whole.

Erin Gilpatrick, Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, for Catholic Social Services, gave a brief overview of the program for inmates. Also, with this program, many of the clients who go back to jail on probation violations will now have the opportunity to have their treatment continued with their active file being brought to the Correctional Facility.

Commissioner Caridi stated that the Prison Board first approved this program, and the Judge who is on the Prison Board is fully supportive of this program. The program will cost \$55,000. Some of the funding to pay for this program will be from the DUI funds that are allocated back to the County. Commissioner Caridi also stated that once an individual was released from jail, there was no aftercare or treatment program for these individuals. This program will address recidivism and some of the other effects of drugs and alcohol to the family members.

Commissioner Osterberg reiterated that the drug problem is a serious issue. This is the first step of treating individuals who are entering the criminal justice system. There is a program on Wednesday, January 8, called Parents for Prevention, which is an outreach group to bring the entire community together to brainstorm on how we can teach parents to see what the behavioral problems are with their children, and how we as a community can face this entire problem. It will be held at Newton Wellness Center at 5:15 p.m. The County treats these children/adults once they are in the criminal justice system, but there are a whole group of people that are not being treated and maybe they don't know where to go for the help. Eighty five percent of those incarcerated are there because of some addiction. The Commissioners will push as hard as they can to see this developed. Luke Barbalich, who was recently appointed to the Drug & Alcohol Commission, will be conducting these meetings.

Kirk Mackey, President of the Board of the Pike County Library, introduced Rose Chiochi as the new Executive Director of the Pike County Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.