

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

The second regular meeting of October 2017 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

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

***Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.***

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

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

**A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.**

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

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the October 18, 2017 Agenda deleting item #6 (exonerations).

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the September 20, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the October 4 and 13, 2017 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye'; Commissioner Caridi abstained from the October 13<sup>th</sup> minutes due to his absence.. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$219,622.40**, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **PROJECT SERVICES C 2012 (Cthse. Exp. Sept. 2017)**, in the amount of **\$185,896.96**.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to award the bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility as follows: Benjamin Foods - \$99,425.18; Mivila Foods - \$29,640.93; Keyco Distributors - \$20,130.13; Sysco Central - \$9,791.11 and Bernard Foods - \$12,072.20.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini voted 'aye'. Commissioner Caridi voted 'nay'. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for the purchase of a 2018 Subaru Outback for the Conservation Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Lease Agreement between Safe Haven and the County of Pike, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office for the Child Advocacy Center.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider Agreement and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Addendum between Avanco International and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services. Commissioner Guccini said he just reviewed this and believes it has to do with the breach that occurred statewide to some of the Children & Youth Systems, therefore, he would like to table this item for further review.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'nay'. Motion tabled (below).

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to table for further review the Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider Agreement and the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Addendum between Avanco International and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services (above).

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

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Commissioner Osterberg introduced Tim Knapp, Emergency Management Agency Director to speak about the Code Red Alert. The incident that occurred a couple of weeks ago in Lackawaxen has brought this to be of more importance to urge the residents of the County to register for Code Red Alerts. It will make it that much easier for the Emergency Management Agency to reach out to the residents when there is an emergency. Mr. Knapp said that the EMA is here to help the residents, and it is important to have as many people as possible to sign up for this system. Some people said that they were told to evacuate but didn't know when we were able to come back. This system will help. It takes 5 minutes to sign up and be aware of emergency situations, such as evacuations, road closures, etc. This is an excellent system. If something is happening in Matamoras Borough, it can single out Matamoras Borough and not all of Pike County. During the incident that occurred in Lackawaxen, the notification was sent to residents in a 5 mile radius of where Mr. Knapp was standing. Next week the dispatchers will be receiving training on how to use the system more. There are different ways to use the system, such as phone line text. It is very important to spread the word to your neighbors, especially the elderly, to sign up for this system so that they will be aware of any emergencies around them. Mr. Knapp asked for some patience as he has been doing some testing on the system the past few days to test the ability of the system. Commissioner Osterberg clarified that this will work over the land line, cell phone and email. Mr. Knapp said that he does not like the text version of the system because it cuts off before the entire sentence goes out there. If that does happen, check your email because he sends to the email and text at the same time. It only allows for so many words in a text. They are also learning a little more about the system themselves. He explained that the other day when he arrived at Central Station #27 for a dinner they were having, he was notified by the County that the plate was fixed and it was going to smell like gas and it was going to be loud again. So at that point Mr. Knapp took a five mile radius and he hit phone lines, voice and rather than hit 45 people that were signed up in that area, he hit 1,700 people in that area. Commissioner Caridi asked if this was through GPS coordinates. Mr. Knapp replied that it does know the GPS coordinates, but the big companies buy into old phone lines. When they signed the agreement with Code Red, a Northeast Terrorism Task Force product, they had already had 37,000 land lines in their data base from Pike County. The problem is that everyone is getting rid of their land lines which is why it's important to push the cell phones and computer. If anyone needs help, please contact Mr. Knapp. Code Red is one of the biggest companies in the country. He was in Alabama which is a Code Red state, and he hit the app on his phone and it showed all the danger areas in Alabama on the highways. So if you're driving in Lehigh Valley and you are signed up to Code Red and there is an emergency traffic deal going on, you will get an alert on your phone even though you are not signed up in those demographics. Any phone that is synced to a cell tower in the emergency area at the time of a Code Red announcement, will get the notification.

Someone asked for clarification of the Lackawaxen situation. Mr. Knapp suggested that he attend the After Action meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He did confirm that there were about 150 citizens from the Fawn Lake area that were evacuated. He received letters from Fawn Lake and Woodloch properties thanking him. Unfortunately, if you do not have someone signed up to this system, during the evacuation process the EMA has to then go door to door, which is still the best practice, but not the safest practice. He continued to give a detailed description of everything that was done regarding the gas leak. Working with the gas companies right now to locate all the valves so they can be put into the GPS layer mapping. It was a big incident which could have been a lot worse. Some people did not hear that they could go back home, but their biggest goal at that point was to get people out of their homes within the ½ mile area. The weather was beautiful. He said that was another thing to take into consideration was that the weather was beautiful and it was almost 70 degrees. So there was some confusion as to whether people were going to the beach at Fawn Lake or to the clubhouse at Masthope. He likes sending them to the clubhouse at Masthope because it is indoors. The Fire Chief sent them to the beach. Mr. Knapp did not have a problem with that because of the beautiful weather and it was only going to be for a two hour period. They will be having an After Action meeting because they did see some things that they would like to tweak a little bit, but overall it went pretty well. An excavator hit the pipe. Commissioner Osterberg said that is why it is so important that people have this system in place because it's one thing evacuating, but it's another to let people know when then can return to their homes, because you don't know where they have gone during the evacuation. Mr. Knapp even did a Code Red alert that night because he requested a power cut in that area stating that 'we are aware of the power outage in the area and it is being worked on at this time'. There were only 37 people signed up for Code Red in that area. Currently there are 49. He will be stopping at Lackawaxen Township and Fawn Lake to drop off flyers, so he is expecting over 100 at the end of the day. Once emergencies happen people react and then sign up for the system. They took it a step further by tweaking their mapping and were able to pull out the demographics and see every homeowners physical address and phone number in a matter of a few seconds so they can make phone calls easily. Their basic plan will be promulgated this year for two years, and there are a few things that were added just for the Code Red system and the safety of the community. The After Action meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on November 3 at the Pike County Training Center. Mr. Knapp is scheduled for a tour of the Milford Compressor Station shortly and he will report back with any information.

Alicia Bonnadonna, Area Agency on Aging Apprise Coordinator of the Medicare Program for Pike County, reported that she received a phone call from a Medicare beneficiary stating that they received a letter from Geisinger Medicare Advantage Plans that Geisinger would no longer be providing Medicare Advantage Plans to Pike County. Medicare Advantage Plans provides hospitalization, medical and pharmacy coverage for people who have Medicare. She reached out to Geisinger and apparently for 2018 they do not meet the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid criteria for Medicare Advantage Plans. They do not have enough specialty providers in our network. Pike County has limited providers of specialized medical care. Ms. Bonnadonna said that over 700 people are affected in Pike County. These people technically have until February 2018 to pick another plan, but realistically it ends December 31, 2017. They really do need to choose something before January 1, 2018 or they will only have original Medicare, which does not cover a lot. The biggest disadvantage is that Geisinger offered a zero premium plan to citizens of Pike County where they did not have to pay any monthly fee and they could receive medical and pharmacy. For 2018 there is no zero premium plan that includes medical, hospitalization and pharmacy. A lot of the people who were choosing Geisinger

plans are low/moderate income people. Many of them are over 70, 80, 90 years old. She said they are trying to do the best they can to reach out to these people and come up with a strategy to put together some packets. They would like to have information meetings throughout Pike County to address the situation. She has a team of 6 people, with only 3 counselors. She works for Diakon Community Services and they are sending an extra counselor to help these people find new plans or buy supplemental plans which are more expensive. The Center for Medicare/Medicaid is federal and does not have anything to do with the state. Senator Baker's office has been amazing by reaching out to Senator Toomey's office, and they reached out to Geisinger. It is the regulatory of the Center for Medicare/Medicaid and not Geisinger. Geisinger assured Ms. Bonnadonna that they did not voluntarily pull out. They are trying to get back into the market for 2019. People who were calling her were upset because they like the plan. It is very popular in Northeast PA and Wayne County did not lose theirs. Commissioner Osterberg asked why any other plan would have more providers in this area. We know we don't have providers. Most of us are going to the doctor and the hospital either to Wayne, Port Jervis or Newton. Ms. Bonnadonna answered that most of the people that are using this plan are going to Wayne County, so she does not understand the logistics of why they are able to operate in 2017 and not in 2018 because they have the same providers. Unless they lost providers in the network, which is a possibility. Commissioner Caridi commented that Geisinger is not a small operation and it transcends Pike and Wayne County. Are they experiencing this in other counties? No. So Commissioner Caridi questioned whether this was County specific, and the answer is yes. If you live in Wayne County, Geisinger is still operating in Wayne County. This is just Pike County. Commissioner Osterberg asked if someone didn't use Geisinger, who else would they use. Ms. Bonnadonna said there are seven other plans available. One is Aetna, Highmark and Humana is providing plans, and they can get a supplemental plan from private insurers as well. Commissioner Osterberg asked if he had those plans is he still going to out of County to the provider? She said you could be in or out, so she doesn't really know what the issue is with Geisinger that they didn't like. Commissioner Caridi repeated that what they don't like with Geisinger is specific to Pike County, because in Wayne County they can still use Geisinger. Ms. Bonnadonna said to her knowledge that residents in Wayne County still have Geisinger. This is Pike County specific. It goes between the Center for Medicare/Medicaid and Geisinger. She does not know what regulations specifically or what requirements specifically that they did not meet. She received a press release/statement from Geisinger stating that they don't have enough specialty providers in the network for Pike County. It may come down to Centers for Medicare/Medicaid regulations that is specific to Pike County. She does not know. Commissioner Guccini asked if there was a provider who voluntarily dropped out of the Geisinger network, but not out of others, could that have an effect? Ms. Bonnadonna said that it is possible. She used the example of there being one allergist and they needed an allergist for their group and that allergist decided to drop out of Geisinger network, that could definitely be the reason. Commissioner Caridi asked about the success of Senator Baker contacting Senator Toomey's office. She said she was copied on a letter from Toomey's office saying they would look into the situation and that was the last she had heard. As far as she knows, all is said and done for 2018. There is nothing else that can be done. Geisinger assured her that this was not voluntary on their part, that they want to be in this market and that they will try to get back into this market for 2019 and get the providers they need to move back into the network. In the meantime, they are dealing with 700 people looking for a different plan. Commissioner Caridi commented that living in the western part of Pike County, they go to Wayne Memorial if they need services and most of the doctors that are in the western part of the County are part of the Wayne Memorial network, and it is confusing to him that Wayne County residents can still use the plan and it's the same doctor network. He didn't expect Ms. Bonnadonna to have an answer, but did commend her for her efforts. Commissioner Osterberg asked what the zero premium means. Ms. Bonnadonna replied that if you get enough people in your network there are co-pays and you are in a group, and if you have a big enough group its quantity versus price, so doctors are receiving a payment based on the number. So if you have a lot of people in the plan, it is going to be profitable for you. Commissioner Osterberg asked if these other plans have that. She said that there are no other zero premium plans for 2018 that have prescriptions. There is a zero premium plan but it does not have prescriptions included. Geisinger has plans that are not zero premium. They have higher level plans that cost money, and those people lost their plans too. There are people that are paying \$137 a month for a plan and they lost their plans too, so it's not just the zero premium people, it's anyone who participated in Geisinger Medicare Advantage Plans. This was very sudden and a difficult situation for the elderly and home bound. Some of these regulations hurt rural areas. Most people that live in Pike County go outside of Pike County for medical care. Commissioner Caridi said there was a study many years ago which cost the County about \$25,000 to do an assessment of the need for a hospital in Pike County. Wayne County's subsequent evaluation to comply with FQHA, and because we are surrounded by counties that have hospitals, there is not enough business to share and not worth the investment to have a hospital inside Pike County. There are other plans that don't have high premiums. It's just that this has such a big impact over very limited time targeting older people. She received this information on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and is due to a Medicare/Medicaid regulation. Commissioner Guccini asked if these are the types of plans that you can get assistance on through AARP. Ms. Bonnadonna explained that the Medicare Advantage Plan is an alternative to a supplement. If you have original medicare you can choose either a Medicare Advantage Plan or supplemental plan to help you with the additional costs that medicare does not cover. The Medicare Advantage Plan covers hospitalization, medical and pharmacy. The big thing is that you are not paying a monthly fee for this plan. You can go to the doctor and it is \$5 which is exceptional for low to moderate income individuals. Geisinger also offered a SNIP Plan, a special needs plan for people who have both Medicaid and Medicare to expand their network and that has no copays at all. Geisinger was the only one that offered that plan and that is no longer. There are 7 other plans available and/or supplemental insurance.

Jill Gamboni, representing Rep. Mike Peifer's Office, announced a Concealed Carry and Castle Doctrine Seminar, on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at the Training Center. She recommends people get there at 5:30 p.m. to register as there are a lot of people interested. A press release was issued regarding the event.

Angela Smith of the Penn State Extension spoke on the October 18-November 2, 2017 events. She also stated that they had a very successful fundraiser at Tractor Supply which helps supports sending children to state events and

camps. The 4H group met the night before and picked up the donations of popcorn from Key Foods to make their popcorn Hands of Help for Harvey. They raised \$252 to send to Harris County 4H office for their clubs that lost all of their materials in the floods. The next day 12 families attended the Emergency Preparedness Event at the Training Center. There were a lot of great activities and the opportunity to view the facility. The Drinking Water Workshop is today in Dingman Township. Peter Wulfhorst is hosting this workshop. She continues to look for volunteers for the 4H clubs. The new 4H year began on October 15<sup>th</sup> with the Horse Club, Archery Club, Cooking Club, etc.

Commissioner Osterberg directed everyone to the October 13, 2017 Conference Minutes where the Commissioners filed for grant for Naloxone by authorizing Tim Knapp and the Emergency Management Agency to receive this important anecdote into the County so that it may be distributed to the Emergency Services. It is important at this level to continue fighting this epidemic. He stated that he was very disturbed and upset by news that he had heard on Sunday that they are going to have a unanimous consent on such an important piece of legislation. To put it into perspective, he said we have been waiting for 2 ½ years to get legislation passed for the restriction of commercial vehicles on 209. We were told 2 ½ years ago it was going to go to unanimous consent. It seems there is more concern about a tractor trailer going down 209 in Pike County than there is with the DEA enforcement and taking away their ability to really fight this epidemic. They said on the news that they didn't read it, he said he thought it's 900 pages and it's too long to read. It is one page. It is one page of legislation that 535 people in this Congress couldn't read and maybe two or three of them would have said there may be a problem with this legislation when it comes to the DEA. Commissioner Osterberg said he knows there have been a lot of attacks on the Congressman, and he is just as culpable as the rest of them, maybe he wrote it, but there are 535 other guys that voted for it or didn't vote, just walked through the room as they read it three times in the Congress. When you hear all of that and then you go on sites like Open Secrets and you see what kind of money is transmitted to all of these politicians throughout the country. Commissioner Osterberg continued with Orrin Hatch just this year \$207,000; Paul Ryan last year \$228,000 from pharmaceuticals, it does not make you wonder why something like this just gets passed with oh it sounds alright. Nobody is complaining so let's just let it go, but let's not let the trucks on 209 go down. That is more important. Maybe they need to think about more meaningful reform. Maybe they need to make Narcan more readily available. What is wrong with it being completely over the counter. Maybe they need to put a drop box in every pharmacy, because when you find out who backed this you will find out that it is the major drug chains also. They don't want to play their role, we have to fight for it. We get one in Pike County and when he tries to get another one, the DEA says one is enough. Fund more prevention programs in our schools. He reminded everyone that at the last meeting there was a big discussion about strengthening families and we in the community have to go out to raise the funds to have these programs. They make it so difficult for us to get grants. There is a grant out there which will take a lifetime to get, never mind all the paper work you have to do after you get the grant. It is easier to go out and beg, borrow and steal from our neighbors and ask them to support these programs, which is what they did to get them going. The grant funding for treatment and recovery again, way too laborious. Now it comes to the point where are you going to find the money. Let's tell them where they are going to find the money, sign on with Pike County and file this lawsuit. Make the pharmaceuticals responsible. Bring them into a room and tell them either we are going to have a million lawsuits against you or you are going to step up like they did in the tobacco industry, and give us some funding. But they pass legislation like this, whether it is right or wrong. It's like telling the police officers that they have to go the judge first before they can do anything. You all saw that newscast in West Virginia – 4 million pills in a community of 400 people? The pharmaceuticals are taking care of us? They are taking care of us alright. Somehow we need to contact every one of these Congressmen and tell them we are sick and tired of it, you need to do something, stop talking about this, stop having task forces, this meeting, that meeting, and asking us how it is affecting our community. He went to a meeting last night at the Catholic Church and heard a poor woman get up there and talk about the devastation in her family. She lost one son to a car accident at the age of 18 and within two years her other son, over whatever reason, is now a heroin addict. It all started because he injured himself on a football field. Here we sit watching our kids die, our children or our grandchildren die, and we get this.

Commissioner Guccini added that it is hard to quantify how much money in campaign contributions affect people. In the 1990s before the Citizens' United decision when we had McCain/Feingold as real legitimate ways to fix campaign contributions, John McCain was asked about it and he said if somebody gives you a million dollars for your campaign, that doesn't necessarily mean there is a quid pro quo. There are legislatures that have enough moral backbone to say no if they think what they are being asked is wrong. But what it does mean is that if someone gives you a million dollars when they call you, you pick up the phone. So it's all about access. Right now there is nothing we can do about this because the Supreme Court has said that corporations are people and spending money is the same as free speech. Commissioner Guccini disagrees with that but that is the law, so the only way we are going to change that is to have a constitutional amendment to really have public financing of campaigns. People don't agree with that, but until you get the money out of it you're going to get this kind of stuff. It's that simple, and this cuts across both political parties. You can go down the list, not just Rs and Ds, but everybody getting money from people. Regardless of what you think about the Affordable Care Act, if this is going to be gutted to also do away with Medicaid expansion, we are not going to be able to pay for it. Medicaid expansion pays for huge amounts of drug and alcohol treatment, we all know that from being the body by law that oversees our single county authority and getting these reports and the additional thing it does is if you have people who are eligible for Medicaid that means that many more people who can get the state earmarked funding. This is about money and paying for treatment and holding accountable the people who have primarily caused the problem.

A statement was made by Dave Hulse of the River Reporter that it seems like Mr. Marino was not only involved but he was the primary pusher for two years in order to get this done, while the Justice Department and the DEA were both against it from the beginning and only changed their positions because some 23 other members of Congress who had also received a lot of that money put a lot of pressure on them and came up with this one page bill. He wondered if the Commissioners don't really think Mr. Marino deserves a lot more spotlight in this than they are giving him.

Commissioner Osterberg said he sponsored the bill but there are a number of other names on that bill that sponsored it also. Commissioner Osterberg said he was culpable as all of them are, and there were 535 individuals listening to this. That doesn't say much for the other 534 if one drives all the rest of them. Commissioner Osterberg said he is not the only one, he holds all of them responsible. He watched last night on Harrisburg PCN do unanimous consent. It wasn't bills like this, it was like next month is Food Hunger Month. That's what they're passing. Of course no one is going to oppose that, but you don't put something like this out there, but they all stood there and watched this, no matter what political party, and then the President signed it.

Dave Hulse said that based on what happened and what is likely to happen, this bill not only hand strung the DEA but it was primarily responsible for allowing the 4 million pills to go to the town of 400. He asked if the Commissioners are willing to support Marino's re-election. Commissioner Osterberg said let's wait for the next election, let's see what else comes out of this. He said he always looks for silver linings and maybe this type of controversy and attention has woken everyone up in the country to say tell all those congressmen and senators in Washington that they need to do something now. Commissioner Caridi commented that what they pass they can rescind. Commissioner Osterberg said they could pass it so easily, they can have a unanimous consent to take it out.

Commissioner Guccini told a story that involves former Secretary of the Interior for President Kennedy Stuart Udall, who then spent many years in Congress from Utah. This was when things were a little less complicated, and he tells a story of congressmen from both parties coming into his office and asking what he thought about such and such a bill because everyone knew he was the policy wonk and he actually read stuff. He would say to them well have you read it? And they would say no, and he would tell them to go read it and then ask me about it. Commissioner Guccini said it's hard for him to wrap his brain around someone being in that position and being paid \$180,000 a year and saying well we didn't read this, we have staffers to help us. Read it. When in doubt read the bill. It's only one page.

Someone asked what piece of legislation the Commissioners were referring to. Commissioner Osterberg responded that it is Senate Bill #483, Insuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act. Commissioner Guccini said that the other sign of the coin is that they don't want to make it too difficult for people who have serious life threatening illnesses to get medication, but he thinks as adults we can figure out how to get the pills to the right people. Not to everyone. Commissioner Osterberg said again that there is an epidemic. Wayne Witkowski said that since this, Marino withdrew and that speaks of this also. Commissioner Caridi read the entire transcript of the 60 Minutes interview and said if you want to talk about the pollution of filthy luger from the Big Pharma and how it just bought off not only people in congress but DEA agents and offered them more money to go work for the Big Pharma, it just so complex and interrelated it's disgusting. He has a sympathy with Steve as far as public financing of elections, but then do I trust the government then as opposed to individuals who donate their own money? But it's the money that is absolutely polluting people of weak character. Commissioner Osterberg said that we need to hold them responsible, we need to hold their feet to the fire. We elect them to do a job and they need to do. They have to stop talking about this. Families are being destroyed. Commissioner Caridi commented that the thing he found most reprehensible is that Big Pharma knew that this stuff was addictive and they have numerous testimony where they said it wouldn't be. They deceived the public, doctors and a lot of people. If you want to go up the food chain where the big pockets are that's big Pharma and they should be paying for the horrific results that have plagued our society.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**