

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

The first regular meeting of October 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, Osterberg and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the October 3, 2012 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the September 19, 2012 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion not carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the September 19, 24, 26 and October 1, 2012 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Commissioner Osterberg abstained from the 24th due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment of **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$314,505.43, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (Habitat for Humanity)**, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **SRCP BOND ACCOUNT, 2012C (AgLand Transfer)**, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$90,110.72.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **ROBERT POLLISH III**, as a full-time Juvenile Probation Officer, for a 40 hour week, effective October 1, 2012, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has, with Prison Board approval, hired **SHERRY ERHARDT**, as a full time Administrative Clerk at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 1, 2012, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has, with Prison Board approval, hired the following individuals as full time Correctional Officers, at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 9, 2012, with benefits after 90 days: **KENNETH COUTTS, MICHAEL KOEHLER, MICHELE PLATELLAS, ADAM RODRIGUEZ AND WILLIAM SCHEUER.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to hire the following individuals as full time Dispatchers in the Communication Center, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 7, 2012, with benefits after 90 days: **JESSE YOUNG, DAVID SPALDING AND MARK MORENO.** These are replacement positions.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to award the bid for the CDBG Lily Pond Pavilion Project to Ed Nikles Custom Builder for the total bid amount of \$182,237.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to rescind the motion to award the bid for the CDBG Lily Pond Pavilion Project to Ed Nikles Custom Builder for the total bid amount of \$182,237. This is due to the fact that this is a LSA project and not a CDBG project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to award the bid for the LSA Lily Pond Pavilion Project to Ed Nikles Custom Builder for the total bid amount of \$182,237.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open bids received for the CDBG Airport Park Paving Project, Phase III, in Matamoros.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Morgan Site Contractors - \$72,000; Hansen Aggregate - \$49,400; Wayco - \$39,112; Leeward - \$46,000.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to table the bids received for the CDBG Airport Park Paving Project, Phase III, in Matamoros for further review until October 17, 2012.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-30, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2012, which was read by Commissioner Osterberg. Dave Bever, Executive Director of Safe Haven, handed out purple ribbons for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, accepted the resolution and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-31, National 4-H Week, October 7-13, 2012, which was read by Commissioner Wagner. The resolution was presented to Debra Brodecker and Deborah Albrecht, 4H Coordinators, who gave an overview on the 4H program and the need for more adult volunteer leaders.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-32, Notice of Intent to Participate in the Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Funds Program, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Grant Application on behalf of the Pike County Library. Elspeth Goodin of the Pike County Library stated that the completion date for the library is now April 2013, and they continue with fundraising efforts.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-33, A Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to approve House Bill 135, Justice Reinvestment. Commissioner Wagner explained that the Governor had signed Act 122 in 2010. The objective of the act was to save money on the criminal justice system at the state level by saving money at the correctional institutions. Many of the inmates that were going to state facilities are now staying at the county facilities. Act 122-2012 did not redirect the savings back to the county level. Bill 135 will take most of the savings and redirect back to the county to be used by local law enforcement, correctional institutions and probation offices.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the PCCD Acceptance Letter for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$112,732, for the "Technology Advancing Central Court" project, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Ray Tonkin stated that the hope for this grant is to advance a central court at the preliminary hearing stage level. It should expand an electronic document system that will help save costs of mailings and transfer of paperwork by having it done electronically. It will streamline the system and be less of an impact on victims and witnesses having to appear at multiple proceedings.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the PCCD Grant Application for the "Advancing Information Data Systems" project in the amount of \$41,306, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office. District Attorney Ray Tonkin explained that this is a joint project of the District Attorney and Probation Offices to increase technology ability in the offices.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Savin Maintenance and Service Agreement between PCCD, the PA District Attorneys Institute and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility. District Attorney Ray Tonkin said that this annual maintenance agreement for the Savin program. This program is designed for victims to know if offenders have been released. The victim registers for either a phone call or email to let them know that the offender has been released for any reason, i.e., bail, transport by prison officials to court or hospital. This program took the burden off the correctional facility who had the duty to do that. The Records Manager would have to take time out to make these calls, which was very time consuming.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Rental Assistance Subsidy from Delaware Run for October 2012, in the amount of \$503, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Subordination of Mortgage regarding a refinancing on property that recently received housing rehabilitation funds, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the SRCP grant award in the amount of \$22,450 to the Conservation District for the Groundwater Level Monitoring Network II project and to execute the Grant Contract running through October 30, 2015, as recommended by the SRCP Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the SRCP grant award in the amount of \$359,228 to Pike County for the acquisition of the Pike County Land Investment (PCLI) property and to execute the Grant Contract regarding same, as recommended by the SRCP Board. Sally Corrigan, Planning Director, explained that this acquisition is 436 acres located in Delaware Township, and would become part of the Delaware State Forest.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the following Provider Agreements on behalf of CCIS: Nos. 5 113606853-1, 8113606642-1 and 5113606131-1.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mike Donlon, Board Member of the Habitat for Humanity was presented with a \$50,000 check. Their 19th house is being built now for a family of seven. In the past year, 3 ramps were built for the disabled. He thanked the Commissioners for their support. The funds were from Act 137 which are from fees collected through the Recorder of Deeds office. This fund was started by former Commissioner and one of the founders of Habitat for Humanity Margaret Mary Jonas.

Sally Corrigan, Planning Director, passed out fliers on the Marcellus Shale Task Force and Penn State Extension workshop for municipal officials and municipal solicitors being held on Monday, October 29, 2012 at the Pike County Training Facility at 7 p.m. Attorney Steven Saunders will be looking at the Act 13 and the oil and gas act effect local municipal zoning and speaking about the current Commonwealth Court decision that nullifies the municipal zoning items in Act 13. Also on Monday, October 22, 2012, at 7 p.m., at the PPL Learning Center a program called Financial Benefits of Conservation on Your Land will be presented by the Preservation Board. It is specifically for Pike County landowners who want to learn more about conserving their lands for their family for the future.

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press.

ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.