

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

The first regular meeting of October 2016 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. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Shawn Coleman of Long Meadow Chapel, Milford.

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Assistant Solicitor Weed.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the October 5, 2016 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the September 21, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the September 21, 26, 29, October 3 and 4, 2016 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$317,802.67, 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 **LIQUID FUELS FUND (Winter Maintenance Ad)**, in the amount of \$151.36.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **CLEAN & GREEN ROLLBACK ACCT. (Ag Land)**, in the amount of \$16,903.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$3,723.35.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Philip Bueki advising that he has hired **JANINE FEAKINS** as a full time Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 17, 2016, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as full time Correctional Officers at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 17, 2016, with benefits after 90 days: **NICHOLAS KIRA, JOSEPH RAMICCO, ROBERT TRIPP, KEVIN WAGENHOFFER AND TYLER COSTAKIS.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to hire **MICHELE HITCHMAN BURRELL** as a full time Caseworker for Children & Youth Services, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective October 21, 2016, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

A SALARY 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to open bids received for the 2016/17 winter snow plowing and ice control for the following roads as one bid: Brooks Road, Old Owego Turnpike from Raymondskill Road to Route 6, Stone Quarry Road by Eureka and Tower Road.

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

Assistant Solicitor Weed opened the only bid which was from Lattimore Construction as follows: Brooks, Stone Quarry and Tower Roads - \$758.43 per application for plowing and sanding - \$320.22 per application for sanding only; Old Owego Turnpike and Raymond Skill Road - \$393.26 per application for plowing and sanding - \$219.10 per application for sanding only.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to table the bid from Lattimore Construction for the 2016/17 winter snow plowing and ice control for the following roads as one bid: Brooks Road, Old Owego Turnpike from Raymondskill Road to Route 6, Stone Quarry Road by Eureka and Tower Road, for review.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order #1 between Mar-Paul Co. and the County of Pike for the Courthouse Addition to revise the interior piping of the pump station for an additional \$1,935.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the County of Pike, regarding the cooperative use of radio frequencies by the County and PEMA, on behalf of the Communications Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Internship Agreement between East Stroudsburg University and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility as recommended by the Prison Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Lease Agreement for Nutrition Project Site between the American Legion Post 851 and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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 Services Agreement (Cost Reimbursement) between TREHAB and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Workforce Development Agency for the Work Ready Program year 2016/2017.

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 2016-17 Consolidated Assistance Grant Agreement for Community Transportation Service Programs between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Office and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Transportation Department.

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 Senior Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher from Delaware Run for October 2016 in the amount of \$1,760, on behalf of the Human Development 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 Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Grant-In-Aid Award Notification/Invoice for 2016/2017 for \$130,804, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Award Notification for the PCARE-Pike Criminal Addiction Response Effort for \$175,795, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

District Attorney Ray Tonkin explained that the program "PCARE" is aimed at a certain level of offender who have demonstrated the need for addiction counseling and have committed a non-violent offense. The idea is that they will be diverted from mandatory incarceration and receive addiction counseling and intensive supervision by the Probation Office. The grant is for the hiring of a Probation Officer to conduct this intensive supervision of offenders and a Case Manager to monitor the offenders, remind them of counseling appointments, help them with potential employment and job searches so that they can get back into society functioning at normal and productive levels. The second part of the grant has money available for treatment that will be done through the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission. Commissioner Osterberg also noted two other topics that were addressed to handle the addiction issue. One was the addition of a vivitrol medical vehicle that will be visiting the Correctional Facility to give injections of vivitrol. Recently at the Correctional Facility, a contract was executed to have PrimeCare Medical initially start that program with people that are incarcerated. Then after that injection is given and the individual is released, they need to continue to have treatments. Positive Recovery Solutions was contracted with to continue that treatment. This program is not just for people who are incarcerated but also available for people who have not been put through the criminal justice system. This is a continuation of efforts by the County to address the addiction

issue. Recently the County applied for an LSA Grant to expand the Correctional Facility to include a Booking Center and an Intake Area and also someplace where people can report when they are in need of treatment and is a safe haven for them. The Booking Center will allow the police departments to get back on the streets quicker by taking their prisoners where they will be processed by the Correctional Facility. It is a \$1.4 million grant from LSA funds. Commissioner Guccini also noted that the vivitrol injections without follow up treatment has been shown to be not effective. The idea is that the initial injection at the Correctional Facility will be given free of charge by PrimeCare. The prisoners will have to undergo a 12 week program at the Correctional Facility and then their injection will be given shortly before their release date. They will then follow up for a substantial period of time with additional injections, typically monthly, that will be paid for primarily by them being able to get Medicaid coverage because of the Medicaid expansion in the state. In those few situations where they may not be covered, then they can be covered under state money given to the single County authority. Positive Recovery Solutions' primary obligation will be to have a caseworker to follow and assist these individuals. Vivitrol is used to mask the high or rush from opioids, and is shown to be effective. Commissioner Caridi stated that there is no cost to the County. This is a private non-profit which will be allowed to use the Correctional Facility and work coordination schedules with PrimeCare and post-incarceration. Commissioner Caridi also mentioned that as there has been a big emphasis on mental health issues with inmates and a lot of suicide watches, the expansion of the Booking Center will give more opportunity to prevent suicides and have better watches on individuals that are deemed by psychologists or psychiatrists to be on a suicide watch. The Reality Tour is October 13th and the other is November 10th.

MOTION: Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the Marcellus Mini-Grant Program Manual as presented and recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jessica Grohmann, Assistant Director, Planning Office-Press Release – Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program Announces Marcellus Mini-Grant Funding Round 1 Open. Jessica explained that this funding comes from the Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Fund, a portion of which comes to the County, a minimum of \$25,000 per year to use towards park projects, open space recreation projects, planning, acquisitions, trail linkages, etc. A mini-grant round has been structured, through the Scenic Rural Character Preservation program, so that municipalities are eligible for \$25,000 when they apply for grant funds. There is \$150,000 for this program currently available.

Mike Mrozinski, Director, Planning Office-Press Release – Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mike stated that the current Hazard Mitigation Plan for Pike County was completed in 2012. The Federal Hazard Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that Counties must complete an update to their plan. The County received a federal grant for this project and now has a consultant on board, Tetra Tech, and are now at the stage of receiving public input. The press release was generated for this public input, as well as a survey online at www.pikecountypahmp.com to get public feedback on what the public sees as hazards in their communities. A public meeting will be held on November 4th at the Training Center at 11:00 a.m. A draft will be available in the spring and then more discussions and public outreach will take place.

Michele Ulmer, Administrative Manager, Conservation District-Press Release – Pike County Conservation District Receives Commendations from State Conservation Commission on Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program. The Commissioners commended the Conservation District for receiving this commendation. Michele explained that the Conservation District administers the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Program for Pike County, which gets funding from the Transportation Bill. This program has been in place since 1997 and Pike County has distributed over \$1 million to applicants to maintain or fix roads that are dirt and gravel roads to keep run off from going into streams. The funding is available for road owning entities but not private communities. Applicants include townships, municipalities, PennDot, Game Commission, Fish & Boat Commission. Currently the District gets approximately \$120,000 per year for the Dirt & Gravel program. With the addition of the funding from the Transportation Bill 2 years ago, there is funding available for the Low Volume Road Program (500 cars or less per day). Municipalities can apply for funding through the District year round. Every three years the District goes through a quality assurance/quality control review and the Pike County Conservation District has exceeded expectations in all areas including administration, functionality and project sites. The project sites were done very well by the municipalities who participated in the program, with assistance from the District. There are only 2 out of the 66 districts who have received that commendation in the last three years. Currently there are 4 projects that are under contract, one in Lackawaxen, two in Greene, and one in Shohola. Commissioner Caridi stated that it is not so much to fix the road, but to fix the problems from the road, which is storm water runoff, which goes into the watershed, which becomes drinking water. Pike County has high quality, exceptional value waterways and streams due to their efforts.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.