

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

The third regular meeting of December 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 Forbes; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Wagner.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

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

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 15, 2010 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 8, 2010 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 9 and 13, 2010 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment of the **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$364,181.84, with several subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **BOND ACCOUNT, SERIES B (EMS Bldg. Dec.)**, in the amount of \$10,800.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS FUND (Brooks Road Repair)**, in the amount of \$3,975.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$288,501.54.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **WALTER MRUCZKEWYCZ**, to fill the full time General Maintenance position at the Pike County Correctional Facility, effective January 3, 2011, for a 40 hour work week, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to hire **LAUREN BUCCINE**, as a temporary Intern for Children & Youth Services, effective January 10, 2011, for 30 hours a week for 15 weeks, with no benefits.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open bids received for the sale of a 2003 Ford Escape, VIN#1FMYU93163KB32457, with 222,681 miles AS IS; and a 2003 Ford Escape, VIN #1FMYU93183KB32458, with 179,154 miles, AS IS, with a minimum bid of \$500 each.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: DeNaples - \$705 for each vehicle; Nostalgic Restorations – (VIN #2457) \$999 and (VIN #2458) \$1249; Jersey One Auto (VIN #2457) \$809 and (VIN #2458) \$821.

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to award the bids received for the sale of a 2003 Ford Escape, VIN#1FMYU93163KB32457, with 222,681 miles AS IS; and a 2003 Ford Escape, VIN #1FMYU93183KB32458, with 179,154 miles, AS IS, to Nostalgic Restorations in the amount of \$999 and \$1249 respectively.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 10-35, Amendment of the Pike County Office of Community Planning Subdivision & Land Development Plan Review Fees.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Internship Agreement between Mansfield University of PA and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Blooming Grove Township Permit Zoning Application and the Application to the Township Zoning Hearing Board, regarding the Penn Dot land swap.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the Deed of Trail Easement on the Rickard property connecting Lot 17 to lands of the Commonwealth creating a public access corridor, and to approve the Deed of Conservation Easement for the Rickard 273 acre property, and also to execute the Grant Contract between North American Land Trust and the County of Pike regarding this property, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board. Jessica Grohmann, Preservation Planner, introduced Steve Bumball, representative for the family and their attorney, Duke Schneider. This property lies in Delaware Township adjacent to Wild Acres and connects to Delaware State Forest. Through the Preservation Program, a conservation easement is being funded to protect the 273 acres and to allow for a public access trail to state lands. Attorney Schneider gave an overview of the objectives of this easement.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Donald Kavulich and the County of Pike, for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Housing Rehabilitation Programs, on behalf of Human Development. Commissioner Forbes explained that this is a continuation of over 20 years of service of Mr. Kavulich to the County.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the 2010-2011 Medical Assistance Transportation Program 1st Quarter Expenditure Report, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the PCCD Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Application for "Graduated Sanctions" for the period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012, on behalf of Juvenile Probation.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Forbes and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the 2010-11 1st Quarter Certification Statement for County Children & Youth Social Programs, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commissioners announced that later this afternoon they will be presenting the second of two checks to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$50,000.

Mike Mrozinski, Assistant Community Planner, informed the audience that Tennessee Gas, which is a subsidiary of El Paso, is looking to improve the gas lines that run through Pike County. The lines run through Lackawaxen Township where they are proposing a new compressor station and are looking to do a loop line that starts on Delaware State Forest Land in Milford Township, not far from the Pike County Park. There is an existing 24" line that has been there since the 1950s and they want to do a 30" line to parallel the 24". They are looking for alternate routes which would increase the length of the line for about 6 ½ miles which would go through private property and natural areas that have been identified by the Pike County Comprehensive Plan, and also various water bodies. There was a public hearing on November 3, where residents and also the Planning Commission voiced their concerns about this alternate route, and that they should utilize the existing line and the right of way instead of impacting private land owners and forested lands across Westfall and Milford Townships. Further discussion took place on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2010, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.