

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

The second 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 and Osterberg; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Wagner.

Plaques were presented to Lieutenant John J. Flynn of the Pike County Sheriff's Office congratulating him on his retirement after 30 years of service to the County, one by the Sheriff and one by the Commissioners.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

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

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 18, 2013 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 4, 2013 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 4, 10 and 12, 2013 Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment of **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$1,138,535.16, 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 **LIQUID FUELS FUND (Road maintenance/traffic signals)** in the amount of \$2,800.42.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **ACT 8 FUND (Sheriff Shred Documents)** in the amount of \$1,386.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX (SEO maintenance)** in the amount of \$747.00.

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 \$82,281.46.

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 Sharon Schroeder, Recorder of Deeds/Register of Wills, advising that she has hired **TRUDY BARBARO**, as a Clerk in the Recorder of Deeds/Register of Wills Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective January 6, 2014, 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.

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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 the bids received for the 2007 Dodge Caravan, VIN #1D4GP25E97B222354, with 175,364 miles, AS IS, for a minimum bid of \$1,200.

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

No bids were received. This is the second time this vehicle has been advertised, therefore, the vehicle can be sold without a minimum bid.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to award the bid for fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility to Bimbo Foods, Inc. in the amount of \$57,970.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 13-35, Adopting the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Five-Year Plan for the Years 2013-2018 as Recommended by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance Board of Directors and the Northeastern Pennsylvania CEDS Committee.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to appoint Neal Bonner to the Pike County Library Board to fill the term of Jim Burnett.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order No. 3M between DJ Heating & Air Conditioning and the County of Pike, for two new thermostats at the Interim Court Building for an additional \$542.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment No. 4 of the Electronic Monitoring Agreement between BI Incorporated and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Probation Office for additional equipment and training.

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 Transportation Agreement between WGM Transportation Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Transportation 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 the Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher in the amount of \$1,384 for December 2013 to Delaware Run, 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 Contracts #7A and #20, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Commissioner Osterberg highlighted a letter from McGoey, Hauser & Edsall, County Engineers, regarding the potential costs of expanding the proposed court addition to the rear of the building. The difference in real estate between the Keystone Building and the Judge's Annex is \$490,000; the minimum of \$400,000 to \$600,000 or more to relocate the Verizon lines; \$98,000 to relocate the Orange & Rockland power lines in a similar manner to Verizon; to configure the building would add another \$240,000; for a total of \$1,328,000. This does not include Blue Ridge Cable, natural gas line relocation, differences in building demolition costs, potential conflicts with existing septic systems, etc., as they currently remain unknown. As stated in the last meeting in November, no business would make a decision to buy a lot in the Borough for nearly \$1.4 million. It is sad that the building may be demolished, but Commissioner Osterberg stated that hopefully someone will come forward and move it. It can be moved within the District of the Borough.

Jim Pedranti, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Pike Community Foundation, presented a brochure on the new entity. The purpose of this entity is to provide the community with philanthropy for maximum benefits to the donors. Community foundations enable donors to pursue their charitable objectives while realizing the best tax benefits allowed by law. The Greater Pike Community Foundation's service area encompasses the entire Pike County region. Mr. Pedranti gave an overview on the foundation and its programs.

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

ADJOURNMENT: A REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AT 11:00 A.M.,

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.