

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

The first 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. An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Rob Elliot of the Milford Bible Church.

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 December 4, 2013 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the November 20, 2013 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the November 27, December 2 and 3, 2013 Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment of **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$278,758.43, 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 **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$49,079.22.

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 Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as full time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, effective January 6, 2014 for a 40 hour work week, with benefits after 90 days: **STEVEN DIMMICK, LINDA FORSHAY, ERIC WITKOWSKI AND DAVID NORMAN.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **HOWARD YORKE** as a part time Van Driver for the Transportation Office, effective December 9, 2013 for less than 1000 hours per year, with no benefits. This is to fill a newly created position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to hire **WENDY LINDARS** as a full time Clerk for the Penn State Extension Office, effective January 6, 2014 for a 37 ½ hour work week, 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 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 reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open the bids received for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened one bid which was from Bimbo Foods in the amount of \$57,970.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to table the bid received for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility until December 18, 2013 for review.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to present the Pike County 2014 Budget for public inspection. Copies are \$30 each. There will be no tax increase.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the Pike County 2014 Schedule of Holiday Closings.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 13-34, Providing for Temporary Tax Exemption for Certain Improvements and/or New Construction to Industrial, Commercial and Other Business Property in the Deteriorated Area within Dingman Township, Pursuant to the Act of December 1, 1977, P.L. 237 and Defining Deteriorated Area, Establishing the Amount of the Exemption, Providing an Exemption Schedule, and a Procedure for Securing an Exemption. This is the continuation of the LERTA Program for new businesses. This is the fifth township to participate.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Water Service Agreement, Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement, Permanent Easement Agreements for the water line and sanitary sewer connection; and Lease Agreement between the PA Department of Transportation and the County of Pike, for the exchange of property. This is an ongoing arrangement for the swap of 14 acres of County property for 3.5 acres of PennDot property. Representatives from PennDot gave an update on the prospective use of the property.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Engagement Letters between Zelenkofske Axelrod and the County of Pike, for the Transportation Program for the year ended June 30, 2013; and for 7 selected Tax Collectors for the period March 1, 2012 through January 15, 2013.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Tower Lease between T-Mobile Northeast LLC and the County of Pike, for space on the Blooming Grove Tower.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the electric bid from Gilroy Electric in the amount of \$5,880 for the 2011 CDBG Rohman Park Pavilion Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Certification Statement for the first quarter report FY 13/14 for Pike County Children & Youth Social Service Programs.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Commandant Jim Slevin, Gung Ho Detachment Marine Corp League announced that the Toys for Pike County Kids program is underway. They will be collecting at Walmart and Kmart on December 7, 8, 14 and 15. Warm clothing, boots, gloves, etc. are also welcome. He also stated that the Marine Corp League will be collecting used and tattered flags. Stars will be cut from the flags and sent to troops overseas so that they can keep the star on their person and will know that they are not forgotten. Commissioner Caridi explained that the national program only deals with toys and children up to age 12, whereas, the detachment, along with Human Services Director Christine Kerstetter and Children & Youth Director Tammy McCullough vet the families for needs and some youngsters between 12 and 18 do not want toys, they want clothes to go to school. Checks and monetary donations are accepted and are transferred to gift cards, clothing, etc.

Carl Wilgus, President/CEO of Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, presented the PMVB's Annual Report. He was pleased to inform that 2013 was a banner year for tourism in the Pocono Counties area. He also gave an overview of the growth of the Pocono area.

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, DECEMBER 18, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.