

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

The first regular meeting of February 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 Father Paul Mullen of St. Vincent de Paul 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 February 1, 2012 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the January 25, 2012 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 January 30 and 31, 2012 Commissioners' 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 the **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$363,664.67, 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 **BOND ACCOUNT, SERIES B (Reimburse General Fund)**, in the amount of \$101,912.23.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS FUND (2011-12 Plowing)**, in the amount of \$7,193.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND (idGroup 2011 4Q, 2012 1Q)**, in the amount of \$1,494.00.

**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 INSURANCE FUND**, in the amount of \$94,851.45.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **ANJELICA RUDA**, as a Law Clerk for the Courts, for a 37 ½ hour work week effective February 6, 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 Sheriff Philip Bueki advising that he has hired **JOSEPH MASON**, as a full time Deputy Sheriff, for a 40 hour work week effective February 6, 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 **COLTON PLUMB**, as a temporary full time Intern at the Pike County Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week effective May 14 through August 17, 2012, with no benefits.

**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 the following individuals as full time Correctional Officers at the Pike County Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week effective February 20, 2012, with benefits after 90 days: **JOSE ALVAREZ, TAYLOR EDWARDS, DESIREE GALVEZ, DAVID GEISSLER, PAVEL GOLOBRODSKY, WHITNEY KROSS, JEFFREY RANNE, THOMAS SCHWARZ, DONALD SMITH, NATHAN SMITH, BRIAN TENORIO AND ROBERT TULLY.**

**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 reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.***

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

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for the sale of the following vehicles: 2001 Honda VT 100 Motorcycle, VIN #1NFSC43021A102923, 6,233 miles, AS IS; 1998 Mercury Mountaineer, VIN #4M2ZU55P7WUJ19612, 254,211 miles, AS IS; 1993 Honda Del Sol, VIN #JHMEG1247PS005359, 156,146 miles, AS IS; and 1999 Subaru Station Wagon, VIN #JF1SF6351XH706414, 137,396 miles, AS IS.

**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 Change Orders between G.R. Noto Electrical Construction and the County of Pike, for the Pike County Training Complex: #E-10 for an additional \$18,175 for new lighting fixtures for the dispatchers' room; and #E-11 for an additional \$10,882 for electrical/communication changes per owner's request in IT, EOC and 911 rooms.

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

Commissioner Caridi explained that changes were necessary and lighting is especially important for the dispatchers. Solicitor Farley then announced that through negotiations with the engineer and the general contractor, the air handlers that will be presented will be equivalent to what was going to be required from Petra which is in Jordan to be rebuilt, therefore, there will be no litigation and there will now be a substitute that is equivalent and built and made in America and will be provided within 5 weeks. Commissioner Caridi stated that the grand opening should be held sometime in May and thanked the engineer and contractor for their cooperation with regard to this situation.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the CDBG-R Fiscal Status-Closeout Report for the period 9/23/09 to 6/30/12.

**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 Voucher for February 2012 in the amount of \$866 to Delaware Run.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the sponsorship of \$1,000 from the Pike County Ag Land Preservation Program Operating Account towards the Shop Local, Save Land initiative conducted by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, as recommended by the Ag Land Preservation Board.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the sponsorship of \$5,000 from the SRCP Program towards the Shop Local, Save Land initiative conducted by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, 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 execute Amendment #1 of the SRCP Grant Contract with Delaware Highlands Conservancy to increase the grant award to \$600,000 for the conservation easement on the Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club property.

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

Jessica Grohmann, Preservation Planner, gave a brief history of the Shop Local, Save Land initiative, which is a guide to local businesses. Amanda Subjik, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, distributed some of the guides and also explained that there is a web site [shoplocalsaveland.com](http://shoplocalsaveland.com). There are forest guides and wood guides listed on the web site. It is a self sustaining initiative updated by the businesses individually, such as hours, goods, events, etc.

Jessica also mentioned that the conservation easement on the Beaver Run property will be 858 acres in size. The contract amendment is for a \$100,000 increase due to both an increase in acreage found through a new survey and also a second appraisal that is required. This project should be completed mid-March.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Planned Maintenance Agreement between Cummins Power Systems and the County of Pike, for the standby generator at the Pike County Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Wagner announced that AARP Tax Preparers will be available at the Blooming Grove Senior Center, Matamoras Borough Hall, Lackawaxen Senior Center and Bushkill Senior Center to give assistance for taxpayers with low to middle income, with special attention given to those age 60 or older. For further information call the Area Agency on Aging – 570-775-5550.

*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, FEBRUARY 8, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**