

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

The first regular meeting of February 2016 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag. Reverend Jerry Currin of the Milford Bible Church offered the opening prayer.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

*Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Public Hearing.*

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

**A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2014 PIKE COUNTY CDBG PLAN 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.*

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the February 3, 2016 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the January 20, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the January 25, 27, February 1 and 2, 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 \$266,502.41, subject to further review.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Phil Bueki advising that he has hired **MICHAEL GODFREY**, as a Deputy Sheriff, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 8, 2016, with continued benefits, as this is a lateral transfer from the Correctional Facility. 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 District Attorney Raymond Tonkin advising that he has hired **WILLIAM J. NOVICK IV** as an Assistant District Attorney, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective February 16, 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 Correctional Officers, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 16, 2016, with benefits after 90 days: **TIFFANY COFER, CHRISTOPHER CONKLIN, JOANNE DUNCAN, DAVID JENNINGS, JUSTIN KRAFT AND MICHAEL WORLEY.**

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to hire **GINA RIOS** as a Clerk in the Tax Claim Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective February 1, 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: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise and cancel the March 16, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting and reschedule to March 23, 2016. This is due to the opening of bids for the Courthouse.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for the Addition to the Pike County Courthouse Project and Clerk of the Works/Construction Manager for the Project.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for the sale of the following vehicles: 2008 Chevy Uplander Minivan, VIN #1GNU23168D200110, 212,670 miles, 6 passenger, wheelchair accessible, requires new transmission and other repairs, for a minimum bid of \$1,000, AS IS; and 2008 Dodge Caravan, VIN #1D8HN44H88B153271, 211,911 miles, 6 passenger, requires front wheel bearings, tires and other repairs, for a minimum bid of \$1,000, AS IS.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to appoint the following individuals to the Road Task Force for a three year term ending December 31, 2018, as recommended by the Road Task Force: John Sivick-Lehman Township; Paul Curran-Milford Borough; Robert Myers and Keith Raser as Alternate – Shohola Township.

**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 a Request for Extension to DCED for the CDBG Catherine Street Ballfield Toilet Room Project to June 30, 2016.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize Change Order #1 between Grimm Construction and the County of Pike for the CDBG Catherine Street Ballfield Toilet Room Project, for an additional \$2,155 for the removal and replacement of unsuitable soils below footings and to extend the completion date by 94 days.

**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 in the amount of \$1,644 for February 2016.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne, on behalf of the Wayne County Correctional Facility and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Pike County Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board, for the housing of inmates.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Pike County Emergency Management Agency.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the FFY 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application, on behalf of the Pike County Emergency Management Agency.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Provider Agreement between Children’s Safe Stay, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Act 148 First Quarter Invoice for FY 15/16, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Maryanne Monte, Board Member of the Greater Pike Community Foundation and Chair of its Grant Committee. The Foundation has just completed a round of mini grants for a fund that was established by Barbara J. Buchanan. They will be selecting 5 local grant recipients. As their name implies, the Greater Pike Community Foundation, they do go outside the Pike County area. The Adult Literacy Program, for instance, would be entertained as a possible recipient. Richard Snyder left an endowment of \$2.3 million to the Foundation. By Mr. Snyder’s wishes, the principle cannot be touched but must be invested, and grants can be funded through the interest accrued. The Foundation did decide to take \$25,000 this year and currently accepting applications up until February 15 for up to \$2,500 in grants from Mr. Snyder’s endowment. Applications are available on their website [www.GreaterPike.org](http://www.GreaterPike.org). Dr. Henry Goldstein also created an endowment in honor of his late wife to help fund the library. Ms. Monte encourages any non-profit to apply for grant funds. They are under the umbrella of the Luzerne Foundation, which is a \$25 million plus operation, and all monies are being invested together. They are currently realizing 4% interest on their money.

Commissioner Osterberg continued to promote the Job Fair on April 15<sup>th</sup>, which is moving ahead with 140 interested applicants to become participants for 65 spots.

Commissioner Osterberg announced that on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Middletown Community Health Center will be bringing a mobile dental vehicle to the front of the Administration Building immediately after the meeting. During the meeting, they will describe the long term vision for the new vehicle. Area residents will be able to tour the van, meet with professional staff and access information about dental services at Middletown Health Center. This is also being done for the Veterans of the community.

Commissioner Osterberg shared that he attended the Opium Symposium in Harrisburg and that the State is taking a serious look at how each County will be starting its own task force. Parents for Prevention was initially set up in Pike County, but the State will assist the County in expanding what is being done now. Commissioner Osterberg will begin having meetings with the District Attorney, who also attended the symposium, along with people from Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol, because the State has admitted that this is a serious epidemic in our community. Pike County can move ahead with help from the State to organize groups of people to work on how the people who are afflicted can be treated and educate people on how to not become addicted. He had some posters to distribute to offer aid to those who are afflicted to know where they can get help. This is a disease and not a stigma on moral characters.

#### **PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**