

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

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. Rabbi Shaul Elkeslasi, Chabad House of Deepark, Port Jervis and Pike County, offered the opening prayer.

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

Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda.

Christine Kerstetter, Transportation Director, and Ray Groll, Assistant Transportation Director, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Transportation Driver Larry Fluhr. Larry has been a County employee for the past thirteen years, half of which he spent driving early morning dialysis patients, leaves his home at 3:00 a.m., three days a week, on weekends and during the holiday season.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the February 4, 2015 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the January 7 and 21, 2015 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted ‘aye’. Commissioner Wagner abstained from the 7th meeting minutes and Commissioner Osterberg abstained from the 21st meeting minutes due to their absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the January 7, 14, 27, 28 and February 3, 2015 Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted ‘aye’. Commissioner Wagner abstained from the 7th and 14th conference minutes due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$226,456.11, 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 **LIQUID FUELS FUND (Lattimore plowing-1/21-1/28)**, in the amount of \$8,875.00.

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 (January blog posts)**, in the amount of \$100.00.

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 INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$99,455.57.

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 Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **MEGAN WELSH** as a Juvenile Probation Officer for the Juvenile Probation Department, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 2, 2015, 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 **COLTON MASTRIACO** as a Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff’s Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 2, 2015, 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 hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, effective February 9, 2015, for a 40 hour work week, with benefits after 90 days: **JENNIFER CALVERT, MICHAEL MARULLO, JOSEPH RAMETTA, MICHAEL RYDER, KURT WEBBER AND CATHERINE YOUNG-MARTINEZ.**

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: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to appoint Tom Carasiti to the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Mental Health/Developmental Services Advisory Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Agreement for Cleaning Services between Jody Welsh of Two Ladies Cleaning Service and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Training Center.

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 Planned Maintenance Agreements between Cummins Power Systems and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as per recommendation by the Prison Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Savin Maintenance and Service Agreement between the PA District Attorney's Institute and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as per recommendation by the Prison Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Senior Rental Assistance subsidy voucher from Delaware Run for February 2015 in the amount of \$2,152, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Michael Sullivan, Executive Director of the Economic Development Authority, reported that three businesses either building or looking at sites in Pike County. One site is being looked at by two separate businesses; one is an expansion of an existing business in Pike County and the other is from South Carolina. The senior care area and clinic are waiting for state approval in the form of a certificate of need, which the applicant is confident will be approved. All the above mentioned businesses will create many, many job opportunities.

Mr. Sullivan went on to speak about is the Great American Outdoor Show at the Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. He will invite manufacturers and distributors to a lunch on February 10. Justin Moon will be the featured speaker and will speak about the wonderful reception he has received in Pike County and will also speak about how well his project is going coming from New York to Pike County. A small tri-fold will be handed out about Pike County. Mr. Sullivan also gave an overview of various business opportunities in Pike County.

Charles R. Bacinelli, PHD, representing Home Health Care Professional & Hospice which is a family owned business in Eynon started in 1995 servicing five or six counties including portions of Pike County providing home health services. Hospice services were added later on. People are being referred to their home health and hospice services who had maladies that could be been prevented. These were individuals who were unable to get to a doctor because they didn't have the resources (financial, auto, no family, no friends, etc.). Because of this they started a groundbreaking Physician House Call program. They are now servicing the following townships: Blooming Grove, Greene, Lackawaxen, Milford, Palmyra and Porter. Through partnerships with various entities, the program enables individuals to stay in their homes while getting medical attention.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.