

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

The first regular meeting of March 2017 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. Rev. Luana Scott of the Milford United Methodist Church.

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

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

Robin LoDolce announced that this is the second 2017 March for Meals Campaign in Pike County. In attendance were some of the drivers which were recognized for all their hard work. There is only one paid driver. All the rest of the meals, hundreds and hundreds a week, are delivered by volunteers. As March for Meals kicks off the Agency is inviting all the legislatures, leaders and the community to participate and find a route in their neighborhood that they would like to help with. Ms. LoDolce introduced and thanked the individuals who put the entire program together: Richard Wilhelm, Ron Short, Andy Dapkin and Sue Van Orden,

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the March 1, 2017 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the February 15, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the February 15, 23 and 28, 2017 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 \$246,819.39, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (MHE-Winona Bridge)**, in the amount of \$204.00.

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 Warden Craig Lowe, advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **JOHN GUSHUE**, as a Correctional Officer at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 21, 2017, with benefits after 90 days.

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, **REBECCA WILLS**, as a Treatment Counselor at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 13, 2017, 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:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to extend the bid award for the CDBG Ann Street Park Lighting Project to March 15, 2017 as recommended by Marvin Brotter, CDBG Consultant.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to open bids received the Independent Statistical Evaluation of the existing 1994 base year assessments of Pike County.

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

Chief Clerk Orben stated that only one bid was received which was from Alan Dornfest of Idaho in the amount of \$8,500.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to table bids received the Independent Statistical Evaluation of the existing 1994 base year assessments of Pike County to March 15, 2017.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Pike County Human Services Plan for FY 2015-16, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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 Payment Voucher for Delaware Run for March 2017 in the amount of \$1,799, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Beach Lake Sprinkler Inspection Agreements for the Correctional Facility and Area Agency on Aging.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Reality Tour, a drug prevention program, consisting of a 3 hour licensed program designed for children 10 and up and it is mandated that they attend with their parents – April 20 and May 18, 2017 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Milford Bible Church. Jill Gamboni stated that registration forms are being sent home by the schools. She thanked the following sponsors: Commissioners Osterberg and Caridi; Dave and Mary Ann Ruby and Weinstein & Zimmerman Law Offices. Ms. Gamboni also gave a brief history of the program. Commissioner Osterberg stated that there are several programs for prevention such as Strengthening Families; and he announced that they are expanding their outpatient treatment facility. Currently Catholic Social Services, on Buist Road in Milford, is the outpatient treatment facility in Pike County. Pyramid, out of Bartonsville and Tannersville, is expanding into the Palmyra Township region of Pike County. They are going before the Township Supervisors for conditional use within the next month. He also noted that the new drug drop off box in Lords Valley already collected 23 lbs. of prescription drugs. Commissioner Osterberg thanked Ms. Gamboni and the committee for all their hard work and dedication. Commissioner Guccini stated that, along with the conditional use permit, Pyramid must be licensed by the Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs which will take about 4 to 6 months. It will be located on Route 6 across from the Visitors Center at Lake Wallenpaupack. Commissioner Osterberg also noted that the Vivitrol Program, which should be up and running by April 1st. is a medical assistance treatment program to suppress opioids obtained through a grant. This program is to enable individuals that are released from the Correctional Facility receiving treatment, to receive monthly treatments of Vivitrol injections. These injections will be covered by medical assistance if you do not have personal insurance. The purpose is to break the cycle and get the individuals the treatment that they need as they are released from the Correctional Facility so they are not coming back. This is a treatment and recovery program, which then leads back into prevention. The Naloxone Program training was held last week at the Training Center in cooperation with Pyramid. This drug is given to someone in the midst of an overdose to save their life.
- Penn State Extension – March 1 - 16, 2017 Events. Penn State is also looking for donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the Memorial Garden to honor the memory of Cpl. Bryon K. Dickson.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.