

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

The second regular meeting of March 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.

**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 March 14, 2012 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the March 7, 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 March 6, 8, 9 and 12, 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 \$285,436.68, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND (Web hosting/March)**, in the amount of \$475.00.

**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 \$121,688.89.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND (padlocks & shackles)**, in the amount of \$850.76.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to hire **MARIANNA QUARTARARO**, as a full time Resource Conservationist at the Pike County Conservation District Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 20, 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 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 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to award the bid for the CDBG Porter Township Town Hall Roof Replacement Project to Charles W. Grimm Construction Inc., in the amount of \$35,140 for Bid Item 1, as recommended by the County Engineer, subject to the transfer of additional funds in the amount of \$17,000 from the CDBG Housing Revitalization fund.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open bids received for the following vehicles:

2004 Ford Econoline 8 passenger van, VIN #1FTSS34L44HA03399, 210,000 miles, minimum bid \$800, AS IS;

2003 Ford Phoenix 10 passenger van, VIN #1FDSE35LX3HA93836, 221,000 miles, minimum bid \$800, AS IS;

2005 Ford Eldorado 14 passenger van, VIN #1FDXE45S15HA09828, 135,000 miles, minimum bid \$3,500, AS IS;

1999 Chevy Crew Cab, VIN #1GCHK33RXXF094906, 80,826 miles, minimum bid \$650, AS IS;

1998 GMC Safari AWD Van, VIN #1GKEL19W3WB537134, 244,000 miles, minimum bid \$500, AS IS.

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

The following bids were opened by the Solicitor: Jersey One Auto Sales – 2004 Ford Van for \$1226; 2003 Ford Van for \$901; 1999 Chevy Crew Cab - \$726; Country Ark Farms – 2004 Ford Van for \$1256; Camp Spears – 2003 Ford Van for \$1655; Camp Spears – 1999 Crew Cab for \$676; and John Hefferan – 1999 Crew Cab for \$750.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to table the bids received above for one week to be awarded on March 21, 2012.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 12-09, American Red Cross Month, March 2012, which was read by Commissioner Caridi, and presented to Ashley Starnes, Executive Director, and Eleano Ahearn, Senior Member of the Wayne/Pike Chapter of the American Red Cross. Ms. Starnes gave an overview of the American Red Cross and also announced that they moved from Honesdale to the Hawley Silk Mill to better serve all citizens of Pike and Wayne County.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-10, Rural Beginnings-Global Success, 100 Years of Pennsylvania 4-H, which was read by Commissioner Wagner, and presented to Nancy Grotevant and Jeanne Steuhl of Penn State Extension. Ms. Grotevant thanked the Commissioners for their support of Pike County's 4-H program and outlined the history of the 100 years of the Pennsylvania 4-H.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise the Notice of Intent to Request Release of DCED Community Development Block Grant – State's Program Funds for Pike County's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

**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 Compliance Document Checklist and Request for Release of Funds and Certification of DCED Community Development Block Grant – State's Program Funds for Pike County's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program Contract between DCED and the County of Pike, in the amount of \$270,126. Commissioner Osterberg identified the following projects awarded under the 2011 CDBG funds: Matamoras Borough Paving Parking Lot at Airport Park - \$57,000; Greene Township Fire Communications Tower - \$7,395; Shohola Township Rohman Park improvements - \$83,500; Milford Borough Parking Lot Construction - \$77,045; County-wide assistance for homelessness - \$15,000 and administration costs - \$30,186. Commissioner Osterberg stressed the importance of these funds to the smaller communities. This funding comes from the federal government based on the census of 51% of low to moderate income based municipalities of which there are four in Pike County, namely, Greene, Shohola, Matamoras and Milford Borough.

**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 Pike County Rental Assistance Contract #4A.

**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 Statement of Work and Master Services Agreement between Computer Aid, Inc. and the County of Pike for enhancement and support of the County Justice & Public Safety Information Sharing (CJPSIS) Toolkit, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreement between KKPR Marketing & Public Relations and the County of Pike, for KKPR to act as a representative of the Pike County Transportation Department for the sale of exterior and interior advertising space on its buses and minibuses.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Ordinance No. 12-22, authorizing and directing the issuance of General Obligation Debt comprised of three series (A of 2012 in the amount of \$2,925,000, B of 2012 in the amount of \$6,770,000 and C of 2012 in the amount of \$11,760,000) to form one "2012 Bonds".

**VOTE:** Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted 'aye'. Commissioner Wagner abstained due to the fact that his daughter, Kimberly, works for PNC Capital Markets and they are the ones who float the bond. Commissioner Wagner wanted to make it clear that he is all for this bond issue and he has worked extensively on this bond issue, and the only reason he abstained is because he feels he has to due to his daughter working at PNC. Motion carried.

David Payne and Mary Ellen Kohler of PNC Capital Markets and Joe Pierce, Bond Counsel, were in attendance. Mr. Payne stated that the County is re-funding its Series 2008 A& B bonds and also financing \$12 million new money. The County's bond issuance rating is at A+, one of the highest ratings in PA. Re-funding at this time will be saving the County money, and it is beneficial to combine both the savings issues and fix the historically low rates for the new money as well. This also saves issuance costs. The total amount of the aggregate bond issue is \$21,455,000. The total savings of re-funding is \$490,510. Mr. Payne went into further detail regarding the bond issues. Mr. Pierce recapped the ordinance authorizing the bonds stating that this money will be for the purpose of saving debt service used for courthouse and other county buildings and facilities, improvements and additions and possible purchase of real estate. It also appoints TD Bank as creditor. He also went through the remaining policies and procedures for the closing set for April 17, 2012. Commissioner Caridi confirmed that the Board did not make a final decision until yesterday afternoon to go ahead with this issue until final numbers were received at about 2 PM. This bond issue will raise taxes by 1 mil. Questions were then entertained.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Debbie Gillette and James Shook of the Pocono Lake Region Chamber of Commerce which represents the Lake Region of all of Wayne and Pike Counties. Ms. Gillette gave an explanation of the Chamber's goals, activities, events to promote tourism to the area. Mr. Shook also thanked the Commissioners for their support through the Hotel Tax Fund.

*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, MARCH 21, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**