

Thursday, March 16, 2017

The second regular meeting of March 2017 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.

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini (via telephone); Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Caridi.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting which was recessed March 15th due to weather.

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

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the March 15, 2017 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the March 1, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the March 1, 6 and 7, 2017 Commissioners' Conference Minutes. The March 6 and 7 minutes could not be approved as Commissioner Guccini was not present. They will be approved at the next meeting.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini voted 'aye' on the March 1st minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$242,143.62, subject to further review.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini 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 at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 27, 2017, with benefits after 90 days: **DAKOTA GUERRIERA, THOMAS CONWAY and VERONICA LEWIS-KING.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **AMY ROSELLE** as a Caseworker for Children & Youth Services, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 20, 2017, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to award the bid for the CDBG Ann Street Park Lighting Project to CRL Electric for the amount of \$31,869.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 17-04, Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 17-05, Proclamation, C.A.S.U.A.L. Day, March 30, 2017.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 17-06, Amendment to Resolution No. 10-35, Amending the Subdivision and Land Development Review Fees for the Pike County Office of Community Planning.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Amended Ordinance No. 18, Imposing an Excise Tax on the Consideration Received for Renting Hotel Rooms; to Fund Tourism, Convention Promotion and Tourism Development; Establishing Procedures for the Collection of the Tax; and Imposing Penalties.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise for bids for the leasing of approximately 80 acres of tillable fields for the purpose of planting for the 2017 growing season.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint Deborah Fischer to the Pocono Counties Workforce Development Board to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2017.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order No. GC03 between Mar-Paul and the County of Pike, to provide and install welded wire mesh and chairs for support for the first and second floor decks of the Courthouse addition for an additional \$8,888.71.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement for Participation in 911 Regional Next Generation ESInet, CPE System between the following Counties: Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Wayne.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Professional Services Agreement between MCM Consulting Group and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Communications Center for the ESInet project management.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreements between Robert Vicari, Jr. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging for accessible adaptations of properties in Dingmans Ferry and Milford.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Wayne County and Pike County, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman Program.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Lease Agreement between the Matamoras Fire Department and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging for a Senior Center.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Senior Rental Contracts #14A and 29, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Penn State Extension –March 15 – April 8, 2017 Events

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Wayne Witkowski of the Pike County Dispatch asked what the "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" Resolution is about. Commissioner Osterberg explained that it is to remind people to call 811 before they dig on their property to make sure there are no buried utilities. He also inquired about 911 Regional Next Generation ESInet, CPE System which Commissioner Osterberg referred him to Communications Director Bernie Swartwood for a thorough explanation. It is to enhance and continue 911 cooperation between the counties. There is also an agreement between Wayne and Pike Counties for call pickups in case one of the Centers is unable to. He also questioned the reason for Resolution No. 17-06 which, according to Commissioner Osterberg, did not address the re-review of the plans. This is for plans that are submitted two and three times. The next question was regarding the Hotel Tax Board. It was recommended to have a 5 member board. The other change is for the County to receive a 4% administration fee as opposed to 2%, and the funds will be directly distributed through PMVB and not through the Treasurer's Office. The tax is still at 3% for under 30 day rentals. The County will have the accessibility of 20% of the first \$500,000 and 10% thereafter for local projects, including the Northern Poconos Magazine for Pike/Wayne Counties. In answer to a question asked about the availability of the magazine, Commissioner Osterberg stated that they may be able to obtain the annual magazine at the Chamber of Commerce. Someone thanked the Commissioners for the Ann Street Park Project. Mr. Witkowski also inquired about Resolution No. 17-05, C.A.S.U.A.L. Day.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.