

**Wednesday, March 9, 2011**

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 and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben and Solicitor Farley.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the March 9, 2011 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the March 2, 2011 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the March 2, 3, 7 and 8, 2011 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment of the **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$670,348.39, with several subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND, (Lock Data & District Court filing fees)** in the amount of \$567.50.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **ACT 8 FUND, (Annual Storage Fees)** in the amount of \$5,724.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **SRCP-SERIES A BOND ACCT.** in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **BOND ACCOUNT, SERIES B (EMS Bldg.-Feb/March),** in the amount of \$32,393.57.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND,** in the amount of \$79,622.42.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve exonerations as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **PATRICK HARSCH**, as a full time Adult Probation Officer, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 21, 2011, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to hire **KELLY RODEMICH**, as a part time Administrative Assistant for the Conservation District, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective March 14, 2011, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to hire **JAMES DONAHUE**, as a full time Dispatcher for the Communications Center, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 23, 2011, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.*

*Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.*

**A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.**

*Motion: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.*

*Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 11-08, American Red Cross Month, March 2011, which was read by Commissioner Wagner and presented to Trish Tyler Davis, Executive Director of the Wayne/Pike Chapter of the American Red Cross. Ms. Davis gave an overview of the programs of the Red Cross this year.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to advertise for bids for the Milford Borough Decorative Street Lighting Project, under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to appoint Charles Burnett to fill the vacancy on the Pike County Planning Commission for a term ending 12/31/2014.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Lease Agreement between Xerox and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Pike County Correctional Facility, with Prison Board approval.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Lien.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Environmental Impacts to Local Real Estate Seminars will be held on March 31, 2011 at the PPL Environmental Learning Center from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Solicitor Farley gave a summary of the Metzger lawsuit. The cost of legal fees is over \$19,000, and in addition, the County's insurance rate goes up after each lawsuit filed. In the end, the County has won in a Motion for Summary Judgment, which is not typical. It is usually difficult to win in a Motion for Summary Judgment, but Judge Munley ruled that Ms. Metzger did not have a case against the County as far as Federal Court, and the case was dismissed. The Court gave a very detailed analysis of the work and effort that was used by the County Commissioners before Ms. Metzger was terminated, and the facts as presented. The Court concluded that the Commissioners acted properly, and specifically, Harry Forbes acted properly.

*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 16, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**