

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

The second regular meeting of April 2016 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 Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Osterberg.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

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

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the April 20, 2016 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the April 6, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the April 7, 12 and 14, 2016 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$1,172,970.13, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **DEBT SERVICE FUND (Refund Overpayment)** in the amount of 87.39.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **SRCP DEBT SERVICE (Refund Overpayment)** in the amount of \$9.88.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **ALICE LINDARS**, as Tip Staff for the Courts, effective May 6, 2016, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **STEVEN ZINNER**, as an Intern for the Probation Office, effective May 16 through July 15, 2016, for a minimum of 300 hours, with no benefits. This is a temporary position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to hire **KERRY REIDER**, as a full time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, for a 40 hour work week, effective April 14, 2016, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to hire **KEVIN MANN**, as a part-time Training Assistant at the Training Center, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective April 18, 2016, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open bids received for the leasing of approximately 80 acres of tillable fields (Santos Property) for the purpose of planting for the 2016 growing season.

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

Chief Clerk Orben opened the only bid which was received by Tom Owens of Hillcrest Farms in the amount of \$2,500.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, award the bid to Tom Owens of Hillcrest Farms in the amount of \$2,500 for the leasing of approximately 80 acres of tillable fields (Santos Property) for the purpose of planting for the 2016 growing season.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to advertise for bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Pike County for FFY 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the PCCD Intermediate Punishment Grant Application for the Pike Criminal Addiction Response Effort (PCARE) on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the PCCD Grant Application for the PASORT Megan's Law Equipment Upgrade Grant, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Provider Agreement between Manos House and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher from Delaware Run in the amount of \$1,644 for April 2016, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dave Nicosia introduced himself as the Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Binghamton, NY, a federal agency within the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, who are responsible for forecasts and warnings. Mr. Nicosia announced that the Pike County Emergency Management Agency has achieved the StormReady Recognition for Pike County. That means that the Agency has met the criteria that signifies that they are prepared for all natural disasters that this County has seen, such as tornados, ice jam floods, snow storms, etc. This is a nationwide program that Pike County Emergency Management Agency has met and exceeded the criteria necessary to be a StormReady County. No tax dollars were used. This was organized through the Training Center. According to Mr. Nicosia, the County has taken a proactive approach to being prepared before a storm hits. A recognition certificate was presented to Tim Knapp, Emergency Management Agency Director, and Jordan Wisniewski, Training Center Operations and Planning Officer. Another advantage to this status is that you can get 25 community rating points if the County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. He explained that when the County receives a certain number of points, it reduces flood insurance rates. Mr. Nicosia also explained that the StormReady Program means that the County has multiple ways of receiving warnings, multiple ways to monitor what is going on in the County, and also multiple ways to get the message out to the citizens for all hazards, including fire weather. Anyone can register for the ReadyNotify Pike alerts to receive important weather and emergency information.

Jordan Wisniewski, Training Center Operations and Planning Officer, reviewed the various courses that are currently being offered at the Training Center, including StormReady Flood Program on Thursday evening, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. which is open to the public and will cover information needed to report a flood incident, what to expect, etc.

Tim Knapp, Emergency Management Agency Director, announced that on May 1 at 9:00 a.m. they will be holding the first National Certification Graduation with approximately 25 graduates. He invites everyone to attend. Fire Companies also benefit when their members are nationally certified due to the fact that they receive grant money for every member that is certified.

Jessica Grohmann, Assistant Planner, introduced two SRCP Board members, Georgene Snyder and Tony Waldron who were in attendance to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the Pike County Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program. Jessica distributed a press release and an infographic to show the progress of the program, including funding for updating various municipality ordinances, open space plans comprehensive plans, etc. Much of the funding went towards land acquisitions for public parks and trails, conservation easements to protect the water resources, open space and scenic corridors. Mr. Waldron also commented on the benefits and accomplishments of the SRCP Program. Commissioner Caridi also mentioned that all the land purchases were from willing sellers who want to preserve their land for the rest of Pike County to enjoy. He commended all those who work on the SRCP Board. He stated that out of the \$10 million referendum, \$7 million was borrowed. That \$7 million has translated to over \$12 million because of the efforts at the state level. As you drive around the County, there are signs indicating lands purchased through the SRCP program. There is also an SRCP Geo-series to explore some of these protected properties. A major geocaching event will be held at Airport Park at the end of June promoting SRCP geocaching series. It is called Tri-State Treasurers Ten which you can locate on the web.

Kelly Rodemich, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, gave a brief update on the gypsy moth program. In the state program, there are six spray blocks for this year, which are mostly in Palmyra Township with the exception of a very small portion located in Blooming Grove Township. They are currently waiting for word from DCNR as to when the aircraft spraying will be scheduled.

Mike Sullivan, EDA and Cindy DeFebo, WDA, were present to give a report on the recently held Job Fair. They showed a short film clip created by TV13 with interviews of individuals looking for jobs and the frustration encountered by these individuals. Mr. Sullivan thanked Cindy DeFebo, Tammy Savarese and Randy Philhower who worked tirelessly to put the Job Fair together. Over 600 people were in attendance with 67 employers. Some of the job seekers left the Job Fair with employment, while the employers left with many applications and prospective employees. It was a huge success according to most people, which will hopefully be expanded and repeated next year.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.