

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

The first regular meeting of April 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. An opening prayer was offered by Reverend Paul Mullen of St. Vincent de Paul Church.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi and Hummel; Chief Clerk Orben and Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Wagner.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the April 6, 2011 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment of the **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$286,188.78, with several subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **BOND ACCOUNT, SERIES B (EMS 3/10-31/11** in the amount of \$169,098.15.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$51,961.73.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND (Adv. Mtg.)** in the amount of \$28.71.

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

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open the bids received for the Milford Borough Decorative Street Lighting Project through the Community Development Block Grant.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Chilewski Enterprises - \$79,700; Ray S. Pantel, Inc. - \$68,000; Kruharchik Construction - \$68,071; and CRL Electric - \$71,514.

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to table the bids received for the Milford Borough Decorative Street Lighting Project for two weeks until April 20, for review by the Engineer and Solicitor.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 11-10, April 2011, Autism Awareness Month in Pike County, which was read by Commissioner Hummel and presented to Jeannemarie Passaro of Pike Autism Support Service. An Autism Awareness t-shirt, which was designed by Jordan Siveski a Delaware Valley High School Senior, was presented to the Commissioners. The community was invited to the annual Autism Awareness Program and Candlelight Vigil, which will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Proposal from WDesign for the 5-year anniversary publication of the Scenic Character Rural Progress Report, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute Amendment #4 to the Pike County Grant Contract for the Santos Property Acquisition to provide a one year extension to enable further review and approval of the Deed Restriction, as per recommendation by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board. Solicitor Farley explained that previously when the SRCP was becoming involved with purchasing property or getting an easement, the easement was allowed to be placed without a deed restriction. An easement means that you have the right to go over the property, but that easement does not give you ownership. A deed restriction is placed directly in the deed and it restricts the use of the property and remains

on the deed. DCNR has now decided that they want a deed restriction instead of an easement. It achieves the same result and purpose, but to obtain the funds the County has to abide by this request. Commissioner Caridi explained that with a conservation easement monitoring may be conducted by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, the local land trust, to ensure that nothing ever changes on the property. With a deed restriction, there is no entity monitoring the property. The conservation was far more restrictive and controllable than a deed restriction, but to obtain the funds, the County must follow DCNR guidelines.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the letter to the Department of Community & Economic Development requesting a one-year extension to the Emergency Responders Resource & Training Program Grant, for the Pike County Training Complex.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the letter to the PA Center for Business Financing requesting a six-month extension to the original Alternative/Clean Energy Program Commitment Letter, for the Pike County Training Complex.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Discover Pike PA/PMVB Contract between Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau and the County of Pike, for the Spring/Summer 2011 Co-op Campaign, on behalf of the Hotel Tax Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Interstate Rest Areas & Turnpike Plazas Brochure Distribution Contract between Pennsylvania on Display and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Hotel Tax Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency Award Letter for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant for "Graduated Sanctions" in the amount of \$10,000, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreements FY 2010-11 for the following providers on behalf of Children & Youth Services: Kidspace National Centers and Valley Youth House.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Pike County Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher to Delaware Run in the amount of \$567 for April 2011.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Renewal Contract between Yellow Book and the County of Pike, on behalf of CCIS.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute Provider Agreements #8112244361-1 and #8113493802-1, on behalf of CCIS.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: None

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, APRIL 13, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.