

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

The first regular meeting of April 2016 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. Rabbi Shaul Elkeslasi, Chabad House of Deerpark, Port Jervis & Pike County offered the opening prayer.

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the April 6, 2016 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the March 23, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the March 28, 30, April 4 and 5, 2016 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye' with the following exception: Commissioner Osterberg abstained from the April 4 minutes due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$176,341.58, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS (Lattimore)**, in the amount of \$508.80.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (Mott St. Bridge)** in the amount of \$9,422.85.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **GEORGE EVANS ACCOUNT (Coroner-Release Funds)** in the amount of \$16,524.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **PIKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND** in the amount of \$4,392.50.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **SUSAN LYON**, as Tip Staff/Court Crier for the Courts, effective March 2, 2016, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **KATHLEEN REITER**, as a part-time Clerk in District Magistrate Cooper's Office, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective April 11, 2016, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to hire **ANN MATOVICH**, as a full time Aging Care Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging, for a 40 hour work week, effective April 4, 2016, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, 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, for a 40 hour work week, effective April 18, 2016, with benefits after 90 days: **AMANDA MILLS, DANIEL QUIJANO AND CHRISTOPHER NOREIKA.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has promoted, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals to Sergeants at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective April 11, 2016: **JOSEPH RAMETTA and MICHAEL FAGAN.** These are replacement positions.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to promote **TONI MARINO** to the newly created position of Transportation Dispatch Supervisor in the Transportation Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective April 4, 2016, with continued benefits.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to award the bids for the Addition to the Pike County Courthouse project as follows:

General Construction:	Mar-Paul Construction	\$5,809,000.00
Mechanical Construction:	Troy Mechanical	\$ 628,000.00
Plumbing Construction:	Bognet, Inc.	\$ 546,789.00
Electrical Construction:	Joyce Electrical, Inc	\$ 800,600.00

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-11, Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2016, read by Commissioner Caridi and presented to Morgan Keller, Outreach Advocate for Safe Haven of Pike County. Ms. Keller thanked the Commissioners for their support and asked the public to check out their facebook page for current events and fundraisers.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-12, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, read by Commissioner Guccini.

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

Commissioner Guccini commented about how far we have come in crime victim support services in setting up a coordination of investigations and interviews in child abuse cases that were often done on a sort of piece meal basis with multiple interviews of children, in those cases, which is never a good thing to do. That has changed so dramatically because of new legislation which is supported by elected officials who listen and learn, and from the public who push the elected officials. He thanked everyone who is involved in that work.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-13, National Library Week 2016, read by Commissioner Osterberg and presented to Rose Chiocchi, Executive Director, Pike County Public Library.

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

Ms. Chiocchi thanked the Commissioners for their support, and stated that there are many different programs during this week and next week. The STEAM program (science, technology, economics, art and mathematics) focuses on programing based on those categories. It is very popular in schools and libraries. It encourages children to read and be creative, but also in a scientific way, so they can learn through those activities. A new program once a month on Monday is being introduced. It is called a Maker Monday and is a craft session for adults who are also encouraged to bring their family members and engage in the community and find other people who have similar interests. They also work with Wayne/Pike Workforce Alliance for job seekers. There are computers in both branches for job seeking. Private appointments can be set up for assistance with resumes or computers.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for the Pike County Correctional Facility Cooler and Generator Enclosure Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for Inmate Commissary Services and Accounting Software for the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to accept the proposal from Esitech for the Remote Dial in 2016 Accreditation, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Beach Lake Sprinkler Inspection Agreements, on behalf of the Correctional Facility and the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Verizon North and the County of Pike, for the Pike County Courthouse Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute a Housing Rehabilitation Lien, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute Senior Rental Assistance Contract #1, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Pike Job Fair Update – Michael Sullivan, Executive Director, of Economic Development Authority, reported that there will be more than 65 employers with more on a waiting list. This is an excellent opportunity for the unemployed, underemployed or people who travel elsewhere looking for employment. There are a wide range of employers coming out including the federal prison system, electrical workers and a new company looking for 20 people with a wide variety of skills. Cindy DeFebo, Workforce Development Agency Director, stated that this is a turning point for Pike County residents and a symbol of how the economy is finally coming back. Job seekers will not be disappointed. Bring your resume and dress to impress. Assistance will be offered at the Job Fair for producing resumes. An employer directory will also be available during and after the event regarding jobs that are available. The emphasis now is looking for employees. There are advertisements throughout the county. Flyers were distributed at all the food pantries. Volunteers handing out flyers at churches, etc.

Commissioner Osterberg introduced Rob Mikulski, Parents for Prevention Mock Bedroom, which is a continuing effort to bring awareness to the drug epidemic that is going on. Rob Mikulski explained that the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, through Parents for Prevention, are bringing the mock bedroom to Pike County for the first time. It will be held on May 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Atlantic Behavioral Health in the Milford Wellness Center. A room will be set up like a typical teenager's bedroom, with posters, clothing, etc. for adults to go through. They will demonstrate where they would hide drugs and/or place drugs in different locations and have the adults go through to see how many they can find. There is no preregistration and you can go any time that is convenient. There will be two prevention specialists to take people through, talk about current trends, additional opportunities if you need services, etc. Flyers and press releases were distributed.

Jill Gamboni, announced the next dates for the Reality Tour as April 28 and May 19, 2016. Pennsylvania now leads the nation in drug overdoses among men ages 12 to 25. The Reality Tour is a three hour event which is a series of dramatic scenes that you go through, it is consequence driven, peer pressure scene, an overdose, arrest, jail, ambulance and a funeral scene. There is also 2 ½ hour parent and child education, which is the main goal of the program. Education includes where to go for resources and what to look for in their children. Sponsors for this year's tour are the Birchwood Lakes Swim Team, Weinstein & Zimmerman and Dave and Mary Ann Ruby.

The 20th Pike County Children's Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday April 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine, stocking will take place at 7:00 a.m., at Lily Pond, Pike County Park.

Commissioner Osterberg announced that the Commissioners have filed for a grant for funding for alternative punishment for addictions, instead of incarceration. Commissioner Guccini explained that this is a grant offered through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$180,000 for two years. It was brought to the Commissioners' attention by District Attorney Ray Tonkin. The grant is to make amendments to the Intermediate Punishment Program, which is a program to keep certain offenders out of jail or at least limiting jail time for certain kinds of offenses as long as they meet certain criteria. This program is strictly to address drug and alcohol issues. There has to be an initial assessment made that the offender has a drug/alcohol issue. The grant money is used for hiring a new Probation Officer who will only be handling this type of offender and therefore will have a lower case load which is part of the idea. A Case Manager will help coordinate Court, job seeking, treatment, etc. This is not a combination jail time and treatment, but strictly treatment and trying to keep people out of jail. The grant has been written and will be submitted by Friday through the Probation Office through the egrants program. The cost per prisoner per day for jail time is \$82 versus a savings for these kinds of programs. There will be some County money involved of approximately \$35,000 in addition to the \$180,000 grant. It saves money and also saves people. Commissioner Caridi clarified that this is not a Drug Court because we do not have a treatment facility in Pike County. It is a cooperative effort with the District Attorney, the Judge, Prison Board, Sheriff and Commissioners to recognize non-violent offenders and that there might be alternatives. It is important for someone who needs treatment to stay productive in their lives with their jobs, maintain their homes, family integrity, etc. This is an excellent step forward and another piece to solving the drug problem. Further discussion took place.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.