

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

The first regular meeting of May 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. An opening prayer was offered by Rabbi Steven Nathan of the Jewish Fellowship of Hemlock Farms.

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 May 3, 2017 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the April 19, 2017 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 April 27, May 1 and 2, 2017 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$430,287.14, 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 **PIKE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**, in the amount of \$490,183.73.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to hire **JANICE PALMA**, as a part-time Site Manager I for the Area Agency on Aging Senior Center in Matamoras, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective April 25, 2017, with no benefits. This is a new position.

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: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, Resolution No. 17-11, Grant to Request Funds through the DCED Departments Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program on behalf of the Delaware Valley School District Tennis Courts Project. Commissioner Osterberg explained that the County is the pass through agency for the school district to be able to qualify for the grant. The County did the same thing for the Wallenpaupack School District. Jim Martin is the gentleman that does the grant application.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Agreement between Pike County and Delaware Valley School District regarding the grant application through the DCED Departments Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program on behalf of the Delaware Valley School District Tennis Courts 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 Change Order GC08 between Mar-Paul and the County of Pike for an additional \$8,641.37 for additional structural steel and reworking steel pertaining to the Courthouse Addition. This is for additional steel work on the floors to tie into the new building.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Early Intervention Grant Contract between the Department of Community and Economic Development and the County of Pike, for accounting software. This grant is for \$75,000.

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

Commissioner Guccini said that although the words Early Intervention is usually associated with child care, it has nothing to do with childcare. It is an early way of heading off greater expenses by making upgrades to software, etc.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Community Development Block Grant Program Contract between the Department of Community and Economic Development and the County of Pike, 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 the Senior Rental Assistance Payment Voucher for Delaware Run for May 2017 in the amount of \$2,377, 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 the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance 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 the Electronic Monitoring Service Agreement between BI Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Supervision Funds and Grant-in-Aid Agreements between the PA Board of Probation and Parole and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alicia Bonadonna, Apprise Coordinator for Pike County, was introduced by Commissioner Osterberg. Ms. Bonadonna works for Diakon Community Services and is contracted by the County to do Medicare counseling for the Pike County area. She started a Medicare program, Veterans In-Reach Project, specifically for the veteran population in Pike County, wrote and received a grant from PA Link ADRC to do this pilot program which started in January 2017. They have six months to prove that the program is needed. The program provides Medicare counseling, information about Medicare savings programs, programs from the government that they have access to, counseling and linkages to other providers in the area for veterans in Pike County who may not have this information. She also has information on benefits through the VA. Commissioner Guccini explained that Alicia had attended the last meeting of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, and as he understood it, it is often problematic to try to figure out how to coordinate benefits sometimes between the VA and Medicare. Ms. Bonadonna agreed that it is very confusing because a lot of people don't know that you can have a prescription drug plan and a VA drug plan that coexist. The VA restricts some services, like you cannot have certain services provided by Medicare and the VA, but you can have prescription drug plans through both. She distributed brochures to the press and public. Commissioner Caridi suggested that she get in touch with Pierce Bunce, Pike County Veterans' Affairs Director, to present this information to more veterans. Ms. Bonadonna, in answering a few questions, stated that they have funding until June 30th, but she is looking to extend it through the summer. From January through March they were basically laying groundwork, paperwork, grant work, etc. Out-reach started in April and reached between 15 and 20 veterans in that time. She started the program in honor of her dad who was a WWII veteran.

Jill Gamboni, representative of Pike County Alliance for Prevention Program, announced that they received a grant from the Barbara J. Buchanan Endowment coordinated through Greater Pike Community Foundation to distribute several emergency doses of Naloxone. They will be delivered to ambulance corps only because that is becoming cost prohibitive for them. A press release was distributed announcing that this will be on first come, first serve basis. There are only 13 kits worth \$1,000 to give out. They are very costly kits. The first kits were given out at the Reality Tour on April 20th to the Delaware Volunteer Ambulance Corps, who always help with the Reality Tour. She will be coordinating with Lackawaxen as well, who have also reached out. Any volunteer ambulance corps who need naloxone should contact Jill Gamboni. Commissioner Osterberg stated that the kits were purchased from a company on the internet in Pennsylvania who also discounted the kits to \$75, which normally over the counter sell for \$150. The ambulance services have a difficult time in getting the funding because they are expensive and they do have an expiration date on them. Ms. Gamboni, said that not only do they have an expiration, but found out through the Delaware Volunteer Ambulance Corps, that most of the kits that they have on their ambulances right now were recalled because of a defect with the atomizer. They thanked the Greater Pike Community Foundation for their support for potentially saving 13 lives in Pike County. The ambulance corps are having difficulties because for most people insurance will be billed for their services, but the people that they are providing this service to most of the time do not have insurance, so there is no way for the insurance companies to recoup the use of these kits. It is when organizations such as Pike County Alliance for Prevention and DDAP come forward with free kits for the ambulance services it is a benefit for the community. They will be looking into applying for more grants. Donations are also greatly appreciated to purchase these kits. The more the community comes together to purchase these the better off we will all be. Ms. Gamboni reminded everyone that there is another Reality Tour on May 18th with some spots still available. Questions regarding the recall were answered. Commissioner Caridi mentioned that there is now a heroin that is immune from the effects of Naloxone, which is laced with carfentanil, an elephant tranquilizer. It was explained that each kit has two doses which is needed to treat the individual. Someone stated that on May 20th, Darryl Strawberry will be at the Wallenpaupack School to discuss his addiction and recovery.

Dave Messersmith of Penn State Extension presented the May 4-20, 2017 events and workshops. He highlighted the Strong Women/Growing Stronger program held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on May 9th through August 1st from 4:45 to 5:45 pm in the Commissioners meeting room. This is open to men and women for nutrition information and exercise program. He also mentioned for people who have chickens that there is a new poultry disease called Avian Influenza. It is a highly contagious, highly infection disease that affect poultry not humans. It is carried by migratory fowl that fly overhead. They are not affected by the disease, but they carry it.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

A member of the audience asked if there was a breakdown cost of the Frein trial. The invoices are still coming in. Given the shorter length of time of the trial he asked if that helps financially. Commissioner Guccini added that there is an automatic appeal to the State Supreme Court so they are not done with lawyers' fees yet.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.