

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

The first regular meeting of May 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. Father Paul Mullen of St. Vincent de Paul Church 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 May 4, 2016 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the April 20, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye'. Commissioner Osterberg abstained due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the April 22, 26, 28 and May 2, 2016 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 \$159,961.49, 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 **ACT 44 FUND (Mott St. /Mink Pond Bridge)** in the amount of \$17,992.71.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND (Appropriations)** in the amount of \$23,000.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **ACT 8 FUND (ArcGIS Maint.)** in the amount of \$13,800.00.

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 **EILEEN MCGOWAN** as a Legal Secretary for Magisterial District Judge Menditto's Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective May 3, 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 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 Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, 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 open bids received for the purchase of Inmate Commissary Services and Accounting Software for the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Keefe Commissary Network –Commission rate of 32 1/2% with 28% with operation rate. Oasis Commissary Services – no clear rates were found. Trinity Services Group – no clear rates were found. The bids need to be reviewed by the Correctional Facility as the rates are in the product itself, but not easily accessible.

Commissioner Caridi explained that the Inmate Commissary at the Correctional Facility is mandated by the Department of Corrections. The Correctional Facility provides certain restricted items to inmates that they purchase out of their own pockets. The inmates have electronic accounts that family members can put money into through money orders or credit cards. The inmates then use the debit system to purchase commissary which has been approved by the Correctional Facility, the Department of Corrections and the Warden. A company provides those items and a percentage of the proceeds of the sale of those items goes to the Correctional Facility, which is mandated by law to be used for the general population and welfare of the inmates. The County receives no benefits from that money, nor is there any cost to the County. Any software and/or hardware involved must be provided by the vendor.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to table bids received for the purchase of Inmate Commissary Services and Accounting Software for the Pike County Correctional Facility for review by the Solicitor, Warden and IT staff until June 1, 2016.

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

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

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

Solicitor Farley opened the only bid received which was from Grimm Construction in the amount of \$163,606 for base bid.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to table bids received for the Pike County Correctional Facility Cooler and Generator Enclosure Project for review until May 18, 2016.

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. 16-16, Tick Borne Diseases Awareness Into Action Month, May 2016.

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

Commissioner Osterberg stated that the above resolution was passed by the State Houses, and Pike County, knowing the importance of the awareness of tick borne diseases in the County, has passed the resolution. Mikki Weiss of the Pike County Tick Borne Disease Task Force gave a brief overview of the Task Force and the educational programs provided. The Task Force was introduced beginning with Dr. Robert Ollar, Consulting Microbiologist and also with the State Tick Borne Disease Task Force; Barbara Whitney, member of the subcommittee working with the Delaware Valley School District; Karen Hatch, PA Department of Health; Kathleen Moran, State Representative Brown's Office; Michael Mrozinski, Community Planning Director, working with grants and funding; and the three Commissioners. Bookmarks were distributed regarding educating the public on tick borne diseases.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Wayne/Pike Sharing of Pike 911 Phone System Agreement between the Counties of Wayne and Pike, on behalf of the Communication Center.

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

Communications Director Bernie Swartwood explained that one of the key components of a 911 funding legislation change in August 2015, is that the State is looking to have Counties share resources if possible for equipment and software packages to save some money. The Pike County Training Center has a relatively new phone system and Wayne County has an end of life phone system; therefore, Wayne County will be joining in on Pike County's phone system. There has been connectivity paths put into place and before the end of the summer both Counties will be utilizing one system. Everything will operate the way it has been in the past. Each County will receive their own calls. The State is also looking into building these interconnectivity pieces and eventually have all of the Counties being connected to each other in some way shape or form. Mr. Swartwood will be going to Harrisburg next week for more information. The idea is to basically create an enclosed emergency services internet. That will then be shared out and will be connecting neighboring states.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Lease/Purchase Option for a Digital Mailing System between Pitney Bowes and the County of Pike, 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 2012 CDBG Fiscal Status Report Closeout, 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 #5A, 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 execute Provider Agreements between the following providers and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services: EI HAB Human Services, Second Haven Services for Youth and Avanco International.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Commissioner Osterberg began by saying that in the efforts of the County Commissioners' Office to bring more awareness to the addiction issue that is facing Pike County and so that people know where it is that they should be calling when someone in their family is facing addiction, a Drug Awareness Poster Program was created together with the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission. They are also in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to put in every possible location where people congregate, whether it is in churches, community buildings, libraries, drug stores, restaurants, bars, etc. The media also has an obligation to its customers to put an unpaid ad in the newspapers every so often providing the phone number to call if you are facing addiction. This must be a community effort as it is the largest health issue facing this country. Commissioner Osterberg thanked the boy scouts for their efforts in distributing the posters. Rob Mikulski of the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, stated that the addiction problem is a national epidemic. The posters were created to catch people's attention. Parents of an individual who died from an overdose in Monroe County, in lieu of flowers, asked that donations be given to the D&A Commission. The Commission received permission from the parents to have their son's picture and name on the poster with the words "unfortunately we lost our son to addiction, don't let this happen to you" and includes a tear off pad with a referral center in Carbon County where residents of Pike and Monroe would call. Every few months the pads can be changed. There will be a change in July as there will be some more providers. Pike County has 200 posters for distribution. Elaine Tucker, Prevention Specialist from the D&A Commission for the Delaware Valley and East Stroudsburg Schools, announced that tomorrow, May 5, 2016, the D&A Commission will be hosting a mock bedroom at the Milford Health & Wellness Center from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will be a bedroom set up as a bedroom with all the hiding places that individuals hide their drugs. This will be an open house type display and questions will be answered. It is not for children, only adults. Commissioner Osterberg has reached out to Gary Albaugh and Paul Menditto who are involved with the Boy Scouts and they have been in contact with other Boy Scout Leaders in the County to set up the posters throughout the County. Gary Albaugh, District Executive for the Delaware River District of the Hudson Valley Council which consists of Pike, Sullivan and Orange Counties, said that the Boy Scouts will be placing these posters in all the civic organizations that charter their units. They are also attempting to do a float in the Memorial Day Parade to bring awareness to the public. Commissioner Osterberg also spoke on the lack of locations for prescription drug drop off points. While there are drug drop off points in the County located at the Sheriff's Office and Eastern Regional Police Department, there should be locations in pharmacies such as Rite Aid. Rite Aid will not put these boxes in their stores, and they will not even put the posters in their stores. Management will not allow it. 75% of the young people who misuse prescription pain killers got them from friends and families, not doctors. Major pharmacies should be held responsible for collecting prescription drugs. Citizens need to urge pharmacies to get involved and put boxes in their stores. Further discussions were held regarding the issues concerning prescription drugs and the federal government encouraging doctors and hospitals to over prescribe pain medication.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.