

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

The second regular meeting of July 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, Osterberg and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

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

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 17, 2013 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the July 3, 2013 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the July 8, 9, 10 and 15, 2013 Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment of **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$198,911.98, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$74,751.06.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 13-19, Recycling in Pike County.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Letter of Understanding between Zelenkofske Axelrod and the County of Pike, for auditing services for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Certification of County Maintenance of Effort for the reporting period January 1 through June 30, 2013 for the HAVA Title II Financial Assistance, on behalf of the Election Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute Amendment #8 to the SRCP Grant Contract between Delaware Township and the County of Pike for an extension of time for its ordinance updates, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Proposal for PSAP Regional Shared Services Assessment for North Eastern Counties Regional ESInet (NECORE) from Essential Management Solutions, on behalf of the Communication Center, for a GPS locating system.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the North American Master Services Agreement between Language Line Services and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Senior Community Service Employment Program Host Agency Agreement between the National Council on Aging and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Interagency Cooperative Agreement Between Carbon-Monroe-Pike MH/DS Program and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to recognize the Proclamation from Governor Tom Corbett proclaiming the week of July 21-27, 2013 as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week in Pennsylvania.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the 2013-14 PA Board of Probation and Parole Grant-in-Aid Continuing Program for the Improvement of Adult Probation Services Application and Agreement, State Offender Supervision Fund Agreement and Financial Statement, on behalf of the Adult Probation Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Training Facility and Operations Director George Beodeker announced that the Central Fire Company in Lackawaxen Township has generously offered a surplus 1983 Emergency One Pumper Truck to the Training Center for training purposes. There is no remuneration to the Township or Fire Company. Mr. Beodeker explained that now with this piece of equipment, the County does not have to impose on the volunteer fire companies to borrow their equipment, which puts less of a burden on everyone involved and does not take another truck out of service during the training.

Mr. Beodeker also announced that two nationally known instructors will be at the Training Facility to assist in training. The Fire Federation has been significantly funding the training process and equipment. The Fire Federation is made up of delegates and representatives mostly chief officers of the 13 fire companies and 3 independent EMS agencies within the County. They meet on a bi-monthly basis. Their agenda is to further the training of the responders of the County.

Mr. Beodecker stated that both automated external defibrillators were delivered to the Training Facility. They were acquired through a discount and community service program from Atlantic Health Newton Memorial Hospital. Training was completed by 8 staff last night. The Training Facility has also qualified 16 individuals from Pike County, Sussex County, NJ and Orange County, NY in a high intensity flashover module called a Flashover Simulator. This is the only County in Northeast PA that has one of these props.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to accept the donation from Central Fire Department and Lackawaxen Township of the 1983 Emergency One Pumper Truck, and send a thank you letter to the Fire Department and Supervisors for their support of the entire County.

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

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reopen the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

Mark Baylis of VALOR and Vito DiBiasi, art teacher at PJ Middle School, asked to discuss the Cliff Park Resort, which they want to turn into a place for PTSD veterans. Mr. Baylis explained that VALOR wants to make Cliff Park a golf course and inn again; and that most of the employees would be those suffering from PTSD. The National Park Service owns Cliff Park and estimates it would cost \$2 million to repair and renovate the building and septic system. A letter was read by Commissioner Osterberg from the Park Service stating that their intention is to complete the renovations and then put it out to bid. Mr. DiBiasi gave an overview of statistics of veterans committing suicides due to PTSD, and asked for the public and the Commissioners' support. Commissioner Caridi listed the many programs available to veterans in Pike County through the County's Veteran Affairs' Office. Mr. Baylis has contacted legislatures for their support, and already has support from businesses, unions and individuals who will donate time and equipment.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.