

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

The third 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. Opening Prayer was offered by Father Paul Mullen of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Milford.

PRESENT: Commissioners Osterberg and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Caridi.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 29, 2015 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the July 15, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the June 16, 21 and 23, 2015 Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$336,046.73, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (Bridges)** in the amount of \$11,421.56.

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

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **AG LAND PRESERVATION OPERATING FUND (Placemats)** in the amount of \$1,263.35.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **2014 CLEAN & GREEN ROLLBACK TAX FUND (Ag Land transfer)** in the amount of \$33.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$45,878.17.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen, advising that he has hired **CHRISTINE BLACK** as a full time Law Clerk for the Courts, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective August 3, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe, advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as full time Correctional Officers for the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 3, 2015, with benefits after 90 days: **BRIAN BAILEY, MARK DULAY AND MICHAEL GODFREY.**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **EMILY RINALDI** as a full time Watershed Specialist for the Conservation District, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 10, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **WILLIAM MCKINNELL** as a full time Dispatcher for the Communications Center, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 24, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **DONALD MAURICE** as a part time Van Driver for the Transportation Office, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective July 30, 2015, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **DONNA JASINSKI** as a full time Caseworker for Children & Youth Services, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective August 10, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to award the bid for fleet leasing services to Enterprise for a total of \$276,023.16.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to open bids received for the purchase of fortified flavored beverage bases for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the only bid received which was from Bernard Food Industries in the amount of \$8,176.00.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table bids received for the purchase of fortified flavored beverage bases for the Correctional Facility until August 19, 2015.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the FY 2015-16 Provider Agreements between the following providers and the County of Pike on behalf of Children & Youth Services: GAIT Therapeutic Riding Center, Camp Speers/YMCA, Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center and Multi-Health Systems Inc.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the FY 2015-16 Agreement for Professional Services between Diakon and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging Apprise Program.

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

Robin LoDolce, Area Agency on Aging, explained that the Diakon Agreement is for the Apprise Program. The Aging Office receives an annual grant from the Department of Aging to provide medicare and medicare related insurance information to seniors. This is a way of having Diakon contract with the County to provide professional oversight and coordinate the contracted part time position that Diakon will be hiring. It will be a job that will be created to provide a dedicated coordinator to Apprise to assist seniors with their medicare part D, medigap, their advantage plans, etc. that insurance companies have. This is funded through the Apprise program and is a performance based funding so that the more people get helped, the more money the County receives for the program.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreement for Janitorial Services between Abigail Barnes and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Agreement between Scott Eyler Construction and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging Home Modification Program.

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

Robin LoDolce, Area Agency on Aging, said that the Home Modification Contract is a bid job that goes out through the Department of Human Services Waiver Program to provide home modification to seniors who are medically and financially eligible for services to remain in their home.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Lien Mortgage Satisfaction, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the SRCP Service Agreement 2015-01 between Delaware Highlands Conservancy and the County of Pike, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board to conduct annual monitoring visits on deed restricted properties.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Annette Petry, President of the Board of the Wayne/Pike Adult Literacy is trying to raise awareness and asked for donations and volunteers for the program. There are 40 volunteers, mostly retired teachers, who teach adults to take their GED tests, teach adults to read and write to get citizenship, take their driving test, fill out applications and even to help someone read a Shoprite flyer to shop or open an account at a bank. There are tutors in the Wayne and Pike County Correctional Facilities who aid offenders to get their GED. Funding is extremely low at this point. The GED process has changed in 2015 and is now completely via the internet. In most cases the volunteers need to teach the students first how to take the test on the computer. It costs \$30 per test and there is also a cost for the pretest. Wayne/Pike Adult Literacy is also partnered with Northampton Community College to help high school graduates before going to the college. Sources of funding is only through the two counties. There are no state or federal funds. Commissioner Osterberg did say that Pike County is working on obtaining federal money through some block grants, but unfortunately this takes quite some time. Hopefully, by next year's funding there will be some money available. The annual budget for Wayne/Pike Adult Literacy is approximately \$45-\$50,000 taking into consideration how many books and materials need to be purchased and how many people are trying to get their GED tests. Ms. Petry answered questions from the press and public.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.