

**Wednesday, August 7, 2013**

The first 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 Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the August 7, 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 17, 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 17, 24, 30 and 31, 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 \$270,449.62, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **ACT 44 FUND (MHE-Bridges-Prof. Serv.)**, in the amount of \$94.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND (Lock Data-web hosting)**, in the amount of \$475.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **AG LAND PRES. OPERATING ACCT. (Wehrmann-appr. & letter bags)**, in the amount of \$973.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (2 Sheriff vehicles)** in the amount of \$57,330.00.

**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 \$79,573.95.

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

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **JESSICA BROWN**, as a full time Law Clerk for the Court, for a 37 1/2 hour work week, effective August 5, 2013, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **AMANDA CHESAR**, as a full time Law Clerk for the Court, for a 37 1/2 hour work week, effective August 5, 2013, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Philip Bueki advising that he has hired **NICHOLAS DI PALMA**, as a full time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 12, 2013, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to change the title of Community & Natural Resource Planner to Community Planner in the Planning Office, and to hire **JENNIFER BOYSEN** to fill that full time position, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 12, 2013, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

**A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.**

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 13-20, In Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service by Jack Bishop, which was read by Commissioner Osterberg and presented to Mr. Bishop. Mr. Bishop expressed his gratitude for the support of the Workforce Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 13-21, Providing for Temporary Tax Exemption for Certain Improvements and/or New Construction to Industrial, Commercial and Other Business Property in the Deteriorated Area within Lackawaxen Township, Pursuant to the Act of December 1, 1977, P.L. 237 and Defining Deteriorated Area, Establishing the Amount of the Exemption, Providing an Exemption Schedule, and a Procedure for Securing an Exemption.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 13-22, Providing for Temporary Tax Exemption for Certain Improvements and/or New Construction to Industrial, Commercial and Other Business Property in the Deteriorated Area within Delaware Township, Pursuant to the Act of December 1, 1977, P.L. 237 and Defining Deteriorated Area, Establishing the Amount of the Exemption, Providing an Exemption Schedule, and a Procedure for Securing an Exemption.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise for bids for the 2013-14 winter maintenance of Pike County roads.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for the sale of the following vehicle: 2002 Honda Odyssey Caravan, VIN#2HKRL18982H529225, with 149,466 miles, for a minimum bid of \$3,500, AS IS.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance, and acknowledge the MATP allocation amount of \$267,084 for FY 2013-14, on behalf of the Transportation Office.

**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 2012-13 State Food Purchase Program Final Report, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the 2013-14 State Food Purchase Program Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program Sub-Grant Agreements between the following food pantries and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Development Office: Bushkill Outreach, Loaves to Fishes, Pike County, Holy Trinity and Blooming Grove.

**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 Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher for August 2013 in the amount of \$237 from Delaware Run.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Heron's Eye Communications and the County of Pike, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board for services related to marketing and outreach for the SRCP program.

**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 Letter of Authorization for the PSAP Regional Shared Services Assessment for North Eastern Counties Regional ESInet (NECORE) project, on behalf of the Communications Center.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS: None.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**