

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

The second regular meeting of September 2016 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 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 recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

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

A RETIREMENT 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.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the September 21, 2016 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the September 7, 2016 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 September 7, 12, 15 and 20, 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 \$200,543.87, 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 **AG LAND PRESERVATION OPERATING FUND (Card Printing)**, in the amount of \$219.71.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND (Safety Inspections)**, in the amount of \$237.50, subject to further review.

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 **JAMES BLOCKBERGER**, as an Adult Probation Officer for the Probation Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 19, 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 Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, 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 groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened bids from the following vendors: Karetas Foods-\$137,157.89, Benjamin Foods-\$134,940.16, Mivila Foods-\$140,088.07, Sysco Food Services-\$95,685.93 and Bernard Food Industries-\$12,183.32. Bids are in various amounts due to different products bid on.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to table the bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility for further review until October 19, 2016.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 16-29, Shohola School – 100th Anniversary, which was read by Commissioner Caridi, and presented to Keith Raser, Shohola Township Supervisor.

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

Keith Raser, Shohola Township Supervisor, accepted the Resolution and announced that there will be an Open House at the Shohola School on Saturday, September 24th from 1 pm to 4 pm.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Philip Bueki advising that he has appointed Ronald Bugaj as Solicitor for the Sheriff's Office effective immediately.

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 Agreement for Pike County Temporary Assistant District Attorney between Catherine Pirolli and the County of Pike, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Renewal Transportation Agreement between Pocono Cab Company and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Transportation 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 #5, 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 to execute the Letter of Support for Pocono Environmental Education Center's Application for a \$250,000 grant from the Monroe County Local Share Account to construct a Sustainability Lodge.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Christine Kerstetter, Human Development Director, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Kate Newman-Bushkill Outreach Food Pantry and Mary Brouder-Blooming Grove Food Pantry, for their years of dedicated service as Food Pantry Directors and who are retiring.

Jocelyn Kramer and Jack Barnett, of SEEDS (Sustainable Energy Education and Development Support), were present to discuss their program. Ms. Kramer stated that SEEDS is a non-profit organization that promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable living in Northeast Pennsylvania. She announced that SEEDS will present a free solar workshop in the Milford Library on September 22 at 7 pm. Jack Barnett is one of the SEEDS Board Members and will be a presenter at the workshop. The workshop will cover solar energy, how it works, how much it costs and whether this may be right for you, your home or your business. This workshop is available due to a grant from the Greater Pike Community Foundation. The public is welcome to attend. They offer free home and business solar assessments.

Rose Chiocci, Pike County Library Director, announced that this weekend is their big fundraiser and they are honoring former Commissioner Karl A. Wagner Jr. and Lehman Township Supervisor Robert Rohner. Tickets are available at the both branches of the library for \$85 for cocktail hour and dinner. This year's theme is a Circus theme. There will be a Tarot Card Reader and fake Tattoo Artist. She also stated that Rotary just donated \$6,000 to the library.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.