

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

The first regular meeting of September 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. An opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Ed Blaney of Hemlock Farms.

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 September 5, 2012 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the August 1 and 15, 2012 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Commissioner Wagner abstained from the August 15, 2012 meeting due to his absence. Motion not carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the August 20, 21, 22, 28 and September 4, 2012 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Commissioner Wagner abstained from the August 20, 2012 conference due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment of **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$302,971.26, 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 \$76,052.57.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve exonerations in Blooming Grove Township and properties sold out of the County Repository for the period April thru July 2012.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to hire **ROBERT KLEBER**, as a part-time Van Driver for the Transportation Department, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective September 5, 2012, with no benefits. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open bids received for the sale of a 2004 Chevy Impala with 85,537 miles, VIN #2G1WF55L049177023, minimum bid of \$750, AS IS.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the only bid received which was from Jersey One in the amount of \$951.99.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to accept the bid from Jersey One in the amount of \$951.99 for a 2004 Chevy Impala with 85,537 miles, VIN #2G1WF55L049177023, minimum bid of \$750, AS IS.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open bids received for the Eshleman Home Foundation Flood Mitigation Plan.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Jason Rickard Carpentry in the amount of \$179,200; Hogan Homes in the amount of \$271,370; Bass II Enterprises in the amount of \$249,000; and Grimm Construction in the amount of \$238,240.90.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table the bids received for the Eshleman Home Foundation Flood Mitigation Plan until September 19, 2012.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 12-25, Notice of Intent and Approval of a Grant Application under the SRCP Program for a Multi-Municipal Groundwater Level Monitoring Project. This resolution is for the continuing relationship with the U.S. Geological Survey to monitor Pike County groundwater for quantity and quality.

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 CDBG Airport Park Paving Project, Phase III, in Matamoros.

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 Lease Agreement between Xerox and the County of Pike, for the Court Administration Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the 2012-13 State Food Purchase Program Pantry Sub-Agreements between the County and the following food pantries: Blooming Grove, Loaves to Fishes, Pike County, Holy Trinity and Bushkill Outreach.

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 Service Agreement Acceptance Form between Smiths Detection and the County of Pike, for x-ray equipment at the Courthouse.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission Juvenile Grant-in-Aid Financial Statements, Equitable Compensation Letter and Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation 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 two Housing Rehabilitation Liens, 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 authorize the Chairman to execute the Rental Assistance Subsidy from Delaware Run for September 2012, in the amount of \$503.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute FY 2011-12 4th Quarter Expenditure Statement and Budget Amendment and FY 2013-14 Needs Based Budget Plan, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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 following Provider Agreement on behalf of CCIS (Child Care Information Services): No. 8112822060-1.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jill Gamboni, CCIS Director, introduced Tom DeLuca, Reality Tour Co-Director. Ms. Gamboni stated that the Reality Tour is a project of the Child Death Review Team, which reviews child deaths in Pike County and come up with ways to prevent future deaths. This program is completely run by volunteers who are needed desperately. This program is not funded. This is a site specific program which means it has to run at one specific site, which is the First Presbyterian Church at no cost. Ms. Gamboni presented a Certificate of Appreciation Elder Marilyn Neil and Deacon Mike Neil of the First Presbyterian Church for their support of the Reality Tour. Employees of Mental Health and Developmental Services did a dress down day to solicit funds for the Reality Tour. Erin Stroyan of MHDS accepted the Certificate of Appreciation. Ms. Gamboni also thanked Jim Teehan who organizes the EMTs, Fire Departments and Ambulances for the Reality Tour and Betty Ann Teehan who does the registrations, organization, etc. Ms. Gamboni thanked District Attorney Ray Tonkin who pays annual Reality Tour renewal fee of \$500 every year. The Commissioners were also thanked for funneling funds for grants applied for by the Child Death Review Team. The Reality Tour will be held on September 29th and October 27th from 1 to 3 pm at the First Presbyterian Church.

Commissioner Caridi commended Ms. Gamboni for the arduous task of putting together a grant application to continue providing Child Care Information Services to the children in Pike County. Ms. Gamboni explained that Child Care Information Service areas are being consolidated. Currently there are 59 CCIS and the state is lowering that number to 42. The services will still be provided to every county, but not in every county. Pike County's service area will be combined with Wayne and Susquehanna Counties which is out for open bid to run the area. Ms. Gamboni wrote a bid to run the Pike/Wayne/Susquehanna Counties CCIS area. Pike County does have an office location for CCIS. Wayne and Susquehanna do not. The results will be had after the first of the year. Anyone who would need services would have to go out of Pike County, possibly Scranton, if the County does not win the bid.

Pierce Bunce, Veterans Affairs Director, gave an overview on his history as Veterans Affairs Director. The Commissioners received a letter from the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs commending Mr. Bunce for helping countless numbers of Veterans and their families receive the benefits and services to which they are entitled. His work has enabled Pike County to maximize federal compensation awards and pensions for Veterans. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Bunce for his efforts in getting over \$1 million for Pike County Veterans. Mr. Bunce fights passionately for compensation that his due for the Veterans. He also has a counseling/talking session with the Vets on Wednesdays in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at 1:00 p.m.

Nicholas Dickerson, Community & Natural Resource Planner, introduced the "Greetings from Pike County" brochure, which was developed in collaboration with the Planning Office, Commissioners Office and Pike County Marcellus Shale Task Force Economic Development Tourism Committee. This was created to address the concerns of tourists regarding rumors and allegations of gas drilling, which we do not have in Pike County. The brochure boasts our natural resources, pristine waters, forested lands, etc. It also includes various Chambers of Commerce, Discover Pike PA, the Economic Development Authority, links to social media websites that negate the rumors about gas drilling.

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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.