

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

The first regular meeting of November 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.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi, Hummel and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben and Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to amend the November 2, 2011 Agenda, adding Item #10 under New Business to read as follows: Motion to execute the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between the US Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve the November 2, 2011 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the October 19, 2011 Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve the October 26 and 31, 2011 Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment of the **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$209,103.55, with several subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS (Brooks Road/Park Road Plowing)** in the amount of \$445.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX (Appropriations)** in the amount of \$11,500.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND** in the amount of \$95,815.56.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to hire to hire **CINDY LUYANDO**, as a full time Homemaker for Children & Youth Services, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective November 7, 2011, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to extend the bid award for the Pike County Correctional Facility Roof Replacement Project until November 9, 2011.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to award the frozen foods and groceries bids for the Pike County Correctional Facility as follows: Karetas Foods-\$53,481.88; Benjamin Foods-\$44,530.45; Mivila Foods-\$20,869.95; Bernard Food Industries-\$12,356.24; Sysco Central PA-\$11,549.68; Maines Paper & Food Service - \$4,657.80 and Pocono Produce-\$4,367.15.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 11-30, Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month-November 2011, which was read by Commissioner Hummel.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for fresh bread and baked goods for the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) Agreements between the PA State Police and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office, the Adult Probation Office and the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the proposal between WDesign and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Planning Office, for the "Pike County Nostalgic Brochure".

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Upper Delaware Council Technical Assistance Grant, on behalf of the Planning Office, to launch a multi-faceted public education campaign related to natural gas exploration in Pike County. This education campaign was requested by the Hotel Tax Board to educate the public about the gas drilling and its effect or non-effect the drilling has on our tourism.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to execute the Pike County Assistant Link Coordinator Agreement with Janice Boyd and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Cooperative Grant Agreement and Medicaid Grant Agreement between the PA Department of Aging and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Pike County Rental Assistance Subsidy for November 2011 from Delaware Run in the amount of \$866.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Provider Agreements between Little Wonders Learning Center & Childcare Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of CCIS.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to execute the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between the US Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Pike County Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Pike County Prison Board. Commissioner Caridi gave an overview on the contract which allows the County to house ICE inmates.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Melinda Meddaugh, Land Protection Coordinator, from Delaware Highlands Conservancy presented information about the Little Bushkill Headwaters Reserve. She stated that the properties are 4500 acres and owned by three different hunt clubs who have had the lands for generations. A representative of the Lehman Lake Club gave an overview of the reasons to put the land in perpetuity under conservation easements. The land provide for good forest stewardship, etc. The clubs are looking for Forest Legacy funding to preserve this land.

Roger Maltby, EMA Director, spoke on the Pike County Emergency Notification System. The eight county NEPA Terrorism Task Force signed an agreement earlier this year and are in the process of implementing the Roam Secure Alert Network. This program delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates on devices that a user chooses, such as email, cell phone, pager, etc. It will deliver real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, who to contact and other important information. The web site is www.pike.alertpa.org. There is still a lot of work to do before it is up and running. It will be slowly introduced over the next several months and is expected to be pretty much up and running once the Communications Center is completely moved into the new quarters in Blooming Grove. There is still quite a bit of integration work that has to be done and SOGs developed on how it will be used. Funding remains in place through the task force so that there should be no cost to the county for the next few years. Beyond that it will all depend on the status of the homeland security grant program.

Bernie Swartwood, Communications Director, also stated that it is also tied in to the computer aided dispatch. The connectivity aspect has also been completed. There will be weather alerts, traffic alerts, power outages, road closures, etc. As information is received from the various utilities it will be added to the alerts.

Solicitor Farley announced that a lawsuit filed by Dawn Metzger, former Children & Youth Director, in Federal Court was dismissed and also filed in Pike County as a State action was also dismissed because it was not filed in a timely manner. They have 30 days to file an appeal in Superior Court. If they do not the matter is closed.

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.