

**Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

The first regular meeting of December 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, 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 approve the December 7, 2011 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve the November 23, 2011 Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the November 30, December 1, 5 and 6, 2011 Conference Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve payment of the **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$750,011.41, with several subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **BOND ACCOUNT, SERIES B (EMS-Nov.)** in the amount of \$466,033.44.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to approve payment from **HOTEL TAX FUND (Mailings and web hosting)** in the amount of \$3,555.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **ACT 44 ACCOUNT (MHE-Jan-Oct. bridges)** in the amount of \$718.00.

**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 \$81,989.06.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph F. Kameen, advising that he has hired **THOMAS OSOWICK**, as a full time Juvenile Probation Officer, for a 40 hour work week, effective December 12, 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 open bids received for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Pike County Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the only bid received which was from Sara Lee/Butter Krust Baking in the amount of \$42,904.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to table bids received for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Pike County Correctional Facility until December 21, 2011 for further review.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to present the 2012 Pike County Budget for public inspection.

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

The Commissioners stated that the 2012 proposed total millage is 16.29, which is the fourth year in a row that the millage rate has stayed the same. Considering the economy, this is quite an accomplishment. The only difference in the millage is a move of ¼ mil from the general fund to the debt service fund. The County pension plan is being invested in wisely by the Biondo Group and the Dime Bank. The departments were asked to keep their bottom line the same and only move money within their line items, which they have done to the best of their ability. This has been the fourth year

that the County has not raised taxes, has not cut services, not taken more contributions from the employees for health insurance and kept the health insurance with a 0% increase. The County is in excellent financial condition. The budget will be available online.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for the sale of a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, 202,000 miles, VIN #2FAFP71W35X152242, minimum \$850 bid, AS IS.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to execute the Letter of Acceptance between Zelenkofske Axelrod and the County of Pike, for auditing services of the Transportation Program for the year ended June 30, 2011.

**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 System Agreement between Verizon and the County of Pike, for 9-1-1 services at the Pike County Training Complex.

**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 2012 Maintenance Agreement between Identix Biometric Solutions and the County of Pike, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the extension of the SRCP Grant Contract between Shohola Township and the County of Pike, for ordinance updates through March 31, 2012, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to execute the SRCP Service Agreement 2011-01 between Delaware Highlands Conservancy and the County of Pike, for analysis and inventory of vegetation on the Pike County Santos Riverfront Park, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board.

**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 DEP 2012 Environmental Education Grants Program Application, on behalf of the Planning Office.

**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 Department of Environmental Protection Municipal Recycling Performance Grant Application. Christine Kerstetter, Recycling Coordinator, explained that this is a renewal that assists the County in recovering monies spent on recycling.

**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 Contract for Professional Services between Marvin Brotter and the County of Pike, for CDBG Consulting Services for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

**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 Rental Assistance Subsidy in the amount of \$866 to Delaware Run for December 2011.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Hummel and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the PEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Annual Submission, on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Hummel, to execute the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Pike County Correctional Facility Corrections Officers, AFSME, AFL-CIO, District Council 87 and the County of Pike.

**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 Agreement between Premier Roofing Company and the County of Pike for the Pike County Jail Roof Repair Project.

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Commandant Jim Slevin of Marine Corps League Gung-Ho Detachment 909 gave a brief presentation on the Pike County Toys for Kids & Teens Program. They will be collecting toys at various locations including Kmart and Walmart. The County Administration Building also has a collection area. Mr. Slevin asked that people be more compassionate towards those who are not as fortunate.

*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, DECEMBER 14, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**