

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

The first regular meeting of February 2017 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. Rabbi Elkeslasi of Chabad House of Pike County, Port Jervis & Deerpark.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Osterberg (via telephone), Caridi and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

**Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the February 1, 2017 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the January 18, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the January 18, 23 and 26, 2017 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$217,709.88, subject to further review.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired **DOUGLAS SCOTT**, as an Adult Probation Officer, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 13, 2017, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from District Attorney Raymond Tonkin advising that he has hired **MOLLY CARSON**, as a Forensic Interviewer/MDIT (Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team) Coordinator for the District Attorney's Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective February 6, 2017, with benefits after 90 days. This is a newly created position.

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

District Attorney Tonkin explained that this endeavor comes about as part of the County's partnership with Safe Haven for a Child Advocacy Center in Pike County. Molly Carson has a background in social work and working on a masters in social work, is fully trained as a Forensic Interviewer and will serve as the Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Team Coordinator. The MDIT is a coordinated effort between the District Attorney's Office and Children & Youth Services for the investigation of child abuse cases. Ms. Carson has acted as a Forensic Interviewer at the Lackawanna Children's Advocacy Center and until recently was at Safe Haven. There has been some rebuilding at Safe Haven, so the Commissioners and District Attorney's Office have partnered together to make sure that the Child Advocacy Center moves forward in Pike County. This position is fully funded by grant streams from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. There is a set funding stream that was set a couple of years ago by the legislature of \$2 million per year; and some of the funding comes from the Jerry Sandusky case where Penn State received a large fine from the NCAA, which is called Endowment Act Funding, which was given to the State and in turn given to PCCD to fund certain projects around the State. The Child Advocacy Center is a center that is child-centered and child-focused. The idea of the Forensic Interviewer is that the child is interviewed once by this trained interviewer to ask questions in a non-leading manner of the child. The interview is audio and video recorded, so the different agencies that have responsibilities in child abuse investigations do not have to interview that child time and time again. The child only has to go through the trauma of disclosing that to one interviewer instead of multiple times over and over again. The other part of the Child Advocacy Center is the medical examination of a child. There is currently a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) with pediatric designation, that the District Attorney's Office is working on to get funding for this. There was a little bit of a set back with the restructuring of Safe Haven, but the District Attorney and Commissioners are making sure that this project continues here in Pike County. Currently, they make use of Children Advocacy Centers in Lackawanna County and Monroe County, so it is a travel for not only the children and families, but also the staff. The Commissioners thanked the District Attorney for all his efforts to continue this program and obtain funding.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe, advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **KIMBERLY NACLERIO**, as an Administrative Clerk at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 13, 2017, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe, advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **BENJAMIN CHAISSON** and **BETHANN RYAN**, as Food Production Supervisors at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 6, 2017, with benefits after 90 days. These are replacement positions.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe, advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as Correctional Officers at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 21, 2017, with benefits after 90 days: **CAITLIN VOELKL, MICHAEL ABBADESSA, KRISTOPHER FREYMUTH, JOSHUA BARBIERI** and **ROBERT GOBLE**.

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

**Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg 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 Osterberg 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 Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to open bids received for the Pike County Corrections Facility Cooler and Generator Enclosure Mechanical and Electrical Systems Project.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Electrical Bid: Richard Mellow Corp. - \$49,400; Wind Gap Electric - \$62,700; G.R. Noto - \$54,000; CRL Electric - \$53,924.29; and Mechanical: LH Reed & Sons - \$30,745.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to table bids received for the Pike County Corrections Facility Cooler and Generator Enclosure Mechanical and Electrical Systems Project for review until February 15, 2017.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to appoint the following individuals to the Pike County Road Task Force for a three year term ending December 31, 2019: Edward Simon – Greene Township; Jim Snyder – Dingman Township; Albert Beisel – Lackawaxen Township; Albert William Schneider – Westfall Township; and Thomas Greiner – Matamoras Borough.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Addendum to Deposit Services. Letter of Understanding between Keefe Commissary Network and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and Transportation Plan between the Wallenpaupack Area School District and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

Commissioner Guccini stated that this agreement is a requirement by both federal and state legislation for Children & Youth Service Agencies and school districts to use their best efforts to keep children placed in foster care in the same school district that they were in previously. This agreement between the County and Wallenpaupack Area School District shows how that works, how transportation is provided, how transportation costs are shared, etc.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the PA Civil Service Commission Salary Chart, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the FY 2016-17 Provider Agreements between the attached list of providers and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Housing Rehabilitation Lien, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Affordable Housing Fund Payment Voucher for the County's Act 137 annual 15% administrative fees in the amount of \$23,201.55, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Senior Rental Assistance Payment Voucher for Delaware Run for February 2017 in the amount of \$1,710, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Dave Messersmith of Penn State Extension highlighted a few of the February 1-16, 2017 events and programs. This month is the start of the Master Gardner Programs for this year. They are a volunteer organization trained and certified by Penn State who offer programs to the community. They will be holding a two part workshop on February 11 "Plan Early for Produce this Summer" about getting your vegetable garden started for this year; and in the afternoon "Beautifying Your Space" about cleaning up your yard and beautifying your landscape. They will be held at the Pike County Training Center. They are also doing a 5-part workshop on "Beautiful Blooms", about perennials, annuals, etc.

Commissioner Osterberg stressed the importance of continuing the Naloxone Training. Last month approximately 35 people attended the training. Jill Gamboni stated that another Naloxone Training will be held on February 22, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Pike County Training Center. Naloxone is used for an opioid overdose to reverse the effect of it immediately. There is a standing order from the Physician General to issue the kits to anyone that needs one, but you need to have the training.

Jill Gamboni announced the next Reality Tours will be held on April 20 and May 18, 2017. They are once again looking for sponsors.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**