Wednesday, March 2, 2016

The first regular meeting of March 2016 of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Osterberg 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 Rev. Van A. Bankston of the Church of the Good Shepherd & St. John the Evangelist.

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 amend the agenda to add Jessica Grohmann, Assistant Planning Director under Miscellaneous; and to amend the start date of Lissette Rodriguez-Morales to March 21st.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the March 2, 2016 Agenda as amended.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the February 17, 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 February 17, 22, 24 and March 1, 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 \$115,870.37, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from LIQUID FUELS (Lattimore), in the amount of \$6,233.10.

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 Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as Correctional Officers, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 14, 2016, with benefits after 90 days: PETER ANTIDORMI, DARRELL HOWARD, MICHAEL JOHNSON AND JAMES WIPPERMAN.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individual as Correctional Officers, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 21, 2016, with benefits after 90 days: **LISSETTE RODRIQUEZ-MORALES**

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to hire **BRIAN SNYDER** as a Community Planner in the Community Planning Office, for a 40 hour work week, effective March 7, 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 hire **MICHAEL FISCHETTA** and **MICHAEL HOSKING** as Dispatchers for the Communication Center, for a 40 hour work week, effective February 29, 2016, with benefits after 90 days. These are replacement positions.

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 sale of the following vehicles: 2008 Chevy Uplander Minivan, VIN #1GNU23168D200110, 212,670 miles, 6 passenger, wheelchair accessible, requires new transmission and other repairs, for a minimum bid of \$1,000, AS IS; and 2008 Dodge Caravan, VIN #1D8HN44H88B153271, 211,911 miles, 6 passenger, requires front wheel bearings, tires and other repairs, for a minimum bid of \$1,000, AS IS.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Jersey One – Caravan - \$650, Uplander - \$425; Tomasz Makowicz – Caravan - \$1,588. Solicitor Farley recommended rejecting Jersey One's bid as they were both under the required minimum of \$1,000; accepting the bid from Mr. Makowicz for the Caravan; and readvertising the Uplander.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to accept the bid received from Tomasz Makowicz in the amount of \$1,588 for the sale of the following vehicle: 2008 Dodge Caravan, VIN #1D8HN44H88B153271, 211,911 miles, AS IS. **VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to reject the bids received from Jersey One for the following vehicles: 2008 Chevy Uplander Minivan, VIN #1GNU23168D200110, and 2008 Dodge Caravan, VIN #1D8HN44H88B153271, as they did not meet the minimum bid requirement of \$1,000 per vehicle.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to readvertise for bids for the sale of the following vehicle: 2008 Chevy Uplander Minivan, VIN #1GNU23168D200110, 212,670 miles, 6 passenger, wheelchair accessible, requires new transmission and other repairs, for a minimum bid of \$1,000, AS IS.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-06, Proclamation, National 4-H Week, March 13-19, 2016.

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

Deb Albrecht and Deb Brodhecker, Penn State Extention 4-H Youth Coordinator, introduced some members of the 4-H members. As part of a workshop which included a public speaking exercise, some of the children spoke about their experience as 4-H members and the various activities offered. Bernadette, a 4-H adult member, runs a sewing club that teaches basic and advanced sewing skills. She stressed that 4-H is in need of leaders to teach special skills to the youth in the area. Deb Brodhecker read Resolution No. 16-06. Commissioner Osterberg commended the Coordinators and expressed the need for this program in all counties. Commissioner Guccini also commended the 4-H group and stressed the importance of being able to speak in public forums.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-07, Approving the Proposed Budget Revision No. 2 for CDBG Program FFY 2012, and to authorize the Chairman to execute letter to DCED requesting said revision. **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 2011 CDBG Fiscal Status Report, 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 recommend the reappointment of Bill Kerstetter and Peter Wulfhorst to the Board of Directors of the NEPA Alliance for a two year term effective July 1, 2016.

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 Cathodic Protection Corrosion Control System Maintenance Agreement between Corrpro and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility. **VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jessica Grohmann, Assistant Planning Director, announced that the PA Department of Agriculture has awarded an allocation of \$152,188 to Pike County for the purchase of agricultural conservation easement. The amount is determined by what the County has certified, agricultural production values, as well as realty transfer taxes. The County certified \$16,903, which comes from the Clean & Green Program, in January which notifies the state that the county is interested in continuing the Ag Land Program. Jessica distributed a press release.

Robin LoDolce, Area Agency on Aging, stated that March is Nutrition Month. The Aging Office has a nutrition program for people 60 and over at their 4 senior centers. This year's theme is "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right", meaning that you don't need the extra sugar and salt, but rather enhancing your food with herbs. This year they are also joining with Meals on Wheels "March for Meals" Campaign to draw attention to the home delivered meal program. Cherie Bland, Site Manager, stated that 160 people in Pike County receive home delivered meals. Robin recognized the drivers who deliver the meals through all types of situations: Richard Wilhelm, Meal Transporter; Andy Dapkin and Joseph Scibetta, Volunteers; and Susan VanOrden, Coordinator. Home delivered meals are available to persons over 60, who go through an assessment by the Aging Office. There is no income criteria. A home visit would determine if they are eligible; i.e. don't drive, can't cook, can't stand, etc. This is funded by lottery money. Commissioner Osterberg said that while food is being delivered, the other aspect is that these seniors are also being visited by these volunteers.

Michael Sullivan, Economic Development Authority, gave an update on the Working Pike Job Fair, April 15, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Best Western, Matamoras. A flyer was distributed regarding the job fair. As of this morning there are 30 confirmed businesses and/or employees who are participating. There is a wide array of participants. This also includes surrounding areas. By word of mouth, Workforce Development, churches, news reports, etc. they are hoping to find underemployed/unemployed individuals or people that travel long distances to go to work. For those who cannot attend, there will be a catalog made available with contact information.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016, RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 16TH) AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.