

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

The second regular meeting of May, 2015 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 and Osterberg; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Wagner.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

Items #1 and #2 under New Business was moved to this point in the meeting.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 15-12, Approving the Creation of the Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force as a County Committee, which was read by Commissioner Osterberg.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to appoint the following to the Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force: Clare Bennett, Jim McCaw, Sandy McCaw, Jeff Rosalsky, Marty Theys, Mikki Weiss, Matthew M. Osterberg and Robert A. Ollar, PhD.

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

Mikki Weiss expressed her personal appreciation and gratitude to the Commissioners for creating this task force. Ms. Weiss gave a history of her efforts to educate the public regarding these terrible tick borne diseases. Ms. Weiss said that more funding is needed for this education process. Other members of the task force also made comments regarding this topic and their concerns. The Commissioners stated that the education will be spread to road masters of the townships; and also suggested that the Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Conservation District may be able to offer assistance and input.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the May 20, 2015 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the May 6, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the May 6, 7 and 14, 2015 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$1,553,877.49, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$38,036.58.

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

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

Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

Vote: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened bids from the following vendors: Sysco Food Services - \$87,120; Kareta Foods - \$117,828.46; Mivila Foods - \$140,280.79; Benjamin Foods - \$144,209.37; Keyco Distributors - \$110,984; and Bernard Foods - \$12,198.96.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to table bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility for further review until June 17, 2015.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Pioneer Construction Co., Inc. and the County of Pike, for the Kimbles Road Bridge Emergency Repairs.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 15-13, Requesting Funds from DCED through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) on Behalf of the Wallenpaupack School District, Palmyra Township, Pike County, PA to Resurface Tennis Courts.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between the Wallenpaupack School District and the County of Pike, regarding the re-surfacing of tennis courts.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the PA DOT Applicant's Authorization for Agent to Apply for Highway Occupancy Permit for the sidewalk repair along the side of the Courthouse on High Street.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to advertise for bids for the sale of the following vehicles: 2006 Ford Crusader Bus, wheel chair accessible, 9 passenger, VIN #1FDWE35S56DA88492, with 207,341 miles, AS IS, for a minimum bid of \$2,500; and a 2006 Ford Crusader Bus, wheel chair accessible, 9 passenger, VIN #1FDWE35S26DA47163, with 189,667 miles, AS IS, for a minimum bid of \$2,500.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to recommend Brian Farnsworth for appointment by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council to the Pike County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau and the County of Pike, as recommended by the Hotel Tax Board.

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

Carl Wilgus, Executive Director of the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, explained that the MOU is for the PMVB to fill in as staff support to the Hotel Tax Board, a role that was filled by Bridget Gelderman for the past 5 years. The Hotel Tax Board will function in the same way with finances. He suggested a letter of appreciation to Bridget Gelderman for her role as one person doing all the staff responsibility. Keith Williams, who runs the Visitors Center in Lake Wallenpaupack, will be their key liaison with the Hotel Tax Board, and he will have 24 people working to support that effort. This was done by one person, Bridget Gelderman, previously. With the changing dynamics of tourist marketing, Pike County will be better served and more effective in getting much of the work accomplished. Mr. Wilgus also distributed a handout that will be in hotels and resorts throughout the Pocono Mountains focused to the business traveler, the vacationer to look at the Pocono Mountains as a leisure travel vacation site, but a please to start a business in this region.

Commissioner Osterberg stated that Bridget Gelderman will continue to be on the Hotel Tax Board but some of her duties will be provided by the PMVB. Discover Pike, the Vacation Guide, the website and any of the social media activities will be provided by the PMVB by tapping into their existing resources.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Agreement between Scott Eyer Construction and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging Options/Home Modification Program.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the Certification Statement for FY 14/15 Third Quarter Act 148 Report, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to execute the 2015-2020 State Food Purchase Program Grant Agreement between the PA Department of Agriculture and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Housing Rehabilitation Lien Mortgage Satisfaction, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute Senior Rental Assistance Contract #14A, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.