

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

The second regular meeting of July 2017 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.

**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 recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.*

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

**A RETIREMENT 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.*

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 17-14, Pretrial Probation and Parole Supervision Week, July 16-22, 2017, which was read by Commissioner Guccini.

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

Commissioner Osterberg introduced Judge Gregory Chelak and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Angradi, and extended his appreciation for the role they play in the safety of the community. Mr. Angradi thanked the Commissioners and Judge Chelak and expressed his thankfulness for the group of dedicated professionals in the Probation Office that are truly committed to the job that they do. Although Probation work can oftentimes be very demanding and challenging, he stated that at the end of the day it is also very meaningful work and the Probation Officers should be commended for their efforts. Judge Chelak commented that the Court has issued its own Proclamation as well and he appreciates the Commissioners' recognition of the Probation Office's services and efforts. He also commended Mr. Angradi and his staff for the great service that they provide to the County and the Court system and certainly appreciates it on an everyday basis. Commissioner Caridi expressed his opinion that there is an excellent relationship with the Courts and Mr. Angradi and he complemented him and his leadership. Commissioner Guccini stated that Parole and Probation Officers are part of the group of employees that have an impossible job. Sometimes it's a fine line between how to help people get back on their feet and at the same time make sure the community is safe. There are a lot of judgement calls and a difficult position, so the Commissioners appreciate the work that they do.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the June 19, 2017 Agenda.

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

Greater Pike Foundation presentation to the Pike County Library and Pike County United Way (moved from Miscellaneous). Mr. Henry Goldstein established a donors fund with the Greater Pike Community Foundation in 2015 and he has decided to give a substantial amount of money to two non-profits in the community, the first being the United Way and the second being the Pike County Library.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the July 5, 2017 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the July 11, 2017 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

**VOTE:** Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini voted 'aye'. Commissioner Caridi abstained due to his absence. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the July 13, 2017 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 \$150,976.25, subject to further review.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to set the annual pay of **TIMOTHY GREGORY**, at \$33,500, as an Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Conservation District, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 21, 2017, 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 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 table bids received for the CDBG Matamoras Borough Firehouse Re-siding Project for further review until August 2, 2017.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Minks Pond Road Bridge Replacement Project Change Order No. 1 between Latona Trucking & Excavating and the County of Pike for an additional \$18,968 for over excavation and additional BMP's and contractor's extension of project warranty for one additional year.

**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 following Change Orders between Mar-Paul Co. and the County of Pike relating to the Courthouse addition: GC-12 for the removal of concrete footer pad behind Kenworthy Building (used 11.5 yards of C-1) at no additional charge; GC-13 for an additional \$2,330.28 for rock excavation for footers (used 13.5 yards of C-1); and GC-15 for an additional \$4,485.91 for the removal of unknown Kenworthy septic. Commissioner Caridi asked if the septic was found. County Engineer Mike Lamoreaux responded that it was found and unfortunately it is a typical Milford septic that went straight down and deep, so all that had to be controlled excavation.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the WIOA Financial Agreement for Employment and Training and Related Administrative Services between the Counties of Carbon and Pike, on behalf of the Workforce Development Agency.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the PA Board of Probation and Parole FY 2017-18 Grant-In-Aid Continuing Program for the Improvement of Adult Probation Services Application and Agreement, on behalf of the Adult Probation Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Linda Steier and the County of Pike, for dietician services on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging.

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Vera Frendak announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Readers and Writers Festival will be held September 15 through September 17 at the Milford Theatre. Featured writers Lee Child and Stephen Rubin, Robin Morgan and Farai Chideya, Patricia Bosworth and Martha Frankel will be present. Ms. Frendak asked the Commissioners for a donation. The Commissioners stated that personally they can donate but not publicly. The Commissioners, as elected officials, do not have the right to spend taxpayer money on a specific organization that they may support. Ms. Frendak stated that she realizes the Commissioners have the County's best interest in mind. She stressed that the Committee is made up of volunteers. She urged everyone to check out the website: [www.milfordreadersandwriters.com](http://www.milfordreadersandwriters.com)
- Penn State Extension –July 20 – August 3, 2017 Events. Commissioner Osterberg said that Penn State Cooperative Extension should not be the best kept secret in Pike County. It is a really great program that needs to be continually promoted, including to municipalities. 4-H Coordinator Angela Smith highlighted some of the programs that will be held within the next couple of months, such as Summer Science Series, Cooking Camp, Solar Eclipse View, and Scratch (computer coding program).

## **PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

- Commissioner Guccini stated that there is a serious blood shortage throughout the whole country. He urged anyone who is interested in giving blood to go to the American Red Cross website to find out where and when the next available blood drive is in Pike County.
- Commissioner Osterberg commented that recently there have been different discussions with Department Heads, particular with Emergency Management, and it seems that years ago before there was 911 in this community there were local phone numbers that would ring in fire companies and local police departments. That is how you would contact your services. There seems to be people who are still using these numbers and it is a little confusing for the 911 dispatchers because people are calling a 296 or 491 number and last year there was an issue in Greentown where they are dialing numbers that are posted on their refrigerators for the last 30 years and they are forgetting to call 911. He urged everyone that if there is an emergency, they need to dial 911. It seems like this should not have to be said, but there is still some confusion where people don't think their emergency is truly a 911 emergency, but they need to use it. The other number that is out there is 296-7700 which rings at the 911 Center also and for people not thinking that they have a true 911 emergency they can use 7700, but they need to stop using these local phone numbers. In Milford Borough you can call the Milford Police Station, but in these small communities there is no one sitting in the office, they are out doing their job, they are out patrolling, so if they call that number, obviously, no one answers. He asked the press to highlight this in an article. Commissioner Guccini said that specifically with the ambulances, the thing that came up last year, and comes up more than they are aware of, is that if when a 911 call is made, they are going to call the closest ambulance company, but if there is no one there that is going to respond, then there is an order that they are going to go through, so there is always going to be somebody to respond. If you call the local number, even if it still exists, that may not get you the service as quickly or at all.

**ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**