

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

The first regular meeting of September 2016 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. An opening prayer was offered by Chaplin Ed Blaney of Hemlock Farms Volunteer Fire and Rescue

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 Public Hearing.

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

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CDBG PROGRAM – 2016 AND MODIFICATIONS 2013 AND 2015 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 approve the September 7, 2016 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the August 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 August 11, 17, 22, 23, 30, 31 and September 6, 2016 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye' except as follows: Commissioner Guccini abstained from the August 11 minutes and Commissioner Caridi abstained from the August 23 and 31 minutes due to their absences from those conferences. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$80,228.43, subject to further review.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS FUND (Traffic Signal)**, in the amount of \$375.00.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **AG LAND PRESERV. OP. ACCT. (Printing)**, in the amount of \$219.71.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve exonerations of properties in the County Repository which have been sold, as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director.

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, **MICHELLE DECROCE** as a full time Treatment Counselor at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 6, 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 acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, **MICHAEL FALCO** as a full time Correctional Officer at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 12, 2016, with benefits after 90 days.

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 promoted, with Prison Board approval, **LINDA FORSHAY** from Correctional Officer to Sergeant, effective September 28, 2016. 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 reclassify the Administrative Assistant position to a Conservation Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Conservation District and to hire **REBECCA HOLLER**, to fill this position, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 19, 2016, with benefits after 90 days. This is a newly classified position.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to hire **INGRID NEUGEBAUER**, as a part time Transportation Driver for the Transportation Office, for less than 1000 hours, effective September 8, 2016, with no benefits. This is a newly created position.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to promote **DONNA MILLER-SMITH** from a Caseworker 1 to a Caseworker 2 position for Children & Youth Services, effective September 5, 2016.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Guccini voted 'aye'. Commissioner Caridi voted 'nay'. 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: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 16-23, National Recovery Month, September 2016, which was read by Commissioner Caridi.

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

Commissioner Osterberg reminded everyone about the Annual Recovery Walk and Picnic – September 21, 2016 from 4:30 to 7 pm – Memorial Park. He urged everyone to participate to support all the individuals involved with this horrible illness. Jill Gamboni also stated that the Reality Tour has over 35 people registered already. Commissioner Osterberg stated that we, as a small County, need to do our part in this to help residents with some kind of treatment in Pike County. Commissioner Guccini also announced that there is a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk on September 10 and 10 a.m. at the Wallenpaupack High School.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-24, Authorizing the Filing of Pike County's 2016 CDBG Application in the amount of \$248,173.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-25, Pike County Section 3 Plan.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-26, Adoption of Pike County's 4 Factor Analysis FFY 2016.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-27, Approving the Proposed Modification of the CDBG Program FFY 2013.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 16-28, Approving the Proposed Modification of the CDBG Program FFY 2015.

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 Pike County's Statement of Goals - National Program for Minority Business Enterprises.

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

Marvin Brotter, CDBG Consultant, explained some of the Resolutions above. The Section 3 issue is a matter of giving priority, when going out for bids, to firms that are located in Pike County or the immediate area and that any jobs that are created are offered to low/moderate income individuals. The 4 Factor Analysis relates to English language proficiency so that notices and ads should be made available in

different languages. The National Program for Minority Business Enterprises relates to involving minority owned businesses in the CDBG construction projects. These are all documents that need to be submitted with the CDBG applications.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for the 2016/17 winter snow plowing and ice control for the following roads as one bid: Brooks Road, Old Owego Turnpike from Raymondskill Road to Route 6, Stone Quarry Road by Eureka and Tower Road.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment to the Contract between Prime Care Medical and the County of Pike as recommended by the Prison Board, on behalf of the Correctional Facility.

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

Commissioner Caridi explained that Prime Care is the health care provider at the Correctional Facility. Immigration Customs and Enforcement standards require that a medical doctor be on staff for suicide prevention. While it benefits Pike County inmates, the financial burden was placed on the County. The Warden negotiated with ICE to get an increase in the day rate to help pay for this. Commissioner Guccini commended the Warden for his persistence in getting an increase from the Federal government with in turn decreased the burden on the County.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency Rights and Services Act (RASA)/Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) Grant Application, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

District Attorney Ray Tonkin announced that the grant increases funds for victim services by approximately \$28,000 in Pike County. The grant proposes a part time person to assist victims of juvenile offenders which is fully funded. This includes funds for employee retention and also approximately \$10,000 that will go directly to the County for victim services. The money has come about locally, by imposing \$100 fee on criminal offenders in the County, part of which is returned directly to the County which is about \$13,000 a year that has already been collected.

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

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

MOTION: Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) 2015-16 4th Quarter Report, on behalf of the Transportation Office.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) 2016-17 Grant Agreement Acceptance Letter, on behalf of the Transportation Office.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the 2015-16 Human Services Development Fund Final Report, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Senior Rental Assistance Subsidy Voucher from Delaware Run for September 2016 in the amount of \$1,760.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Annual Recovery Walk and Picnic – September 21, 2016 from 4:30 to 7 pm – Memorial Park.

Commissioner Osterberg said that in 2014 the Eric Frein incident took place and the County extended a lot of use of the County's Training Center and staff at the Correctional Facility and Communications Center. Their time, supplies, etc. were provided to the State Police and all the federal agencies involved. The County was then asked to submit expenditures, which was finally reimbursed to the County, in the amount of \$125,000, through the efforts of Senator Baker, and Representatives Mike Peifer and Rosemary Brown. Many offices in the County stepped up including the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, the Correctional Facility, the Training Center and Communications Center. The Commissioners thanked Senator Baker, and Representatives Peifer and Brown for their efforts in securing this reimbursement.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.