

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

The second regular meeting of October 2018 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, Schmalzle and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

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

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

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the October 17, 2018 Agenda with an amendment to add a Settlement Agreement with Avanco on behalf of Children & Youth. Solicitor Farley explained that this is a settlement agreement reached between Pike County and many other counties with Avanco International who is involved with the CAPS program (Child Accounting and Profile System). Unfortunately there was a breach of information about a year ago and it has been finally resolved. The same document is also being signed by 10 to 12 other counties.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the October 3, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve the October 11, 2018 Commissioners' Conference Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of **\$167,259.23**, subject to further review.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Kerry Welsh advising that he has hired **ANDREW HERNANDEZ** as a full time Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, for a 40 hour work week effective October 15, 2018, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **MICHAEL BRUMMETT** as a part time Van Driver for the Transportation Office, for less than 1000 hours per year effective October 18, 2018, with no benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to hire **DIANA KOENIG** as a full time Customer Service Representative I for the Transportation Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week effective October 22, 2018, with benefits after 90 days. This is a newly created position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the Courts advising that **DIANE HINSON**, part time Clerk for Magisterial District Judge Menditto will be reassigned to a full time Legal Secretary position in his office, at her current rate of pay, effective October 22, 2018, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

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

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

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing.

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

A 2018 CDBG PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award the bids for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility as follows: Benjamin Foods - \$90,916.81; Mivila Foods - \$49,705.85; Keyco Distributors - \$17,666.84 and Bernard Foods - \$12,146.56.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to award the bid for the 2018-19 winter snowplowing to Lattimore Construction as follows: Brooks Road, Stone Quarry Road by Eureka and Tower Road - \$806 per application (plowing and sanding), \$340 per application (sanding only); Old Owego Turnpike from Raymondskill Rd. to Route 6 - \$419 per application (plowing and sanding), \$233 per application (sanding only).

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to open bids received for the Pike County Correctional Facility Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Structure Bypass Project.

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

No bids were received.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to re-advertise for bids for the Pike County Correctional Facility Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Structure Bypass Project.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 18-20, Authorizing the Filing of an Application for FFY 2018 PA Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Funds.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 18-21, Establishing Goals for Minimum MBE and WBE (Minority and Women's Business Enterprise) Participation in all DCED housing and community development programs.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 18-22, Approving the 3 Year Plan for CDBG FY 2018.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 18-23, Appointing a Section 504 Officer.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to adopt Resolution No. 18-24, Reimbursement Resolution.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Generator Service Maintenance Contract between Peak Power and the County of Pike, for the generator at the Administration Building.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program 2018 Marcellus Mini Grant Agreement between Delaware Township and the County of Pike, for the Fishing Dock Replacement Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Senior Housing Rental Assistance Voucher for Delaware Run in the amount of \$1,685 for November 2018.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle, to execute the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Limited Release between Avanco International, Inc. and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services regarding the CAPS Agreement.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Michele Minor Wolf, Executive Director of Victims' Intervention Program (VIP), providing sexual assault and domestic violence intervention and prevention services. Ms. Wolf began with their mission statement which is to educate, empower and envision. They work to educate the community on issues of domestic and sexual violence. They empower victims and survivors to make the best choices for their individual situation and invite the community to envision a world free from violence. The philosophy that supports their mission statement is that they truly believe that every person should be treated with dignity and respect and able to live in a safe environment or at the very least feel safer in their environment than they might right now. Their 24 hour services include the 24 hour hot line which has been in place since 1988 when they were first established and runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. Another 24 hour service is their emergency shelter. It is not specific just to domestic violence victims, but also sexual assault victims given that there is a safety issue. Most of the time a rape victim with know her assailant so chances are the assailant will know where the victim lives, and she may not feel safe for a few days, may go through the forensic exam, want to stay in the shelter to get grounded and decide what the next step would be. The shelter is also for victims of human trafficking provided that they are over 18 years of age. Along with the shelter, they provide emergency transportation. Across the Commonwealth anyone from any County can go to any shelter. There is an emergency shelter in Pike County which is not a facility yet, but they can put people up for a couple of days until they can get to a domestic violence shelter of their choice. One of the goals is to establish the same shelter program in Pike County that they currently have in Wayne County. They also provide emergency medical advocacy by going to any medical facility with victims of any of the crimes that they serve. They help the victim through the process, provide clothing if needed, as well as crisis intervention and making sure they are aware of their rights and how to proceed if they choose to do so. They provide emergency food as well and emergency legal advocacy such as protection from abuse. Regular ongoing services include individual counseling and group counseling. Risk reduction programs are done in the schools as well as individual counseling in the schools. They provide a lot of services offsite and will be expanding those in Pike County as well. They provide training for their professionals as well as community training to any business and overview of different projects. Some of the special projects include economic justice which is funded through PCADV while they were chosen as a pilot program for about 6 years. They were then able to sustain and continue on their own by going through a 10 week curriculum/course provided to victims of domestic violence to be taught budgeting, savings, getting out of debt, cleaning up their credit, starting businesses, etc. Part II of that is another 10 week program focusing on career development. Many victims of domestic violence have been out of the workplace, and sometimes they don't have specific skills. She told a story of someone who went through the program and worked herself completely out of debt, opened a business, rented space for her business, hired an assistant and was in the process of closing on her first house. So it really does work. She continued to give an overview on the programs offered by VIP that they would like to bring into Pike County. All services are completely confidential and at no cost to the victim and families affected by the crime. At 4:45 p.m. today for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in front of the Administration Building VIP will hold a "Join the Journey" event to support their endeavors.

District Attorney Ray Tonkin stated that he and Michele Minor Wolf have been working together since funding has been awarded to VIP through PCADV. The County has applied for a "STOP" grant which is Stop Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. It has not been finally awarded yet, but has been voted on by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. There are couple of minor details that need to be worked out, but the grant is for \$125,000 for each year for two years, and as long as their goals are met for getting together on a protocol for investigating and prosecuting domestic violence, they would be guaranteed another four years of that funding per year. The three major aspects are having a dedicated prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office for domestic violence and sexual assault; a law enforcement officer (in a group meeting it was decided to have a County Detective in the DA's office) dedicated to investigating such things as domestic violence follow up, stalking complaints, PFA violations that come to the DA's office; and an attorney dedicated to helping victims obtain PFAs in Court. In reviewing Court statistics it appears that almost 50% of PFA petitions that ended up not being granted for a full Protection from Abuse Order could have probably been solved by an attorney being present. It was broken down into failed for evidentiary reasons, failed because plaintiff didn't show up (mostly because they were frightened). The details that need to be worked out is that the attorney would be hired by VIP and overseen by VIP for a civil PFA aspect.

Michele Minor Wolf introduced her staff who were present: Mary Ann Reynolds, Counselor; Dianna, Shelter Advocate and Counselor; Linda Gardepe, Direct Service Supervisor; Linda Moran, Counselor; Randi Bannon, Special Projects Coordinator; Mary Ann O'Brian, Rural Advocate and Keith Williams, Board President.

- Penn State Extension –September 16-30, 2018 Events.
- Jill Gamboni reported that the Reality Tour was a success. There will be another in November and a registration form can be obtained on realitytour.org and pikepa.org.

PRESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.