

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

The second regular meeting of April 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 approve the April 19, 2017 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the April 5, 2017 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 April 5, 10, 13 and 17, 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 \$575,273.50, subject to further review.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 17-10, Tick Borne Diseases Awareness Into Action Month, May 2017, which was read by Commissioner Guccini and presented to the Tick Task Force.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to appoint Thomas Greiner to the Pike County Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise for bids for the CDBG Matamoras Firehouse Residing Project.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the Marcellus Mini Grant awards, as recommended by the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Board, for the following projects:

- a. Lehman Township – Bushkill Village Trail Station Platform Rehabilitation - \$25,000.
- b. Dingman Township – Dingman Township Park Trail - \$12,825.
- c. Dingman Township – Frank Trail Construction at the Bridge Preserve - \$12,175.

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

Jessica Grohmann, Assistant County Planner, introduced Carol Commando, Chair of the SRCP Board, who helped orchestrate this program. A press release was distributed. This is a new program which was introduced in October 2016, funded in part through the Marcellus Legacy Fund from the state from gas drilling. Pike County does not have any active wells, but still gets a contribution of funding. The Commissioners have allocated this money to these types of projects for enhancements on parks and facilities which municipalities have invested in for the betterment of public enjoyment. These are the first three projects coming out of this mini-grant program. The Lehman Township Bushkill Village Center Train Platform is the first step in future phases to tie in Bushkill Village at the blinking light to increase traffic through their as a cultural, historical and recreational resource for the public. In Dingman Township two trails are being funded, a one acre loop at the park and on the Bridge Preserve a Frank Trail which will add a more challenging trail system to some existing trail networks. Dingman Township has worked in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and the Conservation District to help incorporate stations to keep the area clean and readily usable. Dingman Township Supervisor Tom Mincer thanked the Commissioners for partnering with the townships to bring projects to the community that benefit everyone. He stated that a mile of trails at the park and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of new trails at the Bridge Preserve will allow novices and senior citizens safe places where they know that someone is maintaining these trails. He said that they could not have done this without the Commissioners. The Supervisors and community thank the Commissioners for the great relationship between Townships and County. Jessica again stated that this money comes from Act 13 of 2012. Last year the

County received \$44,000. They anticipate approximately the same amount this year, but at a minimum of \$25,000 a year. Commissioner Osterberg stated that it is important that the County works closely with the Townships because this is what enhances the community, but at the same time, the credit belongs to the SRCP Board and the Planning Commission who came up with this concept. The County has an obligation to use these funds in the community and they thought this would be the appropriate way to do so. Supervisor Mincer also commented that the ball fields are utilized tremendously. They have to change the configurations around to make them available for different levels and they are also looking to build an additional ball field and other recreational facilities in the future. He stated that there were so many activities planned for this summer. Commissioner Caridi was happy to hear that because of all the negativity voiced before the construction of the ball field. Commissioner Osterberg recognized the volunteers of the SRCP Board, Carol Commando, Chair, Roger Spotts, Vice Chair, Georgene Snyder, Will Clauss, Paul Menditto, Jim Leighy and Alan Dolge. They are currently looking for board members and alternate board members to join the meetings which are held the third Thursday of the month. Tom Mincer, in answer to a question, did say that the Bridge Preserve is open for winter activities.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant Application for the Justice Reinvestment Project, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant Application for the Computer Purchase Request Project, on behalf of the Probation Office.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute Act 148 FY 16/17 Second Quarter Certification Statement, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Provider Agreement between Jewish Community Center Day Camp and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Data Release Agreement between Penn State and the County of Pike, on behalf of Children & Youth Services.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mikki Weiss, Tick Borne Disease Task Force, gave background history and updates on the Tick Borne Disease Task Force services and programs, including a commercial which will be on 5 different Blue Ridge Cable channels. She also handed out informational brochures, gave scientific explanations and stressed the need for tick awareness, education and prevention. Marty Thys, Tick Borne Disease Task Force, diagnosed for 20 years with tick borne diseases, mentioned that www.lymeconnection.com in Connecticut has an annual presentation, this year focusing on the powassan virus. It is urgent that you get to the doctor when bitten. Mikki Weiss urged everyone to avoid being bitten by ticks. The Tick Borne Disease Task Force will be presenting information to the townships, school districts, communities, etc. Ms. Weiss advised that ticks should not be thrown away, but sent to the East Stroudsburg DNA Lab for testing. Dr. Robert Ollar stated that the Tick Borne Disease Task Force has not only educated the public, but also started educating doctors by instituting an Electronic Journal Club so each of the doctors in this area are notified of any new information and new ramifications. Prevention is the most important factor by using skin repellants and clothing repellants. He spoke on the deadly powassan virus which is a new type of tick borne disease with no cure or treatment. Mortality of this virus is 10%. This is a situation where prevention is absolutely essential. More funding is needed for research and the development of a vaccine. Commissioner Osterberg recognized the importance of this information being compiled by the volunteers of the Tick Borne Disease Task Force in Pike County, who meet the 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The brochures handed out are a great tool for the press and public to educate people as far as prevention is concerned. Dr. Ollar is the expert on the medical conditions and he is working through the Task Force to educate the doctors. The public is being educated through Penn State Cooperative Extension on how to alleviate and not develop tick borne diseases.
- Penn State Extension – April 20 – May 9, 2017 Events.
- Reality Tour Reminder – April 19th and May 18th.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Wayne Witkowski, Pike County Dispatch, asked what Act 148 is. Commissioner Osterberg replied that it is a certification of spending to get reimbursement from the state of 80% of Children & Youth Services. He asked about the PCCD Computer Purchase Request, which Commissioner Osterberg explained is through the Courts and Probation Office for computer upgrades. The Commissioners are the only ones who can sign the grant applications.

Commissioner Guccini wished everyone a Happy 242nd Anniversary of the shot heard around the world for a skirmish at North Bridge and Concord, Massachusetts in 1775.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.