

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

The second regular meeting of August 2017 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 Osterberg (via telephone), Caridi and Guccini; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Public Hearing regarding the 2017 Pike County CDBG Plan.

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

A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HEARING WAS HELD.

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.

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

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, 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 Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the August 16, 2017 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the August 2, 2017 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the August 4 and 14, 2017 Commissioners’ Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’, with Commissioner Guccini abstaining from the August 4th minutes due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$305,143.70, subject to further review.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, the following individuals as Correctional Officers at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 28, 2017, with benefits after 90 days: **EMILEE NEWPORT, MATTHEW HENDERSHOT, NIKOLAS DILLES, KEVIN VELILLA and ANDREW HERNANDEZ.**

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

Motion: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, 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 Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to award the bid for the purchase of fortified flavored beverage bases for the Correctional Facility to Bernard Food Industries in the amount of \$8,176.32.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to open bids received for the Emergency Communications Tower in Blooming Grove Township.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Skyhook, Inc. - \$395,000 with bid bond; Tower Services - \$510,230 with 10% check; and T & B Management - \$406,292 with bid bond. Commissioner Caridi explained that at a recent Department Head meeting with Bernie Swartwood, Communications Director, and Tim Knapp, Emergency Management Director, it was discussed that time is of the essence on this project to get it substantially completed before the snow. Therefore, it was suggested to award the bid at a conference on August 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. after further review.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to table the bids received for the Emergency Communications Tower in Blooming Grove Township until August 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Laundry Pump Dispenser Agreement between the PA Paper & Supply Company and the County of Pike, on behalf of the Correctional Facility, as recommended by the Prison Board.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Service Agreement between Smiths Detection and the County of Pike, for xray equipment located in the Administration Building.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the County Assurance of Financial Commitment and Participation Form regarding Children & Youth's 2017/18 Implementation Plan and 2018/19 Needs-Based Plan and Budget Estimate.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the CDBG Monitoring Activity Progress Report for FY 2015.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Cindy DeFebo, Director of Workforce Development Agency, announced that We Are Branching Out! to local libraries by providing similar services that they provide in their office. WDA will be doing resume writing, helping with online applications with a laptop at the Milford, Dingmans, Hawley and Newfoundland libraries for two hours on Tuesdays through Fridays. There is a schedule available on the County website. There was a positive response from all the libraries and very well received.

Angela Smith of Penn State Extension, gave an overview on the Penn State August 16-September 7, 2017 Events. She also stated that the Cooking Camp and the Science Camp were both very successful. There are many new clubs that will be starting in the Fall. She will be attending the Strengthening Families Facilitator Training so that she can begin assisting and facilitating that program. A Solar Eclipse viewing event will be held at Airport Park on August 21. She gave the Commissioners solar eclipse viewers because you should never look directly at the sun. They were made of paper towel holders, with aluminum foil and decorated for each Commissioner. The eclipse will be about 1:30 p.m. and will be completely over at 4:00 p.m. The height of the eclipse will be between 2:30 and 2:45 p.m. in our area.

Commissioner Guccini announced that a Suicide Awareness Prevention and Remembrance Walk will be held at the Wallenpaupack High School on September 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. This event was held last year in conjunction with the Wayne County Mental Health & Development Services Office.

Jill Gamboni reminded everyone that Representative Peifer is having a Senior Expo on Friday, September 8th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Dingman's Firehall. There will be 60 vendors attending with a lot of information for seniors. The Sheriff will also be doing a Drug Take Back Program that day.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.