

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

The second regular meeting of September 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 Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

*A Letter of Appreciation was presented to Timothy P. Coyle, PFC U.S. Marine Corps.*

*Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.*

*Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Public Hearing.*

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

**A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2015 PIKE COUNTY CDBG PLAN WAS HELD.**

*Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.*

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.*

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

**A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.**

*Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.*

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the September 16, 2015 Agenda.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the September 2, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the September 3, 9 and 14, 2015 Conference Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **GENERAL FUND (County Bills)**, in the amount of \$279,754.03, subject to further review.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **LIQUID FUELS FUND** (Westfall-Welcome Center and Traffic Signal) in the amount of \$925.00.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$32,602.18.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to transfer **LIANA VAN TUYL** from a Clerk in the Recorder of Deeds Office to a Clerk in the GIS/Mapping Office effective September 14, 2015 at her current rate of pay. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sharon Schroeder, Recorder of Deeds, advising that she has hired **PILAR WHITE** as a full time Clerk in the Recorder of Deeds Office, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective September 28, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire **CHRISTOPHER INGULLI** as a full time Resource Conservationist for the Conservation District, for a 40 hour work week, effective October 5, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.

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

*Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to recess the Commissioners' Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.*

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

**A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.**

*Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reconvene the Commissioners' Meeting.*

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to award the bid for the CDBG Shohola Township Rohman Park Paving Project, Phase II, to Wayco, Inc. for bid items #2 and #3 only in the amount of \$63,161.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to award the bid for the CDBG Milford Borough Catherine Street Ballfield Toilet Room Project to Grimm Construction in the amount of \$71,364.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open bids received for the Pike County Courthouse Front Entrance Modifications Project.

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

No bids were received, therefore, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to readvertise for bids for the Pike County Courthouse Front Entrance Modifications Project with a bid opening date of September 30, 2015.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for a special meeting to be held on September 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to open any bids received for the Pike County Courthouse Front Entrance Modifications Project.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to open bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods products for the Correctional Facility.

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

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Sysco-\$87,819.33, Keyco-\$111,261.89, Karetas-\$127,384, Mivila-\$140,886.19, Bernard Foods-\$11,930.88, and Benjamin Foods-\$131,697.40. All bids included a bid bond.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to table the bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods products for the Correctional Facility for review until October 7, 2015.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to amend the following motion correcting the years to 2015/16.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to advertise for bids for the 2015/16 winter snowplowing 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 Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order No. 2 for the Kimbles Road Bridge Emergency Repairs between the County of Pike and Pioneer Construction Company, for an additional \$13,293.70 for the fabrication and installation of steel shims to support slab deck.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to execute the Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs and Carbon/Monroe/Pike Counties.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Right-of-Way Agreement Forms between Blue Ridge Cable Technologies and the County of Pike, for a fiber connection from 506 Broad Street, Milford Borough, Pike County to 43 Volunteer Drive, Berlin Township, Wayne County.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Planned Maintenance Agreement between Cummins Power Systems and the County of Pike, for the generators at the Training Center.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Transportation Agreement between the County of Pike and Pocono Cab Company, on behalf of the Transportation Office.

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

**MOTION:** by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute Senior Rental Assistance Contracts #12, 15A and 17, on behalf of the Human Development Office.

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

George Painter, Director of Camp Speers YMCA in Pike County and Healthy Outdoor Fun for Kids of All Ages Up to 85 Years Old, gave a brief history of the facility. Today they serve approximately 8,000 children per year in programs which teach them life long skills, such as canoeing, archery, horseback riding, swimming, etc. These programs help build confidence, leadership skills and life changing skills. The camp has been in existence for about 75 years and served over 200,000 children in Pike County. The camp did have financial difficulties over the past few years and is now operated by the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA. They have a vision and a plan for this camp. The camp is located on 1,000 acres of land with over 70 buildings and they are investing over \$8 million over the next few years to make this a world-class children center. The projects include a Family Village, a Teen Leadership Village, an expanded equestrian program, and a new administrative and archive center to keep memories and photographs. In the fall, the camp is used for environmental education for school students. Mr. Painter distributed informational brochures and answered questions from the press and public.

Jill Gamboni, Reality Tour Drug Prevention Program Coordinator, explained that this is a three-hour program with scenes on peer pressure, arrest, overdose, jail, ER and a funeral. This takes place at the Milford Bible Church on October 22 and November 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. Heroin has now become the number one injury related death in America superseding motor vehicle deaths. This program covers 22 different drugs. Everyone who enters the Reality Tour becomes a drug addict, gets a drug profile and has to describe their drug of choice. They go through certain exercises. There is a law enforcement question and answer piece. There is also a recovering addict question and answer piece, which makes the most impact. The program is for parents to attend with their children that are 10 and older. Registration forms were made available. The last two tours' attendance were record breakers with 60 to 80 people attending. She did that John Bell from the Delaware Valley School District for his assistance in spreading the word.

Commissioner Osterberg mentioned that a meeting was held with the three school districts discussing some programs that they are trying to institute between the County and Penn State Cooperative Education. The discussion revolved around drug addiction programs such as Prosper, that include life skills, strengthening families, etc. There seems to be a lot of energy in the County at this time to see what can be done to correct this heroin epidemic, drug addiction and alcohol addiction. On that note, Jill Gamboni mentioned that there was a class for first responders or people with high stress jobs last night at the Training Center. These individuals have a much higher rate of drug use as well as suicide. The class addressed some of the things to do to recognize this issue and make sure it is addressed. Further discussions were held on future programs for parents and children. Further discussion was held on this topic.

Commissioner Caridi gave an update on the Gypsy Moth analysis and investigation in the field which will be concluded by September 30, 2015. The assessment reports do not find a significant infestation except around Lake Wallenpaupack and some areas in Greentown. There is still no indication from the State whether or not the County will receive any money for this program.

Commissioner Caridi also reported that the Conservation District completed 65 wells as part of the partnership with the USGS for the testing of water quality, as well as the detection of any methane, hydrocarbons, etc. The goal is to complete 80 wells by the end of 2015. USGS will then furnish a report that will be distributed.

Jordan Wisniewski, Training Center Director, announced that on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Training Center there will be the unveiling/celebration of the "We Are The Ones Campaign". Selwyn Jones from Milford, Rick Schultz from Delaware Fire Department and Jess Harper from Bushkill Fire Dept. are on the folder. The website [www.pikesbravest.org](http://www.pikesbravest.org) is up and running. The EMT Course attendees will be taking their practical test on Saturday, September 19 for their national certification. On Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, the first Firefighter One Testing for the State Fire Academy will be held also at the Training Center. There are 22 participants and with that certification there will be additional opportunity to receive grant moneys for fire departments. He also announced that this is the sixth year for the Wallenpaupack Emergency Responders Club and the second year for the Delaware Valley Emergency Responders Club. This year East Stroudsburg North will also have an Emergency Responders Club. These programs are all geared toward recruitment and retention for fire companies and emergency personnel in Pike County.

Mikki Weiss announced that the first Tick Borne Disease Symposium will be held on October 10 at the Training Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People from the medical community as well as the scientific community will be in attendance to discuss tick borne diseases. Ms. Weiss gave an overview on the effects of tick borne disease and the programs and research that are available and also the funding that is needed. She distributed various information regarding the symposium and the task force.

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

**ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**