Wednesday, January 7, 2015
The first regular meeting of January 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. Pastor Leonard Gilpin of Hope Evangelical Free Church in Matamoras offered the opening prayer.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Wagner.

The Commissioners presented a Certificate of Recognition to Linda Cioppa for her years of service as a Conservation District Board Member. The Conservation District Board of Directors Chairman Scott Savini also presented a certificate to Ms. Cioppa, along with certificates from the Governor, Representatives Mike Peifer and Lisa Baker’s Offices.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today’s agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the January 7, 2015 Agenda, with an amendment to add item #7 under new business to execute a contract with the Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission on behalf of the Correctional Facility.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 17, 2014 and January 5, 2015 (Reorg) Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve the December 18, 23, 29 and 30, 2014 and January 6, 2015 Conference Minutes.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from GENERAL FUND (County Bills), in the amount of $172,827.66, subject to further review.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from ACT 44 FUND (MHE-Bridge Repairs), in the amount of $378.00.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to approve payment from PC EMPLOYEES’ HEALTH INS. FUND, in the amount of $28,210.71.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Kameen advising that he has hired NANCY PRATZ, as a Legal Secretary for the Adult Probation Department, for a 37 ½ hour work week, effective January 5, 2015, with benefits after 90 days. This is a replacement position.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS NOT HELD DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM.

Motion: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to reconvene the Commissioners’ Meeting.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open bids for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Solicitor Farley opened the only bid which was received from Bimbo Bakeries in the amount of $62,998.75 with bid bond.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to table the bid for review, for the purchase of fresh bread and baked goods for the Correctional Facility, until January 21, 2015.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to adopt Resolution No. 15-03, Authorizing the Transportation Office Official to Assign Roles Within the PA Dotgrants Program; and to execute accompanying documentation.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Contract for Professional Services between Marvin A. Brotter Consulting Services and the County of Pike, for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Community Development Block Grant Programs.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi and Osterberg voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.
The program will interface with the individualized plan with goals, objectives and action steps for dealing with the addiction. They will also match offenders on probation violations who will now have the opportunity to have their treatment continued with their active file being brought.

Kevin Gilpatrick, Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, for Catholic Social Services, gave a brief overview of the program for inmates. Also, with this program, many of the clients who go back to jail will be able to continue their treatment.

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Commissioner Osterberg reiterated that the drug problem is a serious issue. This is the first step of treating individuals who are entering the criminal justice system. There is a program on Wednesday, January 8, called Parents for Prevention, which is an outreach group to bring the entire community together to brainstorm on how we can teach parents to see what the behavioral problems are with their children, and how we as a community can face this entire problem. It will be held at Newton Wellness Center at 5:15 p.m. The County treats these children/adults once they are in the criminal justice system, but there are a whole group of people that are not being treated and maybe they don’t know where to go for the help. Eighty five percent of those incarcerated are there because of some addiction. The Commissioners will push as hard as they can to see this developed. Luke Barbalich, who was recently appointed to the Drug & Alcohol Commission, will be conducting these meetings.

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Kevin Cope, Hope for Veterans, was unable to attend and will be present at the January 21, 2015 meeting.

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Rich Mroczka, Carbon-Monroe-Pike Drug & Alcohol Commission, spoke about the Agreement for Professional Services between Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug and Alcohol Commission and the County of Pike, for drug and alcohol treatment services at the Correctional Facility.

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Adjournment: The next regular meeting of the Pike County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 9:00 A.M., at the Pike County Administration Building.