Wednesday, May 17, 2017

The second regular meeting of May 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.

Item #1 under New Business was moved to this point. Represented were the Sheriff’s Office, Milford Borough Police Department, Eastern Regional Police Department, Pike County Correctional Facility, PA State Police, Shohola Police Department and the District Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Osterberg stated that all of the above serve a crucial part of the safety of all residents of Pike County.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to adopt Resolution No. 17-12, 2017 Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week, which was read by Commissioner Caridi and presented to each of the above.

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

Commissioner Caridi thanked everyone for their efforts and for protecting us on the front lines every day and keeping our community, property and families safe. We pray for their safety and may God watch over them. Commissioner Osterberg, pointing out a recent police shooting, said that everyone should know how dangerous their jobs truly are providing safety to the community. Sheriff Bueki thanked the Commissioners for their recognition. He thanked all law enforcement agency especially during the recent Eric Frein murder trial. He also thanked the Warden and Assistant Wardens. District Attorney Ray Tonkin said that today is really about the men and women in uniform. His office stands in the Courtroom alongside them, but the uniformed men and women get in a marked police car and go out on a daily basis, and he thanked them for protecting us.

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 May 17, 2017 Agenda.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the May 3, 2017 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the May 11, 2017 Commissioners’ Conference Minutes.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg and Caridi voted ‘aye’. Commissioner Guccini abstained due to his absence. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve payment from GENERAL FUND (County Bills), in the amount of $225,347.47, subject to further review.

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

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe, advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, CHRISTOPHER MURPHY as a Correctional Officer at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective May 8, 2017, with benefits after 90 days.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to transfer ROBIN SOARES from Children & Youth to the Area Agency on Aging as an Aging Care Manager Supervisor I, for a 40 hour work week effective May 15, 2017, with continued benefits. This is a replacement position.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to promote CHRISTOPHER INGULLI from Resource Conservationist Grade 1 to Grade 2 for the Conservation District, retroactive to May 1, 2017.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to promote Resolution No. 17-12, 2017 Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week, which was read by Commissioner Caridi and presented to each of the above.

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

A SALARY 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.
OLD BUSINESS:
MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to open bids received for the CDBG Matamoras Borough Firehouse Re-siding Project.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Grimm Construction - $63,135 with a contingency additional of $8,000; and Zitone - $69,900 with a unit price of $7.50 contingency or a total of $750.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Caridi, to table bids received for the CDBG Matamoras Borough Firehouse Re-siding Project for further review until June 7, 2017.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to open bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

Solicitor Farley opened the following bids: Bernard Foods - $12,183.32; Keyco - $147,735.22; Benjamin Foods - $126,191.20; Sysco Foods - $106,284.03; Mivila - $133,185.19 and Karetas - $123,540.15.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to open bids received for the purchase of groceries and frozen foods for the Correctional Facility for further review until June 21, 2017.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to reappoint the following members to the Pocono Counties Workforce Investment Agency for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2020: Deborah Fischer, Howard Shankler and Ladora Phillips.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute Change Order #3 between Joyce Electric and the County of Pike, for additional rough-ins for security equipment for the Courthouse addition, for an additional $27,119.95.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Agreement between the Area Agency on Aging and the Correctional Facility for the delivery of meals to the Lords Valley Senior Center, Lackawaxen/Shohola Township Senior Center, Dingmans Ferry Senior Center and the Matamoras Senior Center.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement between Eaton Corp. and the County of Pike, for the maintenance of the two UPS units in the Administration Building.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Caridi and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to authorize the Chairman to execute the CDBG Monitoring Activity Progress Report for FY 2015.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:
- Penn State Extension – May 18-June 8, 2017 Events.
- Tick Task Force Meet & Greet – Pike County Library – May 25, 2017 – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Reality Tour – May 18, 2017.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS
Commissioner Osterberg stated that the additional cost for Change Order #3 is $27,119.95, which is for security rough-ins which Joyce will provide along with the conduits so that another company can run the security and fire suppression systems.

The Courthouse expansion is on schedule due to the weather holding out. The roof is being put on now and soon the brick facade facing Broad Street will be started. Furniture is in the process of being ordered.

Nothing new to report on the Mott Street Bridge project. The hope is that bidding will begin in early Fall.

No problems to report on Election Night.

Sandy LeFort, Pike/Wayne Adult Literacy Board Member, announced that, as an all-volunteer organization who help adults to read and write and get their GEDs, they are celebrating their 30th Anniversary and will be holding a banquet at Silver Birches on June 15th. On behalf of the Board of Directors, she invited the Commissioners. The volunteers put hundreds of miles a month with no salaries involved. They also have programs in prisons.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.