Wednesday, August 17, 2016
The second regular meeting of August 2016 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 Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Retirement Board Meeting.

A RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the August 17, 2016 Agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the August 3, 2016 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to approve the August 3 and 10, 2016 Commissioners’ Conference Minutes.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from GENERAL FUND (County Bills), in the amount of $202,756.51, subject to further review.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, RYAN RYERSON and MICHAEL WALTRAL as full time Correctional Officers at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective August 22, 2016, with benefits after 90 days.

MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to hire THOMAS MILLER, as a part time Transportation Driver for the Transportation Office, for less than 1000 hours, effective August 18, 2016, with no benefits. This is a newly created position.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to promote LINDA MURPHY from a Caseworker 1 to a Caseworker 2 position for Children & Youth Services, effective August 22, 2016.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to recess the Commissioners’ Meeting to hold a Salary Board Meeting.

A SALARY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to appoint Katrina Colvin-Stilts to the Economic Development Authority to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016.

VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.
MOTION: by Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to advertise 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 Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to advertise the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2016 CDBG Program and 2013 and 2015 CDBG Program Modifications.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the CDBG Flagged Activities Reporting Schedule.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the 2015 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Annual Re-Evaluation.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the 2015/16 State Food Purchase Program Expense & Data Report, on behalf of the Human Development Office.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the 2016/17 State Food Purchase Program Sub-Grant Agreements between the County of Pike, on behalf of the Human Development Office and the following food pantries: Loaves to Fishes, Bushkill Outreach, Holy Trinity, Blooming Grove and Pike County.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute Senior Rental Assistance Contract #15A, on behalf of the Human Development Office.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Service Agreement Renewal Quote from Smiths Detection for the x-ray equipment located at the Administration Building.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Guccini, to execute the Planned Maintenance Agreement between Cummins Power Systems and the County of Pike, for generators located at the Training Facility.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Guccini and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission Financial Statement of Funds Expended under the Juvenile Probation Services Grant from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office.
VOTE: Commissioners Osterberg, Caridi and Guccini voted ‘aye’. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Maggie O'Brien – Make*A*Wish Regional Manager for the Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia Area, presented information to help raise awareness of their goals and help identify children who are eligible for wishes. Wish children are not all terminal. Over 80% of children who receive wishes go on to live happy, healthy lives as adults. Their object is to feed the hope and strength and joy for them during their difficult time so that they may focus on a brighter future. They have been granting wishes in Pike County since 1993 and since that time have granted close to 65 wishes. There are two wishes in process at this time. The wishes are granted entirely through volunteers. They are a 100% privately funded organization. The challenge faced today is especially true in Pike County that they are not reaching all the population. There are 5 children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses in Pike County every year and as of this month during 2016 they have not received one referral. A referral can be made by anyone with the exception of staff. Medical personnel are usually ones who refer a child, but many of the children in Pike County receive their medical needs in different parts of the state or in other states. The only qualification for a child receiving a wish is that the child is between the ages of 2 ½ and 18, they are diagnosed with a life threatening medical condition (a progressive, degenerative, or malignant condition that puts the child’s life in jeopardy), and that they have never received a wish before. She continued to give an overview on the Make*A*Wish organization.

Jill Gamboni, representative from Mike Peifer’s Office, reminded everyone about the Annual Recovery Walk and Picnic – September 21, 2016 from 4:30 to 7 pm – Memorial Park.

PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.