Wednesday, September 3, 2014

The first 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. Pastor Rob Elliot of the Milford Bible Church offered the opening prayer.

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

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the September 3, 2014 Agenda.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve the August 20, 2014 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 August 20 and 28, 2014 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 $179,903.24, 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 HOTEL TAX FUND (August blog-GDS Fair), in the amount of $2,100.00.
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 $23,662.89.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve exoneration for properties that were sold out of the County Repository, and that were sold at judicial sale, as presented by Cynthia Gehris, Tax Claim Bureau Director.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Sheriff Philip Bueki advising that he has hired MICHAEL REPECKI, as a full time Deputy Sheriff, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 15, 2014, 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 acknowledge receipt of a letter from Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has promoted, with Prison Board approval, MICHAEL POLISKY and ADAM RODRIGUEZ, from Correctional Officers to Sergeants at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 8, 2014. They will be filling newly created Sergeant positions.
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 Warden Craig Lowe advising that he has hired, with Prison Board approval, DOROTHY DE VUYST as a Food Production Supervisor at the Correctional Facility, for a 40 hour work week, effective September 3, 2014, 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 JEAN IMPERIALE, as a Site Manager for the Area Agency on Aging, for less than 1000 hours per year, effective September 3, 2014, with no benefits. Ms. Imperiale will fill this position for a maximum of six months.

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 Pike County Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project to L.J. Bogumil in the amount of $333,500.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to reappoint Tina Larkin and appoint Howard Shankler to the Workforce Investment Board for a three year term ending June 30, 2017.

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

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to execute the FY 2013/14 MATP 4th Quarter Report for the period 4/1/14 to 6/30/14 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 the FY 2014/15 PA Department of Public Welfare Acknowledgement Letter for the County’s tentative MATP allocation amount of $270,680, on behalf of the Transportation Office.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Christine Kerstetter, Transportation Director, gave an overview on the ridership of the Transportation System. This is a crucial part of services offered to seniors and persons with disabilities. She handed out a brochure containing hours of operation, rules and regulations, applications, programs offered and service territory. The FY 2013/14 has concluded and Ms. Kerstetter reported that the trips have increased by approximately 1800 trips from FY 2012/13. There is also a need for more vehicles as the program is expanding. Commissioner Osterberg commented that the County will be looking to purchase vehicles that are easily convertible to CNG Conversion because a station will come to Westfall at some point. The savings will be enormous.

ADJOURNMENT: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.