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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Minute No. 865

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, Pennsylvania, September 3, 2009

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Larry Maggi and Bracken Burns and Commissioner Diana L. Irey. Also being present: Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joy Sprowls and Jo Ann Metz, Commissioners' Office; Tim Kimmel, Human Services; Harry Wilson, Director of Veterans Affairs; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Herb Hermann, American Legion 25th District; Pastor Lois Swetsyn, Liberty and Amity United Methodist Church; Chuck Nicholls, Director of Human Resources; Holly Dames and Caroline Sinchak, Planning Commission; Carolyn Baird, International Nurses Society on Addictions; Matt Uram, SWPA Area Agency on Aging; Linda Kopcha, Work Certified Academy; Chuck Ringling and Gus Impiccini, American Legion; Dave White, Gene Rasel, John Durila, Pat and Larry Bressel; Jodi Hunt, Don and Joyce Bailey, Mahlon and Madelyn Siebert; Marine Corp Legion; Manny Yocolano, Mon Valley Leathernecks; Cliff Cochran and John Adams, interested citizens; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; and Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

Chairman Maggi called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Swetsyn led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Hermann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 864 dated August 20, 2009 as written.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 864 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Abstain; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring the month of September as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month and September 23-30, 2009 as "Addiction Nurses Week".

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Baird accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their support. She commented that her group is working hard to assist clients in the recovery of drug and alcohol addictions. She urged everyone to participate and learn more about addictions and to be aware there are programs to help loved ones with recovery.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring September 20-26, 2009, as "Employ the Older Workers Week" in Washington County.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Uram accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their many years of support in recognizing this very important issue. He introduced Linda Kopcha, of the Work Certified Academy. Ms. Kopcha briefly explained the Work Certified Program and noted this program helps seniors get training so they may find employment. She noted this program has been very successful.

Mr. Wilson, of Veterans Affairs, on behalf of the Commissioners, presented a certificate of recognition to Don Bailey of the Marine Corp League and Young Marines for all his efforts and hard work involved with these organizations as well as State Police Youth Week.

Mr. Bailey, who was very surprised, expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the certificate. He told everyone about his involvement with these organizations and how they impacted residents in so many positive ways.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cliff Cochran, of Washington, addressed the Board regarding the issue of asking County employees to a voluntarily four-day work week or a change in working hours. Mr. Cochran stated he discussed this with his wife, an employee of the Children and Youth Services Office, and asked the Board for more information as to how this would be implemented.

Chairman Maggi explained that due to the State budget impasse and a County budget that will be difficult to balance for next year, the Board was looking for ways on how to make up for a lack of tax dollars and this was just one idea that was briefly discussed. He noted that a decision has not been made on this and it is just one of the options discussed at this time.

Mr. Cochran stated if the County is looking into doing this there should be some clarifications for employees to better understand the plan.

John Adams, of Avella, commented on the State not passing a budget. He noted this is not good for the economy.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Annual Submission for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 for salaries and benefits of approved staff positions within the Emergency Management Agency budget.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Annual Submission for the Public Safety Office.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the West Penn Rural Fair Housing

Initiative for Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services in the amount of \$275,000 to provide awareness of fair housing rights focusing on all Federally protected classes residing in twenty-four rural counties in Western Pennsylvania.

Moved by Ms. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the West Penn Rural Fair Housing Initiative for Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the West Penn Rural Fair Housing

Initiative for Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services in the amount of \$100,000 to provide awareness of fair housing rights focusing on all Federally protected classes residing in twenty-four rural counties in Western Pennsylvania.

Moved by Ms. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the West Penn Rural Fair Housing Initiative for Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of a collateral agreement with First Federal Savings Bank. This agreement will provide additional protection for County funds.

Moved by Ms. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the collateral agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irej Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a union contract between Washington County and the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 249 for the Assistant District Attorneys and Assistant Public Defenders. The contract is effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Moved by Ms. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing union contract.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval provider service agreements for the Child Care Information Services Office with the list of previously approved providers. The agreements will automatically renew until either party notifies the other party, in writing, of their intent not to renew under the current

Beth Ann Boyd, Burgettstown, PA
Lynn Grabiak, Avella, PA
Sara Voytovich, Roscoe, PA
Anna Mull, Canonsburg, PA

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Child Care Information Services provider agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

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Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of the Integrated Children's Service Plan for Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. No County funds are required.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Integrated Children's Service Plan as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of the following provider agreements for Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. No additional County funds are required.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Southwood Psychiatric Hospital	\$15,000
Early Intervention Specialists	35,000
TOTAL	\$50,000

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing provider agreements for Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration an agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority for management of the Medical Assistance Transportation Program tentatively in the amount of \$3,587,209 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. No County funds are required.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the purchase of a 2010 Ford F-350 with a snow plow and salt spreader for the Health Center. This purchase is from Stuckey Ford at the cost of \$32,524.95. This purchase is being made from PA State Contract or COSTARS contract therefore does not require bidding.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval to ratify Change Order #1 with Combustion Service and Equipment of Pittsburgh for the relining of the Courthouse Boilers. This change order is to replace heat

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cracked end plates on both existing boilers. The internal plates have been cracked for many years and are leaking exhaust gases and heat from the combustion chamber. The cost of this work is \$3,600 for each boiler at a total cost of \$7,200. This increases the contract for the relining of the boilers to \$160,150.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the change order with Combustion Service and Equipment as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following appointments and reappointments:

APPOINTMENTS

Sandra Belfiore and Corey McConn – Library Board, three year term, eff. 1/1/09 – 12/31/11
 Marcia Minor-Opp and Joan Chapman – Tourism Promotion Board, three year term, eff. 7/1/09 – 6/30/12

REAPPOINTMENTS

Tony Menendez – Washington County Housing Authority, four year term, eff. 1/1/09 – 12/31/12

David Scofield and Tim Thomassy – Washington County Tourism Promotion Board, three year term, eff. 7/1/09 – 6/30/12

Linda Andrews, Bob Bazant, Sue Conrady, Thomas Graney, Dr. Joseph Iannetti, Bill Sember and John Swiatek – Southwest Corner Workforce Investment Board, two year term, eff. 9/1/09 – 8/31/11

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

John Rheel, Tax Appeal Assessment Board – due to the leave of absence of Abe Nasim

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing board appointments and reappointments.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to receive \$50,000 under the Adult Day Services Expansion and Enhancement Program for the purpose of installing bath facilities in the Adult Day Care Program. The term of this grant is from September 24, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and no County funds are required.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging for the Adult Day Services Expansion and Enhancement Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an amendment to the Program Management Agreement for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in order for the Greater Washington County Food Bank to receive funding to purchase food under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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The term of this amendment is from March 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and no County funds are required.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the amendment to the Program Management Agreement

For the Greater Washington County Food Bank as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Washington County Hospital

Authority's resolution acting as an applicant for an IFIP Grant for the benefit of The Washington Hospital.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing resolution,

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An executive session was held on September 2, 2009 immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel.

County Offices will be closed on September 7, 2009, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor DeHaven requested the Board approve a comprehensive settlement agreement and release of claims between Washington County and Service Employee International Union, Local 668, ("Union") and Tierney Kurowsky an employee of Children and Youth Services. The agreement provides that the Union will withdraw the grievances filed contesting the termination of Kurowsky and further provides that the Union and Kurowsky release the County from any and all claims. Further, the agreement provides that Kurowsky will not be eligible for future employment with the County and that the County will pay Kurowsky back wages of \$2,500 less applicable taxes.

Moved by Ms. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing comprehensive settlement agreement and release of claims between Washington County and Service Employee International Union, Local 668 and Tierney Kurowsky.

Roll call vote taken:

Ms. Irey - Yes; Mr. Burns - No; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

September 11, 2009

ATTEST: Mary E. Helicks
CHIEF CLERK