

# MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Minute No. 835

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, Pennsylvania, April 3, 2008

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, Bracken Burns and Diana L. Irey. Also being present: Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Mary Lyn Drewitz, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joy Sprowls and JoAnn Metz, Commissioners' Office; Roger Metcalfe, Finance Director; Tim Kimmel, Director Human Services; Melanie Thomas, Planning Commission; Harry Wilson, Veterans Director; Jeff Felton, Jane Zupancic and staff members of Children and Youth Services; Tim McCullough and Pat Maxon, Human Resources; a group of children from Washington area day care centers; Reverend Dr. Drew Harvey, First United Methodist Church; George Hutchko, Forty and Eight; Edward and Timothy Dunlap, CentiMark Corporation; Sandy Sabot, CCIS; Gary Weinstein and Pam Cummmings, The Washington Hospital; Alicia Denman, SPSHS Care Center; District Attorney Steve Toprani and Betsy Dane, Crime Victim/Witness Assistance Program; Flo Moffit, John Adams, Carl Maggi, Dave Hammond, Harry Sabatasse, interested citizens; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter and Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

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

Reverend Hiles led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Hutchko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 834 dated March 30, 2008 as written.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 834 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a plaque to Edward and Timothy Dunlap in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CentiMark Corporation.

Mr. Dunlap expressed his thanks for the plaques and commented on the history of his company. He noted it is a pleasure and honor to have his business located in Washington County.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring April 13-19, 2008 as "Week of the Young Child" in Washington County.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sabot accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for recognizing this important event and the continued support of children services and education within the County.

At this time, groups of day care children entertained the Board and members of the audience with songs and dance.

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The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring April 16<sup>th</sup> as "National Healthcare Decisions Day".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weinstein and Pam Cummings, of The Washington Hospital, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for recognizing health issues that many will have to face at some point in their lives and the many options available to make these decisions.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Washington County.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Denman accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for acknowledging the issue of sexual assault and the programs available to victims and their families.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring Crime Victims Rights Week in Washington County.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

District Attorney Toprani accepted the Proclamation and introduced Betsy Dane, of the Crime Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

Ms. Dane gave a brief presentation of cases of crime victims and commented on various events that will take place honoring this event.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Felton, Director of CYS, thanked the Board for the Proclamation and their continued support to the staff of CYS. He introduced Ms. Zupancic, staff member of CYS, who made comments regarding the functions of CYS caseworkers in dealing with cases of child abuse. She also stated it is important to have a system whereby children have a safe and free-from-harm environment.

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Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, questioned the Board as to the status of his request regarding the County

looking into the possibility of using GPS devices for county vehicles. He noted this type of system would save taxpayers money. Commissioner Irey noted she would be in favor of this idea.

John Adams, of Avella, commented on the recent closing of the Allenport Steel Mill and the effect it will have on the local economy.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval to ratify the payment for costs for refreshments associated with a reception to be held during Crime Victims' Rights Week on April 24, 2008. The costs are estimated to be \$3,000 and are covered under the ROSA and VOJO grants. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the payment of costs for a reception to be held as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. 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 Thomas Blackhurst to provide Geographical Informational System Mapping Services in accordance with ACT 56 Wireless Funding Guidelines. The contract is effective March 27, 2008 through June 30, 2008 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with Thomas Blackhurst for the Geographical Informational Mapping Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of a lease with Jack Morton and Barbara Campbell to remove hay from designated parcels in Mingo Park. Washington County will keep one hay bale out of every four produced. The term of the lease is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the lease with Jack Morton and Barbara Campbell as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the continuation of the STOP Grant with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). This federal grant in the amount of \$39,826 is for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. A County match of at least \$13,276 is required. The Washington Women's Shelter, Inc. will once again be receiving the funds directly from PCCD with the County being a Contractor.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the continuation of the STOP Grant with the

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Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following provider agreements for Child Care Information Services. The agreements will automatically renew until either party notifies the other party in writing of their intent not to renew under the current terms.

Penelope W. Elliott, Washington, PA  
Eileen L. Britt, Roscoe, PA  
Leona Cooper, Waynesburg, PA

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Child Care Information provider agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval to ratify the submission of the annual renewal application for the Civil Rights Certificate of Compliance for Children and Youth Services. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the ratification of the submission of the annual renewal application as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - 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 Department of Public Welfare in the amount of \$567,454 for the Human Services Development Fund Program for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Department of Public Welfare for the Human Services Development Fund Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - 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 Agency allocation adjustments for Mental Health/Mental Retardation the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. No additional County funds are required.

| <u>PROVIDER</u>            | <u>FROM</u>       | <u>TO</u>           |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Community Action Southwest | \$ 115,000        | \$ 116,560          |
| Lifeswork                  | 162,869           | 165,199             |
| Sharp Visions              | 606,546           | 822,418             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$ 884,415</b> | <b>\$ 1,104,177</b> |

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing provider agency allocation adjustments

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for Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of a contract with Bayada Nurses, Inc. to provide home and community habilitation. The term of this agreement will be from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 for the amount of \$58,240. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the contract with Bayada Nurses, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of a new federal grant with PCCD. This federal grant in the amount of \$46,085 is for the expansion of the Furlough Into Service Program (FITS). The grant will run from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 with a required cash match of \$15,362.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the new federal grant with PCCD for the expansion of the Furlough Into Service Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Quit Claim Deed of Easement with the Pennsylvania American Water Company for an existing water line located in Donegal Township, Washington County, subject to solicitor approval.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Quit Claim Deed of Easement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on April 2, 2008 immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel.

The monthly Salary Board Meeting will be held immediately following today's Commissioners' Meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately

11:35 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

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April 14, 2008

ATTEST: Mary E. Helucke  
CHIEF CLERK