

## MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 809

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, February 15, 2007

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 Lynn Drewitz, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joy Sprowls, Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioners' Office; Tim Kimmel, Director of Human Services; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Jeff Felton, Director of Children and Youth Services; Tim McCullough, Director of Human Resources; Tim Kimmell, Director of Human Services; Harry Wilson, Veterans Director; Reverend David Dzermejko, Mary Mother of the Church; Harold Glaum, WW II veteran; Harry Sabatasse, John Adams, Dave Blose, Richard Yanock, Craig Bihler, Eric Glaum, Cindy Spibo, interested citizens; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; and Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

Co-Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m.

Reverend Dzermejko led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Glauma and Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 808 dated February 15, 2007 as written.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving Minute No. 808 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a Victory Medal to Harold Glauma who served in World War II.

Mr. Glauma accepted the medal and thanked the Veterans Office and the Board of commissioners for their assistance in obtaining this honor. He briefly commented on his experiences while serving in the armed services and noted it was an honor to serve his country.

The Commissioners presented a certificate of recognition to Linda Belcher for her dedication and hard work in conducting the Washington County Employee's Blood Drives for many years.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Yanock, of South Strabane Township, expressed his concerns regarding the issue of a massive power line project that will take place in the area of Eighty Four and cutting through Washington County. He noted that he had sent the Board a letter outlining his concerns with this project and requested the Board's support in an effort to express his sentiments to the Public Utilities Commission. He stated there is no benefit to Southwestern Pennsylvania from this power line and noted property owners will have lowered property values, scarred landscapes and the community at large will have to look at the large towers across the horizon.

Co-Chairman Burns acknowledged receipt of Mr. Yanock's correspondence addressed to the Board of Commissioners. He informed Mr. Yanock that the matter has been referred to the County solicitor to determine what stance the Board is permitted to take by law.

John Adams, of Avella, made comments regarding the news media covering issues in Washington County.

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, stated he is attending the meetings to ask the Commissioners when action will be taken to stop the elected officials pay raises. He also brought up the matter of a lawsuit filed by a former employee who was fired and commented on using taxpayer's money to settle this suit. He also commented that he wanted to clarify a rumor that he was supporting Larry Maggi for Commissioner.

Co-Chairman Burns noted for the record that the employee was not fired and the insurance company has a legal right to handle this matter, therefore, no county tax dollars will be used for the settlement.

Carl Maggi, of Claysville, commented on the matter of Mr. Sabatasse endorsing Commissioner Maggi in the upcoming election and stressed his support is not needed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor Drewitz recommended the Board award the bid for the Acoustic Wall Panels to Oeler Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh PA as follows:

- a. 9-1-1 Center - \$31,366
- b. Courtroom #6 - \$13,200 (This is broken down by area and certain areas may not be done).

It was noted this was the only bid received.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, awarding the acoustic wall panels as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the addition of the Pennsylvania Association of Public Retirement Systems (PAPERS) to the approved association list. The annual dues are \$95.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addition of the Pennsylvania Association of Public Retirement Systems.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a travel request and mandatory training for Steven Wright an employee of the Tax Revenue Office. The training is to receive State Board Certification to become an assessor. The travel and related costs are \$3,520.00 for four training session held in Gettysburg on the following dates: March 6-9, March 20-23, March 27-30, and April 10-13, 2006.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving foregoing travel request and training session for Steven Wright.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan identified hazards, instituted community goals and objectives and selects mitigation strategies/opportunities that are appropriate for Washington County with a focus on flooding problems. Approval of the plan is necessary in order to receive federal disaster mitigation funds.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of proposed well site #5 to be drilled in Cross Creek County Park per the terms of the lease. This well will be the first to be drilled in the Cross Creek Park. The approval also permits the construction of access road and pipeline right of way for the well.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving proposed well site #5 to be drilled at Cross Creek County Park as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a final encumbrance adjustment in the amount of \$5,000 to complete the payments and reimbursements on the Pigeon #2 bridge in Monongahela. Design costs were paid 80% state, 20% County and construction costs were paid 90% federal, 5% state and 5% county liquid fuels.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the final encumbrance adjustment on the Pigeon #2 bridge as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of an agreement with GAI Consultants in the amount not to exceed \$81,448.35 for construction inspection of the Raccoon #7, Donaldson Bridge in Hanover Township. Costs will be paid 90% federal, 5% state, 5% County liquid fuels.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with GAI Consultants for the construction inspection of the Raccoon #7, Donaldson Bridge as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following list of providers 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.

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Wanda L. Cole, Sycamore  
Jenny Gregg, Washington  
Amanda France, Strabane

Pamela L. Yater, Washington  
Joseph M. Romano, Washington  
Tina M. Charlier, McDonald

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the list of providers for the Child Care Information Services 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 a contract with Goodwill Industries of Fayette County to provide vocational training and employment services to one person residing in a MR Waiver home. This contract in the amount of \$10,599 is for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract with Goodwill Industries of Fayette County as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Community Transition Connection, Inc. to provide residential funding for sixteen mental health consumers at an Enhanced Mental Health Personal Care Home located in Monongahela, PA. This contract is for the period January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$262,000. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with Community Transition Connection, Inc. to provide residential funding as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval addenda to the following purchase of service contracts for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. No additional County funds are required.

	<u>From</u>	<u>Increase to</u>
Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.	\$325,000	\$ 825,000
Family Care for Children and Youth, Inc.	\$85,000	\$ 235,000
Gannondale	\$55,000	\$ 110,000
Crittenton Services, Inc.	\$125,000	\$ 240,000
Community Specialist Corporation, d/b/a The Academy	\$ 25,000	\$ 45,000
White Deer Run	\$ 250,000	\$ 495,000

(Increase includes \$500 per month to cover special dietary requirements for C. Baker)

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing addenda to the purchase of service contracts for the Children and Youth Services Office.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Usage Agreement with Comprehensive Community Services for use of space by Children and Youth Services for the purpose of family visitation and evaluations. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Usage Agreement with Comprehensive Community Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to advertise for bids for taser guns and supplies. The taser guns and supplies are being used more frequently by the Probation Departments and Sheriff's Department and costs are estimated to be over \$10,000 for the year.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the purchase of twenty-three computers for Children and Youth Services. These are replacement units for current computers that are beyond their useful life. The total cost of this purchase is \$21,114.23 (\$918.01 each) and will be charged to the Children and Youth Services Administration budget with a 60% reimbursement.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the purchase of computers for the Children and Youth Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of agreements with the following vendors:

Cold Cypress, Bridgeville, PA - \$110/hr

Presidio (formerly FIComp, Inc), Pittsburgh, PA

Monday through Friday - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; \$100/hr telephone support - \$150/hr on site support

This is to provide consulting services for work on the county-wide Cisco network infrastructure. The renewal is effective February 15, 2007 through February 14, 2008 and each contract not to exceed \$10,000/year.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the renewal of the foregoing agreements for the Cisco network infrastructure.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a Resolution and approval of Applicable Elected Representative approving issuance by the Washington County Industrial Development

Authority of its note for Kraus Holdings, LLC and Kraus Industries, In., d/b/a Olson Industries Corp., in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1, 600, 000 for the purpose of financing a project and payment of all or a portion of the financing costs.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Resolution and approving the Applicable Elected Representative as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a Resolution approving issuance by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority of its note in the approximate amount of \$643 million to refund the outstanding Allegheny Hospital Development Authority Health System Revenue bonds. Approximately \$345 million is expected to be used to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, improvement renovation and equipping of capital improvements on the respective campuses of the health and related facilities owned and operated by the obligated group, including approximately \$25 million for the Canonsburg General Hospital and payment of all or a portion of the financing costs and any other related costs.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Resolution and approving issuance by the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Creative Benefits, Inc., to provide administrative services for the County's Health Care and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008 with the option to terminate upon thirty days written notice.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing agreement with Creative Benefits, Inc.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to advertise for bids for the construction of a Jury Box for Courtroom No. 6.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the Federal Government. This agreement requires that a separate account be maintained for funds received from the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury.

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Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on February 28, 2007, immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to real estate issues and litigation styled John C. Pettit vs. Michael Namie et al at No. 2108CD 2006 and litigation involving the Washington County Redevelopment Authority styled Edward M. Mazur et al at No. 2005-2455 and No. 2005-2151.

County Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of the President's Day holiday.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Drewtiz presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following tax refunds.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, authorizing the Tax Assessment Office to prepare the tax refunds

due to either duplication or overpayment of real estate taxes:

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| <p>1. Leste &amp; Mary Andrews<br/>72 Mesta Drive<br/>Washington, PA 15301<br/>District: Morris Township<br/>Parcel: 450-012-09-99-0016-00<br/>Total: \$18.88</p>       | <p>2006 County Tax</p>        |
| <p>2. Michael &amp; Mary Tirpak<br/>501 Maderia Street<br/>New Eagle, PA 15067<br/>District: New Eagle Borough<br/>Parcel: 480-014-00-01-0009-00<br/>Total: \$10.96</p> | <p>2006 County Tax</p>        |
| <p>3. Michael &amp; Mary Tirpak<br/>501 Madera Street<br/>New Eagle, PA 15067<br/>District: New Eagle Borough<br/>Parcel: 480-014-00-01-0009-01<br/>Total: \$12.35</p>  | <p>2006 County Tax</p>        |
| <p>4. Charlotte Zubenko<br/>116 Maple Street<br/>Canonsburg, PA 15317<br/>District: North Strabane<br/>Parcel: 520-015-04-01-0025-00<br/>Total: \$52.87</p>             | <p>2001 - 2005 County Tax</p> |

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Burns declared the meeting adjourned at approximately

10:45 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

February 23, 2007

ATTEST:

Mary E. Helicki  
CHIEF CLERK