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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 815

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, May 17, 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; Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; JoAnn Metz, Joy Sprowls and Sue Orrick, Commissioners' Office; Tim Kimmel, Director of Human Services; Vince Ley, Planning Commission; Harry Wilson, Veterans Director; Joseph Graff, American Legion; Chris Blaine, John Swiatek, Wild Things mascot and two members of the Wild Things baseball team; Tom Trimm, Pepper-Hamilton and Nick Falgione, JP Morgan Securities, Inc.; Carl Maggi, Harry Sabatasse, John Adams, Harlan Shober and Joe Zupancic, interested citizens; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; and Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

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

Reverend Wiltout led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Graff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 814 dated May 3, 2007 as written.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 814 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring May 23rd as “Wild Things Wednesday” 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.

Chris Blaine and John Swiatek of the Wild Things accepted the Proclamation and briefly commented on the upcoming events that will be held at Consol Energy Park. She noted this is the sixth year at the field and everyone is excited about the start of the new season.

Commissioners Maggi and Irey presented a certificate of recognition to Commissioner Burns for receiving the 2007 NAACP Humanitarian Award.

Commissioner Burns thanked his colleagues for the certificate.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harlan Shober, of Chartiers Township, congratulated the Board of Commissioners for their recent win in the election. He brought to their attention the matter of a bridge located in Chartiers Township that is in need of repair and

stated his concerns about the safety of this bridge. Mr. Shober also mentioned the idea of combining townships together to have a united voice in government.

Co-Chairman Burns stated the funding formula for bridges is very outdated and there is definitely the need to work with state legislators to increase the funding for repairs to bridges in the County.

Carl Maggi, of Claysville, congratulated the Commissioners for winning in the Primary Election.

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, also congratulated the Board on their recent nomination in the Primary Election. Mr. Sabatasse informed the Board that even though he did not win the election, he will continue to attend every meeting to represent the empty chairs at the meetings. He noted it is his mission to monitor the way his tax dollars are spent.

John Adams, of Avella, addressed the Board regarding his concerns that government officials are always raising taxes. He pointed out that there are many residents in Washington County who are on fixed incomes and cannot afford more taxes.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program for Washington County to the following vendors based on their per unit cost as submitted in their bid proposals.

1. Chemung Supply Corp., Elmira NY
2. Hanson Aggregates, Connellsville PA
3. Pipelines Inc., East Liverpool Ohio
4. Russell Standard Corporation, Mars PA

This bid has been awarded to the lowest bidders meeting specifications. This bid will be in effect from May 17, 2007 through April 24, 2008. The total yearly cost is approximately \$10,000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, awarding the bid for the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of Ordinance No. 2007-1 which authorizes the purchase of General Obligation bonds, Series of 2007A in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,535,219.50, the purchase of General Obligation Bonds Series of 2007B in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,095,000 and federally taxable General Obligation Bonds Series of 2007C in the principal amount of \$1,080,000 and taking other action in connection with the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of such bonds.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing ordinance.

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 and ratification a grant application and adoption of a resolution authorizing the application for financial assistance under the DCED Early Intervention

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Program. The grant, in the amount of \$60,000.00 is to undertake a fiscal and operational analysis to evaluate and enhance the ability for the City of Monongahela and New Eagle Borough to implement a comprehensive plan.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the grant application and adopting a resolution under the DCED Early Intervention Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Memorandum of Understanding between the Washington County and the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Institute that would allow Washington County to have a statewide automated victim notification program installed in the jail's computer system. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Memorandum of Understanding as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the reappointment of Jacob Schneider to the Washington County Transportation Board of Directors for a five-year term, effective through May 31, 2012.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the reappointment of Jacob Schneider as per above.

Roll vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the reappointment of William Dinsmore to the Farmland Preservation Board for a three-year term, effective through May 16, 2010.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the reappointment of William Dinsmore as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jo A. Handwork, Canonsburg

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing provider for the Child Care Information Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval agreements with the following Human Services Development Fund providers for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. No County funds are required.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aging Services	75,000
Children & Youth Services	267,000
Mental Retardation	60,000
SW PA Human Services	10,500
Washington County Transportation Authority	25,600
Catholic Charities	22,080
Greater Washington County Food Bank	10,000
United Way	<u>18,140</u>
Total	\$488,320

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreements for the Human Services Development Fund providers.

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 agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to serve as the formal Administrative Entity to execute the responsibilities for the Medicaid Waiver Program for persons with mental retardation in Washington County. The agreement is effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to serve as the formal Administrative Entity for Mental Health/Mental Retardation 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 Office of Child Development and Early Learning to continue to receive Medicaid Waiver funding for children ages birth to 3 years old in Washington County receiving services through the Early Intervention Program. The agreement is effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Office of Child Development and Early Learning for the Mental Health/Mental Retardation 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 authorization to advertise for bids for Requests for Proposals for the implementation of a Cisco Call Manager IP based call processing system and voice mail system for the Health Center. Phase II of this project is to add wireless access points to the Health Center. All of the hardware will be purchased from State Contract or COSTARS. The technology for the new system will also provide the Health Center in-house personal pagers, cordless phones for resident use, wander alerts, nurse call, etc.

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

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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 authorization to advertise for bids for the hardware to convert the Beacon System at the Washington County Airport to solar power with an electrical back-up system. The cost of the hardware is estimated at approximately \$23,000 which does not include AC wiring, shelter for the system, pipe for mounting solar modules and installation. The Airport was awarded \$14,000 from the PA Energy Fund which will be combined with funds from the FAA for the conversion.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving authorization to advertise for bids for the hardware 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 extension to the agreement with Keefe Supply Company, Strongsville, Ohio for the purpose of providing commissary items to the inmates of the Correctional Facility. The contract will be extended through July 18, 2008 at the current commission rate of 23%. This extension is in accordance with the bid specifications.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the extension to the agreement with Keefe Supply Company for the Correctional Facility 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 purchase of a Cingular Wireless Aircard. The aircard is to be used in conjunction with one of the Treatment Court laptop computer systems. It will be used primarily by a Probation Officer who is in the field 50-60% of the time. This will be funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Drug Court Grant. The monthly cost for unlimited data will be \$48.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the purchase of a Cingular Wireless Aircard for the Treatment Court laptop computer systems 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 a contract with Elaine A. Dively, LSW, of Pittsburgh at the rate of \$20/hour for Aging Services Alzheimer's Research. The contracted services will not exceed 800 hours annually and is effective June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods. Aging Services has received a grant for this research.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the contract with Elaine A. Dively, LSW for Aging Services as per above.

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval addendums to the memorandum of understanding for Burgettstown School District, Washington School District and Mon Valley Career & Technology Center. This is for the purpose of providing space for the Leader Programs at the cost of \$800/month for each location effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The cost of the rental has not increased since the inception of the program.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the addendums to the memorandums of understanding for Burgettstown School District, Washington School District and Mon Valley Career and Technology Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement of Understanding between the Washington Business District Authority and Washington County setting forth that the Washington County Correctional Facility is not subject to the Special Service District Assessment per the City of Washington Ordinance adopted on February 11, 1999.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Agreement of Understanding between the Washington Business District Authority and Washington County

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The quarterly Retirement Board Meeting will be held immediately following today's Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

County Offices will be closed on May 28, 2007 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

SOLICITOR

None

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

_____ *May 22* _____, 2007
 ATTEST: *Mary E Helicke*
 CHIEF CLERK