

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 782

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, January 5, 2006

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a special session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Bracken Burns, Larry Maggi and Diana L. Irey. Also being present: Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Joy Sprowls, Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Magisterial District Justice Jay Dutton; Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Father John Batykefer, St. Patrick's Church; Edwin Phillips, American Legion, Post 897, Harry Wilson, Director of Veterans Affairs; Tim Kimmel, Director of Human Services; Bob Harms, Director of Mental Health/Mental Retardation; Joan Jessen, Chartiers Creek Watershed Association; Dr. Robert Laughrey, Avella Elementary Center; Dr. Tom Turnbaugh, Trinity East Elementary; Debra Miller, McMurray Elementary; Scott Chambers, Canon-McMillan School District; Harry Sabatasse, John Adams, Carl Maggi, interested citizens; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter and Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

Co-Chairman Maggi called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Father Batykefer led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 781 dated December 22, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 781 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 certificates of recognition to administrators and teachers from school districts where students participated in the 2005 PSSA testing.

The group thanked the Board for this recognition and made a few comments regarding this program to inspire students to excel in their academic studies.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Adams, of Avella, addressed the Board regarding a fire that happened in an apartment structure located next to the municipal building in Independence Township. He questioned whether or not funding would be available to repair the water damage to the municipal building that was caused by this fire.

Harry Sabatasse of Burgettstown, again addressed the Board regarding the elected officials pay raises and questioned when action would be taken to rescind the increases. He also brought to the Board's attention the matter of the tax appeal board members receiving different rates of pay for their work. Mr. Sabatasse noted this is something that should be looked at. Mr. Sabatasse noted he is on a mission helping people who cannot help themselves.

Mrs. Joan Jessen, of the Chartiers Creek Watershed Association, presented to the Board the Stormwater Management Primer for Southwestern Pennsylvania. She explained some of the subjects discussed in the informational

booklet and the many effective procedures used to help control flood problems. Mrs. Jessen informed the Board once again Washington County has been designated a Ground Water Community.

Co-Chairman Burns commended Mrs. Jessen for an excellent job in preparing this informational booklet and noted Mrs. Jessen's leadership is an asset to the community.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for the Alcohol Monitoring Program to Advanced Alcohol Monitoring Programs, LLC for the "per unit" cost submitted in their proposal. This is a remote alcohol monitoring system for Adult Probation Department. This contract will be effective date of award through December 31, 2006 with the option to extend for five (5) additional one year periods. This award is contingent upon the Solicitor reviewing and approving the agreements between Washington County and Advanced Alcohol Monitoring Programs and the agreement between the offender and Advanced Alcohol Monitoring Programs.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, awarding the bid for Alcohol Monitoring Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the reappointment of Alan Veliky and John Rheel to the Washington County Authority for five year terms, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing reappointments to the Washington County Authority.

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 reappointment of John Lignelli to the Washington County Housing Authority for a four year term, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing reappointment of John Lignelli.

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 reappointment of L. Anthony Spossey to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a three year term, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the reappointment of L. Anthony Spossey as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. 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 reappointment of Bracken Burns, Thomas Shade, Richard Fitzharris, Chris King and Dr. Michael Faust to the Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory, effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing reappointments to the Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board.

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 provider service agreements with the following Child Care Information Services providers. These agreements will be automatically renewed until either party to the agreement notifies the other party in writing of their intent not to renew under the current terms.

Pamela D. Hootman, Burgettstown
Veta Sanford, Washington
Betty McCombs, Washington
Felisha M. Grow, Ellsworth

Felicia M. Haddix, Avella
Tina M. Flynn, Charleroi
Georgette V. Ledbetter, Carnegie

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

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 agreements for respite services and routine home care services with Family Home Health Services, Inc. doing business as Three Rivers Hospice. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreements for respite services and routine home care 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 Frank C. Roney, Esquire, to provide services as the Mental Health Review Officer as ordered by the Washington County Court of Common Pleas. The period of this contract will be January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$12,500.00. It is to be noted the use of \$1,250 in County funds is required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the contract with Frank C. Roney, Esquire, 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 a contract with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital to provide in-home family based mental health services. The period for this contract is July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$10,000.00. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the contract with Southwood Psychiatric Hospital 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 addendum to the contract with Preventative Aftercare, Inc. to increase the per diem rate from \$25.25 to \$26.80 per case per day. The contract will be effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. No additional County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing addendum to the contract with Preventative Aftercare, Inc. for Children and Youth Services.

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 lease agreement with the Redevelopment Authority for office space in Courthouse Square. This lease is effective December 1, 2005 through February 28, 2007 at the rate of \$14.00 per square foot plus 19 parking spaces at \$22 per month. The total monthly rent is \$9,732.11.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing lease agreement with the Washington County Redevelopment Authority.

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 renewal agreement with Washington Physician Hospital Organization, Inc. for the provision of healthcare services for the Correctional Facility. The monthly cost for January through December 2006 is \$14,257.26 (current cost is \$13,842).

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the renewal agreement with Washington Physician Hospital Organization, 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 a contract with Christopher Blackwell, Esquire to provide professional services as Solicitor for the Sheriff's Office. The contract amount is \$2,400 per year or \$200.00 per month. The contract further stipulates the solicitor is entitled to a rate of \$75.00 per hour for services

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rendered for litigation and court time, but not to exceed \$5,000.00. This agreement may be terminated at any time by either party with thirty days written notice.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the contract with Christopher Blackwell, Esquire for the Sheriff's Office as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on January 4, 2006, immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel, labor relations and real estate issues.

County Offices will be closed on January 16, 2006 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The annual Sinking Fund Meeting will be held on January 16, 2006 immediately following the Board Meeting.

SOLICITOR

None

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

January 12, 2006

ATTEST:

Mary E. Helicke
CHIEF CLERK