

Minute No. 761

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, February 10, 2005

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular 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; Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joy Sprowls, Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Sheriff John Rheel and Captain Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Dr. L. "Rus" Howard, Peters Creek Presbyterian Church; Dave Blose, Forty and Eight; Aggie Scarton, Human Resources; Pete Lorenzo, Mike Black, Bob Strnisha, Bob Crothers, Tom Picinotto, Jeff Stillenpole and Tom Roman, maintenance crew; Janet Osiecki, Buildings and Grounds; Pat Stavovy, Law Library; Tim Kimmel, Human Services Director; Mary Ann Ostovic and Sarah McCoid and members of the Ostovic family; Betsy Trew and John Duskey, Washington County Community Foundation; Roxann Hass and Kathleen Kleinmann, TRIPIL; Ed Kovacic, Canonsburg Renaissance; Harry Sabatasse, Marcella Dalverny, Manuel Yocolano, Carl and Pat Maggi and Jerry Seaman, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; Emily Ebelin, PA Focus.

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

Dr. Howard led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Blose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 760 dated January 27, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 760 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 an engraved plaque posthumously recognizing John Ostovic for his thirty years of service to the county.

Co-Chairman Burns read an inspirational reading pertaining to the walk of life.

Comments were made by Mary Ann Ostovic and Sarah McCoid reflecting on the life of John Ostovic.

The Commissioners noted a memorial fund is being established in Mr. Ostovic's name in conjunction with the Washington County Community Foundation for qualifying students in the field of science.

Ms. Trew of the WCCF explained how the fund will be used and what criteria are needed to be eligible for the memorial fund.

Co-Chairman Maggi announced Hanson-Cole Post 391 of the American Legion will be conducting a memorial service in memory of Staff Sergeant Sean P. Huey on February 12, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. The services will be held at the Veterans' Memorial which is located adjacent to the Legion post on Front Street in Fredericktown. It was noted if inclement weather, services will be held upstairs in the main hall of the Legion Post. Everyone is invited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, commented on the issue of elected officials receiving a pay increase.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for produce to Albano's Produce of Washington, PA at the rate of \$1.00 per unit above the daily Pittsburgh Wholesale Fruit & Vegetable Report. This award is effective February 10, 2005 through January 31, 2008.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, awarding the bid for produce as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for a portion of the vehicle repairs and maintenance as follows:

Section II – Transmission Repairs – Alternative Transmission & Auto Repair, Inc. Washington, PA  
\$90/hr plus 20% discount from list price on parts.

Section IV – Emissions Testing - Pioneer Motors, Inc., Washington, PA - \$27/each test

There were no bids received for the general mechanical repairs and the body repairs, therefore, these sections will be rebid.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, to award the bid for vehicle repairs and maintenance as per above and rebidding of certain sections of the bid.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for the lease/purchase of the following vehicles:

VEHICLES FOR CYS

One (1) 2005 Minivan – Woltz & Wind Ford, Heidelberg PA  
48 month lease at \$414.94/month which includes the extended warranty

One (1) 2005 All Wheel Drive Vehicle – Whiteside Chevrolet, St. Clairsville, OH  
48 month lease at \$484.27/month plus \$2555 for the extended warranty

Three (3) 2005 Wagons – Whiteside Chevrolet, St. Clairsville, OH  
48 month lease at \$1008.21/month (for all three) plus \$1890 for extended warranty

VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Three (3) 2005 Ford Crown Vic's – Woltz & Wind Ford, Heidelberg, PA  
48 month lease at \$1932.28/month (for all three) which includes the extended warranty

All items have been awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, awarding the foregoing bid for lease/purchase for vehicles.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid on the items that have been rebid for the Elections Department to the following vendors:

William Penn Printing, Pittsburgh, PA

Cane Printing, Atlasburg, PA

Total yearly cost is approximately \$16,000.

Moved by Mrs. Ireys, seconded by Mr. Maggi, awarding the bid for elections supplies as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a Resolution joining county leaders from around the state in calling for measures that are "tax fair", allowing local governments to reduce the real estate tax in proportion to revenue generated by other sources of income, such as a personal income or sales tax.

Moved by Mrs. Ireys, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Child Care Provider Agreements. 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 of the provider agreements.

Bina A. Roose, South Park  
Israel Diggs, Monessen  
Ashley N. Barton, Washington  
Anita L. Biers, Washington  
Deborah S. Crouse, Washington

Florence M. Pulver, Burgettstown  
Robin Large, Donora  
Joanne M. Willhoft, Washington  
Loreen A. Bupp, Monongahela  
Ramay Horner's Group Daycare, Washington

Moved by Mrs. Ireys, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Child Care Information Services agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

FIComp, Inc. - \$100/hr telephone support -  
\$150/hr on site support

This is to provide consulting services for work on the county-wide Cisco network infrastructure. Each contract will not exceed \$5000 per year and is for a one year period, with the option to renew.

Moved by Mrs. Ireys, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the professional services contracts as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization for the renewal and payment of the Annual Software Support & Maintenance for Court Automation with Tiburon Justice Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$27,004 for FACS5. This renewal is effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the renewal and payment of the annual Software Support and Maintenance for Court Automation 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 authorization for payment of the license renewal for the Washington County Recorder of Deeds LANDEX system. This renewal is for twenty-three licenses at a total cost of \$13,225.00 to IMR Limited, Harrisburg, PA.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the authorization for payment of the license renewal for the Recorder of Deeds.

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 for an expenditure of \$23,525 for the purpose of repairs to two (2) existing water towers. This work would be done by Quality Mechanical Services, Inc. in accordance with our current time and material contract. There is a one year warranty on all workmanship, equipment, materials and parts. This amount will be charged to the capital budget and has been approved by the capital committee.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the repairs to two cooling towers 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 expenditures in the amount of \$133,844 for the enhancements to the Union Township and California Borough towers. These enhancements are covered under the MRA, Inc. contract approved on January 3, 2002.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the expenditures for enhancements to towers for the Public Safety Department. .

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 the City of Washington Fire Department and Chartiers Township Fire Department stipulating it is necessary to inspect, at least one time in the calendar year, all county lands and/or facilities located in the jurisdiction for visible fire hazards or unsafe fire activities at a cost of \$1,000 per year.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing agreements with the City of Washington Fire Department and Chartiers Township Fire Department.

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 the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for the District Attorney's Office. This agreement relates to the funds received by the District Attorney's Office from the Justice Department of the Treasury as a result of forfeiture proceedings held at the United States District Court.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for the District Attorney 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 of a contract increase in the amount of \$8,114.36 for Larson Design Group to complete additional engineering on the Buffalo #23, Sawhill Covered Bridge due to the DEP denial of a temporary construction crossing in Buffalo Creek. Costs will be paid with 100% State Act 26 funds.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract increase to the Larson Design Group 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 a contract renewal with the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum to conduct tours of the Washington County Courthouse during calendar year 2005 for a contract total of \$4,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract renewal with the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum 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 following reappointments to the Washington County SPC Public Participation Panel for two year terms effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006:

Nancy Basile  
Phil Fiumara  
John Hart  
Lue Ann Pawlick (Chair)  
Mary Lynn Spilak  
Jeff Yates

Tom Casciola (Vice Chair)  
David Good  
Joe Kirk  
Mark Remcheck  
Craig Sweger

Mayor Joseph Dochinez  
Shelia Gombita  
Mayor John Lignelli  
Shirley Reynard  
Mark Tallarico



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 22, 2005

ATTEST: Mary E Helicks  
CHIEF CLERK