

Minute No. 763

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, March 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 Larry Maggi and Bracken Burns. Absent being: Diana L. Irey who had a family emergency. Also being present: Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Mary Lynn Drewitz, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joann Metz and Joy Sprowls, Commissioners Office; Sheriff John Rheel, Bill Bryker and Captain Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; District Attorney John Pettit and Anthony Popeck; Vicki Bryan and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Jean Byers, Business and Professional Women; Chris Kedzuf, coach; Michelle Sereda, Danielle Devine, Paul Stephen, Michael Malencia, Amy Trotnick, students involved in the MathCounts competition; Diane Wiencek and Al Allison, Washington County Health Center; Richard Kara, Marcie Legler and Don Ross, Drug Task Unit; Father Pierre Sodini, St. Michael Church, Avella; Ron Luci, veteran; Tim Kimmel, Human Services Director; Dave Blose, Harry Sabatasse, Marcella Dalverny, Amy Wiencek, David Bober, Carl Maggi, Abe Nasim, John Adams and Ron Luci, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; Emily Ebelin, PA Focus.

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

Pastor Shoup led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Ron Luci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 762 dated February 24, 2005.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving Minute No. 762 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPEICAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented an engraved plaque to Diane Wiencek recognizing her for thirty-eight years of service to the County as an employee at the Washington County Health Center.

Ms. Wiencek thanked the Board and Mr. Allison for the plaque and noted it was a pleasure to work for the county.

The Commissioners presented a certificate of recognition to Richard Kara recognizing him on his recent retirement with the county having worked for the Drug Task Force.

Mr. Kara thanked the Board for the recognition and made comments regarding his job in the Drug Task Force during the past nine years.

District Attorney Pettit noted the importance of the Drug Task Force and commended Mr. Kara for his dedication to the job and stated he will be missed very much.

The Commissioners presented certificates of congratulations to members of the MathCounts competition that recently took place at Washington and Jefferson College.

The Commissioners adopted a Proclamation declaring March 11 to May 22, 2005 as "Choose to Lose" a community-wide weight loss program in Washington County sponsored by the Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. King of the Wellness Center thanked the Board for the Proclamation and their support in this community-wide program sponsored by the Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatase, of Burgettstown, commented on the issue of elected officials receiving a pay increase. He also pointed out the fact that other counties, namely Lackawanna and Beaver respectively, have not accepted any pay raises for elected officials and have had many layoffs in order to save taxpayers money.

Mr. Sabatase thanked the Board for allowing him time to voice his opposition to elected officials receiving automatic pay raises.

John Adams, of Avella, addressed the Board regarding fair taxation. He stated there are various ways developers and certain taxpayers receive tax breaks through Clean and Green, LERTA and TIF's. Mr. Adams noted this is not fair to taxpayers in the county who pay their taxes and do not receive any tax breaks.

Co-Chairman Burns announced his daughter and son-in-law are the proud parents of a son, Jackson Burns Natali, born this morning in Washington Hospital.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for the long distance and 800 service to A&A Communications, Inc., Carnegie, PA for the "per unit" costs submitted in their bid proposal. The total yearly cost for long distance and 800 services are approximately \$43,000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, awarding the bid for security services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the execution for the Request for Engagement and Waiver in regard to providing pro bono legal services by the Mon Valley Progress Council, Inc. to the County of Washington relative to the Mon Valley/Fayette Expressway project.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the execution for the Request for Engagement and Waiver as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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 Student Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and the County of Washington in regard to a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for Phase IV of the Student Housing Project at California University of Pennsylvania.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Agreement of Understanding between Student Association, Inc. and Washington County.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Addendum to the Agreement of Understanding - Phase III dated March 20, 2003 between Student Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and Washington County to amend the payment due date from September 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009 and shall continue on the first day of each October thereafter in accordance with the Exhibit contained thereon through October 1, 2038. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement of Understanding shall remain in full force and effect for and during the term of the Agreement set forth therein.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the Agreement of Understanding - Phase III as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of an addendum to the contract with Abe Nasim that was previously approved on January 13, 2005 to increase the monthly contract fee from \$750.00 per month to \$800.00 per month, effective January 13, 2005 through December 31, 2007.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing contract addendum with Abe Nasim.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the addition of two individuals for contracted secretarial services in the Coroner's Office. This request is in addition to the previous contracts in order to give more flexibility in scheduling. The contracts will be with Martha Spitler, effective March 10, 2005 and Kristen Latta, effective April 1, 2005. It is to be noted this addition will not increase the Coroner's budget.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the two additional individual in the Coroner's Officer as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval proposed revisions to the County's Consolidated Plan through the Washington County Redevelopment Authority.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing proposed revisions to the County's Consolidated Plan.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract with CLH Incorporated to maintain the WeatherMation equipment at the Washington County Airport at a cost of \$150 per month.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the WeatherMation contract for the Washington County Airport as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a Resolution in support of the Community Development Block Grant Program which has stimulated economic growth in the County and has assisted thousands of low and moderate income county residents through public improvement projects, home rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance programs.

Co-Chairman Burns stated the Community Block Grant Program is critical funding to all municipalities, not only in Washington County, but across the country. He pointed out this is a necessary part of our budgets. Commissioner Burns noted if the grant money is shut off, every municipality in America is going to have to raise taxes to make up the money that is received through this program.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) with the Pennsylvania Department on Crime and Delinquency. This Federal grant in the amount of \$60,254 is for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 and includes a soft County match of 20 percent.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the continuation of the VOCA Grant as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the purchase of service contract with Vision Quest for Children and Youth Services. The contract authorization amount increases from \$285,000 to \$730,000 for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. No additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the purchase of service contract with Vision Quest as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - 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.

Patricia Moyer, Washington
 Roxanne Taylor, Monongahela
 Shannon Lang, Washington

Sandra L. Toland, Washington
 Ray F. Samuels II, Charleroi
 Lisa Mull, Langeloth

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

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval supplemental contract allocation adjustments for FY 2004/2005 for Mental Health/Mental Retardation with the following provider agencies. The total amount of adjustments is \$1,423,709 comprised of additional funding made available by the State. No additional County funds are required.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>REVISED AMOUNT</u>
AMI, Inc.	MH	\$ 220,000	\$ 230,000
Alternative Res. Svcs.	MR Waiver	2,964,073	3,097,678
ARC Human Svcs.	MH	13,500	13,500
	MR	500,678	527,952
	MR Waiver	3,675,981	3,853,746
Centerville Clinic	MH	550,000	583,700
Cornerstone Care	MH	10,000	14,000
Diversified HS	MR Waiver	877,133	1,063,355
	Early Intervention	260,000	201,500
Greene ARC	MR	8,633	8,633
	MR Waiver	378,906	421,360
Interim Healthcare	MR Waiver	140,000	172,004
Lifesteps	MR Waiver	1,710,437	1,798,121
LifeWork	MR Waiver	115,391	126,450
	MH	10,000	10,000
	MR	67,000	68,340
Mental Health Assoc.	MH	1,481,000	1,512,520
Northwestern HS	MR Waiver	1,474,376	1,493,521
Residential Recovery	MH	335,000	389,000
SW Behavioral Care	MH	886,650	937,683
Southwood	MH	136,107	140,207
Spectrum	MH	103,000	123,204
Trans. Emply. Conslt.	MH	156,000	190,000
UCP of SW PA	MR Waiver	1,677,301	1,791,369
	Early Intervention	565,000	718,324
	MR	61,000	67,120
Wash. Communities	MH	826,000	1,073,588
	MR	303,000	303,000
	Early Intervention	78,000	78,000
	MR Waiver	39,732	39,732

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the allocation adjustments for the Mental

Health/Mental Retardation Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization for the renewal of the current maintenance agreement with Motorola, Schaumburg, IL for the 9-1-1 phone system in the Public Safety Department. This renewal would be effective April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 at the annual rate of \$14,268.72.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the renewal of the current maintenance agreement with Motorola as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Shindler Elevator of Pittsburgh for the continuing preventative maintenance for the elevators and the chair lift at the Family Court Center. The monthly rates are as follows: Handicapped Chair Lift \$95/month and two elevators at the cost of \$450/month. These contracts would be effective March 15, 2005 through August 14, 2006.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with Shindler Elevator for the maintenance of the elevators as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Burns - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a request from Angela Alampi to buy back unpaid leave time for retirement purposes in the amount of \$1,883.49. This request will be submitted for approval to the Retirement Board on May 12, 2005.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing request for Angela Alampi for retirement purposes.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization for the purchase of tables and chairs for the reopening of the 1 South unit of the Health Center. The purchase is being made from the Health Center capital budget and is approximately \$15,000. This purchase is being made from the Pennsylvania State contract.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing purchase for the Washington County Health Center.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the awarding of the bid to rehabilitate CSX tunnels 2 and 4 to Gregori Construction at the cost of \$303,450. The construction will be paid according to the following funding:

\$303,450 construction cost
\$130,000 grant funds (\$70,000 PHMC and \$60,000 National Road)
\$173,450 County match

\$360,000 current balance of CSX payment to Washington County
\$173,450 county payment toward construction
\$186,550 balance of CSX payment after construction for maintenance

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the award of the bid for rehabilitation of the CSX tunnels 2 and 4 as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on March 9, 2005 immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel and labor relations issues.

The quarterly Salary Board Meeting will be held immediately following today's meeting.

SOLICITOR

None

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

March 17, 2005

ATTEST: Mary E Helucke
CHIEF CLERK