

Minute No. 776

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, October 13, 2005

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; Joy Sprowls, Commissioners' Office; Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Reverend George Van Riper, Lighthouse Ministries Church; Larry Spahr, Mon Valley Leathernecks; Harry Wilson, Director of Veterans Affairs; Tim Kimmel, Director of Human Services; Shirl McConville, Rita Malar and Geri Gottschell, Washington Business Professional Women; John Adams, Barbara Miller and Kim Belmont, Community Action Southwest; Jeff Jameson, Energy Assistance Program; Richard Zimmerman, Jury Commissioner; John Adams, Phil Ames, Marcella Dalverny, Harry Sabatasse and Jerry Seaman, interested citizens; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter.

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

Reverend Van Riper led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Spahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 775 dated September 22, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving Minute No. 775 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring Washington County's support of the \$1 Energy Fund to assist families experiencing difficulties in affording adequate the high cost of utilities.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jameson accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their support in this very important matter.

Mr. Jameson gave information pertaining to how an individual may apply for the assistance given through this program. He also thanked Community Action Southwest for assisting as an intake office for those persons interested in apply for assistance.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring the week of October 17-21, 2005, as "National Business Women's Week".

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ms. McConville accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their continued support to women in business.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring October 30 – November 6, 2005, as “Pornography Awareness Week”.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Reverend Van Riper accepted the Proclamation and commended the Board for their support in declaring that pornography is not welcome in Washington County.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Ames, of Scenery Hill, expressed his concerns regarding satellites located near his property.

John Adams, of Independence Township, commented on the TIF issue in South Strabane Township.

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, again questioned when the Board would take action on stopping or at least on foregoing the raises granted to elected officials. He noted the taxpayers of Washington County can not afford to pay these increases.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board award the bid for the small machines and office equipment maintenance to West Point Products, Pittsburgh, PA. This contract is on a time and material basis at the rate of \$60 per hour effective October 6, 2005 through September 30, 2007 with the option to cancel by providing a thirty (30) day written notice.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, awarding the bid for office equipment maintenance 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 award the bid for the plumbing services on a time and material basis to McVehil Plumbing, Washington. PA. Hourly rates are as follows:

Regular Hour Rate	\$65/hr
Overtime	\$75/hr

This contract is in effect October 15, 2005 through October 14, 2006 with the option to extend for two additional one-year periods. The county has the option to cancel this contract by providing a thirty (30) day written notice.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, awarding the bid for Food and Staples 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 an agreement prepared by PennDOT for execution between Washington County and GAI Consultants for construction inspection of Pigeon # 2 bridge replacement in Monongahela. The specific rate contract cost of \$126,534.80 will be paid 90% federal, 5% state and 5% county liquid fuels.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with PennDOT for the inspection of Pigeon # 2 bridge as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval (pending PennDOT authorization) to award the construction contract for the rehabilitation of the Mid Wheeling # 1, Erskine, Covered Bridge in West Finley Township and the Mid Wheeling # 4, Mays Covered Bridge in Donegal Township to the lowest qualified bidder, Lone Pine Construction for a total cost of \$1,124,485.35. It is to be noted costs will be paid 100% State Act 26 funds.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the construction contract for rehabilitation of covered bridges as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval ratification of the Elderly Abuse Grant renewal with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$25,445. This federal grant is for calendar year 2006 and requires a county match of the same amount.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Elderly Abuse Grant renewal.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the addition of the Wellness Council of America (WELCOA) to the approved list of County associations. The cost for membership is \$365 per year.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Wellness Council of America as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval provider service agreements with the following 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.

Nicole Davis, Finleyville
Rainbow's End Learning Center, Washington
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Christina M. Varner, West Alexander

Charlene M. Frost, Monessen
Libelia Lyon, Donora
Mary Crawford, Washington
Clarence P. Belliveau, Oakdale

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Mary E. Patterson, Washington
 Brittany Copechal, Washington
 Sandra McCoy, Canonsburg
 Genevieve Sisk, Brownsville

Roxanne M. Coley, Canonsburg
 Debbie McMasters, Washington
 Mary J. Campbell, McDonald
 Theodore Zets, Washington

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

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 addendum to the agreement with Try Again Homes, Inc. to provide transitional housing for eligible disabled young adult homeless residents. This will extend the original agreement through September 30, 2005. Also, increase the original contract by \$11,865.00 for a total amount of \$61,865.00. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing agreement with Try Again Homes.

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 addendum to the agreement with Connect, Inc. dated October 21, 2004, to provide transitional housing to eligible disabled homeless residents. This will extend the contract date through September 30, 2005. Also, reduce the original contract by \$15,365.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$144,635.00. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the agreement with Connect, Inc. for Human 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 the ratification of the addendum to the agreement with Connect, Inc. dated August 25, 2005, to provide transitional housing to eligible disabled homeless residents. This will change the original contract date from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006 to May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the ratification of the addendum to the agreement with Connect, Inc. 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 the Washington Women's Shelter to provide transitional housing for domestic violence eligible homeless residents. The amount of this contract is \$3,500.00 for the period September 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with the Washington Women's Shelter as

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per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - 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 following Purchase of Service Providers for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for Children and Youth Services.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bridges & Pathways to the Future, Inc.	\$200,000
Mon Valley YMCA	150,000
Morningstar, Inc.	109,500
SPHS C.A.R.E. Center	120,000
Try Again Homes, Inc.	49,629
Crittenton Services, Inc.	40,000
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc.	100,000
TOTAL	\$ 769,129.00

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing agreement with Purchase of Service Providers for Children and Youth Services.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval addendums to the following providers for Children and Youth Services to increase the original contract amount for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

No additional County dollars are required.

	<u>INCREASE AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>
Pressley Ridge	\$70,000	\$445,000
Bridges & Pathways to the Future	\$50,000	\$175,000
Try Again Homes, Inc.	\$85,000	\$765,000
TOTAL	\$205,000	\$1,385,000

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendums to the provider agreements for Children and Youth Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract with Crossroads Speech and Hearing for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. The total amount of this contract is \$50,000.00, including \$5,000.00 of County Match dollars already budgeted. No additional match is requested.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract with Crossroads Speech and Hearing as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the current lease agreement with the Borough of Bentleyville for the Bentleyville Senior Citizens Center. This addendum would increase the monthly rent from \$200 plus \$175 for utilities to \$300 plus \$175 for utilities effective October 1, 2005 and also change the address for notifications. All other terms and conditions of the current lease agreement would remain in full force and effect.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the current lease agreement with the Borough of Bentleyville 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 ratification of Exhibit A of the current contract with Shipley Energy, York PA. Exhibit A provides for the extension of the current contract October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 at the fixed rate of \$15.14/DTH. The current contract allows for the renewal every three months at the current rates.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the ratification of Exhibit A of the current contract with Shipley Energy 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 renewal agreement with BI, Inc. for the extended warranty and support Services for the Electronic Field Monitoring Devices for the Courts. The cost of this service is \$10,744.17 annually. The effective date of this contract is November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the renewal agreement with BI, Inc. 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 application to the State Insurance Commission for Washington County to be approved as self-insured for worker's compensation insurance.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing application to the State Insurance Commission.

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 2006 Advantra rates at the cost of \$164.00 per person per month and the total retiree solutions rate is \$344.32 per person per month. These rates are applicable for the over 65 retiree hospitalization plans.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the 2006 Advantra rates 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 extension to the agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs to participate in a student work-study program. The Department of Veterans Affairs will pay \$5.15 (minimum wage) per hour. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the extension to the agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs 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 to purchase and deliver 2A stone to the Fairgrounds. Costs will be paid through FEMA funds and reconstruction will be completed through an agility agreement between the Fair Board and PennDOT.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the 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 an addendum to the current elevator maintenance contracts with ThyssenKrupp for additional testing required by the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Labor & Industry. The cost for these additional tests is \$800 per elevator which reflects the additional four hours per car for a team to complete the additional testing. informed the elevators will not be certified for operation and will have to be shut down. There are a total of seven elevators between the three buildings for an additional cost of \$5,600.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum with ThyssenKrupp 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 bid the purchase and delivery of 2A stone to the Fairgrounds, for the purchase and delivery of limestone dust to the fairgrounds; and for trucking services to deliver limestone from the Meadows to the Fairgrounds and to spread material for reconstructing the track at the Fairgrounds. The costs will be paid through FEMA funds and reconstruction will be completed through an agility agreement between the Fair Board and PennDOT.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing authorization to purchase and delivery various items for construction at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on October 12, 2005, immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel, labor relations and litigation styled Edward M. Mazor, et al vs. Washington County, et al at 2005-6320 and 2005-6321.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, that the Tax Assessment Office be authorized to prepare the following tax refunds due to either duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax:

1. Ann Caveney Choate (2005 County Tax)
59 Bowden Street
Lowell, MA 01852
District: Peters Township
Parcel: 540-006-01-02-0015-00
Total: \$421.37
2. Carol J. Walters - Carol J. Randolph (2000 thru 2003 County Tax)
10 Circle Drive
Finleyville, PA 15332
District: Nottingham Township
Parcel No. 530-002-00-00-0065-00
Total amount: \$55.22
3. Todd L. & Suzanne E. Ashmore (2004-2005 County Tax)
1009 S. Hewitt Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
District: Buffalo Township
Parcel No. 060-002-00-00-0012-02
Total amount: \$168.32
4. John G. & Kristin A. Wastchak (2005 County Tax)
162 Delaware Trail
Venetia, PA 15367
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-002-08-00-0017-00
Total amount: \$749.73
5. Richard J. Pistner (2005 County Tax)
1057 Royal Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: North Strabane Township
Parcel No. 520-011-06-00-0003-02
Total amount: \$459.82
6. Archie & Ruth Ann Davis (2005 County Tax)
140 Raspberry Road
Claysville, PA 15323
District: East Finley Township
Parcel No. 270-011-00-00-0033-11
Total amount: \$17.88
7. Francis W. & Sherry R. Strnisa (2005 County Tax)
251 Vance Drive
Burgettstown, PA 15021
District: Smith Township
Parcel No. 570-019-00-00-0030-00
Total amount: \$60.40

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

10:45 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

October 24, 2005

ATTEST: Mary E Delucko
CHIEF CLERK