

Minute No. 753

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, October 7, 2004

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, J. Bracken Burns, Sr. and Diana L. Irey. Also being present: Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joann Metz, Sue Orrick and Joy Sprowls, Commissioner's Office; Captains Todd Hammond and Bill Bryker; Carl Maggi, American Legion; Reverend Ed Gray, Faith United Presbyterian Church; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Jeff Yates, Dave Smith and Ron Sicchitano, Public Safety; Tim Kimmell, Director of Human Services; Katy Glass and Michelle Robinson Ritter, Washington Women's Shelter; John Elliott, Rodger Young and Owen Leaver, Washington County Firemen's Association; Denise Westwood and Kim Manko, Canonsburg General Hospital; Phil Ames, Harry Sabatasse, Diane Bova, John Adams, Jerry Seaman, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Linda Metz and Linda Ritzer, Observer-Reporter; Casey Gelden, PA Focus and Ken Bonnell, Weekly Recorder.

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

Reverend Gray led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Maggi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 752 dated September 16, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving Minute No. 752 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SPEICAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Glass accepted the Proclamation with honor and thanked the Board for their support.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation commending Canonsburg General Hospital on its centennial anniversary.

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.

Ms. Westwood accepted the Proclamation and commented on the history of Canonsburg General Hospital. She also recognized their wonderful staff and the involvement of the community in the success of the hospital.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring October 7, 2004 as "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Rodger Young and Dave Smith, of the Washington County Firemen's Association, accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their continued support.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Bova, a concerned taxpayer, stated she feels there are some things that need to be looked into in the Tax Revenue Office. She noted the Board should look at how contracts, agreements and assessed values are handled in that office.

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, commented on spending taxpayers' money for elected officials to receive a pay raise.

He also stated he requested copies from the Tax Revenue Office and was charged fifty cents per copy and noted the County's Right to Know policy states there will be a fee of twenty-five cents per page.

Co-Chairman Burns requested Mr. Sabatasse speak to Mr. Fergus regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a grant request for 2005 funding for the Parks and Recreation Office.

Mingo and Cross Creek Multi-Use Trials	(\$133,600)
\$106,880 DCNR	
\$26,720 County (in-kind)	
 Mingo and Cross Creek Shelter Pads	 (\$80,000)
\$40,000 DCNR	
\$40,000 County cash match	

\*This represents the revised grant request in lieu of those submitted for consideration in September except for the patrol boat grant request which was submitted.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the grant requests 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 authorization to submit a grant request to DCNR in the amount of \$110,000 for the completion of a Greenways study to complement the comprehensive plan. The costs will be paid 50% DCNR and 50% county in-kind match.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the grant request for the Greenways study 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 Highway Occupancy Permit Application to be submitted by the Montour Trail Association to PennDOT. The County must sign the document attesting to secondary ownership responsibilities for the structures along the trail corridor.

Moved Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Highway Occupancy Permit Application 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 revised general consent terms for accepting aviation grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as precipitated by recent revisions to audit clauses. The acceptance of these new terms is required for future funding of airport projects.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the revised general consent terms for accepting aviation grants 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 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.

Elizabeth H. Twigg, Perryopolis  
Jonathan B. McCoy, Burgettstown  
Susan Pallatt, Washington  
Francine Simms, Donora  
Sharon L. Quinn, Washington  
St. Francis Children's School, Scenery Hill

Amber R. Martin, Monongahela  
Parniece D. Hayes, Millsboro  
Patricia Ann Jaki, Finleyville  
Children of Grace, Coal Center  
Sheri L. Hudgkin, Canonsburg

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

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 addendum to the agreement with SW Pennsylvania American Red Cross to increase the original contract amount by \$6,198 for a total amount of \$100,629 for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the agreement with SW Pennsylvania American Red Cross 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 following agreements with the

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the total amount of \$10,000 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006 for the Aging Services Department. No County funds are required.

Canonsburg Area Senior Center – replace ceiling and floor tile and light fixtures in the kitchen and professional clean carpet in the amount of \$5,000

Bentworth Senior Center – replace carpet and kitchen equipment/small wares in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for senior centers.

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 following contracts in the total amount of \$133,207 for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 to provide children's consultation services to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on behalf of Pennsylvania counties. No County funds are required.

Dr. Kenneth Nash	\$ 9,500
Dr. Gordon Hodas	\$123,707

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing contracts for the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office.

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 following Purchase of Service contract addendums for Children and Youth Services for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are required.

	<u>ORINGINAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>REVISED CONTRACT AMT.</u>
Pressley Ridge	\$400,000	\$474,500
Try Again Homes, Inc.	\$530,000	\$545,000
White Deer Run, Inc./Cove Prep	\$ 90,000	\$108,500

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the following Purchase of Service contract addendums 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 the following Purchase of Service contracts for Children and Youth Services for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. No County funds are required.

White Deer Run, Inc./Cove Prep	\$ 75,000
Try Again Homes, Inc.	\$155,000
Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.	\$500,000
Bridges & Pathways to the Future, Inc.	\$ 50,000

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Purchase of Service contracts for Children and Youth Services.

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 following agencies for nursing services, which was put out for bid, for the Health Center and Correctional Facility.

Diamond Nursing, Washington, PA - Rates: RN - \$33.50/hr; LPN - \$28.50/hr  
ATC Health Care, Pittsburgh, PA - Rates: RN - \$36.80/hr; LPN - \$27.70/hr  
Community Care, Washington, PA - Rates: RN - \$37.75/hr; LPN - \$27.75

The effective dates are: November 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007 with the option to extend for two additional years by mutual consent of all parties.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with the foregoing agencies for nursing services for the Health Center and Correctional Facility.

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 Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus county property by an auction to be held tentatively on October 23, 2004 at the Health Center Parking Lot and the County Garage.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Resolution 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 agreement with an auctioneer at the rate of 10-15% of all the proceeds obtained at the county's auction for surplus personal property tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving an agreement with an auctioneer 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 to authorize the additional payment of \$14,652 to IKM, Inc. for architectural and engineering services to design renovations for the Health Center construction project.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the professional services agreement with IKM, 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 to authorize the renewal of the maintenance agreement with Com-Tec Security, LLC, Appleton, WI for the security system at the Correctional Facility. The cost of the yearly maintenance is \$6,630 and an hourly rate of \$80/hr plus expenses for emergency service calls and will be effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. It is to be noted this contract can be reviewed and terminated by either party at the end of each quarter; otherwise this agreement shall be renewed annually with 3% annual increases.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the renewal of the maintenance agreement with Com-Tec Security, LLC 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 request from the Retirement Board for Debra Strope to purchase service credit for retirement purposes in the amount of \$1,602.36 for the period of September 15, 1996 to March 26, 1997 and October 22, 1997 to January 4, 1998.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing request for Debra Strope.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board approve the reappointment of Rebecca L. Tomasiak to the Washington County Children and Youth Advisory Board for a two year term, effective September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, reappointing Rebecca L. Tamasiak to the Washington County Children and Youth Advisory Board.

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 six-month extension for the Elderly Abuse Grant with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The period of the grant will now be from January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the extension to the Elderly Abuse Grant 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 Resolution approving the plan revision and amendment to the Home Investment Partnership Program which is part of the County's Consolidated Action Plan.

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

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 HAVA Grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, for the period of October 1, 2004 through November 2, 2004 as reimbursement for overtime costs, additional staffing and other administrative activities associated with the November 2, 2004 General Election. It is to be noted no County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing HAVA Grant for the Election Office.

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 appointment of Ralph J. Ruscello to the Washington County Veterans Advisory Council for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, appointing Ralph Ruscello to the Washington County Veterans Advisory Council 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 Petition to vacate an alleyway in the Borough of Burgettstown lying between the property on which senior housing will be built and property owned by the County which is used as a walking trail. The purpose of the vacation is to provide access by the senior residents to the walking trail.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Petition to vacate an alleyway in the Borough of Burgettstown.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SOLICITOR

None

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

An executive session was held October 6, 2004 immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel and labor relations issues, litigation styled *Mindek v. Washington County and the United States of America*, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at No. CA 04-1245, County of Washington, Pennsylvania, v. *Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania* filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Civil Division at 5598 of 2004, *Columbia Gas v. County of Washington, Pennsylvania* filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Civil Division at No. 2004-5867 and *John C. Pettit, District Attorney, v. Michael Namie, Controller, with the Board of Commissioners of Washington County and Frederick A. Brilla*, noted as interested parties, filed at 2003-6317 in the Civil Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County.

The Washington County Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day holiday.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

10:50 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

October 14, 2004

ATTEST: Mary E Hellick  
CHIEF CLERK