

Minute No. 714

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, February 20, 2003

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 John P. Bevec, Diana L. Irej and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Catherine Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Vicki Bryan and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Steve Dugas, Veterans Affairs Benefit Coordinator; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Tom Cooke, Public Defender's Office; Bonnie Pattison, Highway Safety; Father George Livonas, All Saints Greek Orthodox Church; William Caldwell, member of the Washington County Veterans Council; Frank R. Mascara; Jean Byers, Business and Professional Women; Mary Ann Kirsch, Kevin Paulsen, Andrew Sabol, Robert Manual and Joyce Tan, Canonsburg Middle School; Laura Piechnick, Kathy Spallino, Gordon Watkins, Charleroi Middle School; Denise R. Cummins and Austin Blackert, Trinity Middle School; Charlie and Mary Jo Keenan, John Adams, Jerry Seaman, and Mr. & Mrs. Crum, interested citizens; Stacey Wolford, Valley Independent; Chris Haines, Herald-Standard; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter; Josh Frisbink, CUTV.

Chairman Bevec called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Father Livonas led with a prayer.

Mr. Caldwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 713 dated February 6, 2003.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Bevec, that Minute No. 713 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a plaque of recognition to Frank Mascara for his many years of service in government to the public and the residents of Washington County.

Mr. Mascara thanked the Board for the plaque and stated it has always been a pleasure to work in government. Mr. Mascara congratulated the Board for their positive influence in county government and for demonstrating what it takes to move Washington County forward on the many projects at hand.

Chairman Bevec thanked Mr. Mascara for all he has done for Washington County as Controller, Commissioner and Congressman.

Commissioner Burns commented on the many positive achievements Mr. Mascara accomplished while in office at the county and federal levels.

Commissioner Irej stated Mr. Mascara accomplished a great deal in Washington County and even though she was courted by the Republican Committee several times to run for congress, she declined because Mr. Mascara was doing many positive things for Washington County.

On behalf of the Commissioners, Commissioner Burns presented certificates of congratulations to winners of the MATHCOUNTS 2003 competition and their coaches.

Jean Byers, BPW Coordinator, made comments regarding the MATHCOUNTS competition and thanked the Board of Commissioners for the certificates to the students who participated in MATHCOUNTS 2003 competition.

Bonnie Pattison of Highway Safety, gave an update of the new seatbelt laws, effective February 21, 2003, that requires children up to the age of eight years old to be in booster seats and persons up to the age of 18 years old in seat belts. Ms. Pattison also gave phone numbers for anyone wishing to contact her office with questions about the new seatbelt law or anyone who may need assistance in obtaining a booster seat.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charlie Keenan of Blaine Township addressed the Board regarding the "land swap deal" and Blaine Township. Mr. Keenan stated Blaine Township will like to obtain some acreage to use as a recreational area and development for the residents.

Mr. Keenan noted he did receive a letter from Commissioner Irey in support of obtaining some acreage for the township and commended her for her efforts. He then questioned the Board if a motion could be made to withdraw the preliminary objections against Blaine Township in order to proceed with receiving the forty-seven acres for the township.

Commissioner Irey questioned Solicitor DiSalle if this action is something that could be done at the next Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

Solicitor DiSalle stated he was under the impression there was some discussion of releasing 20-25 acres.

Mr. Keenan pointed out a minimum of forty seven acres was requested.

It was noted the Board would look into this matter.

Mr. Keenan asked the Board if it would be possible to send all correspondence to him at his home address instead of the township building.

Some discussion was held regarding the ballfield for youth to play in the upcoming season.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board reject and readvertise for bids for Internet Services. It was determined after reviewing the proposals that there is a need to revise the specifications.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, to reject and readvertise bids for Internet Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension to the bid for Security Services with Victory Security (formerly Bedway Security) Carnegie, PA. The hourly rates are as follows:

Year two - \$9.67 Year three - \$9.97

This extension is in accordance with the current contract and has been agreed to by the vendor. The contract will be extended through March 31, 2005 and all terms and conditions of the current contract will remain the same. The total yearly cost is approximately \$65,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to authorize the extension to the Security Services bid as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize an extension to the bid for Duplicating Paper with Liberty Distributors, Triadelphia W.VA. This extension is in accordance with the current contract and has been agreed to by the vendor. The contract will be extended through April 30, 2004 and all terms and conditions of the current contract will remain the same. The total yearly cost is approximately \$34,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to authorize the extension to the bid for Duplicating Paper as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension of the bid for Gloves for all county departments to the following vendors:

Druzak Medical, Inc., Ambridge, PA

Chargrin Safety Supply, Chargrin Falls, OH

Moore Medical Corp, New Britain, CT

Thomas Howell, West Chester, PA

This extension is in accordance with the current contract and has been agreed to by the vendors. The contract will be extended through April 30, 2004 and all terms and conditions of the current contract will remain the same. The total yearly cost is approximately \$20,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to authorize the foregoing bid extension for Gloves.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for two used vans for the Juvenile Probation School Program to the following vendors:

Tomsic Motor Company, Washington, PA - \$7495
1998 Dodge Caravan (43,925 miles)

West Pointe Chrysler, Burgettstown, PA - \$9965
1999 Plymouth Gran Voyager (55,333 miles)

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, awarding the foregoing bid for the Juvenile Probation School Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of the annual contract with Boyle Consulting for the design and implementation of Seagate Crystal Reports for the FACTS 5 system for Court Automation. It is to be noted the funds to support this contract are contained within the Court Automation budget. The

contract is effective February 20, 2003 through February 19, 2004 at the cost of \$125 per hour on site and \$100 per hour off site. The total services will not exceed \$15,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing renewal of professional services contract with Boyle Consulting as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval pharmacy agreements with Kmart of McMurray and Centerville Clinic of Fredericktown for the payment of prescription medications authorized by the MH/MR Program for eligible clients. The term of these agreements will be from February 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 and no County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with pharmacies for the MH/MR Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Washington School District for the School Based Probation Program. This agreement will establish a credit for Washington School District of \$55,349.00 payable over the next four years beginning in 2003. It is to be noted an error was discovered by the County in 2002 in which the amount charged the school district had been paid by Juvenile Court Judge's Commission.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with Washington School District for the School Based Probation Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the expenditure of \$8,973.50 for the purchase of a server and computer to operate the office's new software. This amount represents fifty percent of the total cost and the remaining fifty percent will be matched by a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the purchase of a server and computers for the Public Defender's Office as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Margaret Bertovich, Avella
Mike Haywood, Donora

Tanya Coleman, Donora

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Cooperative Agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate the Gorby Run Flood Control Project that was damaged in the 2002 flooding event. The total cost of the project will be \$84,600 to be paid 100% by the Army Corps. It is to be noted Washington County is required to operate and maintain the project upon completion of the work.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Cooperative Agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval reducing the off-base fee at the Washington County Airport implemented on January 1, 2002 from \$35 per plane/per month to \$25 per plane/per month to distinguish off-base fees from tie-down fees on the base.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the reduction in off-base fees at the Airport as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on February 5, 2003 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues.

The quarterly Retirement Board Meeting will be held today immediately following the Board of Commissioners Meeting today.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, 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. Michael A. Carcella & R. M. Schock (2002 County Tax)
Post Office Box 194
Dunlevy, PA 15532
District: Dunlevy Borough
Parcel No. 250-016-01-00-0006-00
Total Amount: \$222.69

- 2. Washington County Habitat for Humanity (2003 County Tax)
 29 North College Street
 Washington, PA 15301
 District: Washington 7th Ward
 Parcel No. 770-039-00-03-0005-00
 Total Amount: \$110.29

- 3. Mary Tirpak (2003 County Tax)
 501 Madera Street
 New Eagle, PA 15067
 District: New Eagle Borough
 Parcel No. 480-014-00-01-0009-01
 480-014-00-01-0009-00
 Total Amount: \$145.50

- 4. Patrick M. & Cherryl B. Fitch (2003 County Tax)
 305 Tree Top Drive
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: Cecil Township
 Parcel No. 140-009-09-01-0031-00
 Total Amount: \$10.62

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution and Second Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the Washington County Council on Economic Development regarding the Starpointe Industrial/Business Park Project located in Hanover Township.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Resolution and Second Amendment tot he Cooperative Agreement with the Washington County Council on Economic Development.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

February 27, 2003

ATTEST: Catherine C. Kresh
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK