

Minute No. 715

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, March 6, 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. Irely and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Catherine Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Vicki Adams, Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Lisa Cessna, Vicki Bryan, Jeff Leithauser and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Nancy Bielawski, Purchasing Agent; Steve Dugas, Veterans Affairs Benefit Coordinator; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Francis King, Treasurer; Debbie Bardella, Recorder of Deeds; Kathleen Flynn, Register of Wills; Pastor Jeff St. Clair, United Methodist Church; Carl Maggi, member of the Washington County Veterans Council; David Blose, Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Council; Edward Snarey and Joe Abate, members of the Veterans Advisory Council; Tom Shade, National Alliance/Mentally Ill; Bonnie Gilbert and Dennis Fazzolare, Air Charter Service, Inc.; Charlie and Mary Jo Keenan, John Adams, Fred and Delcina Fleet, Bill West, Harry Sabatasse, Andy and Gus Pagac, Amy Lucsko, Pam Buchleitner, interested citizens; Stacey Wolford, Valley Independent; Chris Haines, Herald-Standard; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter.

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

Pastor St. Clair led with a prayer.

Mr. Maggi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 714 dated February 20, 2003.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Bevec, that Minute No. 714 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edward Snarey, a member of the Veterans Advisory Council, addressed the Board regarding three requests the council presented to the Commissioners but as of this date have not received action from the Board. Mr. Snarey requested the Board take some action today, if possible, regarding the list of items:

1. The Veterans Affairs Director report directly to the Commissioners instead of Mr. Krcelich.
2. Reinstate Colonel Chuck Rockwell to the position of Veterans Affairs Director.
3. Assign a full time staff person to work for the Veterans Director in order to bring the office into compliance with the state laws.

Discussion was held regarding the requests and additional items that were requested in a earlier letter to the Board, ie., Board appointments and the Veterans Director be relieved of any additional duties not related to the veterans office.

Chairman Bevec informed Mr. Snarey that the Veterans requests are on today's agenda and would be acted upon at that time.

Steve Dugas, Veterans Affairs Benefit Coordinator, commented on his recent hiring into this position and briefly described his duties in the office. Mr. Dugas also stated that he is assisted by staff from the Human Services

Office.

Andy Pagac, a former Veterans Affairs Director, commented on the recent requests and demands by the Veterans Advisory Council. Mr. Pagac stated as a former director, he ran the office without any additional staff.

Charlie Keenan of Blaine Township addressed the Board regarding the "land swap deal" and Blaine Township. Mr. Keenan expressed his concerns regarding assessed values and the loss of taxable properties in the Blaine Township area.

Mr. Keenan questioned the Board regarding a motion to approve the forty-seven acres for the township to use as a recreational park.

Commissioner Irely stated for the record she is willing, and asking her colleagues to join her, to make a request to the Washington County Council on Economic Development for forty-seven acres to be conveyed to Blaine Township free and clear. Commissioner Irely noted a copy would be sent to each member on the Washington County Council on Economic Development Board.

Chairman Bevec noted he is willing to work with WCCED and Blaine Township in reference to this request.

More discussion followed on this matter.

Pam Buchleitner, of Blaine Township and a member of the Youth Rodeo Association, commented on the need for acreage to build a recreational park for youth to participate in various activities, namely a youth rodeo. Ms. Brooklitner stated the many positive aspects of rodeos for children in the area.

Mary Jo Keenan, of Blaine Township, commended and thanked Commissioner Irely for taking a stand in assisting the township in obtaining acreage to be used for a recreational park to be used by all age groups.

Amy Lucsko, of Buffalo Township and a member of the Youth Rodeo Association, stated she has sent the Board letters regarding youth rodeos. She gave the Board a brief outline of the rodeo association on a local and national level and the role it plays in promoting high school children to get involved in this sport and the impact of individuals visiting from other areas who spend money at local businesses. Ms. Lucsko stated she is happy with what she heard today with regards to the acreage for the recreational park.

Commissioner Irely stated in Monongahela there is a rodeo arena and she is familiar with this worthwhile activity for children to do besides athletic sports. She thanked all those who are involved in the rodeo association in giving youth another option.

Tom Shade, a member of the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, stated his concerns regarding veterans with disabilities being referred to the Veterans Office in Pittsburgh instead of being assisted here in Washington. He did point out the Veterans Office is not doing anything wrong but the office should do more to assist the veteran with disabilities.

Chairman Bevec noted this is an example of the need for more training and communication to be given to the person in the position of assisting veterans in the distribution of available veterans services. He stated he has contacted Representative Solobay, who is the Democratic caucus and Vice Chairman of the Veterans Affairs, to arrange for the director of veterans affairs on the state level to come to Washington County, hopefully before the end of March, to hold a seminar and a policy hearing in order to hear all the problems at the state level and, if possible, we'll work with Governor

Rendell to work the details out on the issues. Chairman Bevec invited anyone who may be interested to attend this seminar and noted it would be advertised in the paper.

Chairman Bevec pointed out the importance of training personnel to be able to handle the veterans needs when they come to the office for assistance.

Fred Fleet, a resident of Washington, mentioned the fact that GG&C Bus Company does run a service for veterans to use to travel to Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh.

The Commissioners noted this information would be included in the next Veterans Newsletter.

John Adams, of Avella, commented on the use of the veterans van going to the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Ed Snarey noted for the record he did not make any demands to the Board of Commissioner but merely made recommendations to the Board. Mr. Snarey stated it is important for the veterans director to report to the Board rather than a director of another office. He pointed out that nowhere in the state laws does it state the director of veterans affairs is to report to the Director of Human Services.

It was noted the present administration inherited the fact that the veterans affairs director reports to the Human Services Director.

Chairman Bevec stated back in May, 2002, the first time the veterans had some items the Board acted upon them without much discussion then the veterans came back in January and there was some disagreement on some of the items but was willing to come to a compromise so everyone could move forward. However, when he spoke with the new chairman about sitting down to work these things out, he was told to wait until the election was over and then it could be worked out at that time. Chairman Bevec stressed the fact he wants to work the issues out but no one wants to sit down to discuss them with him. He also pointed out it has been said the county is out of compliance with state law but to this date no one has shown where the county is out of compliance.

Discussion was held regarding the number of veterans served in the past few months and the need to meet to discuss the issues brought to the Board for consideration by the veterans group.

Commissioner Burns stated these issues began when the county hired a veterans director without consulting the veterans advisory council. He noted when the chairman brought this issue to the Board's attention, we took him and a couple of others off the advisory council. He pointed out the Board has disrespected the veterans and that is the problem and it is not incumbent upon them to fix the Board's problems but incumbent upon the Board to fix our problems. He stated the Board needs to respect those who have served us well. Commissioner Burns noted the need for a full time director, one that is not subject to firing for capricious reasons, one that comes to work and has a commitment to the veterans.

Discussion was held regarding Mr. Rockwell's request for time off when he was employed by the county and the hiring of a veterans director.

Commissioner Irej clarified there is a committee who does the interviewing and hiring of individuals who do not report directly to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Irej pointed out that the Board was asked to participate in the final interview process and Commissioner Burns never said a word. Mrs. Irej noted she lets directors do their job and choose the people that would be answering to them.

Regarding Mr. Irwin's appointment as Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Council, Commissioner Irej pointed out there have been accusations the Board removed Mr. Irwin from that position when in fact he was not legally appointed by the Board of Commissioners to that position according to their bylaws.

She also pointed out that it was Commissioner Burns and herself who made a commitment to reactivate the Veterans Advisory Council. At that time, there was a need for a van and she said the county should hire a van driver. Commissioner Irej noted Commissioner Burns suggested and ordered letters be sent to the veterans post asking for donations to pay for the van driver. Commissioner Irej stated some of the posts responded with donations but she said they should have never had to do that.

Discussion was held regarding the firing of Mr. Rockwell.

Chairman Bevec asked Mr. Blose, Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Council, if he is willing to meet with the Commissioners to work on the issues at hand. Mr. Blose stated that would be appropriate.

Mr. Snarey questioned Chairman Bevec regarding the removal of Dennis Koman as an appointee on the advisory council. Chairman Bevec noted he spoke with Mr. Koman and he does support his appointment but someone would have to step down for that appointment. A brief discussion was held regarding Harry Wilson's current appointment on the board.

Commissioner Irej suggested to Mr. Blose that the Board act on the three requests today and to hold the appointments to the advisory council until a meeting is held to discuss the appointments and other issues.

Mr. Blose stated he would like to do the appointments today along with the other requests.

George Krcelich, Director of Human Services, noted he was the one who initiated the firing of Charles Rockwell not the Board of Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for "Elevator Upgrades" for the Washington County Courthouse and Courthouse Square to Thyssen Krupp Elevator Corporation, Pittsburgh PA based on their per unit cost as submitted in their bid proposal.

Courthouse Square – 3 Dover Elevators Complete Upgrade (must add 1B to complete upgrade)	\$42,995.00	\$128,985.00
Removal of Car Door Operators etc replace w/ modern equipment	\$4,995.00	<u>14,985.00</u>
A+1B Total		\$143,970.00
 Courthouse – 1 Old General II Replace obsolete Elevator		 \$ 53,985.00
 TOTAL AWARD		 \$197,955.00

The Elevator Upgrades has been awarded to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Work for the Courthouse shall be completed within 150 days of Notice to Proceed. On site work to begin July 1, 2003 with a completion date to be no later than August 31, 2003. Work for the Courthouse Square shall be completed within 250 days of Notice to Proceed. At all times 2 elevators will be operational. This is being paid from the bond issue.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid for Elevator Upgrades as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Meat products for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility to the following vendors based on their per unit cost as submitted in their bid proposal.

Green Valley Packing, Claysville, PA
Sysco Food Service, Pittsburgh Pa
WS Lee & Sons, Altoona PA

All items have been awarded to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. This bid is effective April 1, 2003 through July 31, 2003. The total monthly cost is approximately \$28,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, awarding the bid for Meat products as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension to the bid for contract for maintenance of HVAC equipment at all county owned buildings and buildings that are leased by the county where we are responsible for the maintenance of the HVAC equipment. This extension is in accordance with the current contract and has been agreed to by the vendors, Quality Mechanical Services, Verona, PA and Invensys Building Systems, Canonsburg, PA. The contract will be extended through March 31, 2004 and all terms and conditions of the current contract will remain the same. The total yearly cost is approximately \$65,000 year.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board reject bids for the markers as the bid received was a non-responsive bid. The bidder did not submit unit costs as required. Due to the limited time frame, a new bid has been advertised and will be opened on Tuesday, March 4, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to reject the bids for Markers as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following list of requests submitted by the Washington County Veterans Advisory Board:

- ~ Reinstate Charles Rockwell to the position of Veterans Affairs Director
- ~ The Veterans Director answer directly to the Commissioners instead of George Krcelich
- ~ Assign another full time staff person to work for Charles Rockwell in order to bring that office in compliance with state laws.

Chairman Bevec noted the Board would take the first request for a vote but questioned Solicitor DiSalle on how to handle this item since it is a personnel issue.

Solicitor DiSalle stated under the circumstances since it's a request by the Veterans Advisory Council, he suggested the Board take action on this item.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to reinstate Charles Rockwell as Veterans Director.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irej - No; Mr. Bevec - No.

Motion does not pass.

Commissioner Irej noted for the record her "No" vote is because she is standing behind the director of human services and the judgement he has used in excersing his authority along with the personnel department.

Chairman Bevec questioned Mr. Blose with regards to the representation from the council and would like to move forward with that recommendation but wanted to know if action should be taken on this mater or wait until that person has had an opportunity to work with you on making those recommendations.

Mr. Blose stated he would like to get a consensus from all of the board members. Mr. Blose noted he would feel more comfortable discussing this with his board on what plan of action they would like to take and then report back when a meeting has been set up.

Commissioner Burns brought to the Board's attention the issue of naming to the Board those that were identified by the commanders of the respective groups but not directly related to the Veterans director.

Moved by Mr. Burns, the Board take whatever steps are necessary to see to it that the individuals named by the commanders of their respective organizations are accepted to the Veterans Advisory Council including seeking an amendment to the by laws to expand the Veterans Advisory Council, in order to respect the appointments made by the commanders.

Discussion followed regarding the motion made by Commissioner Burns.

Chairman Bevec stated if the council submits a name that he feels he cannot support for whatever reason he'll honor that but he will not tie his hands. He said he was given a right to vote for those he wants to vote for just like everyone else in the room and he will not give that right up.

Commissioner Burns stated it is extremely disrespectful to the commanders of those posts when they make a good faith nomination of an individual that they want to represent their group and its membership. He also respects his right to make a final decision but would be more than happy to defer to the commander of an organization as to who should represent his organization.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to hold the appointments of Dennis Koman, Lew Irwin and Herman Bigi to the advisory council until this item is discussed at the planned meeting.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Irej stated she appreciates the veterans' services and the Board understands their frustrations regarding these issues. She also noted the Board wants to honor our veterans and do the right thing for them.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the acceptance of a Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for Phase I of the Comprehensive Planning Process for Washington County. The acceptance of this grant also certifies that the local match of \$32,235 cash and \$42,765 in-kind services is available.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing acceptance of a Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program Grant.

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 four right of entry agreements with property owners adjacent to the Gorby Run Levee Rehabilitation project to be completed by the Army Corps of Engineers. These agreements grant permission to enter property and complete necessary work to the flood control project during an 18 month period as signed by the respective property owners.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the right of entry agreements 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 a twenty-five year lease and agreement with the Amateur Astronomers Society for the construction and management of an observatory and planetarium in Mingo Creek County Park. The County will provide access through an improved road and maintain the road and surrounding property. The Astronomers will maintain the buildings and equipment and conduct programs in conjunction with the Parks Department.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the twenty-five year lease and agreement with the American Astronomers Society 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 an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to administer the Child Care Information Services Program in Washington County for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$5,174,823.00. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare 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.

Shalon Davis, Monessen
Karen Ray, Burgettstown

Patricia Jo Scott, Washington
Allison Elleard, Houston

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 pharmacy agreement with Washington Pharmacy of Washington for the payment of prescription medications authorized by the MH/MR Program for eligible clients. The term of this agreement 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 pharmacy agreement with Washington Pharmacy of Washington 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 a HIPAA Amendment to the current management services contract with Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc. No changes to funding is required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the HIPAA Amendment to the current management services contract with Southwestern Behavioral Health Management, Inc.

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 previously submitted list of projected annual costs for the MH/MR Program in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 per year. This will be for costs related to meals or beverages supplied in order to provide work related meetings and assemblages, effective January 1, 2003 and to continue on an annual basis.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the blanket agreement with Mental Health/Mental Retardation 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 to appoint the following individuals to serve as Ballot Inspectors for the Special Election to be held on March 11, 2003:

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| Madge Finney | LaTisha Gibbs |
| Eileen Davis | Kathryn Zamboky |

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to appoint the foregoing individuals as Ballot Inspectors.

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 appoint the following individuals to serve on the Canvas Board for the Special Election to be held on March 11, 2003:

Patricia Hagedorn	Eleanore Spahr
Linda Seaman	Millicent Power

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to appoint the foregoing individuals to the Canvas Board.

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 an expenditure of \$5,500 for the software program for the office. It is to be noted that a grant from Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency will reimburse the county 100% when funding becomes available in September, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the expenditure for the software program 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 continuation of the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) with the Pennsylvania Department of Crime and Delinquency. The amount of the federal grant is \$65,510 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 and includes a soft county match of 20%.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act Grant 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 PEMA County Emergency Operations Planning Grant in the amount of \$48,601.87 for the period of December 13, 2002 through December 15, 2003. The purpose of the grant is to enhance the county emergency operations plan, placing a special emphasis on terrorism preparedness. No county match is required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the PEMA County Emergency Operations Planning Grant 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 West Nile Virus Grant application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$19,943.55 for the period of January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003. Pending state budget approval, the award for July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 will be \$46,534.95 for a total of \$66,478.50. It is to be noted no county match is required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the West Nile Virus Grant application as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an expenditure in the amount of \$103 for a meal ticket for a staff member from Public Safety to attend training in Berryville, Virginia on July 28 through August 1, 2003. All other lodging and travel will be paid for by the Federal Emergency Management Agency conducting the training.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing expenditure for a staff member to attend training.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to bid for the construction of a storage building at the Washington County Airport to house the Bridge/Airport Departments. The cost is estimated at \$250,000. It is to be noted approximately \$200,000 will be covered the existing 2002 Airport Bond Issue and approximately \$50,000 from Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, authorizing the advertising of bids for the construction of a storage building as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the contract with Randall G. Rodriguez, DMD for the provision of dental services at the Health Center. This addendum will extend the contract indefinitely unless cancelled by either party with thirty days written notice and includes HIPPA regulations. The cost of the service is \$600 per month on an "as needed basis".

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the addendum to the contract with Randall G. Rodriguez, DMD as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a state contract purchase for a new telephone system for the Washington County Transportation Authority from Third Generation of PA at the cost of \$18,775. The current system is antiquated and unable to provide the level of service needed as the call volume continues to grow. The Penn DOT Community Transportation Capital Grant will pay 100% of the cost, therefore, no county dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing state contract purchase for a new telephone system for the Washington County Transportation Authority.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a state contract purchase for new work stations and furniture for the business offices at the Washington County Health Center from Allsteel, Inc. and the Hon Company. The total cost of this purchase is approximately \$22,000. This purchase will be paid from the Health Center Capital Fund.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the state contract purchase for new work stations at the Health Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the continuation of an agreement to participate in the Washington Hospital Occupational Medicine Center consortium for drug and alcohol testing of CDL drivers for 2003. It is to be noted costs of the tests vary according to sample type.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the continuation of an agreement to participate in the Washington Hospital Occupational Medicine Center consortium as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Addendum #2 with Chapman Corporation for the land lease at the Washington County Airport. The final survey of the leased property results in a decrease of \$416.28 per year. This addendum reflects the revised monthly payment due of \$587.53.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving Addendum #2 with Chapman Corporation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Change Order #1 with Mingo Creek Construction for Mingo Creek County Park. The additional quantities of \$27,802.92 were offset by other deductions in the contract resulting in a net decrease of \$0.29. The final contract amount is \$412,307.71 to be paid 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving Change Order #1 with Mingo Creek Construction as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a state contract purchase for four Cisco switches at a total cost of approximately \$8,388 to replace equipment that has failed as a result of a power surge. It is to be noted this purchase will be paid by capital funds but may be reimbursed from the County's insurance carrier.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing state contract purchase for four Cisco switches.

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 CCAP 50/50 grant for approximately \$103,000 for network upgrades to provide ultra secure connectivity to the county JNET link for county law enforcement offices. The Human Services Department has agreed to provide the additional 50% of the cost for use of the connection to provide remote connectivity with HIPAA level security for providers. As a result of the failures, Information Technology is requesting to move forward with the upgrade of the Cisco switches at Courthouse Square under the CCAP grant to ensure that the network is fully functional at all times. The cost of this upgrade is approximately \$27,573.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the CCAP 50/50 grant for network upgrades 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 March 5, 2003 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues.

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. NVR Mtg. Finance Inc. for Anthony J. & Holly L. Gregory (2003 County Tax)
 Post Office Box 999 Escrow Department
 Pittsburgh, PA 15230
 District: North Strabane Township
 Parcel No. 520-002-05-00-0035-00
 Total Amount: \$80.67

2. Frank J. & Jean Fazzini (2001 County Tax)
 70 Winthrow Road
 Eighty Four, PA 15330
 District: Nottingham Township
 Parcel No. 530-003-00-00-0031-00
 Total Amount: \$106.44

3. Donald M. & Faith R. Teyssier (1998 – 2002 County Tax)
 291 McConnell Road
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: Cecil Township
 Parcel No. 140-007-03-04-0014-00
 Total Amount: \$73.52

4. Country Wide for Bruce M. Weide (2003 County Tax)
 Post Office Box 10211
 Tax Department SV24
 Van Nuys, CA 91410
 District: Canonsburg 3rd Ward
 Parcel No. 110-015-00-00-0001-00
 Total Amount: \$90.80
5. Paul & Emily Briggs (2003 County Tax)
 315 Moore Road
 Washington, PA 15301
 District: South Franklin Township
 Parcel No. 590-012-09-00-0018-01
 Total Amount: \$15.43
6. First Fed. S&L for Vito & Cheryl L. Dentino (2003 County Tax)
 Post Office Box 1246
 Uniontown, PA 15401
 District: California Borough
 Parcel No. 080-018-00-04-0012-00
 Total Amount: \$111.27
7. Joshua E. & Melinda D. Hampson (2003 County Tax)
 2292 The Circle
 Washington, PA 15301
 District: Canton Township
 Parcel No. 120-012-08-00-0006-00
 Total Amount: \$23.82
8. HCR Manor Care 492 (2002 County Tax)
 Tax Department, 5th Floor
 Post Office Box 10086
 333 North Summit Street
 Toledo, OH 43699
 District: Peters Township
 Parcel No. 540-011-00-00-0019-00
 Total Amount: \$900.10
9. Lonny G. Stille (1998 – 2002 County Tax)
 126 McChain Road
 Finleyville, PA 15332
 District: Union Township
 Parcel No. 640-004-00-00-0027-02
 Total Amount: \$60.48
10. NVR Mtg. Finance Inc. for John P. & Phyllis S. McIlwain (2003 County Tax)
 Escrow Department
 Post Office Box 999
 Pittsburgh, PA 15230
 District: Peters Township
 Parcel No. 540-009-07-00-0001-00
 Total Amount: \$96.08
11. Slovenian S & L Assoc. 2003 County Tax
 for Robert & Stacey Hall
 107 Latimer Avenue
 Strabane, PA 15363
 District: Houston Borough
 Parcel No. 360-005-00-02-0015-00
 Total amount: \$165.67

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further business, Chairman Bevec declared the meeting adjourned at approximately Noon.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

March 17, 2003

ATTEST: Catherine E. Kresh
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK