

Minute No. 725

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, August 7, 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. Irey and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Cathi Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Deputy Sheriff John Rheel and Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Reverend Paul Leone, First Christian Church; Robert Sepsey, Disabled Veterans; Michelle Miller Kotula, April Secrist, Deyotta Healy, Human Resources; Deana DeRosa, Human Services; Deanne Montgomery, Public Safety; Liz Sullivan, Correctional Facility; Gary Mucho, Director of Veterans Affairs; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Bill Campbell and Natalie Bonanno, United Way; Harry Sabatasse, John Adams, A.L. Sorenson and Ray Weszel, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Stacey Wolford, Valley Independent; Nancy Miller, PA Focus and Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter.

(Chairman Bevec was attending a meeting and would be arriving soon.)

Vice Chairman Irey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Leone led with a prayer.

Mr. Sepsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Irey entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 724 dated July 17, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, that Minute No. 724 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

(Chairman Bevec entered the meeting.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Natalie Bonanno, of United Way, presented the Board of Commissioners a plaque commending the Washington County employees for participating in the 2003 United Way Campaign. Ms. Bonanno thanked the Commissioners for their support in this worthwhile cause and for the employees contributing more this year than in the past.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, addressed the Board regarding issues Allegheny County is facing with recent layoffs of city employees. He pointed out the Commissioners should look into ways the county can save taxpayers money by possibly advertising for services, such as legal services. Mr. Sabatasse also questioned the hiring of the Tax Appeal Board members.

Commissioner Irey stated she would be in favor of re-examining this matter and supports the advertising of the county's legal services. She also noted the Board of Commissioners have worked very hard to keep a line on taxes and stated there has not been a need to increase taxes to pass Washington County's budget for several years.

Mr. Sabatasse also brought the matter of elected officials receiving raises and the meeting that was held to approve said raises for perpetuity.

It was noted by the Board that elected officials had not received a raise in ten years.

Discussion was held regarding the issue of elected officials receiving a raise.

Commissioner Irey stated that in retrospect she feels this action may have been a bad decision and is willing to make a motion to hold another advertised evening meeting with other elected officials so they may speak on this issue and re-examine it before the Board acts on the matter.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, Mr. Bevec, to hold another meeting regarding elected official's raises.

Roll call:

Mr. Burns stated the meeting has been held in accordance with state law, advertised in accordance to state law and held in the time frame that the state law mandates and a vote was taken. Mr. Burns noted, quite frankly, he was not sure the Board is permitted to adjust the salaries at this point in time because of the window of opportunity for adjusting salaries of elected officials has closed. He also explained any decision that is made now, unless he is mistaken, could not be made by this Board of Commissioners but if the next Board of Commissioners chose to do this it would only impact elected officials four years thereafter.

Chairman Bevec agreed with Commissioner Burns' statements and noted this issue needs to be researched before a vote can be taken, therefore, he was withdrawing his second on the motion made by Commissioner Irey until the solicitor has had time to further review this matter.

Commissioner Irey stated she believes there may still be a window of opportunity to take action on this matter.

It was noted Solicitor DiSalle would research this matter and give an opinion to the Board.

A.L. Sorensen, of McMurray, also addressed the Board regarding elected official pay raises and questioned if the Board receives this raise every year in perpetuity.

Chairman Bevec pointed out it is a three percent raise every year and noted only future boards can discontinue this action.

John Adams, of Avella, presented the Board with a letter he received from Governor Rendell regarding property tax relief and commented on the Southpointe billboard issue and the Home Rule Study report that he is still waiting to receive from the committee.

Chairman Bevec stated he has contacted the chair of that committee and was informed Mr. Adams should contact Beck Bailey for the requested information.

Chairman Bevec also stated he will send a certified letter to the chair asking her to submit the committee's report.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension of the Lumber bid through February 28, 2004. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and has been agreed to by the vendors. The vendors are West Elizabeth Lumber Co., Elizabeth, PA and Donora Lumber Co., Donora, PA.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, extending the lumber bid as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an encumbrance increase for the Buffalo #38, Brownlee Bridge in Buffalo Township. The total encumbrance of \$225,000 represents the total cost to Washington County (20%) for the \$1,122,540.00 project.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the encumbrance increase for the Buffalo #38, Brownlee Bridge 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 East Finley Township to transfer the ownership and maintenance responsibility of Wheeling #30 from Washington County to East Finley Township. Washington County will remove and relocate the covered bridge from the site and East Finley Township will construct a structure in its place.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with East Finley Township for the transfer of ownership and maintenance responsibility of Wheeling #30 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 agreements with the Washington County Alternative School, Canon-McMillan School District and Trinity School District for the purpose of maintaining the existing school-based probation program within each district. The cost of the program is to be shared by the County and school districts for fiscal year September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreements 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 participation in the fiscal year 2003-2004 nursing home intergovernmental transfer. This participation will require the adoption of an IGT authorizing resolution and a TRAN resolution.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving participation in the fiscal year 2003-2004 nursing home intergovernmental transfer 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.

YMCA of New Kensington, Arnold
Anejayne Dick, Charleroi
Chris Neidermeyer, Monongahela
Mary Warne, Washington
Tara Ann Messner, Washington
Fern Oliver, McDonald
Tammy Speicher, Washington
Mary Etta Patterson, Washington
Jessica Kay Hunter, Washington
Deborah Coneby, Houston
Linsay Burk, Washington

Tamara Benoit, Bentleyville
Christianna Weston, McMurray
Doris Bayles, Amity
Mary Patterson, Canonsburg
Loretta Perkins, Canonsburg
Marjorie Obade, Charleroi
Rose Conte, Canonsburg
Nancy Crowell, Bulger
Thresa Hilliard, Burgettstown
Tanya Coleman, Donora
Brenda Castner, Charleroi

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; Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval two grant renewals with the Pennsylvania Department on Crime and Delinquency. Both the Victims of Juvenile Offenders and Rights and Services Act grants are for the calendar year 2004 and are totally funded by the Commonwealth.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving two grant renewals with the Pennsylvania Department on Crime and Delinquency as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommend the Board approve the Marine Corps League of PA, Inc. chapter into the Veterans Advisory Council with representatives as approved by the council members, effective July 8, 2003.

Tom Shade - One year (July 8, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2003)
Robert Sepesy - Two years (July 8, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2004)
James Crouch - Three years (July 8, 2003 through Dec. 31, 2005)

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Marine Corps League of PA, Inc. and the foregoing individuals as representatives.

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 Greater Washington County Food Bank for management of the State Food Purchase Program and the Emergency Food Assistance and Development Program. The amount is pending passage of the State's budget with an estimated total amount not to exceed \$255,000 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Greater Washington County Food Bank 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 Southwestern PA American Red Cross to provide services for the homeless in Washington County for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 in the following amounts.

Case Management Services	\$33,800
Homeless Prevention Services	\$65,000

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreements for the Homeless Services 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 Attending Staff Privileges to Dr. Rory L. Marraccini for the purpose of offering additional psychiatric and medication management services to the residents that colleague, Dr. Oscar Urrea, serves at the center.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving attending staff privileges to Dr. Rory L. Marraccini 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 Fayette Resources in the amount of \$726,731 for Mental Retardation services for five clients for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with Fayette Resource.

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 Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. to provide case management and clinical support services in the amount of \$70,000 as part of the MISA Pilot Project for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. to provide case management and clinical support services 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 list of Purchase of Service Providers for fiscal year 2003-2004 for Children and Youth Services.

Community Alternatives	\$ 42,000
Gateway Rehabilitation Center	125,000
National Mentor	245,000
Westmoreland County (detention)	50,000
Catholic Charities	110,000
Frank Kocevar, Esq. (child's atty)	30,000
Try Again Homes After School	150,000

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Purchase of Service Providers for Children and Youth Services.

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 authorization to advertise for bids for the Five Year Voter Removal Notices Processing. This will be for a three year contract and the first year is expected to cost between \$15,000-\$20,000. It is to be noted the cost will decrease each year.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving authorization to advertise for bids for the Five Year Voter Removal Notices Processing 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 advertising for space for the Records Storage Center. The county's current lease expires May 31, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the advertising for space for the Record Storage Center.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the revisions to the Guidelines for Suppliers to Washington County which was originally approved in 1994.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the revised Guidelines for Suppliers to Washington County.

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 Chris Block for the purpose of conducting West Nile Surveillance using sampling techniques. Payment will be \$14.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement of 36 cents per mile. This agreement will be effective immediately and conclude October 31, 2003. It is to be noted the costs will be covered by a DEP grant, therefore, no County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with Chris Block.

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 agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare for the Child Welfare Education for Leadership Program for the period of August, 2003 through April, 2005 for employees Marjorie King, Gina Manfredi and Andrew Hartt. The total contract amount is \$246,481.04 with a commitment from the employees to the County for two years service following the education program.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing agreements for employees of Children and Youth Services.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on August 6, 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. Irey, 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

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| <p>1. Slovenian S&L for Kelly M. Wall
214 Latimer Avenue
Strabane, PA 15363
District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0021-00
Total Amount: \$65.40</p> | <p>2003 County Tax</p> |
| <p>2. William W. Knapp
252 Walnut Street, Apt. 1F
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0032-00
Total Amount: \$59.59</p> | <p>2003 County Tax</p> |
| <p>3. Mary Zimak
513 Franklin Avenue
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: North Strabane Township
Parcel No. 520-001-15-00-0005-00
Total Amount: \$27.71</p> | <p>2003 County Tax</p> |
| <p>4. James J. & Christine M. McVeigh
236 Hooks Lane
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0025-00
Total Amount: \$65.27</p> | <p>2003 County Tax</p> |
| <p>5. P. S. Hysong
388 Backbone Road
Clinton, PA 15026
District: Carroll Township
Parcel No. 130-006-08-00-0019-00
Total Amount: \$13.93</p> | <p>2002 County Tax</p> |

6. Shelby Lea Levers
250 Hooks Lane
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0018-00
Total Amount: \$50.73
2003 County Tax
7. E. D. Lewis
100 Lincoln Highway
Imperial, PA 15126
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-004-04-00-0009-00
Total Amount: \$46.48
2002 County Tax
8. H. R. Lewis & Ed Lewis
100 Lincoln Highway
Imperial, P/A 15126
District: Centerville 4th Ward
Parcel No. 154-005-00-03-0043-00
Total Amount: \$32.51
2002 County Tax
9. H. R. Lewis
100 Lincoln Highway
Imperial, PA 15126
District: Bentleyville Borough
Parcel No. 040-061-00-03-0011-01
Total Amount: \$4.82
2002 County Tax
10. E. D. & H. R. Lewis
c/o David M. Sapko etux
737 Lewis Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
District: Speers Borough
Parcel No. 610-020-00-05-0002-00
Total Amount: \$26.95
2002 County Tax
11. E. D. Lewis
100 Lincoln Highway
Imperial, PA 15126
District: New Eagle Borough
Parcel No. 480-008-00-01-0018-00
Total Amount: \$26.98
2002 County Tax
12. Hickory Feed Mill, Inc.
Post Office Box 457
Hickory, PA15340
District: Mt. Pleasant Township
Parcel No. 460-008-02-03-0003-00
Total Amount: \$17.15
2003 County Tax
13. Kevin & Cindy Porter
219 Hooks Lane
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0006-00
Total Amount: \$71.55
2003 County Tax
14. Washington Federal Savings for
Brad & Lori Gergely
77 South Main Street
Washington, PA 15307
District: California Borough
Parcel No. 080-020-00-10-0015-00
Total Amount: \$34.30
2003 County Tax
15. Washington Federal Savings for
Susan Petrarca
77 South Main Street
Washington, PA 15301
District: Cecil Township
Parcel No. 140-009-01-00-0019-00
Total Amount: \$55.07
2003 County Tax

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16. Lerta Corp 2003 County Tax
 Post Office Box 875
 Oaks, PA 19456
 District: California Borough
 Parcel No. 080-044-00-00-0006-01
 Total Amount: \$57.97

17. Teresa A. & Calvin T. Swoager 2002 County Tax
 53 Griffith Lane
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: Chartiers Township
 Parcel No. 170-002-00-00-0010-02
 Total Amount: \$280.73

18. David J. & Carrie A. Wheaton 2003 County Tax
 217 Hooks Lane
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
 Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0005-00
 Total Amount: \$61.83

19. David J. & Moriha L. Blom 2003 County Tax
 272 Hooks Lane
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
 Parcel No. 095-001-11-00-0022-00
 Total Amount: \$59.98

20. Thomas C. & Ann L. Dugan 2003 County Tax
 344 Lincoln Drive
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241
 District: Peters Township
 Parcel No. 540-003-04-02-0011-00
 Total Amount: \$40.46

21. James & Alicia Hodgson 2003 County Tax
 225 Hooks Lane
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: Canonsburg 1st Ward Annex
 Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0009-00
 Total Amount: \$78.72

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Ireby - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the full and final settlement of the claims of William McGowen, Karen Kessen, Bonita Levine and Richard Wynn in the total amount of \$110,000.00 of which the County's share is 25% or \$27,500.00.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing settlement of claims.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

10:55 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

August 13, 2003
 ATTEST: *Cosmine Kresh*
 ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK