

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 726

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, August 21, 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 Diana L. Irely and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Absent being: Commissioner John P. Bevec who was on vacation. Also being present: Cathi Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Tom Shade, Marine Corps League; Robert Umstead, Executive Director Redevelopment Authority; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Gary Mucho, Director of Veterans Affairs; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Harry Sabatasse, John Adams, A.L. Sorenson, Ralph Vigliott, Richard Warco and Ray Weszel, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Nancy Miller, PA Focus and Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter.

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

Vice Chairman Irely led with a prayer.

Mr. Shade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Irely entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 725 dated August 7, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, that Minute No. 725 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution for the filing of an application for financial assistance under the State Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution for the Deed Easement and Grant for a Roadway and Sign Easement Site located at Southpointe.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Resolution as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution for the revisions and amendments to the Consolidated Action Plan for Washington County.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Resolution.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse of Burgettstown thanked the Board for having casuals days for county employees to benefit the Humane Society. Mr. Sabatasse also commented on the issue of elected officials receiving a pay raise and if the Board would rescind the motion taken at the meeting addressing the raises.

The Commissioners stated this could not be done due to county code and state laws restricting such action in an election year. Solicitor DiSalle noted that is correct.

Some discussion followed on this matter.

Commissioner Irey stated she still supports looking into this matter and has asked CCAP to forward a survey of other counties with salaries for elected officials and tax appeal board members. She informed Mr. Sabatasse she would be more than happy to share this information with him when she receives the completed surveys.

Tom Shade, a member of the Veterans Advisory Council, congratulated the Board for continuing the veterans van service and Gary Mucho, Veterans Director, for doing a great job in his office. He also commented on the effects state budget cuts will have on the Veterans Administration closing facilities in the Pittsburgh area.

John Adams of Avella, commented on the need for water and sewerage services to the residents of Avella.

Rich Warco thanked the Commissioners for conducting an informative meeting regarding West Nile virus through the Public Safety Office.

Al Sorenson of McMurray thanked the Board for approving casual days for county employees to benefit the Humane Society.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for the electric beds for the Health Center to the low bidder Sunrise Medical, Inc., Stevens Point WI for a total amount of \$174,111.25 (1832.75/each). This is for the furnishing, delivering and installation of 95 electric beds and the removal of 95 old beds. It is to be noted this award is contingent upon receiving Sunrise Medical, Inc.'s financials and reviewing them to see if they are capable of handling the first million dollars in insurance as they are self-insured.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the bid for electric beds for the Health Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension of the contract for Natural Gas to Shipley Energy Company, York, PA. This extension would be for the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 at the rate of \$6.79 per DTH. This is a savings of 50 cents per DTH from our current rate.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing extension for Natural Gas.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an additional payment of \$4,990 to Industrial Appraisal for the inventory of equipment and towers that were not listed in the original RFP for the Public Safety Department.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the additional payment to Industrial Appraisal as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval provider agreements with the following contractors to provide children's consultation services and impartial review services on behalf of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are requested.

Dr. Kenneth Nash	\$ 32,448.00
Dr. Gordon Hodas	\$123,707.00
The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center	\$ 50,000.00

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the provider agreements for Mental Health/Mental Retardation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority in the amount of \$30,000 to provide transportation services to and from non-medical scheduled day program facilities for four persons eligible under the 2176 Waiver Program for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with R.E.M., Pennsylvania for Residential Services for twenty persons served through the 2176 Waiver Program in the amount of \$2,095,699 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with R.E.M., Pennsylvania as per above.

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 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 Seton Center, Pittsburgh  
Elizabeth Horan, Allenport  
Shalon Davis, Monessen

Jack Gereshenski, Finleyville  
Joann Jesus, Monessen  
Lavada Kennedy, Avella

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

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 an agreement with Cornerstone Care, Inc. to provide outpatient mental health services to persons referred through the Northwest Washington County Cultural Project (a separate program funded by the state as a pilot project) in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the agreement with Cornerstone Care, Inc. for Mental Health/Mental Retardation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the submission of the Washington County Mental Health Annual Plan for 2004-2005. The plan includes ten proposals for the development/expansion of services with requests for each additional state funding of \$1,180,000. If funded in total, the required County match will be \$99,500.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the submission of the Washington County Mental Health Annual Plan for 2004-2005.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an increase to the contract allocation for Community Action SW, Corp. from \$85,000 to \$105,000 for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 for additional expenses related to the Northwest Washington County Cultural Competency Project. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing increase to the contract allocation with said contract for Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board approve the appointment of Richard J. Fitzharris and Chris King to the MH/MR Advisory Board, effective August 21, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, appointing the foregoing individuals to the MH/MR Advisory Board.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Purchase of Service agreements with providers for fiscal year 2003-2004 for Children and Youth Services.

Adelphoi Village	\$3,600,000
Adelphoi Village (two year Lease for Shelter)	\$ 1,833.33/month (Paid to the County by provider)
Adelphoi Village (two year Contract for Shelter)	\$757,905 - FY 03/04 \$788,380 - FY 04/05
Perseus House	\$ 10,000
Judith Flemming	\$ 25,000
Steven Green	\$ 3,600

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Purchase of Service agreements for Children and Youth Services.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with the Department of Public Welfare for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program in the amount of \$1,028,460 for fiscal year 2003-2004. Also, approval of an agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority for management of said program. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing agreement with the Department of Public Welfare for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a collateral agreement with Washington Federal Savings Bank to provide additional protection for County funds.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the collateral agreement with Washington Federal Bank.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the acceptance of a Flood Protection Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$32,500 for sediment removal at the outlet pipe on Flood Control Dam 479 on Harmon Creek in Jefferson Township. The \$17,500 balance of the total project cost

estimate of \$50,000 will be paid through the Flood Control Budget.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the acceptance of a Flood Protection Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for Flood Control Dam 479 as per above.

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 resubmission of a grant application in the amount of \$22,907 to DCED for a patrol boat at Cross Creek Park. This grant was submitted for the 2002 grant round but all awards are delayed due to budget issues on the State level. If the grant is awarded upon release of the 2002 monies, this application will be forfeited, however, if the County does not receive funds in 2002, this application will be on file for the 2003 grants.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the resubmission of the a grant application to DCED as per above.

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 third and final year of the Child Abuse Grant with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The grant period is January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 in the total amount of \$20,750 with a County share of \$62,250.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the PCCD Grant for Child Abuse as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract supplement not to exceed \$14,944.04 for MS Consultants to complete additional survey work and alternative alignment studies per the request of PennDOT. The total revised contract of \$225,349.54 will be paid 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the contract supplement for MS Consultants as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on August 20, 2003 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues.

The County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2003, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The quarterly meeting of the Retirement Board will meet this morning immediately following the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

SOLICITOR:

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

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, 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. Dana A. Wilson 2003 County Tax  
2433 Jefferson Ave.  
Washington, PA 15301  
District: Canton Township  
Parcel No. 120-008-03-01-0007-00  
Total Amount: \$157.95
2. Washington Mutual Loan Dept 2003 County Tax  
2210 Enterprise Dr  
Florence, SC 29501  
District: Peters Township  
Parcel No. 540-011-00-00-0014-11H  
Total Amount: \$411.89
3. Anthony J. Progar, Jr. 2003 County Tax  
91 Stuebenville Pike  
Burgettstown, PA 15021  
District: Hanover Township  
Parcel No. 340-011-01-03-0008-00  
Total Amount: \$39.24
4. Jeffrey J. Schutzues 2003 County Tax  
227 Hooks Lane  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
District: Canonsburg 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Annex  
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0010-00  
Total Amount: \$76.45
5. Mark T. & Holly L. McAleer 2003 County Tax  
248 Hooks Lane  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
District: Canonsburg 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Annex  
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0019-00  
Total Amount: \$65.27
6. Frances D. McAleer 2003 County Tax  
220 Hooks Lane  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
District: Canonsburg 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Annex  
Parcel No. 095-001-10-00-0033-00  
Total Amount: \$60.89
7. Christopher & Kathy L. Miller 2001 County Tax  
111 Cedar Dr.  
McMurray, PA 15317  
District: Peters  
Parcel No. 540-008-01-04-0004-00  
Total Amount: \$427.45

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Irely declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
*August 27*, 2003  
ATTEST: *Cassine E. Kresh*  
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK