

Minute No. 730

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, October 16, 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: Cathi Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Deputy Sheriff Bill Bryker and Captain Todd Hammond; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Gary Mucho, Veterans Director; District Attorney John Pettit; Norman Madison, member of the Veterans Advisory Council; Rick Moore, Executive Director of Youth for Christ; Donn Henderson, Charleroi Main Street Manager; Marcella Dalverny, Bill West, B.C. Coleman, Joe Abate, Harry Sabatasse, Joe Randall, Phillip Ames, Peter and Robin West, Bob Irely, Jerry Seaman, Joseph Zupancic, Mark Mascara, Ralph Vigliotti, Rhea Kelly, Cathy Harmon, Claire Canon, Jerry Seaman and Phil Ames, interested citizens; Tony DiPalma, WJPA; Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter; Natalie Miller, PA Focus and CalU TV.

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

Mr. Moore led with a prayer.

Mr. Bryker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 729 dated October 2, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, that Minute No. 729 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring October 18, 2003, as "Avon Breast Cancer Awareness Day".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henderson accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their support. He also informed the audience of activities that will take place in Charleroi in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, addressed the Board regarding the issue of a possible tax increase in county taxes. Mr. Sabatasse thanked Commissioner Irely for agreeing to hold a "meet and discuss" session to discuss ways the county could save taxpayers dollars. He also commented on the recent decision pertaining to the county paying for the District Attorney's indemnification.

Cathy Harmon, a resident of Washington County, expressed her concerns to the Board relating to a situation that exists in her apartment complex. She stated has a handicapped son and received Section 8 housing. Ms. Harmon stated the person who owns the complex is not in compliance with code and the area is drug and crime infested and the

authorities are aware of this situation. She questioned who is responsible for seeing that the owner of the apartments is in compliance with code and what can be done with the drugs and crime in the area.

Peter West, a business owner and resident on Main Street in the City of Washington, addressed the Board regarding eminent domain. He pointed out the proposed plan called for the the demolition of his business and home. Mr. West stated he will fight this to the end and called on others for support.

It was noted that the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting would be changed to another place to accommodate those in attendance.

Joe Randall, a member of the Veterans Advisory Council, questioned the Board as to whether or not County contracts are in compliance with the federal law regarding the practice of hiring veterans.

B. C. Coleman, of Canonsburg, asked if the Board would consider the possibility of using some of the Western Center property to develop a center for youth of the area to go to. He pointed out our children need a place to go to and occupy their time constructively instead of getting involved with drugs and alcohol.

Commissioner Irely noted there is a structure on the property with a gymnasium that could be considered for the youth in the area.

Mr. Coleman thanked the Board for this consideration.

Marcella Dalverny, of Burgettstown, again expressed her concerns regarding the proposal for development of a senior apartment complex on her property. She stated there are other vacant properties that should be considered for this project.

The Commissioners informed Ms. Dalverny that the Washington County Redevelopment Authority is looking at other properties and considering other options and will table any action on the matter at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Kitchen Ware & Equipment for Washington County to the following vendors based on their per unit cost as submitted in their bid proposals.

Calico Industries, Annapolis Junction, MD
Curran Taylor, Canonsburg PA
Paper Products, Pittsburgh PA

This bid has been awarded to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. This bid will be in effect from November 1, 2003 to October 30, 2004. The total yearly cost is approximately \$60,000.00

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, to award the Joint Municipal Purchasing 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 the extension of the bid for the 911 Equipment Maintenance to MRA, Inc., Washington, PA for the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. This contract is for the engineering, installation, servicing, repair, maintenance and removal of 9-1-1 countywide communication equipment. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and has been agreed to by the vendor. The total yearly cost of this contract is approximately \$120,000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the extension of the bid for 911 Equipment Maintenance as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension of the Promotional Items to Young Business Forms, Co, Uniontown, PA for the period of December 16, 2003 through December 15, 2004. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and has been agreed to by the vendor. The total yearly cost of this contract is approximately \$45,000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, approving the foregoing extension for the Promotional Items.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension of the Laundry Supplies through December 31, 2004. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and has been agreed to by the vendors. The vendors are Ecolab, Inc., St. Paul, MN and Jack Frye Sales & Service, Clairton, PA 15025. The total yearly cost of this contract is approximately \$10,000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, approving the extension for the Laundry Supplies as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board authorize the extension of the contract with Thomas A. Dietrich, D.D.S., Washington, PA for dental services provided to the inmates at the Correctional Facility. This contract would be extended to November 1, 2006. This is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and has been agreed to by Thomas Dietrich. The cost of the services is \$60 per extraction and the county will pay a sum not in excess of the fee as listed in the Department of Public Welfare manual plus 15% for any other service provided. Total cost to the county for the year 2003 as of this date is \$7260.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, approving the foregoing extension with Thomas A. Dietrich, D.D.S.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk recommended the Board reappoint the following individuals to the Southwest Corner Workforce Investment Board, effective September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2006.

Robert Bazant
Thomas Graney
Sharon Russell

Sue Conrady
Fred Ricker

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, appointing the foregoing individuals to the Southwest Corner Workforce Investment Board.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board appoint the following individuals to serve on the Canvass Board for the General Election to be held on November 4, 2003.

Barbara Mayfield, Monongahela
 Mary Patterson, Monongahela
 Joseph V. Graff, Canonsburg
 Rhea Kelly, Charleroi
 Madge Finney, Bentleyville
 Beryl Jones, Charleroi
 Millicent Powell, Finleyville
 Dorothy Wilhide, Houston

Patricia Hagedorn, Richeyville
 Rubin Sabatine, Washington
 Edward Senko, Donora
 Fred Owens, Monongahela
 Larry Anselmino, New Eagle
 William Montgomery, Washington
 Linda Seaman, Claysville

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. IreY, appointing the foregoing individuals to the Canvass Board.

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 agreement with Kathy Ross for the administration and surveillance of the West Nile Project in Washington County. Reimbursement will be \$1,303.50 as provided in the grant for coordination and administration and \$14.00 per hour for actual collection and surveillance plus .36 cents per mile for travel. It is to be noted all costs are covered by the DEP West Nile grant, therefore, no County dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. IreY, approving the agreement with Kathy Ross for the for the administration and surveillance of the West Nile Project 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 the ratification of a contract with Marilyn Hartman for consulting services to assist with the conversion of the new state software program, Child Accounting Management Information System and necessary staff training to operate a competent CCIS Program. The contract will be effective October 14, 2003 with a maximum payment not to exceed \$10,000. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. IreY, approving the ratification of a contract with Marilyn Hartman for Child Care Information Services 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 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.

Little Lambs Christian Child Care Center, Washington
 Bernice Wiklerson, Donora
 Stacey Tarpley, Donora
 Lena Page, Washington
 Theodore Zets, Washington

Roberta Blake, Washington
 Timothy Hayes, Washington
 Olivia Harris, Ellsworth
 Barbara Ann Williams, Washington
 Nancy Robl, Washington

Donna Brooks, Donora
Shelly Seibert, Washington
Tamika Hackett, Washington

Michael Toth, Denbo
Carol Amos, Bentleyville

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; Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract with Attorney Robert C. Brady to serve as Mental Health Review Officer in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the term of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No additional County funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing contract which includes a thirty day out clause with Attorney Robert C. Brady.

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 Greenbriar Treatment Center to provide specialized residential services as part of the MH/MR Program's Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Pilot Project in the amount of \$274,055 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. This project is funded 100% with state allocated funds and no County match is required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving an agreement with Greenbriar Treatment Center 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 an agreement with Lackawanna-Susquehanna-Wayne County MH/MR Program to provide MR supports coordination case management services to one person residing at Keystone City Residence ICF-MR in the amount of \$2,000 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are required.

Moved Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the agreement with Lackawanna-Susquehanna-Wayne County MH/MR Program 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 authorization to solicit proposals for converting the non-directional beacon to a photovoltaic beacon at the Washington County Airport. The proposals will include how the project would be completed and a price as a "turnkey" type project. Alternate concepts will also be considered.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving authorization to solicit for proposals for the photovoltaic beacon project at the Washington County Airport 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 authorization to bid for the construction of the Chartiers #59, West Maiden Street Bridge for construction to begin in the spring of 2004.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving authorization to bid for the Chartiers #59 Bridge construction project.

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 final Change Order with Plum Contracting for the construction of Chartiers #41, McConnells Mill Bridge. The final contract amount of \$577,572.55 represents a deduction of \$120.25 from the original bid amount. The costs are paid 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Change Order with Plum Contracting.

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 ratification of the Security Blue rate for the over 65 population for 2004 in the amount of \$205.50 per person/per month.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Security Blue rate for 2004 as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on October 15, 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. 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. First American - Claims Recovery
Post Office Box 23740
Rochester, NY 14692-6844
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-011-17-00-0010-00
Total: \$1,928.57
- 2003 County Tax

2. Mortgage Service Center
Post Office Box 23750
Rochester, NY 14692
District: Morris Township
Parcel No. 450-002-00-00-0007-00
Total: \$65.83
2003 County Tax
3. Fr. American for Mary P. Moodey
486 Thomas Jones Way, Suite 150
Exton, PA 19341
District: Speers Borough
Parcel No. 610-001-00-01-0012-00
Total: \$303.30
2003 County Tax

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 request from District Attorney John Pettit for indemnification with respect to the award entered against him in the case of Brilla vs. Pettit filed in the U. S. District Court for Western District of Pennsylvania in civil action 98-1021. The amount of the award is \$50,000 plus approximately \$16,000 in Plaintiff's attorney fees and \$25,000 for Mr. Pettit's counsel, Anthony Cillo, Esquire.

Moved Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Bevec, approving the foregoing payment for District Attorney John Pettit.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

October 20, 2003
ATTEST: Catherine Kresh
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK