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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 689

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, February 7, 2002

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; Solicitor Richard DiSalle; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Sheriff Larry Maggi, John Rheel and Todd Hammond, of the Sheriff's Office; Controller Mike Namie; Joann Metz and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Lisa Cessna and Vicki Bryan, Planning Commission; Attorney Jim McCune; Ken Barna, Director of Tax Assessment and Tax Revenue; Pastor Craig Bellis, Covenant Life Fellowship of Washington; George Eckert, member of the Washington County Veterans Council; Charlie and Mary Jo Keenan, Jerry Seaman, John Adams, Reverend Don Amon, Julia Schurr, Jean Evans, Veronica Durkacs, Harry Sabatasse, Reverend Linda Clemens, Paul Pavlik, Pastor George Van Riper, interested citizens; Sara Snatchko, PA Focus; Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Chris Haines, Herald-Standard; Stacey Wolford, Valley Independent; and Gary Smith, Cal U TV.

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

Mr. Bellis led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 688 dated January 17, 2002.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 688 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney Jim McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Amended Resolution with reference to the Clean and Green Act for the purpose of deleting the "opt out" portion of the original resolution that was previously adopted on January 3, 2002 by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. McCune stated legal opinions rendered by himself and others recommended the Commissioners do not have the authority to take this action and pointed out in all other respects the resolution will stand with the change and the resolution would be implemented.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, amending the Clean and Green Resolution with the above-mentioned change.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bevec recognized and congratulated Solicitor DiSalle for being named a nominee for the Federal Lawyer of the Year 2000 by the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse, of the Burgettstown Area School District, stated he would like to commend the Board of Commissioners for getting involved in House Joint Resolution 81 addressing the return of prayer in schools.

Also, Mr. Sabatasse commented on a petition he had regarding the removal of property taxes throughout the state of Pennsylvania by a group of citizens in an organization called STOP. Mr. Sabatasse stressed he would like to see the Commissioners adopt a resolution or some kind of commitment this morning to support this cause. He stated the property tax should be abolished in lieu of some other type of tax, that would be fair and more equitable to everyone in the state.

Commissioner Irey read the petition to the audience.

Chairman Bevec stated to Mr. Sabatasse at this time it would be premature to act on this petition.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Gasoline for various departments to the following vendors based on the "per unit" cost submitted in their bid proposal.

Zappi Oil & Gas Co., Washington, PA
Delivered Gas

Guttman Oil Co., Belle Vernon
At Pump Gas

This bid will be effective March 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003 with the option to extend for one year upon mutual agreement. The total yearly cost is approximately \$501,146.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, awarding Gasoline as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Disposable Lids for the Health Center to Alladin Temp-Rite, Nashville, TN based on the "per unit" cost as submitted in their bid proposal.

This bid is effective February 7, 2002 through January 31, 2003 with the option to extend through January 31, 2004. It is to be noted the total yearly cost is approximately \$17,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded Mr. Burns, to award the foregoing bid to the above-listed vendor.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for the replacement of Bridge #11 over Mingo Creek to Mingo Creek Construction of Eighty Four, PA in the amount of \$412,308.00 which is based on the "per unit" cost as submitted in their bid proposal.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the bid for the replacement of Bridge #11 as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for the four small transit buses to Bus Services, Inc., Columbus, Ohio for the total amount of \$147,418.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the small transit buses as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of the annual contract with Boyle Consulting for the design and implementation of Seagate Crystal Reports for the FACTS 5 System for the Courts. The funds to support this contract are contained within the Court Automation budget. The contract will be effective February 15, 2002 through February 14, 2003 at the cost of \$125.00 per hour on site and \$100.00 per hour off site. It is to be noted the total services will not exceed \$15,000.00.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the current contract with Ann Pozonsky for the cleaning of District Justice Costanza's Office. This addendum would increase the amount of the monthly rate from \$150.00 per month to \$250.00 per month and will be effective January 1, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the addendum to the current contract with Ann Pozonsky 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 cosponsoring the 2002 Summer Concert Series with the Tri-County Federation of Musicians. The concerts are funded in part by the County and by a grant from the Musical Performing Trust. The anticipated cost of \$4,060.00 will be paid by the county in the amount of \$2,436.00 and by the Tri-County Federation of Musicians Performance Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,624.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the cosponsoring of the 2002 Summer Concert Series with the Tri-County Federation of Musicians 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 bid the rehabilitation/repair of flood control dam #483 in the Harmon Creek Watershed. The total estimated project cost of \$55,000.00 will be paid 65% DEP and 35% County.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, authorizing the bidding for the rehabilitation/repair of flood control dam #483 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 acceptance of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$45,151.32 for the 2002 Commonwealth West Niles Encephalitis Inventory Program. It is to be noted DEP has requested continued cooperation

to collect and monitor mosquito activity within the county. This grant will pay for materials and supplies, mileage, data entry, sample delivery and administrative costs. It is to be noted the county will be reimbursed 100% of expenditures incurred for participation in the state program.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving grant acceptance from the Department of Environmental Protection for the West Nile Encephalitis Inventory 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 an engineering agreement with MS Consultants, Inc. for the design of Chartiers #40, Paxton Bridge in Chartiers Township in the amount of \$240,405.50 which includes \$135,932.99 for preliminary design, \$94,519.91 for final design and \$9,952.60 for construction consultation. The costs will be paid 80% state, 20% County Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing engineering agreement with MS Consultants, 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 following Child Care Provider Agreements for 2001-2002. 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.

Nancy Winniewicz, Houston
Kidz Playhouse, Finleyville
Jamie Haley, Washington
Zetta Whitmer, Canonsburg
Diane Grimm, Canonsburg
Sandra Knight, Mingo
Linda Lee Boling, Taylorstown

Amy Gal, Washington
Toy Sopko, Elizabeth
Carlton Johnson, Monongahela
Rose Conte, Canonsburg
Jodi Cummins, Burgettstown
Justine Kuhel, North Charleroi

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bevec, approving the foregoing Child Care Service Provider 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 inspection agreements with the following fire departments for the referenced county properties. The fire departments agree to inspect the county properties and report any potentially hazardous situations at a cost of \$1,000.00 per year. These will be effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

Mt. Pleasant Township Company
Valley Inn Fire Company
Finleyville Fire Company
West Middletown Fire Company

Cross Creek Park
Mingo Park
Mingo Park
Cross Creek Park

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the inspection agreements with the foregoing fire departments.

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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 temporary construction license with Grace L. and Donald P. Barkhurst for the reconstruction of Kings Creek #6, Jackson Mills Covered Bridge in Hanover Township.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving a temporary construction license with Grace L. and Donald P. Barkhurst 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 revised contract with Transitional Employment Consultants (TEC) to complete Streambank Maintenance Projects on Chartiers Creek in Canonsburg, Washington and Burgetts Fork in Slovan at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year. It is to be noted the term of this contract will be three years and the costs are allocated in the approved Flood Control budget.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the revised contract with Transitional Employment Consultants (TEC) 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 Employee Accountability Policy. This policy gives guidelines using ID badges throughout County facilities to provide a safe work environment for County employees.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Employee Accountability Policy.

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 Allegheny County Port Authority for the Regional Access to Jobs Program in the amount of \$250,000.00. The effective date will be July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 and no county dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bevec, approving the agreement with Allegheny County Port Authority for the Regional Access to Jobs Program 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 an addendum to the agreement with the Greater Washington County Food Bank for the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program for an additional bonus of \$16,239.00 to the original \$16,243.42 for a total of \$32,482.42. It is to be noted these funds are federal monies and no county dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the addendum to the agreement with the Greater Washington County Food Bank for the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance 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 a Lease Agreement with Cecil Township for the Senior Citizens Center for the period of December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2002. This lease agreement will be renewed automatically for an additional one year term unless terminated by either party upon six months written notice. The amount of the lease is \$1.00 per year plus an additional \$150.00 per month for cleaning costs and no county funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the lease agreement with Chartiers Township for the Senior Citizens Center 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 amendments to the following contracts, effective February 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 based on year to date projections for the Drug and Alcohol Program. It is to be noted no county dollars are required.

	Amount	Increase	Total amount
Abstinent Living Turning Point	\$10,000	\$ 5,000	\$15,000
Another Way	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
Gateway Rehab	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
Greenbriar Treatment Center	\$300,000	\$50,000	\$350,000
Twin Lakes Center	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$60,000
Neighborhood Drug Awareness Corp.	\$150,000	\$10,000	\$160,000

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the amendments to the foregoing contracts for the Drug and Alcohol 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 NAMI Southwestern PA in the amount of \$10,000.00 to provide various community support groups development and other mental health consumer/family member training activities. This agreement will be effective January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 and no county dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the agreement with NAMI Southwestern PA 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 extensions to two contracts with the following Mental Health/Mental Retardation providers. The contract terms have been modified and will be effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. It is to be noted no county dollars are required.

Group Home, Inc. – increase of \$147,851.00 (from \$175,000.00) for a total of \$322,851.00 – Mental Health Community Residential Services for eight persons

Sharp Vision, Inc. – an increase of \$571,441.00 (from \$300,000.00) for a total of \$871,441.00 – Mental Retardation residential services to nineteen persons, including five new placements and two conversion placements from family living to 24 hour care

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing contract extensions with the listed providers.

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 addendum to the agreement with Greater Washington County Food Bank for the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program for fiscal year October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001 for the addition of \$12,532.80. It is to be noted these are federal monies and no county dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the addendum to the agreement with Greater Washington County Food Bank as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on February 6, 2002 in Room 704 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss litigation, real estate and personnel issues.

The County Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2002 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following tax refunds that have been approved by the Treasurer, Tax Assessor and Solicitor for the Tax Claim Bureau.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, 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. Mark Powell (2002 County Tax)
172 Redwood Drive
Washington, PA 15301
District: Amwell Township
Parcel No. 020-013-00-00-0005-26
Total amount: \$4.14

2. Ronald J. & Georgia Dovshek (2002 County Tax)
17 Valley View Road
Scenery Hill, PA 15360
District: North Bethlehem Township
Parcel No. 490-013-00-00-0048-00
490-013-00-00-0049-00
Total amount: \$6.33

3. Lowell T. & Joanne M. Midla (2002 County Tax)
 26 Laurel Ridge Road
 Marianna, PA 15345
 District: Centerville 4th Ward
 Parcel No. 154-009-00-00-0004-00
 Total amount: \$3.17
4. Flexsys America LP (2002 County Tax)
 829 Route 481
 Monongahela, PA 15063
 District: Carroll Township
 Parcel No. 130-005-00-00-0018-00
 Total amount: \$105.26
5. Regis J. & Carol D'Angelo (2002 County Tax)
 160 LeMoyne Avenue
 Washington, PA 15301
 District: East Washington Borough
 Parcel No. 290-007-00-03-0008-00
 Total amount: \$9.33
6. Diana Lynn Cramer (2001 County Tax)
 480 East Prospect Avenue
 Washington, PA 15301
 District: Washington 5th Ward
 Parcel No. 750-028-00-01-0004-00
 Total amount: \$878.89

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

BID OPENINGS

Controller Namie opened and read the following bids.

LUMBER – REBID (No bid bond required)

1. Mitchell & Westerman, Inc.
 901 North Pike Road
 Cabot, PA 16023
 Total amount of bid: per unit cost
2. West Elizabeth Lumber Co.
 1 Chicago Avenue
 Elizabeth, PA 15037
 Total amount of bid: per unit cost
3. Midwestern Wholesalers, Inc.
 P.O. Box 809
 Norwalk, OH 44857-0809

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the bids for review.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NATURAL GAS (Bid Bond required)

1. UGI Energy Services, Inc.
 1100 Berkshire Boulevard, Suite 305
 Wyomissing, PA 19610
 Total amount of bid: \$0.826 per DTH at the city gate of Columbia of Pennsylvania
 A Bid Bond in the amount of \$12,000.00 accompanied the bid.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the bids for review.

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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 10:35 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

_____ *February 12* _____, 2002

ATTEST: *Catherine E. Kresh*
_____ **ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**