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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 700

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, August 1, 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. Irely and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Catherine Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joann Metz, Sue Orrick and Vicki Adams, Commissioner's Office; Lisa Cessna, Vicki Bryan and Jeff Leithauser, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and John Rheel, Sheriff's Office; Jeff Felton, Director of Children and Youth Services; staff members of Children and Youth Services; Jeff Kotula, Joe Marsh, Ann Dugan, Lynn DeHaven and Darla Coligan, WIDC; Greg Lonick, member of the Washington County Veterans Council; Joan Jessen and Robert Tracht, Washington County Planning Commission; a group of air hangar tenants from the Washington County Airport; members of Air Charter, Washington Flyers, Aero National, Inc., Vacair, Skyward Aviation, Cheyenne Air and personal pilots; Bill and Betsy West, Tom Ravasio, Mike Bonn, interest citizens; Stacy Wolford, Valley Independent; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Janet Metzinger, Tribune Review and Josh Fosbrink, Cal TV.

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

Commissioner Irely led with a prayer.

Mr. Lonick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 699 dated July 18, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, that Minute No. 699 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 presented a Certificate of Commendation to Jeff Felton, Director of Children and Youth Services, for the agency receiving their fourth consecutive full license from the Department of Welfare, Office of Children and Youth Services.

The Commissioners commented on a job well done by Mr. Felton and his dedicated staff for working with troubled youth and their families in Washington County.

Mr. Felton thanked the Board for the certificate and noted it is an honor working with the Board of Commissioners and thanked his staff for all their hard work and dedication.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Kotula, from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, read correspondence on behalf of the Washington Industrial Development Corporation, regarding a study of the Washington County Airport to determine the feasibility of transforming the airport into an economic generator for the community. He pointed out WIDC does support the creation of an airport authority that is directed by a board with independent, autonomous operation governed by law with the ability to obtain resources for growth for the airport. Mr. Kotula noted the county airport is

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the key to development along Interstate 70 and the catalyst for development of approximately 500 acres of land around the airport as an industrial park.

Comments were received from Joan Jessen, Vice Chairperson of the Washington County Planning Commission, George Stark, President of the Flyers Club and David Friend, of Cheyenne Air, who opposed the creation of an authority to run the Washington County Airport. It was the general consensus of the group that operations at the airport are well-managed and they would like to see development at the airport but under the direction of the Board of Commissioners.

Dino Bruno, SEIU representative, commented on the study of the airport and stated having an authority take control of the Washington County Airport is not in the best interest of the county and to proceed ahead in that direction could lead to privatization which would involve the employment of SEIU members.

Chairman Bevec read a letter from Jim Dellaria, owner of Del Air, who could not attend the meeting, stating opposition to an airport authority.

Chairman Bevec noted the Board went through many discussions yesterday trying to come to a compromise on drafting a resolution addressing the creation of an authority. At this time Chairman Bevec read the following drafted resolution:

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners is charged with the responsibility of promoting economic development within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County currently owns and operates an airport situate in South Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Industrial Development Corporation commissioned an Economic Development Assessment of the Washington County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the study concluded with several recommendations, which recommendations require further development; and

WHEREAS, the study has suggested that the Board of Commissioners consider the advisability and feasibility of establishing an Airport Authority for the purpose of operating and optimizing utilization of the airport, including the possible development of a business park to operate in conjunction with and in proximity to the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to further study current operations at the airport and consider the advisability and feasibility of establishing an Airport Authority or other mechanism to advance the operations and long-term development of the airport as an asset to the county.

NOW THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED, that a special committee shall be formed to study the current operations of the Washington County Airport and make recommendations regarding the possible formation of a Washington County Airport Authority. If the Committee recommends the formation of an Authority, it shall consider the following: whether the Airport Authority be a newly formed municipal authority or a currently existing authority; whether the Airport Authority shall lease the land on which the airport currently sits from Washington County or Washington County shall transfer such land to the Airport Authority; the number of members on the Board of the Airport Authority, together with the business and/or aviation experience required of members; the duties and responsibilities of the Airport Authority; and such other structural or governance issues as the committee may deem advisable; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the committee shall consist of nine (9) members and each Commissioner shall have three (3) appointments, which three (3) appointments shall be the exclusive prerogative of each Commissioner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee shall conduct public hearings and interviews with airport operators, users and aviation experts for the purpose of eliciting public opinion relative to the proposed formation of an Airport Authority in compliance with applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall make recommendations to the Washington County Board of Commissioners regarding the matters under investigation on or before December 13, 2002.

ADOPTED, this 1st day of August, 2002.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

COMMENTS:

Commissioner Burns noted the action taken today is about progress and the county's desire to do what is best for the residents of Washington County and to make sure our airport is state of the art, an economic generator and in fact an integral part of economic development in the county.

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

Chairman Bevec stated he has done some extensive research on this subject and he noted he agrees with a majority of the study conducted by the Industrial Development Corporation. Mr. Bevec pointed out the problem he did have with the study was it did not include "on base operations" at the airport and compared the county airport to airports outside of Pennsylvania and did not do any comparisons with other fourth class county operations. Chairman Bevec commented he is favor of creating more jobs at the airport and the development of possibly an industrial park to compliment the county airport. He also stated he would like to speak to the newly formed committee to share the information he has compiled regarding this issue.

Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for roller shelving for the Recorder of Deeds to Penn Record Systems, Pittsburgh, PA in the amount of \$13,502.50.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, awarding the bid for roller shelving for the Recorder of Deeds as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board table the bid for Envelopes & Stationery to allow time for further review.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to table the bid for envelopes and stationery for further review.

Roll call vote taken:

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution and an Enhanced 911 Service Agreement with Penn Telecom, Incorporated to provide for participation in the Enhanced 911 Service center. This would be effective immediately.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Resolution and Enhanced 911 Service Agreement with Penn Telecom, Incorporated as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to advertise for bids for new furnishings for the refurbishing of the Health Center resident rooms. The total cost over a five year period is expected to be between \$300,000-\$400,000.00. No County dollars are required for this project.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving authorization to advertise for bids for 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 authorization to advertise for bids for masonry spot pointing for the Washington County Courthouse. The cost should not exceed \$170,000.00. The work will include repair and replacement of all loose, missing and defective vertical and horizontal masonry joints and structural cracks.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving authorization to advertise for bids for masonry spot pointing for the Courthouse 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 Resolution authorizing the sale of county surplus property. This will be conducted through an auction that will be advertised for Saturday, August 24, 2002 at the County Garage located on Cherry Alley and approval of an agreement with Douglas R. Teagarden, Auctioneer, at the rate of 10% of the proceeds.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Resolution authorizing the sale of county surplus property and an agreement with Douglas R. Teagarden.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Child Care Provider Agreements, effective July 1, 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.

Charles Haddix, Washington Lil Tots Daycare, Eighty Four Kindercare Learning Center, Moon Twp. Ida Earley, Merrittstown Jessica Hanna, Canonsburg Roberta Radziwon, Monessen Jean Stevens, Pittsburgh	For Children, Coal Center Cheryl Tyree, Donora Kimberly Malarkey, Ellsworth Harold Wolford, Brownsville Roberta Mains, Port Vue Jacqueline Mander Jennings, Pittsburgh
David Taylor, Claysville Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing Child Care Service Provider Agreements.	Judy Javorsky, Ellsworth

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 Verizon for the purpose of providing a pay phone for the first floor of Courthouse Square Office Building. This cost of the phone is \$75.00 per month.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving ratification of the contract Verizon 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 extension to the current contract with PharAmerica, Greensburg, PA for the purpose of providing pharmacy services to the Washington County Health Center. This extension would be from September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2004 and under the same terms and conditions as the current contract. The only cost to the County is \$455.00 per month for medical record reports.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing extension to the current contract with PharAmerica for pharmacy services at the Health Center.

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 grant-funded hazardous material technician course to be held at the Washington County Fire Academy on October 12th and 13th, 2002. The class will cost \$4,772.00 and approximately \$960.00 for bag lunches for two days. The 2002 Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant provides 100% funding for this course. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the grant-funded hazardous material course 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 travel request for an employee of the Haz-Mat staff to attend the Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado for the Highway Emergency Response Course to be held from November 4th through 8th, 2002. The total estimated cost for travel, meals, lodging, car

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rental and tuition is \$2,800.00 and will be paid by the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant awarded to the County for 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing travel request for Haz-Mat.

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 Southwestern Pennsylvania American Red Cross for TANF case management services for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 for an additional \$1,500.00 for a total amount of \$33,800.00 for Homeless Services.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the addendum to the agreement with the Southwestern Pennsylvania American Red Cross as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended to the Board the reappointment of James Brice and Rebecca Tomasiak to the CYS Advisory Board for the period of September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, reappointing James Brice and Rebecca Tomasiak to the CYS Advisory Board 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 contracts with the previously submitted list of providers for Children and Youth Services for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
CRY - Prevention Program	\$ 20,000
Judith Fleming	25,000
Jim Marchewka, Esq.	36,050
Carrie Miller, Esq. (Child's Atty.)	32,960
Mon Valley YMCA-After School Prog. (JPO)	151,000

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing contracts for Children and Youth Services.

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 Unit Cost Provider Agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging for continued funding for the Adult Day Care Program. The rate is \$44.47 per client per day of service for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Unit Cost Provider Agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging as per above.

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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 an agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging to provide community-based services for Washington County elderly residents. The total amount is \$1,306,602.00 for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. No County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging.

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 (final) with Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc. for the emergency runway repairs at the Washington County Airport. A total of \$2,806.50 will be deducted for a revised contract amount of \$28,539.50.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving Change Order #1 with Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc. 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 supplemental reimbursement agreement with PA DOT for construction of Chartiers #41, McConnell’s Mill Bridge in Chartiers Township. The total costs will be increased to \$776,000.00 to be paid 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the supplemental reimbursement agreement with PA DOT for construction of the Chartiers #41, McConnell’s Mill Bridge 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 Change Order with Lighthouse Electric in the amount of \$5,130.00 for additional emergency lighting per the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The revised contract cost is \$294,510.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Change Order with Lighthouse Electric.

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 contract with Michael Baker Engineers for emergency services at the Washington County Airport. The services will be requested on an as-needed basis at a contract amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year for three years.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the contract with Michael Baker Engineers for emergency services at the Washington County Airport.

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 the Avella Fire Department in the amount of \$1,000.00 per year for inspections at Cross Creek County Park for the years 2002 and 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing agreement with Avella Fire Department as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended to the Board the appointment of Attorney David Posner to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term, effective August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2007.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, appointing Attorney David Posner to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority 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 four month extension of the Juvenile Justice grant with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for Juvenile Probation. The new grant period will be January 1, 2002 through April 30, 2003. It is to be noted a budget modification that will not change the total grant amount is also being requested.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the four-month extension of the Juvenile Justice grant 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 annual Adult Probation Grant-in-Aid application and financial statement. This grant-in-aid is used to offset salaries and other operating expenses of the Adult Probation Department.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the annual Adult Probation Grant-in-Aid application as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a supplemental reimbursement agreement with PennDOT for the construction of Buffalo #38 bridge. The total cost of \$1,061,040 will be paid 80% State and 20% County liquid fuels.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving a supplemental reimbursement agreement with PennDOT for the construction of the Buffalo #38 bridge 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 July 31, 2002 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 refund that has been approved by the Treasurer, Tax Assessment and Solicitor for the Tax Claim Bureau.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, that the Tax Office be authorized to prepare the following tax refund due to either duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax:

1. Dorothy Demark (1997-2001 County Tax)
219 Greenside Avenue
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: Canonsburg 3rd Ward
Parcel No. 110-025-00-02-0018-00
Total Amount: \$9.40
2. Community Bank for (2002 County Tax)
Gaylord R. & Donna S. McKean
100 Miller Lane
Waynesburg, PA 15370
District: Buffalo Township
Parcel No. 060-015-00-00-0013-20
Total Amount: \$49.82
3. Robert M. & Enid Yarnovich (2002 County Tax)
73 Woodland Road
Daisytown, PA 15427
District: West Brownsville Annex
Parcel No. 675-019-00-02-0001-00
Total Amount: \$9.42
4. Joseph P & Jeannette R. Bizet (2002 County Tax)
148 Urquhart Road
Scenery Hill, PA 15360
District: North Bethlehem Township
Parcel No. 490-018-00-00-0002-04
Total Amount: \$22.64
5. William & Beverly Patterson Jr. (2002 County Tax)
600 Hayes Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
District: Canton Township
Parcel No. 120-011-08-06-0006-00
Total Amount: \$16.72
6. George David Jr. & Garnet P. Weaverling (2002 County Tax)
25 Brown Street
P.O. Box 75
Southview, PA 15361
District: Mt. Pleasant Township
Parcel No. 460-012-02-02-0001-00
Total Amount: \$18.02

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7. Jodi L. Bailey (2002 County Tax)
1204 Meadowbrook Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: North Strabane Township
Parcel No. 520-011-04-03-0049-00C
Total Amount: \$372.38
8. Max Majireck (2002 County Tax)
30 Rabe Avenue
Monongahela, PA 15063
District: Carroll Township
Parcel No. 130-012-02-03-0019-00
Total Amount: \$31.69

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

August 6, 2002

ATTEST: Catherine C. Kresh
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK