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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 708

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, November 21, 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: Catherine Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi, John Rheel, William Bryker and Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; Reverend George Van Riper, The Lighthouse Church; Sally Stephenson, member of the Navy Women's League; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Linda Harms, Homeless Services; Mary Lynn Spilak, Director of Aging Services; Robert Umstead, Redevelopment Authority; Madge Finney and Mary Lou Vector, Washington County Food Bank; Cassie Dunn and Patricia Lombardi, American Red Cross; Scott Hillard, Try Again Homes; Rick Futrel, City Mission; Michelle Ritter and Sherri Lamar, Washington County Women's Shelter; Ami Linn, Connect, Inc.; Bonnie Gilbert and Dennis Fazzolare, Air Charter Service, Inc.; Joe Abate, Lew Irwin Carl Maggi, member of the Washington County Veteran's Council; Pete Lorenzo, SEIU; Phillip Fumara, SPC Transportation for Disabled Veterans; David Bober, interested citizen; Sara Snatchko, Weirton Times; Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Stacey Wolford, Valley Independent and Josh Frisbrink, CUTV.

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

Mr. Van Riper led with a prayer.

Ms. Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 707 dated November 15, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, that Minute No. 707 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPEICAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring November 17-23, 2002 as "Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Krcelich of Human Services accepted and thanked the Board for the Proclamation . He also recognized and thanked the agencies who are involved in assisting the homeless and needy.

Madge Finney of the Washington County Food Bank commented that without the help from the community this program would not be successful and appreciates the support of everyone involved.

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The Commissioners presented to Sheriff Larry Maggi and Mary Lynn Spilak of Aging Services certificates of appreciation for conducting the Senior Citizens Police Academy. It was noted this program has received the Senator John Heinz Law Enforcement Award this year.

Sheriff Maggi and Ms. Spilak thanked the Board for the certificates and made comments regarding the positive response of the seniors to participate in this program.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

SPEICAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (CON'T)

Mr. Robert Umstead of the Redevelopment Authority presented to the Board a Resolution for the filing of a Grant Application under the Brownsfield for Housing Initiative Program. Mr. Umstead briefly explained the Resolution.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phillip Fumara, a member of the SPC Transportation – Disabled Veterans Board, commented on the many issues facing veterans and disable veterans receiving services, i.e., veterans benefits, transportation to the VA hospital, finding employment, schooling and training.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for “Meat” products for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility to the following vendors based on their per unit cost as submitted in their bid proposal.

- Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids MI
- Green Valley Packing, Claysville PA
- Sysco Food Service, Pittsburgh, PA
- W.S. Le & Sons Inc., Altoona PA

The Meat Bid has been awarded to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. This bid is effective December 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003. The total monthly cost is approximately \$28,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, awarding the bid for Meat at the Health Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for the Rehabilitation of Dam #484 to Basic Service, Inc., Zelienople, PA in the amount of \$20,000 and \$3095 for the construction photos for a total of \$23,095. This award is contingent upon the awarded vendor providing the proper “Certificates of Insurance” and required bonds along with a signed contract.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid for the Rehabilitation of Dam #484 as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a five-year contract between the County and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. The period of the contract is July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2007.

This contract will return an estimated \$250,000 of supervision fees each year to help offset the operating costs of the Adult Probation Office.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing contract between the County and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole for Adult Probation.

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 application for a non-matching grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Society in the amount of \$4,995.00. This grant will be used to microfilm and preserve criminal and road records that date from 1825 to 1842.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the application for a non-matching grant for preservation of criminal and road records 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 contract supplement with Monaloh Basin Engineers to conduct construction inspection services on the West Maiden Street Bridge. The original contract amount will be increased \$56,468.28 for a revised total contract of \$215,875.57. The costs will be paid 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing contract supplement with Monaloh Basin Engineers 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 per diem rate increase (\$10.00 per day) in the following per diem charges at the Health Center, effective January 1, 2003:

Skilled Care Private Room	\$195
Skilled Care Semi Private Room	\$185
Nursing Services Private Room	\$175
Nursing Services Semi Private Room	\$170

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the per diem rate increase 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.

Minnie Gilbert, Aliquippa
Carnetta West, Donora
Mary Williams, Donora
Caroline Page, Washington
Tracey Primis, Burgettstown
Leann Sutterfield, Claysville

Williams Carlock, Donora
Diane Tkaczenko, McKees Rocks
Maureen Johnson, Washington
Sharon Keener, Washington
Shelly Pettis, Washington
Betty Hughes, Washington

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, 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 an increase to the following list of providers for the year-end allocation adjustments in the amount of \$610,764.00 for a total amount of \$14,055,577.00 for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. It is to be noted no additional county funds are required.

Alternative Residential Services
ARC Human Services
Lifesteps
United Cerebral Palsy

Diversified Human Services
Fayette Resources
Lifework
Washington Communities

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing increases to providers for the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office.

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 allocation increase with California University of PA in the amount of \$16,024.00 for a total amount of \$48,024.00 to complete ninety-eight consumer surveys for fiscal year 2002/2003 for the Independent Monitoring project. The Department of Public Welfare has allocated the additional funds, therefore, no County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving an allocation increase with California University of PA as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board appoint Nelson Solow to the MH/MR Board to fill the vacant seat of Mary Hart, effective December 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, appointing Mr. Solow to the MH/MR Board 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 contract addendum with National Mentor/PA Mentor increasing the contract maximum from \$100,000 to \$130,000 for fiscal year 2001-2002 for Children and Youth Services.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the contract addendum with National Mentor/PA Mentor 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 agreement with Try Again Homes, Inc. - Can-Do Program for a maximum amount of \$20,000 for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 for Children and Youth Services. This agreement will provide transitional training and life skills education for children 18 to 22 years of age.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing agreement with Try Again, Inc. - Can-Do Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board appoint the following list of individuals to the Veterans Advisory Council for terms as indicated for each individual, effective January 1, 2003.

VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The Navy Women's Association:

Sally Stephenson 1 year

The American Legion-25th District:

George Hutchko 1 year
George Pattison 2 year
Carl Maggi, Jr. 3 years

Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Gregg Lonick 1 year
Joe Abate 2 years
Ed Snarey 3 years

40/8:

William Caldwell 1 year
George L. Eckert, Jr. 2 years
David I. Blose 3 years

Mon Valley Leatherneck Association:

Thomas Panian 1 year
Michael Povich 2 years
Larry Maggi 3 years

Mid Mon Valley Shipmates:

Kenneth Drummond 1 year
Michael Kazimer 2 years
Robert Johnson 3 years

At Large Members:

Andrew Puchany	1 year
Harry Wilson	2 years

Commissioner Irey noted for the record on July 18, 2002 (Minute No. 699) Joe Abate was re-appointed to serve on the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a two year term, as presented today.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to approve all council appointments as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

COMMENTS:

Commissioner Burns expressed his dismay about what the Board is getting ready to do. He stated the Commissioners contacted each commander of the various organizations and asked for names of individuals from their organizations who would want to serve on the advisory board. He further stated these commanders submitted a list of individuals who wanted to represent their organization and for reasons that he can't quite understand, his colleagues have chosen to reject some of those nominations.

Commissioner Burns noted the three nominations that were rejected are Lew Irwin, Dennis Coleman and Herman Bigi.

Commissioner Burns stated that he certainly supports the appointments of those who are being appointed today and salutes them as a fellow veteran and appreciates their willingness to serve but also salutes and thanks the three individuals who were willing to serve but will not be able to serve because of the actions of his colleagues.

Commissioner Burns noted he is voting "No".

Commissioner Irey noted for the record there are four of these individuals who the Commissioners are reappointing who have served on the veterans advisory board with distinction who were not asked if they wanted to continue their service, which they do. She pointed out Mr. Irwin's lack of an appointment on her part is because that would be a third member of the Maggi family who would be serving on the board. Commissioner Irey felt this would not be fair to the others. She noted her support for Carl Maggi and Sheriff Larry Maggi to continue their service on this board.

Mrs. Irey – Yes; Mr. Bevec – Yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Bevec presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an item that was not on the agenda. Chairman Bevec said there have been some comments regarding the recommendation of the Western Center Land Use Task Force and after speaking to the Governor-elect he stated it is his desire for the Board to adopt the recommendations of the Western Center Land Use Task Force, which has been unanimously accepted by the task force members.

Moved by Mr. Bevec.

Commissioner Irey questioned why this matter needed to be voted on today.

A brief discussion was held.

Chairman Bevec amended his motion to read "to reaffirm the recommendations of the Land Use Task Force to adopt the Scalo Case/Horizon Plan as the general guidelines to develop the Western Center property and furthermore, recommend that Washington County turn this project over to the Redevelopment Authority to administer such plan.

A discussion was held as to why this action was needed by the Board.

Commissioner Burns stated this was not an item on the agenda and the Board is aware of the fact that there is still active discussions whether this project should go to the Redevelopment Authority or some other agency, therefore, he was not prepared at this time to vote on this matter.

Commissioner Irey stated she supports the plans the task force has presented but noted as Commissioner Burns pointed out options that were not available for the task force to consider came to light after the task force made these recommendations. Commissioner Irey also pointed out the possibility of renegotiating the selling price with the

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Governor elect. Commissioner Irely stated she would prefer to hold off on this item until such time the County has an agreement of sale with the State.

At this time, Chairman Bevec withdrew his motion.

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. Citibank NA & S. Mark Rayburg (2002 County Tax)
153 East 53rd Street, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10043
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-002-23-00-0027-00
Total Amount: \$513.83
2. Martin J. & Joy L. Fertal (2002 County Tax)
112 Autumn Way
Venetia, PA 15367
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-005-12-00-0015-00
Total Amount: \$426.60
3. Richard P., Sr., & Dorothy Garlaus (2002 County Tax)
394 Maple Road
Burgettstown, PA 15021
District: Cross Creek Township
Parcel No. 210-006-00-00-0004-12
Total Amount: \$241.93
4. Slovenian S&L for Lucy E. Strosser (2002 County Tax)
214 Latimer Avenue
Strabane, PA 15363
District: Canton Township
Parcel No. 120-008-06-00-0001-02
Total Amount: \$26.61

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Amended Labor Stabilization Agreement with reference to the Washington County Jail Annex Project.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Amended Labor Stabilization Agreement.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on November 20, 2002 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

County Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, 2002 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The quarterly Retirement Board will meet immediately following the Commissioner's Meeting today.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

_____ *November 26* _____, 2002

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