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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 709

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, December 5, 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 and Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Pastor Gary Schneider, North Ten Mile Baptist Church; Carl Maggi, member of the Washington County Veterans Council; Joann Metz, Commissioners Office; Lew Irwin, Washington County Veterans Council; Pete Lorenzo, SEIU member; Bob Irey, Fred and Delcina Fleet, John Adams, Keith Melenzyer and Phillip Fumara, interested citizens; and Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

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

Pastor Schneider led with a prayer.

Mr. Maggi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 708 dated November 21, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, that Minute No. 708 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Adams, of Avella, commented on the problems and issues the handicapped face in everyday situations.

He noted everyone should do what they can to assist the handicapped who live in our community.

Robert Irey, a taxpayer of Washington County and husband of Commissioner Irey, expressed his objections to the Labor Stabilization Agreement which will be acted upon at today's meeting. Mr. Irey stressed his wife's position had no influence on him regarding his comments on this matter. He noted his was speaking as a concerned citizen and stated the commissioners should not be signing a union-only agreement for construction jobs in the county. Mr. Irey pointed out the agreement means that three or fewer contractors in the county and only about 12% of those in Southwestern Pennsylvania are eligible to work on the old jail renovation project.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid Promotional Items for Washington County to Young Business Forms, Co., Uniontown, PA at the rate of a 24% across the board discount from the Media File and Gold Bond #ASI#57653 catalogs. This is primarily for the Washington County Highway Safety Program. The effective date of this contract is December 16, 2002 through December 15, 2003 with the option to renew for a second year. The total yearly amount is approximately \$60,000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the bid for Promotional Items as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for the furnishing and delivering of Milk Products for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility to Schneider's Dairy, Inc., Washington, PA. This is based on the current minimum prices established by the Milk Marketing Board and subject to change.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid for the Milk Products as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a six month extension to the Child Abuse Investigation Grant with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The grant would be extended to September 30, 2003 with the dollar amounts remaining the same.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing six month extension to the Child Abuse Investigation Grant.

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 extension for pharmacy services at the Correctional Facility with Curtis, Jeffreys and P&G & Viehmann Pharmacy of Canonsburg through January 31, 2004. It is to be noted this extension will be under the same terms and conditions of the current contract.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing contract extension for pharmacy services.

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 purchase of carpeting for the fifth floor of Courthouse Square Office Building. This will be for the Children and Youth Department and will be paid out of their account. The total cost is \$44,965.00 and an additional charge of \$3,980.00 for tile to be installed in the corridors of the office area. The County share would be approximately \$7,831.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the purchase of carpeting for the fifth floor 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.

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Linda Chase, Washington
 Johnnie Mae Kelley, Washington
 Carolotta Parker, Eighty Four
 Ronda Lohr, Strabane
 Tricia Church, Washington
 Shirley Dillon, Bulger

Patricia Ranegar, Houston
 Lisa Robl, Muse
 Latrisha Raineri, Canonsburg
 Carol Jackson, Washington
 Elizabeth Weaver, Marianna

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 a state contract purchase of eleven Minolta digital copiers for the district justices for a total cost of approximately \$36,527.00. The capital expenditure committee has approved this purchase.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing state contract purchase for the district justices.

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 state contract purchase of an accrual software package for the Health Center, Public Safety and Correctional Facility. This software will be part of their time and attendance system and will calculate sick time, vacation and comp. time. The total cost is \$17,475.00 plus a one-year maintenance contract of \$1,275.00 for a total cost of \$18,725.00. It is to be noted the capital expenditure committee has approved this purchase.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the state contract purchase of an accrual software package 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 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for thirty-six months at the cost of \$137,040.00 each year for first three years 2002 through 2004. Beginning 2005 the three year renewal would be \$45,222.00 each year.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement 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 2003 dental coverage rates with MetLife for the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. The rates are:

Individual coverage	\$16.08/month
Spouse or one dependent	\$31.50/month
Spouse and dependent(s)	\$47.08/month

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the 2003 dental coverage rates as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board reappoint Donald Gardner and Richard Lehman to the Washington County Conservation District for a four year term, effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006. Also, the reappointment of Commissioner John Bevec as the Commissioner Director for a one year term, effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireys, approving the foregoing appointments to the Conservation District.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract renewal with Albert Gallatin Home Care for the provision of hospice services for the period of December 7, 2002 through December 7, 2004. There is no cost to the County, therefore, no County dollars are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireys, approving the contract renewal with Albert Gallatin Home Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Ireys - 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 \$88,680.00 for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. No additional County funds are required.

Group Home, Inc.	\$4,149
Keystone City Residence	\$4,500
R.E.M., Inc.	\$80,031

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireys, approving an increase to the list of providers for Mental Health/Mental Retardation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a grant application to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the purchase of a new boat for Cross Creek Park. This boat will replace the existing boat for law enforcement, EMS, maintenance and education purposes. The total grant amount of \$23,500.00 does not require a county match.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireys, approving the grant application for the purchase of a new boat as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the submission of a grant application to DEP for sediment removal at Flood Control Dam #479. The estimated cost of \$50,000 would be paid \$32,500 Growing Greener Grant and \$17,500 County dollars.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the submission of a grant application to the Department of Environmental Protection 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 renewed agreement with Cross Creek Township for maintenance of the roads in Cross Creek Park at the rate of \$45/hour. The costs will be paid through Liquid Fuels and the term of the agreement will be January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing renewed agreement with Cross Creek Township.

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 termination of the Homemaker Services contract with Community Alternatives, Inc. which was effective July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 and enter into a new contract for Homemaker Services with Community Alternatives, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 in the amount of \$54,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, to terminate the foregoing contract with Community Alternatives, Inc. and to enter into a new contract 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 professional services contract with Attorney Carl Smith. The purpose of the contract is for the Loss Prevention Department to utilize the services of Attorney Smith on issues relating to previous workers compensation claims. This contract will be in the amount of \$125.00/ hour for the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. It is to be noted this contract amount will not exceed \$1,500.00 per calendar year.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the professional services contract with Attorney Carl Smith 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 Highmark's 65 special insurance rate for 2003. The rate \$331.33 per person/per month. This insurance is for county retirees.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the 65 special insurance rates from Highmark for retirees.

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 continuation of an agreement with Washington Hospital to participate in the Washington Hospital Occupational Medicine Center consortium for drug and alcohol testing for the year 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the continuation of an agreement with Washington Hospital 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 Commissioner J. Bracken Burns, Sr. and Deanne Jacobs to the Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board for a three year term, effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, appointing Deanne Jacobs to the Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended to the Board the appointment of Edward Kovacik to the Washington County Industrial Development Authority, replacing Bill Stein who has resigned. This appointment will be effective December 5, 2002 through December 31, 2006.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, appointing Edward Kovacik to the Washington County Industrial Development Authority as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board reappoint James McDonald to the Washington County Housing Authority for a four year term, effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, reappointing James McDonald to the Washington County Housing Authority as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

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Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the annual Employee Assistance Program contract with Washington Hospital. The cost of the EAP assessment is \$20.08 per employee per year. The contract will be valid January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing annual Employee Assistance Program contract with Washington Hospital.

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 continuation of the Opt-Out Program for health insurance for county employees for 2003 at the rate of \$160.00 per month/per employee and amend the plan document with AFLAC to offer the County's retirees the opportunity to opt out of health insurance coverage for the year 2003 at the rate of \$160.00 per month.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded Mrs. Irey, approving the continuation of the Opt-Out Program for county employees and retirees as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on December 4, 2002 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, 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. Alan D. & Kimberly S. Gennari (2002 County Tax)
1054 Sullivan Drive
West Homestead, PA 15120
District: Washington, 2nd Ward
Parcel No. 720-008-00-01-0001-00
Total Amount: \$266.87
2. Country Wide (2002 County Tax)
Post Office Box 10211
Van Nuys, CA 91410-0211
District: Chartiers Township
Parcel No. 170-017-04-02-0016-00
Total Amount: \$98.37
3. Prestonwood Associates (1997 - 2002
35 Highland Road, Suite 1104 County Tax)
Bethel Park, PA 15102
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-009-00-00-0018-00
Total Amount: \$619.37

4. Chase Manhattan Bank (1999 – 2002
County Tax)
3415 Vision Drive
Columbus, OH 43219
District: Monongahela, 2nd Ward
Parcel No. 430-024-00-00-0005-00
Total Amount: \$211.64
5. Karen W. Gnagey (2002 County Tax)
10 Windciff Acres
Washington, PA 15301
District: South Strabane Township
Parcel No. 600-005-01-03-0027-00
Total Amount: \$51.86
6. National City Mortgage (2002 County Tax)
4910 Rivergrad Road, Suite 301
Irwindale, CA 91706
District: West Brownsville Annex
Parcel No. 675-025-00-00-0012-00
Total Amount: \$39.51
7. Walter E. Kudas (2002 County Tax)
2848 Main Street, Box 204
Beallsville, PA 15313
District: Beallsville Borough
Parcel No. 030-005-00-00-0001-00
Total Amount: \$7.23
8. William & Carol Rothwell (2001 County Tax)
237 Post Road
Avella, PA 15312
District: Blaine Township
Parcel No. 050-007-00-00-0004-00
Total Amount: \$103.67
9. Joseph J. & Sarah McLaughlin (2002 County Tax)
106 Bradford Court
Venetia, PA 16367
District: Peters Township
Parcel No. 540-007-05-03-0002-00
Total Amount: \$23.99
10. Daryle C. & Lizzette Sterner (2002 County Tax)
331 State Street
Charleroi, PA 15022
District: Twilight Borough
Parcel No. 630-016-00-00-0002-01
Total Amount: \$8.70
11. Daryle C. & Lizzette Sterner (2002 County Tax)
331 State Street
Charleroi, PA 15022
District: Long Branch Borough
Parcel No. 390-005-00-00-0008-01
Total Amount: \$19.32

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.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Irely made a motion to table this item until the Board has had time to consider the ramifications of this Amendment to the Labor Stabilization Agreement. Commissioner Irely pointed out the amendments were not made

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by the request of the Board of Commissioners or by the Washington County Authority, who is managing this project, but by the request of the Pittsburgh Regional Building and Construction Trades Council.

There was no second to the motion to table this item.

Mr. Bevec seconded Mr. Burns' motion to approve the second amendment to the Labor Stabilization Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution amending the Cooperation Agreement with the Washington County Council on Economic Development. Solicitor DiSalle explained this Resolution merely states Washington County shall agree to reimburse the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for expenditures found to be ineligible relating to the Starpointe Industrial/Business Park located in Burgettstown.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing Resolution amending the Cooperation Agreement with the Washington County Council on Economic Development.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Bevec declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

December 11, 2002

ATTEST: Catherine E. Kresh
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK