

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 640

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, March 16, 2000

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: Chief Clerk Michelle Miller; Jim McCune, Solicitor; Joseph Zupancic, Assistant Solicitor; Marlene Luketich, Director of Administration; Linda Belcher, Secretary; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Captain Todd Hammond; Deputy Controller Mike Namie; Debbie Bardella, Recorder of Deeds; Jeff Yates, Director of Public Safety; Kathleen Fischer, EMS Council President; Mike Rusak, Telecommunication Officer; Dr. Diane Kirk, Superintendent Peters Township School District; Vaughn Dailey, teacher in the Peters Township School District; Harry Funk, Observer-Reporter; Jeffrey Webb, student at Peters Township School; Sharon Cone and Jeff Herman, Foster Grandparent Program; Kathryn Lombardo, Jimmie Lee Corbitt, Marilyn Wyeth, Mary Johnson, Anne Vankirk, Sue Hunter and Jean Trew, Foster Grandparents; Butch Gorby, Harry Sabatasse, Anthony Truzzani, Kay Lusk, Linn Hamilton, Ray Kelley and John Logar, interested citizens; Judy Chestnutt, Observer-Reporter; Andy Briggs, KDKA; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Janice Crompton, Post Gazette; and Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent, Gary Thomas, CUTV.

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

Reverend Taylor led the meeting with a prayer.

Robert Sepsey said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 639 dated March 2, 2000.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 639 be approved.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Jeff Yates, Director of Public Safety, declaring March 12-18, 2000 as Emergency Services Week.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Yates thanked the Board for their continued support and stated this Proclamation honors the branches of emergency services who assist people in difficult times.

The Board of Commissioners echoed Mr. Yates comments and thanked all emergency personnel for their dedicated work in this field.

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The Commissioners presented a Plaque of Congratulations to Jeffrey B. Webb, student in the Peters Township School District, for receiving the ENOCH Wright Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Webb thanked the Board for the plaque and gave a summary of his accomplishments while participating in the National History Day projects.

Dr. Diane Kirk, Vaughn Dailey and Harry Funk made comments regarding this prestigious award.

The Commissioners presented certificates to Foster Grandparents who have graduated from a course of training to serve children.

Sharon Cone and Jeff Herman thanked the Commissioners for their support in the Foster Grandparent Program and introduced the foster grandparents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chad Smith, Supervisor of Canton Township, expressed his concerns of radioactive materials from Molycorp being dumped in Canton Township. Mr. Smith outlined the negative factors of this material being dumped and the economic impact it will have on the values of property and health of the residents in the area. He challenged the Board of Commissioners to rise to this problem and assist in any way possible to prevent the dumping in Canton Township.

Harry Sabatasse questioned whether it would be feasible for taxpayers to be able to access County records on micro fiche at the public library and review at their convenience. He also questioned the status of a previous request for the 1999 comprehensive line by line financial report. Mr. Sabatasse asked for a copy of the county's organizational chart.

Commissioners Bevec and Irey noted they would look into obtaining a County Organizational Chart for Mr. Sabatasse and check with the Solicitor on the other matters he addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor McCune recommended the Board award the bids for the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program on a "per item basis" to vendors who submitted bids for the amounts set forth in their bids.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune recommended the Board table the bid for Meat for further review.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the Meat bid as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune recommended the Board table the bid for Medical Supplies for further review.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the bid for Medical Supplies 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 of Contract Amendment #2 with MS Consultants for the Clint Sprowls Bridge. This Agreement increases the contract by \$53,116.90 for a total contract cost of \$164,077.09. Costs of the project are funded 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels dollars.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Contract Amendment #2 with MS Consultants for the Clint Sprowls Bridge 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 of Contract Amendment #2 with MS Consultants for the Longdon Covered Bridge. This Agreement increases the contract by \$82,676.10 for a total contract cost of \$189,203.66. Costs of the project are funded 100% by State Act 26.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Contract Amendment #2 with MS Consultants 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 Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of \$247,200 for the design and construction of Mingo #11 in Mingo Park. Total project cost estimate of \$346,500 is 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels funded.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of \$231,200 for the design and construction of Walker Bridge. Total project cost estimate of \$305,000 is 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels funded.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Reimbursement Agreement with PaDOT 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 a Reimbursement Agreement with PaDOT in the amount of \$239,200 for design and construction of the Brownlee Bridge in Buffalo Township. Total project cost estimate of \$315,000 is 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels funded.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Reimbursement Agreement with PaDOT as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Reimbursement Agreement with PaDOT in the amount of \$460,600 for the design and construction of Maple #1 Bridge. Total project cost estimate of \$596,750 is 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels funded.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Reimbursement Agreement with PaDOT for the Maple #1 Bridge.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the foregoing appointments to serve on County related boards:

CYS Advisory Board - John E. Artuso

Penn's Corner Resource Conservation Development Area - Commissioner alternate - Kathy Obenour

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, appointing the above-named individuals to the respective boards.

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 1999 Retirement Fund audit with Maher Duessel at the rate of \$1950. This item was previously approved by the Retirement Board on February 3, 2000.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing audit with Maher Duessel.

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 submission of the 2000-2001 VOCA Grant with the PCCD for the Crime Victim/Witness Assistance Program in the amount of \$55,855 which requires no cash match. A soft match would be accomplished by using volunteers and donated office space. The grant would provide direct services to victims of serious juvenile offenses and to unserved populations.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the submission of the 2000-2001 VOCA Grant 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 request from the Juvenile Probation Office for a \$601.74 invoice for the annual dinner meeting of the Juvenile Court Advisory Board.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the reimbursement request from the Juvenile Probation Office 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 submission of the Mobile Data Terminal Grant to the federal government. This grant requires a \$281,634 soft match from the County and a \$329,240 match from the fire, police and EMS departments who enter into this program. The grant asks the federal government for \$569,804. The total grant amount is \$1,180,678. The grant period is October, 2000 to September, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the submission of the Mobile Data Terminal Grant 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 grant budget modification related to the Juvenile Probation LEADER Program. This modification would result in no dollar change. The modification would extend the grant year to September 30, 2000 and move dollars from personnel expenditures due to reductions in items such as rent to needed equipment.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the grant budget modification as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the submission of a grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the multiple needs of homeless persons in the County. This grant seeks funding to continue the transitional housing program and permanent supportive housing. The total amount is not expected to exceed \$2.5 million for a period of three years.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the submission of a grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 Child Care Information Services Provider Agreements with the following:

Tammy Dicks, Waynesburg
Michele Brooks, Carnegie
Roberta Ketterman, Washington
Sharon Colliers, Washington
Faye Nicoletti, Canonsburg

Jill Strangis, Finleyville
Linda Neuhart, Canonsburg
Richard Boyd, Washington
Kerri O'Daniel, Canonsburg

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Child Care Information 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 contract maximum for South Connellsville Youth Center by \$10,000.00 for the Children and Youth Services Department.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the increase for South Connellsville Youth 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 the addition of a contract with Just Life, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 to provide additional psychological behavior services primarily for developmentally delayed clients for the Behavioral Health Department.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Behavioral Health Provider 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 hiring of a Mental Health Program Specialist I to work with behavioral health rehabilitative services clients. This position will be funded 100% by HealthChoices dollars and requires no additional County monies.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the hiring of a Mental Health Program Specialist I as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk noted for the record the following individuals resigned from the Children and Youth Advisory Board, effective March 8, 2000:

William H. Cline	John Speca
Dennis McWreath	Marta Bugaile
Dr. John Rankin	Betty Robinson
Dr. Thomas Conner	

The following board appointments are suggested to occur on March 30, 2000:

Wheeling Watershed Conservation Commission

Commissioner appointment - Commissioner Bevec
Commissioner appointee - Lisa Cessna
Proxy - Gary Stokum

Tourist Promotion Board

Terry Hazlet
Juan Rodriguez
Chris Blaine

Washington County Chamber

Commissioner Representative - Commissioner Bevec
Proxy - Marlene Luketich

CYS Advisory Board

Sara Geis
Dr. Foley
Alice Lohr
Isabell (Peep) Segedi
Rodger Young
Sherri Adams
David Gehron
Bill Wytovich
Susan Broman
Rev. Charles Wyatt

Drug and Alcohol Board

Kenneth G. Willis

Chief Clerk announced that a Silent Auction and Bake Sale will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at the Washington County Health Center. Proceeds will benefit the Boyd children.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Addendum to the Lease Agreement for District Justice Havelka with Kwik Stop, Inc.

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Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Addendum to the Lease Agreement for District Justice Havelka as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a request from the Latrobe Industrial Development Authority for a note to be issued to fund several projects. Solicitor McCune said the issuance of these notes does not constitute a pledge of the credit or taxing power of Washington County.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the request from the Latrobe Industrial Development Authority as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following tax refund.

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

1. Ralph E. & Hilda A. McVeigh (1999 County Tax)
1356 Spencer Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
District: Canton Township
Parcel No. 120-013-01-02-0002-00
Total amount: \$45.77

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune noted the Board would need to take action to ratify personnel issues that took place on March 3, 2000.

Solicitor McCune pointed out approval needs to be taken on the termination of Richard Cibella, Karen Kessen and Bonny Levine.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to terminate Richard Cibella as Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Commissioner Burns stated he did not agree with the decision to terminate and was denied his rights as an Elected Official to be involved in this action. He pointed he was not available to discuss this action with Commissioners Bevec and Irej prior to Mr. Cibella's termination. He stated the many accomplishments of Mr. Cibella.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to terminate Bonny Levine as Health Center Administrator at the Washington County Health Center.

Commissioner Burns stated there was no true basis for the termination of Ms. Levine and pointed out the Health Center received glowing reports from the State. He said Ms. Levine is a professional registered nurse and has done an excellent job at the Health Center since being appointed Director.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to terminate Karen Kessen as Administrator III of Children and Youth Services.

Commissioner Burns stated Children and Youth has been a troubled agency but felt with the direction of Ms. Kessen it has improved to the point of receiving a State award for increasing the number of adoptions.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to appoint Terry Crawford as Acting Administrator of the Washington County Health Center and Susan Keeling Acting Director of Nursing, Janice Urban as Acting Director of Human Resources and Jeff Felton as Acting Director of Children and Youth Services.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

BID OPENINGS

Deputy Controller Namie opened and read the following bids.

DUPLICATING PAPER

1. Van Dyke Business Systems
800 Trumbull Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Total amount of bid: \$31,780.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the foregoing bid for review.

Roll call vote taken:

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

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GLOVES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

1. Paper Products Company, Inc.
36 Terminal Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Total amount of bid: \$31,780.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

2. Interboro Packaging Corporation
114 Bracken Road
Montgomery, NY 12549-2600

Total amount of bid: \$44,249.92

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

3. Druzak Medical, Inc.
200 First Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Total amount of bid: \$34,996.37

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

4. Action Team Medical
1900 C Center Park Drive
Charlotte, NC 28217-2901

Total amount of bid: \$32,743.79

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

5. Moore Medical Corporation
389 John Downey Drive
New Britain, CT 06050

Total amount of bid: \$46,200.08

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

6. Burrows Company
230 West Palatine Road
Wheeling, IL 60090012-1098

Total amount of bid: \$500,000.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

7. Culture Kits, Inc.
P.O. Box 748
Norwich, NY 13815

Total amount of bid: \$46,886.81

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

8. Medicare Equipment Company
501 West Otterman Street, Suite C
Greensburg, PA 15601

Total amount of bid: \$54,165.59

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

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9. Redline Medical Supply, Inc.
8121 10th Avenue North
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Total amount of bid: \$39,012.01

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

10. Grainger
RIDC Parkwest Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15275

Total amount of bid: \$42,513.76

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

11. Alpine Gloves, Inc.
41093 Country Center Drive
Temecula, CA 92591

Total amount of bid: \$4,176.76

An Official Check in the amount of \$4,176.67 accompanied the bid.

12. American Healthcare Products, Inc.
528 Amapola Avenue
Torrance, CA 90501

Total amount of bid: \$44,495.36

An Official Check in the amount of \$4,500.00 accompanied the bid.

13. Rasayan
103 Glenbrook Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Total amount of bid: \$25,000.00

A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$2,200.00 accompanied the bid.

Solicitor McCune noted the Cashier's Check was not in the amount of 10% which is required according to bid specifications.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to table the foregoing bids for review.

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

11:40 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

March 28, 2000

ATTEST: Middle R Miller

CHIEF CLERK