

Minute No. 659

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, December 7, 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. Irey and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Cathi Kresh, Chief Clerk; Marlene Luketich, Director of Administration; Solicitor Richard DiSalle; Linda Belcher, Secretary; Lisa Cessna, Mark Thomas, Chad Roule and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Captain Todd Hammond; Deputy Controller Mike Namie; Reverend Bruce Merritt, Claysville United Methodist Church; Carl Maggi, American Legion and Washington County Veterans Council member; George Sawyer, People Concerned for the Unborn Child; Susan Priest, Citizen's Library; Jerry Seaman, Arky Truziani, John Adams and Lou Valante, interested citizens; Judy Chestnut, O-R; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; and Karen Peters, Valley Independent.

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

Reverend Merritt led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Maggi said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 658 dated November 22, 2000.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 658 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation declaring the week of January 21-28, 2001 as "Respect for Life Week".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

George Sawyer accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their support.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Priest, System Administrator of the Washington County Libraries, gave a quarterly activity report of the 14 libraries in the Washington County Library system.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Promotional Items to Performa Three Rivers of Pittsburgh, PA.

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

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Laundry Supplies to the following vendors:

Gurtler Chemicals, South Holland, IL

Jack Frye Sales & Service, Clairton, PA

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid for Laundry Supplies 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 Linen Supplies to the following vendors:

ATD American Co., Wyncote, PA  
Standard Textile, Cincinnati, OH  
Med-I-Pant, Inc., Champlain, NY

Charm Tex, Inc., Brooklyn, NY  
Liberty Textile Co., Cleveland, OH

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, awarding the Linen Supplies bid 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 Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste to the following vendors:

BFI, Carnegie, PA (five year contract) - Courthouse, Courthouse Square and Correctional Facility  
Waste Management, Washington, PA (five year contract) - Health Center, Airport, Mingo, Cross  
Creek and Ten Mile Parks

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Clerk stated a letter from James R. Crouch, Jr. was sent to the Board of Commissioners concerning various funding issues and employment of U.S. Military veterans. Mr. Crouch requested the letter be noted as part of the record.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Lease Agreement with Cecil Township for the purpose of providing office space for D.J. Costanza. This agreement would be effective June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2006 at a cost of \$1,050.00 per month.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Lease Agreement with Cecil Township 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 a Month-to-Month Lease Agreement with Alexander C. Speyer for providing office space for D.J. Costanza beginning January 1, 2001 until her new office area is completed. The cost would be \$1,750.00 per month.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Month-to-Month Lease Agreement with Alexander C. Speyer 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 Lease Purchase of an Oce 3165 Digital Copier for Central Services. The cost is \$1,529.00 per month for sixty months, which includes all maintenance and supplies for 900,000 copies.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Lease Purchase of an Oce Copier 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 reserve funds from the Liquid Fuels account for the County's 20% match of bridge project costs. There are eighteen projects including three covered bridges funded 100% Act 26 with the remainder funded at 80% State and 20% County Liquid Fuels. The Planning Commission has been recommended the following:

Extend the existing PaDOT approved projects as viable and reserve any remaining encumbered project balance through 2001.

Approve adjustments to the existing project balances to reflect current project status and revised project cost. Increase Pike #11 (California) \$50,000.00; increase Pike #18 (West Pike Run) \$60,000.00; increase Maple #1 (Speers) \$50,000.00; increase Pigeon #2 (Monongahela) \$30,000.00; and increase Chartiers #63 \$20,000.00.

Encumber funding for the following new projects: Cross Creek #20, \$10,000.00; Raccoon #7, \$10,000.00; Buffalo #23, \$10,000.00; Wheeling #30, \$10,000.00; Cross Creek Road, \$50,000.00; Chartiers #30, \$25,000.00; and Cross Creek #32, \$25,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Encumbrance Unexpended Balances.

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 Landfill Capacity Agreement with Greenridge Reclamation to ensure adequate capacity for disposal of Washington County waste through 2010. Guarantees disposal of 50 tons per day if needed by municipalities utilizing the landfill in East Huntingdon Township in Westmoreland County. No fee will be assessed since the landfill pays a fee to their host county.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Landfill Capacity Agreement with Greenridge Reclamation 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 purchase of a Case Loader/Backhoe for the Bridge Department. The cost is \$58,900.00 and is being purchased from Groff Tractor and Equipment, Inc. through the State contract, therefore, does not need to be bid.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the purchase of a Case Loader/Backhoe for the Bridge Department 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 adoption of a Salaried Employees Vacation Policy pro-rating vacation for Directors who commence employment with the County after July 1 of any year. This policy follows a similar schedule to prorate vacation as used for regular salaried employees.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the Salaried Vacation Policy 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 proposal from Washington Federal Bank for a \$3,000,000.00 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note at the rate of 4.625%. The cost is \$136,849.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the proposal from Washington Federal Bank as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the reappointment of the following individuals to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board. Term will be effective January 2, 2001 through December 31, 2004.

Roger Grandy  
Mary Hart

John L. West  
Harlan Shober

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the reappointment of Richard Mowl to the Washington County Conservation District Board. Term will be effective January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2005.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the appointment of the following individuals to the Drug and Alcohol Commission

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Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2004.

Captain Larry Hopkins

Cindy E. Patterson

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing appointment.

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 renewal of the Highmark Agreement for skilled nursing facility payments for calendar year 2001. The per diem rate will increase from \$170.00 to \$177.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Highmark Agreement 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 renewal of the current agreement with Albert Gallatin Hospice for 2001 to provide hospice services to residents of the Health Center who qualify for and choose to enter their hospice program. It was noted no funding is required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the renewal of the current agreement with Albert Gallatin Hospice 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 of fiscal 2000-2001 Service Agreements with the list of submitted providers. 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.

Martha Lingis, Vestaburg  
Patty Fetty, Houston  
Glenda Jo Johnson, Ellsworth

Joseph Herring, Washington  
Beverly Seik, Washington  
Deborah Crouse, Washington

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bevec, approving the CCIS Provider Agreements.

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 Contract Addendum for Community Alternatives for Children and Youth Services. The Addendum changes the reimbursement from program funded to fee-for-service. The rate for Homemaker is \$23.75 and for Family Harmony \$32.00 per hour of service.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Contract Addendum for Community Alternatives for Children and Youth Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Contract Addendum with Laurel Youth Services. The addendum will add Supportive Living per diem of \$76.88 and Supportive Living Youth and Child of \$88.48. These are transitional living services (supervised independent living type for youth and youth with children.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Contract Addendum with Laurel Youth Services 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 Amendment with Hornby Zellar for additional PACWIS training for Children and Youth Services. The amount of the increase is \$9,030.00 for a total contract amount of \$18,530.00

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing Contract Amendment with Hornby Zellar.

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 Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation approval for expenses to cover various meetings attended by staff, providers, consumers and family advocates in the amount of \$8,200.00 for January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the request from Washington County Mental Health/Mental Retardation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk recommended the following board appointments occur on December 21, 2000:

Planning Commission Board

Reappointment            Dr. Leslie Midla  
New appointment        Ronald J. Diaz

Southwestern PA Commission/Public Participation Board

Reappointments           Nancy Basile  
                                  Thomas Hartswick  
                                  David Suski  
                                  Craig Sweger  
                                  George Krelich

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

Reappointments           John P. Bevec, County Commissioner  
                                  Executive Committee  
                                  Diana L. Irej, County Commissioner  
                                  Jim Boston, Private Citizen  
                                  Mike Silvestri, Private Citizen  
New Appointment        Kenneth Westcott, Mayor of Washington  
                                  Local Elected Official

Commissioner Burns stated for the record his profound sadness that political and personal animosities has entered his colleagues to deny the citizens of Washington County in the future of having the Chairman of the Board of SPC held

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by one of the County Commissioners. He pointed out the impact of this action will never be known but is a well known fact that the Chairmanship of SPC carries with it such honor there is increased potential aid to counties that hold that position.

Also, Commissioner Burns commented by taking this action his chairmanship of the Agricultural Committee for the ten county region which he has been vowed to serve as Chairman of since its inception will also be terminated and the County's representation on that committee will cease. His chairmanship of the ten county policy council for southwestern Pennsylvania will cease and Washington County's representation of that forum will cease, too.

An Executive Session was held December 6, 2000 at 11:40 a.m. in Room 704 Courthouse Square to discuss Personnel issues and a possible litigation case.

Commissioner Bevec will be suspending his satellite office visits from December 26, 2000 through January 31, 2001. A new schedule will be forthcoming for February, 2001.

Chairman Bevec stated he is looking for input from county residents as to where host satellite offices are needed.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Tax Refunds which have been approved by Francis King, Treasurer, Ken Barna, Tax Assessment and James McCune, Assistant 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. Maria Psihountas (2000 County Tax)  
140 Linden Avenue, Apt. 732  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
District: Canonsburg 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Parcel No. 090-013-00-00-0039-00  
Total amount: \$6.96
2. Pertorre & Company, Inc. (2000 County Tax)  
R.D. #4, Box 240  
Elizabeth, PA 15037  
District: Carroll Township  
Parcel No. 130-005-05-00-0008-00  
Total amount: \$26.47
3. Robert & Paula Luzier (2000 County Tax)  
R.D. #1  
Clarksville, PA 15322  
District: East Bethlehem Township  
Parcel No. 260-004-01-00-0001-00  
Total amount: \$30.88
4. Frederick Myers & Camma Brooks (2000 County Tax)  
1118 Centennial Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
District: North Strabane Township  
Parcel No. 520-001-014-00-0002-00  
Total amount: \$64.97
5. Robert & Edith Conklin (2000 County Tax)  
18 Conklin Lane  
Prosperity, PA 15329  
District: Morris Township  
Parcel No. 450-002-00-00-0022-00  
Total amount: \$69.63
6. Robert & Edith Conklin (2000 County Tax)  
18 Conklin Lane  
Prosperity, PA 15329  
District: South Franklin Township  
Parcel No. 590-006-00-00-0008-00  
Total amount: \$28.94

7. Debra Stark & Connie Davis (2000 County Tax)  
1201 Elm Street, Suite 400  
Dallas, TX 75270  
District: North Bethlehem Township  
Parcel No. 490-004-00-00-0004-00  
490-004-00-00-0003-03  
Total amount: \$22.81
8. Starvaggi Industries (2000 County Tax)  
401 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Weirton, WV 26062  
District: Hanover Township  
Parcel No. 340-007-00-00-0006-00  
Total amount: \$79.22
9. Starvaggi Industries (2000 County Tax)  
401 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Weirton, WV 26062  
District: Hanover Township  
Parcel No. 340-007-00-00-0003-00  
Total amount: \$16.96
10. Starvaggi Industries (2000 County Tax)  
401 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Weirton, WV 26062  
District: Hanover Township  
Parcel No. 340-007-00-00-0004-00  
Total amount: \$24.37
11. Jane Deemer & Francis Blank (2000 County Tax)  
364 Zediker Station Road  
Washington, PA 15301  
District: South Strabane Township  
Parcel No. 600-008-00-00-0015-00  
Total amount: \$191.21
12. Richard & Carol Wilson (2000 County Tax)  
First American  
486 Thomas Jones Way  
Exton, PA 19341  
District: New Eagle Borough  
Parcel No. 480-010-00-01-0016-00  
Total amount: \$137.47
13. Thomas & Dale Crouse (2000 County Tax)  
5645 Prosperity Pike  
Prosperity, PA 15329  
District: Morris Township  
Parcel No. 450-015-00-00-0003-01  
Total amount: \$100.70

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### BID OPENINGS

Deputy Controller Namie opened and read the following bids:  
DISPOSABLE BRIEFS AND UNDERPADS

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

Total amount of bid: \$5,810.48

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

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

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Total amount of bid: \$172,460.26

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

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

Total amount of bid: \$171,095.06

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

- 4. Supreme Medical  
P.O. Box 850266  
Mobile, AL 36685

Total amount of bid: \$176,117.14

An Official Check in the amount of \$17,611.71

- 5. Xpedx  
211 House Avenue  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Total amount of bid: \$155,154.24

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

- 4. Burrows Company  
230 West Palatine Road  
Wheeling, IL 60090

Total amount of bid: \$145,000.00

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

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the 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 10:35 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

December 13, 2000

ATTEST: Catherine E. Kresh  
CHIEF CLERK