

Minute No. 660

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, December 21, 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 and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Captain Todd Hammond; Deputy Controller Mike Namie; George Krcelich, Director of Human Services; Roger Metcalfe, Budget Director; Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; Ron Smith, Barry Ealy, Christine Emery, Patty Fisher, Jeff Donahue and Andy Baechle, Parks Department; George Pattison, American Legion and Washington County Veterans Council member; George Eckert, Arky Truziani, John Adams, Jim Boston, Ken Laird and Lou Valante, interested citizens; Judy Chestnut, O-R; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Chris Haines, Post Gazette, Andy Briggs, KDKA TV and Karen Peters, Valley Independent.

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

Commissioner Irey led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Pattison said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 659 dated December 7, 2000.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 659 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 recognized seven Washington County School Districts who were recipients of Performance Incentive Grants from the Department of Education for either improved scores on statewide exams or improved attendance. The schools involved were Avella High School, Burgettstown High School, California Middle School, Donora Elementary, Washington Middle School and Peters Township Middle School.

Each school district representative made comments thanking the Commissioners for the recognition and certificates.

The Commissioners presented a Certificate of Commendation to Paul and Richard Phillips for their involvement in alerting the fire department of a house fire where Paul Richards delivers the Observer-Reporter newspaper.

Mr. Richards thanked the Commissioners for the certificate of commendation.

The Commissioners presented to Ron Smith of the Parks Department a plaque congratulating him for his twenty-five years of employment with Washington County and wished him well on his retirement.

Mr. Smith thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work for the county and stated he enjoyed all the people he met over the years.

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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Robert Umstead of the Redevelopment Authority presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 5 to a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation in an Urban Development Action Grant Program for residential mortgage assistance in Washington County.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Disposable Briefs and Underpads to the following vendors:

Redline, Golden Valley, MN
Druzak, Ambridge, PA

Paper Products, Pittsburgh, PA

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid for Disposable Briefs and Underpads as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Training Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Washington County Department of Public Safety. The amount of this grant is \$7,100.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Training Grant Agreement 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 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Planning Project Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Washington County Department of Public Safety. The amount of this grant is \$5,040.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Planning Project Grant Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for carpeting for the offices located on the seventh floor of Courthouse Square.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, authorizing the advertisement of bids 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 an Addendum for the Pharmacy Contract with Curtis, Jeffreys, P+G and Viehamm Pharmacies which would extend the contract through January 31, 2002. It was noted that the contract addendum would include the vendor will be paid a packaging and processing fee of thirty cents on all individual prescriptions when the average wholesale price minus fifteen percent is less than \$6.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Addendum for the Pharmacy Contract.

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 membership to the National Association of Purchasing Management-Pittsburgh for Purchasing Director Nancy Bielawski. It was noted annual dues are \$150.00 with a \$20.00 one-time administrative fee and \$25.00 initiation fee.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the membership to the National Association of Purchasing Management-Pittsburgh 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 purchase of a Compaq server in the amount of \$10,712.00 for the county's web site as it has grown enough to justify its own server.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the purchase of a Compaq server 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 purchase of telephone equipment, installation, training and three years parts and labor warranty for the District Justices. The total cost is \$30,127.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the purchase of telephone equipment and necessary items for the District Justices 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 reserve funds from the Liquid Fuels account for the County's 20% match of bridge projects costs. Upon further consultation with PaDOT, the Planning Commission recommends approving adjustments to the existing project balances to reflect current project status and revised project cost. It was noted it is necessary to increase Chartiers #59 \$20,000.00; increase Mingo #11 \$20,000.00; increase Pigeon #2, \$35,000.00; increase Wheeling #21 \$15,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Liquid Fuels encumbrances 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 authorization to release a partial payment for compensation in the amount of \$275,000.00 to Air Charter Service, Inc. This amount has been requested by the property owner to assist with relocation expenses and approved by the Solicitor's Office as a percentage of the appaised value of the real property. The property acquisition is necessary for the completion of the Taxiway B relocation project currently under construction.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Airport Land Acquisition from Air Charter Service, Inc. 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 a six month agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services to provide counsel for indigent parents in dependency proceedings with Children and Youth Services. This agreement would be effective January 1, 2001 at the rate of \$28.50 per hour for a maximum of 875 hours. The agreement total will not exceed \$24,937.50.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the six month agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal 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 the annual Supplemental Budget Appropriations previously sent to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the annual Supplemental Budget Appropriations 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 a Grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$47,817.00. This Grant will be used to cover expenses incurred by the Tax Assessment Department in preparation of the Century Tax Rebate Program.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Grant from the Department of Community and Economic 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 of a booster membership for the Washington County Commissioners to the Washington Business District Authority. The cost of the membership is \$25.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the foregoing booster membership with the Washington Business District Authority.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended to the Board the appointment of the following individuals to the Planning Commission Board for a four year term, effective January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2004.

Dr. Leslie Midla - Reappointment

Ronald J. Diaz - New appointment

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing appointments to the Planning Commission Board.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the appointment of the following individuals to the Planning Commission/Public Participation Panel. It was noted these are reappointments for a two year term, effective January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2002:

Nancy Basile
David Suski
George Kreclich

Thomas Hartswick
Craig Sweger

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing reappointments to the Planning Commission/Public Participation Panel.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the appointments of the following individuals to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Board:

John P. Bevec, County Commissioner, Executive Committee
Diana L. Irey, County Commissioner
Jim Boston, Private Citizen

Mike Silvestri, Private Citizen
Kenneth Westcott, Mayor of Washington
Local Elected Official

Commissioner Burns stated his profound sadness regarding the recent appointments to this Board and noted this is the first time in 55 years he is short on words pertaining to this action, therefore, he votes "No".

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Bevec, approving the foregoing appointments.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an increase in the per call rate for the Deputy Coroners who are called upon to investigate a death scene from \$75.00 to \$150.00, effective January 1, 2001. The per call rate of \$75.00 has been in effect since 1993.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the increase in the per call rate for the Deputy Coroners 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 Human Services Department for expenses to cover various meetings attended by staff, providers, consumers and advocates in the amount of \$500.00 for calendar year January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the request from the Human Services Department for expenses 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 for fiscal 2000-2001. 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.

A Development Journey, McKeesport
Kimberly Brownlee, Claysville
Theresa Conklin, Washington

Kid's Kingdom Child Care Center, Washington
Bethany Martinez, Houston

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bevec, 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 agreement with the Department of Transportation for the Disabled Transportation Pilot Project in the amount of ~~\$741~~575.66 for the period of January 1, 2001 thru June 30, 2002.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Department of Transportation for the Disabled Transportation Pilot Program Project 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 Human Services Department to enter into an agreement with Family Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the Welfare to Work Auto Loan Fund. The effective date is January 1, 2001 until funds are expended. It was noted this is funded 100% by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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 submission of the Washington County Hazmat Team recertification application to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the Washington County Public Safety Department.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the submission of the Washington County Hazmat Team recertification application.

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 appointment of Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton as Broker of Record for the Washington County Employee Benefits. This will include health care, life insurance and long term disability.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing appointment of Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton as Broker of Record.

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 reappointment of Campbell Insurance Associates as Broker of for Washington County Property and Casualty Insurance.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the reappointment of Campbell Insurance Associates 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 Health Care rates for January 1, 2001:

Health Assurance (PPO) - 11% increase over the current rates
Blue Cross Select Blue (Point of Service) - 4% increase over the current rates

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Health Care rates for 2001.

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 Property and Casualty rates through Campbell Associates for January 1, 2001:

General property and casualty	\$201,632.00
Liability insurance - Health Center	\$174,348.00
Wash. Co. Airport Insurance	\$ 5,250.00

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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 adoption of the 2001 County budget which reflects a tax levy and appropriation resolution fixing the tax rate for the year 2001 at 15.25 mills for general purposes and 2.25 mills for debt purposes and appropriate specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of County government for the year 2001. The tax rate will remain at the 1996 level of 17.5 mills.

Prior to voting, Commissioner Burns stated his profound disappointment in the 43.7%-cut in the FITS program. Commissioner Burns pointed out the FITS program is one the residents of Washington County can be proud of. Commissioner Burns stated over the last two years there have been 21,000 hours of service given to communities and nonprofit organizations. By doing so, the County not only provided services to these nonprofit organizations and communities, he felt strongly that the County provided a very healthy and therapeutic rehabilitative effect on the prisoners involved in the program. He noted that cutting the program after the budget was balanced is unacceptable to him, therefore, he votes "No".

Commissioner Irej noted the County is not doing away with this program but the County has found a way to do things that the Board thinks will serve the people just as well with less cost to the taxpayers. Mrs. Irej stated she would be more than happy to "Yes".

Chairman Bevec noted this program was initially funded by the State in its inception and these funds ran out October 1, 2000. He pointed out he is currently discussing with Legislators the possibility of the State picking up the \$50,000 cut in the program. Chairman Bevec stated this is a great program and wants to keep it running. He stated hopefully the Legislators will come through and provide the additional monies for the program and continue the program status quo, therefore, he votes "Yes".

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Bevec, adopting the 2001 County budget as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk announced County Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2000 in observance of the Christmas holiday and Monday, January 1, 2001 in observance of the New Year holiday.

Chief Clerk announced a Salary Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 4, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, PA.

Chief Clerk announced the first Board of Commissioners Meeting in 2001 will be held Thursday, January 11, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square and noted the meetings will be held every other Thursday thereafter.

Also, Chief Clerk recommended the following board appointments occur on January 11, 2001:

Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission

Reappointment

Joyce Morich
Second term

Eff. January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2004

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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.

There being no further business, Chairman Bevec declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

December 27, 2000

ATTEST: Caroline E. Kresh
CHIEF CLERK