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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 608

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, January 7, 1999

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 J. Bracken Burns, Sr., Diana L. Irej and Scott H. Fergus. Also being present: Michelle Miller, Chief Clerk; Jill Devine, Assistant Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Secretary; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Marlene Luketich and Mark Thomas, Planning Commission; Debbie Bardella, Recorder of Deeds; Phyllis Ranko Matheny, Prothonotary; Francis King, Treasurer; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Sheriff Maggi and Chief Deputy Sheriff John Rheel; Deputy Controller Mike Namie; Larry Sphar, Director of Elections; Robert Umstead, Redevelopment Authority; George Eckert, Washington County Veterans Council; Becky Bailey, Dino Bruno, Pete Lorenzo, Dee Laabs, Christine Gerot and Patty Ondash, SEIU members; Nellie Chester, President of the Greater Washington County Food Bank; Harry Sabatasse, Fred Fleet and John Logar, interested citizens; Joe Smydo, Observer-Reporter; and Chris Haines, Herald Standard.

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

Chairman Burns led the meeting in prayer.

Mr. Eckert said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 607 dated December 17, 1998.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, that Minute No. 607 be approved.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Nellie Chester declaring January 6-20, 1999 as The Governor's Food Drive in Washington County.

Mrs. Chester made comments and requested the assistance of the County Commissioners to conduct a food drive with the county employees for this worthwhile cause.

Mr. Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Amendments and Budget Revisions to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Amendments and Budget Revisions to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, commented about the meeting that was scheduled for the Elected Officials for the purpose of pay raises. Mr. Sabatasse noted that at the last minute the meeting was cancelled. He also questioned the Board as to why this legal advertisement was appeared in the Valley Independent instead of the Observer-Reporter.

Mr. Sabatasse remarked on the possible elimination of two directors to save money for the taxpayers of Washington County.

Chairman Burns pointed out that the Director of Administration is an important position in County government and that position will not be eliminated at the present time.

Mr. Sabatasse also commented on the costs of hiring professional negotiators from Allegheny County to assist in the union contracts with the County. Mr. Sabatasse offered his services free of charge to negotiate the union contracts for the Commissioners.

Chairman Burns thanked Mr. Sabatasse for his comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Assistant Solicitor Devine recommended to the Board that the bid for 1999 3/4 Ton 4-Wheel Drive Truck for the Bridge Department be awarded to Budd Baer, Inc. for the amount set forth in their bid.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, awarding the bid for a 1999 Truck for the Bridge Department as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Clerk announced the following Redevelopment Authority notice:

1. Homebuyer Assistance Program in the Borough of Donora

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the payment of \$15,000 to Lighthouse Electric for change order requests on the Courthouse Wiring Project.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the payment to Lighthouse Electric as per above.

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Economic Strategic Plan Award Agreement whereby the Commissioners would pledge \$20,000 in matching funds for the Strategic Plan for Economic Development. These funds would be given to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority for the purpose of managing a contract with Urban Research and Development of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The total cost of the contract is \$48,800. Additional money to fund this project has been raised from the business community and local economic development agencies.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Economic Strategic Plan Award Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Shipman's Sanitary Service of Prosperity and the Parks and Recreation Department for Port-A-John rental at the County Parks. The costs of this agreement are as follows:

\$ 60.00/month per standard unit
\$120.00/month per handicap unit

The contract includes costs for additional units for special events. The Agreement would be effective January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2000.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the agreement with Shipman's Sanitary Service as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program for summer supply items.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, authorizing the Chief Clerk to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an increase in the annual allotment from \$750 to \$1,000 per fire company for the nine companies under agreement to service various County owned facilities. These agreements would include provisions for providing fire prevention, inspection and protection of County lands and buildings within the respective jurisdictions of the fire companies for calendar year 1999. The fire departments are as follows:

<u>Fire Company</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>
Avella Fire Company	Cross Creek Park
East Bethlehem Fire Company	Ten Mile Park
West Middleton Fire Company	Cross Creek Park
Mt. Pleasant Twp. Fire Company	Cross Creek Park
City of Washington	Courthouse, Jail and Courthouse Square Complex
Finleyville Fire Company	Mingo Creek Park
Valley Inn Fire Company	Mingo Creek Park
Chartiers Twp. Fire Company	Washington Co. Health Center, Juvenile Detention Center and Fairgrounds
South Franklin Twp. Fire Company	County Airport

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Fire Department Service Agreements as per above.

Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended to the Board that the appointment of Keith Sparbanie to the National Road Heritage Park Board made by the Commissioners at the December 17, 1998 public meeting be rescinded.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irey, rescinding the appointment of Keith Sparbanie as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the to the Board for their consideration and approval the addition of the International Association of Emergency Management to the approved list of County Associations.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the addition of the International Association of Emergency Management to the approved list of County Associations.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Change Order to the original Construction Agreement for the Alzheimer's Unit. This Change Order would delete the construction portion of the outside garage from the original plans. The total credits given by the contractors related to this Change Order would be \$26,368.00.

Crump, Inc. (General Contractor)	\$19,800.00
E. L. Kemp (HVAC)	1,090.00
E. L. Kemp (Louver Elimination)	675.00
Clayworth Mechanical (Plumbing)	2,803.00
Lighthouse Electric (Electric)	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$26,368.00

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the foregoing Change Order to the original Construction Agreement for the Alzheimer's Unit.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Contract Adjustment Agreements for Children and Youth with the various providers . These adjustments would result in a net reduction of \$190,000.00.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>1998-99 Amt.</u>	<u>Cut for 98-99</u>	<u>Final 1998-99 Amt.</u>
CARE -Family Srv.	\$100,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000
CARE - Parent Ed.	13,000	-	13,000
CARE - Sexual Assault	105,000	40,000	65,000
Catholic Charities	168,726	25,000	143,726
CATY	130,000	(160,000)	290,000
Comm. Alt. -Homemaker	113,014	40,000	73,014
Comm. Alt. - In Home	36,986	-	36,986
CRY - Prevention Prog.	18,000	-	18,000
George Jr.	40,000	(60,000)	100,000
TAH - Fam. Preserv.	192,000	50,000	142,000
TAH - SPIRIT	317,000	50,000	267,000
TAH - Intens. Counsel	135,000	-	135,000
TAH - Wash. High Rx	25,300	-	25,300
Three Rivers Adoption	86,500	-	86,500
Whales Tale - Fam. Stab.	865,360	135,000	730,360
Whales Tale - Freedom	100,000	10,000	90,000
Yatsko, George	36,000	-	36,000

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Contract Adjustment Agreements as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the endorsement of Behavioral

Health Services Contract adjustment agreements for fiscal year 1998/99 as follows:

	<u>Mental Health</u>		<u>Mental Retard.</u>		<u>Waiver</u>		<u>Early Interv.</u>	
	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Adj.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>Adj.</u>
AVS					71,000	142,000		
ARS			18,000	35,000				
AMI	120,000	240,000						
ABC			1,000	2,000				
Auberle	5,000	5,000						
Centervle	516,000	897,000	49,000	97,454			29,000	58,000
DHS	479,000	869,500	162,000	313,000	220,000	327,000	61,000	162,000
Futtrel	19,000	38,000	399,000	667,000	964,000	2,056,000		
GARC	26,000	52,000	122,000	251,000	739,000	1,493,700		
Gr. CYS	5,000	80,000						
Gr. HS	42,000	84,000						
GHI	169,000	338,000						
Holy Fam.	10,000	20,000						
Keystone			42,000	86,000				
Lifesteps					62,000	1,280,838		
Melmark			38,000	78,000				
MHA	446,000	932,000						
MVRC	5,000	10,000	39,000	100,000	22,000	38,000		
Sharp					197,000	315,000		
SWFB	100,000	170,000						
TEC	78,000	145,000						
UCP			59,000	126,000	528,000	1,092,644		
WC	569,000	985,000	67,000	121,000			31,000	62,000
WC HS	91,000	182,000						
WC CYS	61,000	120,000						
Whales Ta	56,000	97,000						

DRUG AND ALCOHOL

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Fiscal 1998-99 Contract Amt.</u>	<u>Amended Amt.</u>
Catholic Charities	\$ 19,505.00	\$ 39,010.00
Comp. Subs. Abuse	23,725.00	47,450.00
C.A.R.E.	242,460.00	487,920.00
Try Again Homes	25,046.00	50,092.00
Whales Tale Freedom	44,577.00	89,154.00
Gaiser Addiction Cntr	50,000.00	100,000.00
Gateway Rehab.	200,000.00	400,000.00
Greenbriar Treatment Cntr	200,000.00	400,000.00
Right Turn	50,000.00	100,000.00
Roxbury	50,000.00	100,000.00
Twin Lakes Center	100,000.00	200,000.00
White Deer Run	100,000.00	200,000.00
Turning Point Chem. Dep.	50,000.00	100,000.00
The Whales Tale	100,000.00	200,000.00
Zoar Home	50,000.00	100,000.00
Sojourner	50,000.00	100,000.00
St. Francis	10,000.00	20,000.00
Mon Valley Hospital	5,000.00	10,000.00
Progressive Medical	7,000.00	14,000.00
Vision	25,000.00	50,000.00
Neighborhood Drug Awnes	91,646.00	183,292.00

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HALFWAY HOUSES

Charter Renewal Center	50,000.00	100,000.00
Gatehouse for Women	50,000.00	100,000.00
Gatehouse for Men	50,000.00	100,000.00
Harbor House	50,000.00	100,000.00
Highland House	50,000.00	100,000.00
Lehigh Valley	50,000.00	100,000.00
Moffitt	50,000.00	100,000.00
P.O.W.E.R.	50,000.00	100,000.00
Right Turn	50,000.00	100,000.00
Rutter House	50,000.00	100,000.00
Serenity House	150,000.00	300,000.00
Turning Point	50,000.00	100,000.00

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving and endorsing the foregoing Behavioral Health Services contract adjustment agreements for fiscal year 1998-99.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Day Care Provider Agreements with the following individuals.

Richard Konwalski, Washington
Theresa Cain, Canonsburg

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the foregoing Day Care Provider Agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk made the following announcements:

County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 1999 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

The 1999 Sinking Fund Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1999 immediately following the Public Meeting in Room 104, Courthouse Square.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bids:

ELECTION SUPPLIES

1. Cane Business Forms
P.O. Box 310
Atlasburg, PA 15004

Total amount of bid: \$2,017.70

An Official Check in the amount of \$201.70 accompanied the bid.

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2. William Penn Printing
939 West North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Total amount of bid: \$47,076.00

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

3. Moore North America, Inc.
275 North Field Drive
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Total amount of bid: \$2,344.65

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

4. Badzik Printing Service, Inc.
799 Meldon Avenue, P.O. Box 242
Donora, PA 15033

Total amount of bid: \$11,772.40

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Burns declared the meeting adjourned at approximately

10:30 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

January 13, 1999
ATTEST: Michelle R Miller

CHIEF CLERK