

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 627

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, September 30, 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: Chief Clerk Michelle Miller; Jim McCune, Solicitor; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Linda Belcher, Secretary; Joe Zupancic, Assistant Solicitor; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Chief Deputy John Rheel; Ken Barna, Director of Tax Assessment Office; Max Morgan, Director of Economic Development; Senator Barry Stout and State Representative Vic Lescovitz; Francis King, Treasurer; Kathleen Reda, Register of Wills; Controller Paul Belcastro; Joseph Abate, member of the Washington County Veterans Council; Robert and Betty Yowan, Dino, Bob and Betty Jordan, Ed and Alli Jones and Tom and Merle Miller, members of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Eighth Airforce Historical Society; Nancy Speer, League of Women Voters; Harry Sabatasse, John Logar, David Antion, George Eckert, Anthony Truzziani, interested citizens; Joe Symdo, Observer-Reporter; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Janice Crompton, Post Gazette; Mike Naylor, Weirton Daily Times; Andy Briggs, WTAE TV; and Stu Brown, WPXI TV.

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

Chairman Burns led the meeting with a prayer.

Joseph Abate said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 626 dated September 16, 1999.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, that Minute No. 626 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 declaring September 26 - October 2, 1999 as "Voter Awareness Week".

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Speer thanked the Commissioners for the Proclamation and the operation of the registered remote line that enables county residents to register to vote over the phone.

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The Commissioners adopted a Proclamation declaring October 8-14, 1999 as "The Mighty Eighth Air Force Week".

Robert Yowan accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their support. Mr. Yowan introduced fellow Might Eighth Air Force members.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse of Burgettstown addressed the Board regarding the purchase of property in Hanover Township for the development of a business park. He commended Senator Stout and State Representative Lescovitz for assisting in the development of this area. Mr. Sabatasse questioned the Commissioners on the assessed value of this parcel and pointed out the land had been previously stripped for coal and was worth far less than the County purchase price. He questioned whether this was a fair practice of the Board to purchase land for more than it is worth.

David Antion of the McGuffey area brought to the Board's attention the matter of an audit being performed on the Election Office. He pointed out numerous violations in the '99 Democrat Committee Campaign Report. Mr. Antion stated these are serious offenses and that the Director of Elections should be suspended from his duties so that a fair election can occur in Washington County.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor McCune recommended to the Board the bid for the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program be awarded to the following vendors:

Zappi Oil and Gas Company, Washington PA
Cargill, Inc., North Olmstead, OH
Chemply, Pittsburgh, PA

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, awarding the bid for Joint Municipal Purchasing Program as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Lease Agreement for office space for D. J. Teagarden with Cario Partnership. This lease will commence November 1, 1999 through 2004 with two additional 5 year options. The cost of office space would be \$1,000 per month plus utilities.

Commissioner Fergus questioned if this item was reviewed by the county solicitor and is in proper form.

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Solicitor McCune reported the County was not bound by the previous landlord and this action is by the recommendation of President Judge Gladden, District Magistrate Teagarden, the Court Administrator and the rules and regulations of the County.

Moved by Mrs. Irely , seconded by Mr. Fergus, to approve the Lease Agreement with Cario Partnership for office space for D.J. Teagarden as per above.

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 a Lease Extension with PDF Partnership for office space for D. J. Mark. This would be a one-month extension through November 30, 1999 at the same terms and conditions as the current contract.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the extension to the current lease agreement with PDF Partnership as per above.

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 the renewal of a Maintenance Contract with BI for the electronic bracelet system for the period of November 1, 1999 to October 31, 2000. The cost of this renewal is \$10,752 and includes the license, software support, hardware support and field equipment.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the renewal of the Maintenance Contract with BI for the electronic bracelet system as per above.

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 a Change Order for the Kitchen Ware/Equipment bid for the Purchasing Department requesting approximately \$27,000 in equipment for the Correctional Facility.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Change Order.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization for the Public Safety Department to purchase ten computers from the State Contract at the cost of \$11,220. This purchase would be for the purpose of the computers being Y2K compliant.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, authorizing the purchase of ten computers for the Public Safety Department 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 Change Orders with Clayworth Mechanical for the Alzheimer's Unit at the Washington County Health Center as follows:

Extra work for water and gas lines that is required due to hitting rock	\$35,000
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Relocation of gas lines to the west side of the building due to the building foundation	\$ 7,197
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Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Change Orders with Clayworth Mechanical as per above.

Roll call vote:

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 Monaloh Basin Engineers not to exceed \$10,000 for site evaluation and development at Raccoon Creek Bridge #13, Dunbar and Raccoon Creek Bridge #17, McClaren. This amount will be paid out of the County Liquid Fuels allocation.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Agreement with Monaloh Basin Engineers as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for a prefabricated bridge system to replace Raccoon Creek #17, McClaren.

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

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the ratification of the contract with the Washington Court Association of Professional Employees for the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2000.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the ratification of the contract with the Washington Court Association of Professional Employees as per above.

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Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Travel Requests for the following employees:

1. Charlotte Rydzak and Michele Malachosky of Domestic Relations to attend the Annual DRAP Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 6, 1999.
2. Sue Accetta and Martha Ward of Domestic Relations to attend the Annual DRAP Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 3-7, 1999.
3. Dick Cibella of Human Resources to attend the SPALMC Annual Golf Outing at Beaver Lakes Country Club in Aliquippa, Pa., on September 27, 1999.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Travel Requests.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Fergus - Yes; Mrs. Irely - No; Mr. Burns - Yes.

Motion carried.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for the District Attorney. This Agreement relates to the funds received by the Drug Task Force from the Justice Department of the Treasury as a result of forfeiture proceedings held at the United States District Court.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for the District Attorney as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Quest Diagnostics to provide clinical laboratory services to residents of the Health Center. This Agreement retroactive to January 1, 1999 is necessary due to changes in consolidated billing procedures.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Agreement with Quest Diagnostics as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Connect, Inc. to provide the services of a Family Center in the City of Washington for the Washington School District in the amount of \$87,500 for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Agreement with Connect, Inc.

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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 the following Child Care

Information Services Agreements for fiscal year 1999/2000.

Ruth Fonner, Washington
 Christen Cupler, Washington
 Linda VanPool, Donora
 Cynthia Dobrovich, Bellaire, OH
 Barbara Skolyak, Washington
 Ira Jones, Westland
 Loretta Law, Donora

Michele Hilpert, Washington
 Mona Caldwell, Canonsburg
 Loretta Greene, Washington
 Elnora Miller, Washington
 Patricia Tarr, Washington
 Marcie Sanders, Washington

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Child Care Information Services Agreements as per above.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk made the following News Release available:

1. Special Hunt at Mingo Creek Park during the muzzle loader/second season archery deer season which is December 27, 1999 through January 15, 2000.
2. Purchase of 148 acres in Hanover Township for the purpose of developing a business park.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with 18/22 Land Company Limited Partnership for the purchase of 148 acres of land in Hanover Township subject to title being appropriate and environmental audit. This would be for the purpose of developing the parcel for a business park.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Agreement with 18/22 Land Company Limited Partnership as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

11:00 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

October 12, 1999

ATTEST: Michelle R Miller

CHIEF CLERK