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WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 582

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, January 22, 1998

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 Diana Irely, J. Bracken Burns, Sr., and Joseph Ford, Sr. Also being present: Michelle Miller, Chief Clerk, Linda Hands, Secretary; Solicitor Jim McCune; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Francis King, Treasurer; Sheriff Maggi and Captain Todd Hammond; Mayor Sonny Spossey; Chief Ed Cochran, City of Washington police; Rick Wynn, Director of Human Services; Lori Crompton, Commissioners' Office; Father James Young, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church; Gregg Lonich and George Patterson, Veterans of Foreign War; Lauragenn Berdine, Vice Principal of JFK Catholic School; J.R. Wheeler, Director of CUTV; Tom Krukowsky, Jeff Helsel and Erik Sprowls, student representatives of CUTV; Melanie Finney; Planning Commission; Bob Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; Dee Laabs, SEIU; Roberta DeJohn, Washington County Reading Roundtable; Don Casson, Brooke Anthony and Tiffany Forlai, pageant contestant and reigning queen; David Antion, interested citizen; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Joe Smydo, Observer Reporter; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent.

Chairman Irely called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. and entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 581 dated January 8, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, that Minute No. 581 dated January 8, 1998, be approved as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Proclamation declaring January 25 - February 1, 1998, as Catholic Schools Week in Washington County.

Lauragenn Berdine of JFK Catholic School accepted the Proclamation and discussed highlights of Catholic School Week.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, adopting the Proclamation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Roberta DeJohn of Canon McMillan School District and member of the Washington County Reading Roundtable announced that "Read Across America" day will be held on March 2, 1998. Ms. DeJohn explained that on March 2nd individuals are asked to read with children in order to promote the message that reading is important and fun. Members of the National Education Association are organizing events in schools, libraries and book stores

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across the nation.

The Commissioners presented a Certificate of Congratulations to J. R. Wheeler, Tom Krukowsky, Jeff Helsel, and Erik Sprowls of CUTV for being judged as the best collegiate television station in the United States by the National Association of Collegiate Broadcasters.

Mr. Wheeler made comments regarding this award.

The Commissioners presented Certificates to Brooke Anthony and Tiffany Forlai for participation in the Queen of Charity Pageant.

Don Casson thanked the Commissioners for the certificates and discussed various fund raising events held by the pageant contestants.

Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving the Ridge Avenue Redevelopment Project in the City of Washington.

Mayor Sonny Spossey made comments regarding the benefits of this redevelopment project for the City of Washington.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, adopting the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution with reference to the Budget revisions and amendments for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

(The meeting recessed for photos.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Antion, McGuffey Area School District, appeared at the Commissioners' meeting to formally request that an independent investigatory audit of the Washington County Election Office be conducted. Mr. Antion presented information alleging errors in the vote computation from the 1997 General Election.

Commissioners Irey told Mr. Antion that she is in support of an independent audit of the Election Office due to the allegations that were presented. Commissioners Ford and Burns suggested that Mr. Antion's complaints be forwarded to Solicitor McCune, who will provide an investigatory report within ten days. After the report is reviewed, it will be clarified whether or not an independent audit of the Election Office is warranted.

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OLD BUSINESS

Attorney McCune recommended to the Board that bids for Meat for the Health Center and Jail be awarded to the following vendors based on the "per unit" cost submitted in their bid proposal.

Alliant Food Service, Freedom, Pa.
Green Valley Packing, Claysville, Pa.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, awarding the bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune recommended that the bids for the Terrazzo Type Flooring be tabled for further review.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, to table the bid for the Terrazzo Type Floor as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Clerk made available to the news media correspondence relative to the following:

1. Announcement of the Washington County Housing Authority's participation in two scholarship programs.
2. Awarding of a Contract to Kopko Construction of Washington for the East Washington Borough Public/Community Facilities Improvement Project (LeMoyne Center)

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Renewal of the License and Software Support Agreement for the tax system for 1998 with RBA Data Systems. The cost of this Agreement is \$12,758.00 for the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Renewal of the License and Software Support Agreement with RBA Data System as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Renewal Contract with Medical Arts Pharmacy for Pharmacy Services at the Washington County Health Center. This renewal would be effective from February 1, 1998 through January 31, 2000 under the same terms and conditions as the current contract.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Renewal Contract with Medical Arts Pharmacy as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of the current contract with AT&T Wireless for a cellular phone for the Sheriff's Department Bench Warrant Crew. This contract for cellular service would be \$10.95 per month plus 36 cents per minute peak time and 16 cents per minute off peak time.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Renewal Contract with AT&T Wireless as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Professional Services Contract with William P. Smith, P.E. in the amount of \$17,095.00 for the preliminary design for Courthouse wiring (\$12,095.00) and for a short circuit study (\$5,000.00).

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Professional Services Contract with William P. Smith P.E. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the purchase of three (3) 1998 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles at a cost of \$20,594.00 each from the State Contract.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the State Contract purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff's Department as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for office space for District Justice Curtis Thompson in Bentleyville.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, authorizing the Chief Clerk to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the appointments of the following individuals to the Citizens Advisory Board:

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Albert White, Washington
F. Joseph Marsh, Washington
Timothy Henry Mavrich, Strabane
Jeff Kotula, Daisytown
Dennis Dutton, Washington
George Thomas II, Washington

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, appointing the foregoing individuals to the Citizens Advisory Board.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Health Assurance 1998 premium rates for Children and Youth, Jail Correctional Officers, and Deputy Sheriffs for the period of January 1, 1998 to January 1, 1999, reflecting an approximate 3% increase from the 1997 rates.

	Group #2057970001 <u>#2057970999</u>	Group <u>#205797002</u>
Employee	\$138.37	\$136.42
Employee & Child	292.77	288.67
Employee & Children	292.77	288.67
Employee & Spouse	345.92	341.03
Employee & Family	386.82	381.36

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the foregoing Health Assurance rates for Children and Youth, Jail Correctional Officers and Deputy Sheriffs for 1998.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the addition of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Labor Management Committee to the approved association/organization list concerned with government affairs in accordance with Section 446 of the County Code.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Labor Management Committee as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following travel request:

- (R)
(Reimbursable)
1. Christina Popovich and Gina Manfredi of CYS to attend a Supporting Children and Adolescents through their Journey of Grief seminar in Mars, Pa., on March 19, 1998.

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- (R)
(Reimbursable) 2. Christina Popovich and Gina Manfredi of CYS to attend You Can't Make Me: Strategies for Challenging Behaviors Meeting in Mars, Pa., on March 20, 1998.
- (O) 3. Pamela Royesky of Judge O'Dell Seneca's Office to attend An Anatomy and Medical Jargon for Attorneys seminar in Washington, Pa., on January 30, 1998.
- (O) 4. Frank Signore of Info Tech to attend a Data Communications and Networking seminar in Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 5-6, 1998.
- (R)
(Reimbursable) 5. Tim Harrison of Juvenile Probation to attend Computer Access Classes (6 sessions) and Computer Excel Classes (6 sessions) in Washington, Pa., on February 19, and April 2, 1998.
- (O)
(Reimbursable) 6. George Krcelich of Human Services to attend a Welfare to Work Transportation State meeting at State College, Pa., on January 30, 1998.
- (O) 7. H. Lee Gregory of EMA to attend an Emergency Response To Terrorism - Train the Trainer seminar in Erie, Pa., on January 23-25, 1998.
- (R)
(Reimbursable) 8. Bryan Pizzuti of Juvenile Probation to attend a Juvenile Justice Academy - Orientation in Harrisburg, Pa., on February 3-6, and March 2, 1998.
- (R)
(Reimbursable) 9. Lois Thomas of the Health Center Activities to attend a Music Medicine - Effective Use of Music with the Mentally And Physically Challenged Meeting in California, Pa., on January 30, 1998.
- (O) 10. John Marshall of Loss Prevention to attend a Western PA Safety Council Conference in Monroeville, Pa., on March 31 - April 1-2, 1998.
- (R)
(Reimbursable) 11. Rich Wynn of Human Services to attend a Negotiate Managed Care Rates meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., on February 3-4, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the travel requests and authorizing the payment of all necessary expenses related thereto.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Abstain; Mrs. Irej - Yes.

Motion carried.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval that the following travel requests be ratified.

- (R) 1. Jill Devine of the Solicitor's Office to attend the Winter Bench Bar Meeting in Washington, Pa., on January 23, 1998.
- (O)
(Reimbursable) 2. Stan Rockovich of Adult Probation to attend an Executive Committee Chief Probation Association Meeting at State College, Pa., on January 22-23, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irej, to ratify the foregoing travel requests.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - Yes; Mr. Burns - Abstain; Mrs. Irej - Yes.

Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Agreements with the following nine (9) fire companies for the purpose of providing fire prevention, inspection and fire protection of County lands and buildings within the respective jurisdictions of these fire companies. Each agreement is for the amount of \$750.00 per fire company for calendar year 1998:

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

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Agreements as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the appointment of the following individuals to the Food Bank Board of Directors:

Bob Lusk, Charleroi	Madge Finney, Bentleyville
Paster Tom Ravasio, Donora	John Karlin, Washington

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the foregoing appointments to the Food Bank Board of Directors.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following appointments to the Washington County Housing Authority:

Jim McDonald, Washington	appointed for a five year term, effective 1/1/98
Dennis Stitch, Charleroi	to fill the unexpired term of Peter Glasser until 12/31/2000

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the appointments to the Washington County Housing Authority as per above.

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Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Ford - "Yes" to the appointment of Mr. Stich and "No" to the appointment of Mr. McDonald;

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

Motion carried.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Month-to-Month Vehicle Lease Extension Agreement (until March 9, 1998) with GMAC for the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, approving the Month-to-Month Vehicle Lease Extension Agreement with GMAC as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval Day Care Provider Agreements with the following facilities/individuals for FY 97/98:

James Walker, Washington

Lynn Huseman, Washington

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Day Care Provider Agreements as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Try Again Homes to help reduce the number of juvenile delinquency placements from the program's targeted participants on a cost efficient basis. The funding for this project would be \$48,000.00 and will be procured from a one time non-match JCJC Grant of \$24,700.00 and a United Way's Leverage Fund match of \$23,300.00. No County dollars would be used this fiscal year. Future year's funding would depend on meeting criteria in reducing placements.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Agreement with Try Again Homes as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the purchase of office cubicles and work stations for the Day Care Department at a total cost of \$16,936.00. The funding has been budgeted and approved through a contract with the Department of Public Welfare for the Day Care Department. It was noted that Mental Health/Mental Retardation will be billed for \$2,879.50 of the total cost.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, approving the purchase of cubicles and work stations for the Day Care Department as per above.

Chairman Ireby stated that the reason for this action is to be in compliance with the ADA.

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, that the Tax Assessment Office (or Tax Claim Bureau) be authorized to prepare the following tax refund because of duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax:

- 1. Peter J. & Kelly A. Keruskin (1997 County Tax)
R.D. #1, Box 154
Jefferson, PA 15344
District: Deemston Borough
Parcel ID No: 220-007-00-00-0012-02
Total amount: \$36.79
SS No. 204-52-5163
- 2. Bruce & Carolyn Boocks (1992 thru 1997 County Tax)
P.O. Box 231
McDonald, PA 15057
District: Cecil Township
Parcel ID No: 140-001-00-00-0034-11
Total amount: \$66.49
SS No. 163-38-3197
- 3. Benjamin L. & Barbara Costello (1996 & 1997 County Tax)
102 Trotters Court
Venetia, PA 15367
District: Peters Township
Parcel ID No: 540-008-14-00-0001-00
Total amount: \$281.26
SS No. 173-40-6296

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bids:

SNOW REMOVAL VEHICLE

- 1. Sweepster, Inc.
2800 North Zeeb Road
Dexter, MI 48130

Total amount of bid: \$161,500.00

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

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, to table the foregoing bid for further review.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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WHEELCHAIRS AND GERI-CHAIRS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

- 1. Owens and Minor
One Stuart Plaza
Greensburg, PA 15601

Total amount of bid: \$25,957.82

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

- 2. Blackburn's Physician's Pharmacy, Inc.
301 Corbet Street
Tarentum, PA 15084

Total amount of bid: \$23,437.00

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

- 3. ATD- American Company
135 Greenwood Avenue
Wycote, PA 19095-1396

Total amount of bid: \$24,114.60

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

- 4. Invacare Continuing Group
739 Goddard Avenue
Chesterfield, MO 63005

Total amount of bid: \$30,638.34

A Cashier's Check in the amount \$3,063.83 accompanied the bid.

- 5. McKesson General Medical
2525 East Royalton Road
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Total amount of bid: \$24,015.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of \$3,000.00 accompanied the bid.

- 6. Red Line Medical Supply, Inc.
8121 10th Avenue North
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Total amount of bid: \$24,59.40

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Irej declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

February 2nd, 1998

ATTEST: Michelle R Miller
CHIEF CLERK