

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 585

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, March 5, 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 L. Irey, J. Bracken Burns, Sr., and Joseph A. Ford, Sr. Also being present: Michelle Miller, Chief Clerk, Linda Hands, Secretary; Solicitor Jim McCune; Jill Devine, Assistant Solicitor; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Melanie Thomas Finney, Planning Commission; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Francis King, Treasurer; Larry Maggi, Sheriff; Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Department; Ed Petricca, Weights and Measures; Ken Barna, Tax Assessment Office; Joseph Abate, Veteran of Foreign War; Rick Wynn, Human Services; James Converse, President Southwest Chapter PA Society of Land Surveyors; David Toal, Interstate 79 Association; Dee Laabs, SEIU; David Antion, Fred Fleet, Sharon Cone, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Joe Smydo, Observer Reporter; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent; J.R. Wheeler, CUTV; and various bidders.

Chairman Irey called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. and entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 584 dated February 19, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, that Minute No. 584 dated February 19, 1998 be approved as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners adopted a Proclamation declaring March 8-14, 1998 as "Washington County Surveyors Week".

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

James Converse made comments regarding the work of a surveyor.

The Commissioners also adopted a Proclamation declaring March 1-7, 1998 as "National Weights and Measures Week" in Washington County.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Petricca of Weights and Measures accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support for his office.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Fleet, a member of the League of Women Voters, brought to the Board's attention that in the state of West Virginia a taxpayer is not required to pay their real estate property tax when he reaches age 65. Mr. Fleet stated that a program like this should be available in Pennsylvania. Mr. Fleet also stated that he asked Representative Leo Trich to look into this matter. Mr. Fleet pointed out that many senior citizens are on fixed incomes and would appreciate a system of this sort.

David Antion of McGuffey stated that this is the fifth public meeting he attended because he felt that his inquiries of the Election Board, comprised of the Washington County Commissioners, have not been answered.

Commissioner Burns questioned Mr. Antion as to whether or not he has received a written response on several occasions. Mr. Antion stated that at the last meeting he was informed by Jill Devine, Assistant Solicitor, that he would receive a copy of the Solicitor's report. To date, Mr. Antion claimed that he did not receive this report. (At that time, Ms. Devine left the meeting to obtain a copy of the Solicitor's letter.)

Mr. Antion also expressed that the information he presented to the Board was undisputable objective evidence showing that the Election Office did not properly count the eleven absentee ballots in Buffalo Township. He said that it is his desire that the Board reconsider an audit of the Election Office and the review procedures before the next election.

Commissioner Burns noted that there was a thorough investigation into this matter and it is the recommendation of the Solicitor that an audit into the Election Office is not warranted.

Mr. Antion pointed out that he was contacted by an accounting professor from W & J College who stated that his class would be willing to do an audit of the Election Office at no cost. More discussion followed.

Commissioner Burns noted that the Commissioners have studied the issue and have determined that an audit is not warranted.

Mr. Antion ended his discussion by stating that he disagrees with Commissioner Burns.

Sharon Cone, a new Field Coordinator in Washington County, explained to the Board that the Foster Grandparent Program is a national program which helps older adults (60 years and older) volunteer their services for special need children and families. She pointed out that these volunteers receive stipends which are tax-free monies that will not effect their income, they are paid for vacation time, sick days and insurance benefits. Ms. Cone went on to explain this very rewarding program and handed out some brochures with information regarding this program.

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OLD BUSINESS

Attorney McCune recommended that the bid for Lumber be awarded as follows:

Donora Lumber Company - Donora, PA
West Elizabeth Lumber Company, Elizabeth, PA

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bids for Lumber as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune recommended that the bid for the Wherry School Bridge #21 Ten Mile Creek in West Bethlehem Township be awarded to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor of Pittsburgh, PA.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, to award the bid for the Wherry School Bridge #21 as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune recommended that the bids for Flags and Markers for the Veterans' Graves be awarded as follows:

Atlas Alloys Company, Inc., Atlasburg, PA
Collegeville Flag and Mfg. Company, Collegeville, PA
U. S. Flag Mfg., Inc., Quincy, MA

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, to award the bids for Flags and Markers as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for the following items:

1. Software Training Programs
2. Gloves

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 a Contract with GTE for data extraction/migration as part of the Cortflo replacement evolution. The cost of this contract is \$7,900.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Contract with GTE 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 of an Amendment to the Engineering Agreement with MS Consultants in the amount of \$28,274.91 for the Longdon Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project. This amendment relates to additional design, hydrologic and geotechnical services required for the placement of a middle pier under the structure. PennDOT has reviewed and concurs with this amendment. This project is 100% State funded.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Amendment to the Engineering Agreement with MS Consultants 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 an Addendum to the Service Agreement with H & H Pollution Controls for water testing services at the County Parks. This Addendum is recommended to clarify the specific fee assessed for each water test and involves no increase in cost.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Addendum to the Service Agreement with H & H Pollution Controls 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 participation and approval of costs associated with an Act 537 Sewage Facilities study for the Washington County Airport. The joint study is being sponsored by North Franklin Township Sanitary Authority and South Franklin Township and includes the area occupied by the County Airport. The County portion of the cost is assessed at \$9,000.00, where the FAA has agreed to include costs as a part of the current Airport grant.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the participation and payment of the costs associated with the Act 537 Sewage Facilities study for the Washington County Airport 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 submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). This Grant may give the County \$1,855.44 towards the purchase of radiological emergency response equipment and supplies for response kits.

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Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the submission of a Grant Application to PEMA 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 the Emergency Response Plan and Radiological Emergency Protection annex which has been in effect for the past twelve years and needs updated in the names, addresses, etc.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Emergency Response Plan and Radiological Emergency Protection 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 two year renewal to the Public Defender's Liability Insurance in the amount of \$8,893.64. This would be effective from April 1, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the two year renewal to the Public Defender's Liability Insurance 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 the payment of an invoice for products and services rendered by RBA Professional Data Systems in the amount of \$4,680.00. This invoice is for implementing the Interim Tax System.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the payment to RBA Professional Data Systems 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 Contracts with Kellye Kimberland and George Anthou to perform title search reports from April 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. The cost would be \$100.00 per written title search report not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the foregoing Contracts with Kellye Kimberland and George Anthou.

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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 the attendance of ten Human Services employees for the Community Action Southwest Annual Awards and Recognition luncheon to be held on March 17, 1998 at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands for a total cost of \$165.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the attendance of Human Services employees to the Community Action Southwest Annual Awards and Recognition luncheon 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 Day Care Provider Agreement with Janice Maloy of Washington, Pa., for fiscal year 1997/98.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the foregoing Day Care Provider Agreement.

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 the following travel requests.

- (O) 1. Chris Brady of Court Administrator's Office to attend the Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Conference at State College, Pa., on March 16-17, 1998.
- (O) 2. John Ostovic of Maintenance to attend the Tri State Supply Seminar in Washington, Pa., on March 25, 1998.
- (R) Reimbursable 3. John Penderville of Juvenile Probation to attend a Coaching Effective Work Teams JPO Chief Probation Seminar at State College, Pa., on March 17-20, 1998.
- (O) 4. Rick Wynn of Human Services to attend a Youth Protection Program: Child Abuse in Meadowlands, Pa., on April 8, 1998.
- (R) 5. Jon Ridge of Adult Probation to attend an Instructor Certification: Use of Oleoresin Capsicum in Dayton, OH, on April 7, 1998.
- (O) 6. Dorothy Schwerha of the Law Library to attend a Legal Resources on the WEB in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 18, 1998.
- (R) Reimbursable 7. Nicholas Davidson and Greg Papson of Juvenile Probation to attend a Workshop/Forum - Restitution and Community Service Programs meeting at State College, Pa., on April 29 - May 1, 1998.
- (R) Reimbursable 8. Greg Papson of Juvenile Probation to attend a Phase I - Staff Safety Training meeting at State College, Pa., on April 14-16, 1998.
- (O) Reimbursable 9. Rick Reddout, Jackie Forte and Joyce Hatfield-Wise of CYA to attend the PCYA Quarterly Meeting at State College, Pa., on March 25-27, 1998.

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Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing 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 the following travel request to be ratified.

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| (O)
Reimbursable | 1. | Lee Gregory and Marc Scott of EMA to attend a training session at the Elkhart Brass Company in Elkhart, IN on February 17, 1998. |
| (O)
Reimbursable | 2. | Mary Haney of the Jail Administration to attend Food Safety Training meetings in Uniontown, Pa., on February 10, 17, 24, 1998. |
| (R) | 3. | Stan Rockovich and Steve Tkach of Adult Probation to attend an Unified Judicial System meeting in Norristown, Pa., on March 5-6, 1998. |
| (R) | 4. | Ken Krupa of the Airport to attend the Annual Airport Managers Conference in Hershey, Pa., on March 3-5, 1998. |
| (O) | 5. | Kathleen Leadbitter and Randa Cochran of CYS to attend the C & Y Contract Negotiation Consortium in Harrisburg, Pa., on February 24-25, 1998. |
| (R)
Reimbursable | 6. | Michelle Sherman and Cindy Zubchevich of Social Services to Successful Steps to Fundraising seminar in California, Pa., on February 27, 1998. |
| (O) | 7. | District Attorney John Pettit to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on February 10-13, 1998. |
| (O)
Reimbursable | 8. | Colleen Martos of Highway Safety to attend a Car Seat Safety Seminar in Charlotte, NC on March 2-8, 1998. |
| (O)
Reimbursable | 9. | Pat Fresa of Human Resources and Teresa Crawford of Nursing to attend a Job Fair in California, Pa., on March 4, 1998. |

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

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 the following items with reference to the Coroner's Office:

1. An increase in the fee rare for transporting bodies from \$150.00 to \$200.00
2. An Addendum to the January, 1993 Agreement to change the practice of the Coroner being limited to calling Deputy Coroners 50 times per year to an unlimited basis. (It is noted that only one Deputy Coroner will be called per incident.)
3. An increase in the Diener fees from \$100.00 per autopsy to \$125.00 per autopsy.
4. An increase in the fee schedule for Forensic Pathologists from \$500.00 to \$625.00.

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5. Approval of a Contract with Dr. Cyril Wecht to perform autopsies if needed and requested by the Washington County Coroner at the rate of \$600.00 per autopsy. Plus additional \$110.00 to a technician selected by Dr. Wecht for autopsy assistance.
6. That the fee of \$250.00 for expert pathologist testimony at hearings be increased to \$500.00 (including mileage).

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing items with reference to the Coroner's Office.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

SOLICITOR

Attorney McCune presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Tax Increment Financing Program with North Strabane Township. Mr. McCune explained that this program will enable the owners of Meadow Lands Industrial Park to develop the remaining 120 acres of land in that area. He further explained that companies who build in this area of the park would pay real estate taxes into a special account that would be used to finance roads and sewer lines. Mr. McCune noted that the program lasts ten years and applies only to buildings. The County would still collect real estate taxes on the land.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Tax Increment Financing Program with North Strabane Township as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bids:

BRIDGE REHABILITATION/RESTORATION PROJECTS - COVERED BRIDGES (LYLE, WRIGHT AND LETHERMAN)

1. Cedar Creek Company
R.D. #4
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Total amount of bid: \$317,803.86

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

2. M & K Construction Group, Inc.
67 Seal Road
Eighty Four, PA 15330

Total amount of bid: \$387,453.00

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

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3. **Gregori Construction & Engineering**
736 Ekastown Road
Sarver, PA 16055

Total amount of bid: \$393,776.60

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

4. **Lone Pine Construction, Inc.**
83 Lusk Road
Bentleyville, PA 15314

Total amount of bid: \$416,912.10

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

5. **M.A. Beech Corporation**
100 West Mall Plaza
Carnegie, PA 15106

Total amount of bid: \$434,629.54

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

6. **Carmen Paliotta**
1550 Connor Drive
Library, PA 15219

Total amount of bid: \$448,761.50

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

7. **Kee ta Quay**
Houstontown, PA 17229

Total amount of bid: \$469,555.43

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Irey declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

March 17, 1998

ATTEST:

Michelle R Miller

CHIEF CLERK