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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 603

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, October 15, 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 J. Bracken Burns, Sr., Diana L. Ireby and Scott H. Fergus. Also being present: Michelle Miller, Chief Clerk; Solicitor Jim McCune; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Marcia Barna and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Mike Namie, Deputy Controller; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Roger Metcalfe, Budget Office; Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; George Eckert Forty and Eight, S.W. District Cheminot and Chef DeGare of Voiture 676 of Washington County and member of the Washington County Veterans Council; Gregory Lonick, Veterans Council member; Aleta Richmond, President Washington Business and Professional Women Association; Thomas W. McMurray, Director of the Peters Township VFW Post 764 Ambulance Service and Robert L. Atkison, Assistant Director; Sharon Cone, Field Coordinator of the S. W. Pennsylvania Chapter of Foster Grandparent Program; Paul Heckman, Donna DiFranks, Violet Christopher, Betty Grinage, Marcella Paletta, John Pechko, and Almeda Pryor, Foster Grandparents; Ken Barna, Tax Assessment Office; Harry Sabatasse and Keith Sparbanie, interested citizens; Becky Bailey, SEIU member; Jim Jefferson and Shelly Jones, WJPA; Joe Smydo, Observer-Reporter; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent; and Tom Krukowsky, CUTV.

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

Roger Metcalfe led the meeting in prayer.

George Eckert said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 602 dated October 1, 1998.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Ireby, that Minute No. 602 be approved as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation declaring October 19-23, 1998, as "NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK".

Aleta Richmond from the Washington Business and Professional Women's Association accepted the Proclamation and made comments.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Peters Township VFW Post 764 Ambulance Service.

Thomas McMurray and Robert Atkison accepted the Proclamation.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

The Commissioners presented Certificates to a group of Foster Grandparents who had recently completed foster grandparent training offered by the American Red Cross.

Sharon Cone, Field Coordinator, made comments regarding the foster grandparent program.

Robert Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution for the Disposition of Parcel No. 61 in Southpointe to Millcraft Industries, Inc.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution for the Disposition of Parcel No. 5 in Southpointe to Solutions Consulting, Inc.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving an Amendment for Fair Housing Initiatives to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Resolution as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS FOR PHOTOS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse of Burgettstown stated that he was present at the meeting to inquire about the amount of pay election board workers receive. He noted that there has been recent legislation passed and a bill signed by Governor Ridge related to increasing the amount paid to election board workers. He said that the Election Boards are becoming more difficult each year to fill because the workers are receiving less than minimum wage for working Election day. He stated that last year there was the threat of a strike by election board workers. Mr. Sabatasse questioned whether the Commissioners have any intentions on releasing some of the money that was passed by

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legislation to increase the pay of the election board workers.

Commissioner Burns stated that the legislation approved did not provide the the actual dollars to the counties to cover the cost of increasing the pay for election board workers. Commissioner Burns also noted that to the best of his recollection, the pay of the election board workers was raised last year.

Mr. Sabatasse stated that further legislation has been passed since the pay was raised by \$5.00. However, he said that some of the election board workers are still receiving less than minimum wage for their services.

Commissioner Burns stated that the Board of Commissioners would study this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor McCune recommended to the Board that the bids for Food and Staples for the Health Center and Correctional Facility be awarded to the following vendors:

Alliant Foodservice, Freedom, PA
 Bernard Food Industries, Inc., Valencia, PA
 Cameron Coca Cola, Washington, PA
 Gordon Food Service, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI
 O.H.I. Ice Cream, Washington, PA
 Paper Products Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA
 Parkway Food Service, Greensburg, PA
 Schneider Dairy, Washington, PA
 Stroehmann Bakeries, L.C., Hopwood, PA

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the renewal of the bid for Garbage as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune recommended to the Board that the bids for Rental Cars and 15 Passenger Van for FITS and Children and Youth Services be awarded as follows:

Section One - Vans for FITS Program

Four 15 passenger vans at \$69.99/daily for approx. 102 days
 Total of \$29,115.84 based on four vans for 102 days, eff. DOA thru 9/30/99

Section Two - Rental of 4 compact cars for CYS

Four compact cars for a monthly rate of \$450 each and a weekly rate of \$119.99. No charge for mileage, eff. DOA until new vehicles are received

It was noted that both sections were awarded to Affordable Car and Truck Rental of Houston, PA

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, awarding the bid for vehicles as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor McCune recommended to the Board that the bids for the purchase or lease of four vehicles for Children and Youth Services be awarded as follows:

Section One - Compact Cars for CYS - Budd Baer, Inc.

Two 1999 Pontiac Sunfire

Three Year Lease Purchase Agreement @ \$377.05/month with \$1.00 buyout

\$13,637.30 (includes title and notary fees)

Cost of "Extended Factory Warranty Package" is \$1,062 each vehicle

Section Two - Vans for CYS - Budd Baer, Inc.

Two 1999 GMC Safari Vans

Three Year Lease Purchase Agreement @ \$593.94/month

\$19,501.34 (Includes title and notary fees) Own at end of lease term

Cost of "Extended Warranty is \$1,157 each vehicle (5 years, 75,000 miles)

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irej, awarding the bids for vehicles as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Clerk announced the following Redevelopment correspondence:

1. Sale of Parcel No. 61 in Southpointe to Millcraft Investments, Inc.
2. Sale of Parcel No. 5 in Southpointe to Solutions Consulting, Inc.
3. Contract award to Merit Contracting, Inc. of Monongahela for the Fourth Street and Chess Street Traffic Signalization in the City of Monongahela
4. Contract award to Amberwood, Inc. for the Second Avenue and Jobses Street Reconstruction Project in Elco Borough and Walnut Reconstruction Project in Long Branch Borough

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization for the extension of the contract with Bell Atlantic for pay phones for the Courthouse and Courthouse Square Buildings. Under this extension which would expire on October 13, 2002, Bell Atlantic would provide phones and pay a commission of 10% for local and intra-lata toll calls and 14% commission for long distance calls.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the extension to the contract with Bell Atlantic as per above.

Roll call taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval payment to MRA, Inc. in the amount of \$16,505.64 for emergency repairs to four towers damaged during a thunderstorm in June. It is expected that the County will receive some reimbursement from the insurance company for this expense.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the payment to MRA, Inc. 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 to the Board for their consideration and approval the acceptance of a PADot Bureau of Aviation Capital Budget Grant offering in the amount of \$250,000 for the completion of the instrument landing system and expansion of on-base operations at the County Airport.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, accepting the PADot Bureau of Aviation Capital Budget Grant offering for the Washington County Airport 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 execution of an Agility Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 12 Maintenance Department for work to be performed at Mingo Creek County Park. This mutually beneficial agreement covers an exchange of services between the County and District 12 Maintenance Department. No direct funding is required.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the execution of an Agility Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, District 12 Maintenance Department 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 Project Modification to be submitted to the PCCD in the amount of \$2,700 for this year's STOP Grant in the District Attorney's Office. This modification would better utilize surplus in the travel budget and a computer and printer could be purchased. No additional County dollars would be required to fund this modification.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Project Modification for the STOP Grant 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 an Agreement with Community Action Southwest in the amount of \$2,400. These funds would be used to expand case management services to address fair housing issues.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Fergus, approving the Agreement with Community Action Southwest as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Day Care Provider

Agreements for FY 1998/99 with the following providers.

Happy Face Learning Center, Washington Wee Care Children's Center, Carnegie
Christie Cahill, Belle Vernon

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Day Care Provider Agreements for FY 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 the purchase of 15 desktop computers and 3 laptop computers from the State Contract at an approximate cost of \$25,000 for Children and Youth Services Department.

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the purchase of desktop and laptop computers as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mr. Fergus, seconded by Mrs. Irely, that the Tax Assessment Office be authorized to prepare the following tax refunds because of to either duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax:

1. Theresa Acheson (1998 County Tax)
302 SE 8th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
District: Union Township
Parcel No. 640-004-00-00-0028-00
Total amount: \$37.18
2. Nations Bank (1998 County Tax)
1201 Elm Street, Suite 400
Dallas, TX 75270
District: North Strabane and Nottingham Townships
Parcel Nos: 520-014-01-00-0033-02
530-004-00-00-0001-04
Total amount: \$523.73
3. Vicki Fairfax-Heyman (1993 thru 1998 County Tax)
410 E. Wheeling Street
Washington, PA 15301
District: East Washington
Parcel No: 290-002-00-02-0015-00
Total amount: \$43.27
S. S. No. 579-58-3095
4. Nora A. Calvert (1998 County Tax)
1290 S. Bridge Road
Prosperity, PA 15329
District: South Franklin Township
Parcel No: 590-007-00-00-0003-05
Total amount: \$39.90

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5. Robert J. & Sherry L. Rohrbacher (1998 County Tax)
 %Slovenian Savings Bank
 107 Latimer Avenue
 Strabane, PA 15363
 District: South Strabane Township
 Parcel No: 600-001-04-00-0001-00
 Total amount: \$107.38
 S. S. No. 163-38-3798
6. Joseph III & Elizabeth Jasek (1998 County Tax)
 550 Center Church Road
 McMurray, PA 15317
 District: Peters Township
 Parcel No: 540-010-15-01-0028-00
 Total amount: \$357.59
 S. S. No. 162-56-5235
7. Donald L. & Nadene J. Gardner (1998 County Tax)
 261 Pine Run Road
 Amity, PA 15311
 District: South Franklin Township
 Parcel No: 590-014-00-00-0032-00
 Total amount: \$112.54
 S. S. No. 183-24-3906
8. Barry A. & Lori Martin (1998 County Tax)
 629 Deer Watch Drive
 Canonsburg, PA 15317
 District: North Strabane Township
 Parcel No: 520-011-04-04-0008-00
 Total amount: \$40.79
 S. S. No. 160-46-5702
9. Theresa M. Stankowski (1998 County Tax)
 45 Griffith Avenue
 Washington, PA 15301
 District: Chartiers Township
 Parcel No: 170-017-01-02-0018-01
 Total amount: \$11.66
 S. S. No. 163-42-0190

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

Deputy Controller Namie opened and read the following bids.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES FOR THE HEALTH CENTER, JAIL AND AGING SERVICES

1. Joseph Gartland Corporation
 545 West Broad Street
 Paulsboro, NJ 08066
 Total amount of bid: \$3,748.69
 A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.
2. J. Gregory Restaurant Equipment, Inc.
 813 East Main Street
 Monongahela, PA 15063
 Total amount of bid: \$14,684.40
 A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% accompanied the bid.

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- 3. Sysco Food Services
8 Kingwood Court
Washington, PA 15301

Total amount of bid: \$18,869.95

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

- 4. Curran-Taylor, Inc.
4093 Washington Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Total amount of bid: \$6,760.57

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

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 10:45

p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

October 21, 1998

ATTEST: Michelle R Miller

CHIEF CLERK