

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 529

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, January 11, 1996

The Board of Washington County Commissioners met in regular session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Ford, Irey and Burns. Also being present: Tina Dallatore, Chief Clerk; Linda Hands, Clerk-Steno II; Attorney Jim McCune, County Solicitor; Floyd Laubham, Planning; Don Casson of Donora and Miss Pennsylvania Queen of Charity Contestants; David Smith of Emergency Services; Mary Elizabeth Yancosek of Washington; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Joe Smydo, Observer Reporter; Jim Jefferson, Pete Povich and other representatives of WJPA; Ron Sicchitano, Jr., of Ambulance and Chair Services; and a representative of Pittsburgh Communication Services, Inc.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. and noted that approval of the meeting minutes of January 2, 1996, would be held in abeyance.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented Certificates to the Young, Junior and Miss Pennsylvania Queen of Charity Contestants and recognized Don Casson for his voluntary efforts to charitable organizations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Clerk recommended that the bid for Inmate Uniforms be awarded to Robinson Textiles of Gardena, California, this being the lowest bid in total.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the bid for Inmate Uniforms as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended that the bids for rental of Air Fluidized Beds for the Health Center be awarded to the following vendors based on a daily rate:

1. Bio Clinic Corporation, Ontario, CA
Flat Air Fluidized Bed - \$46.00/daily
2. Hill-Rom Co., Inc., Charleston, SC
Lift-Up Air Fluidized Bed - \$105.00/daily

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk recommended that the bids for Promotional Items for the Highway Safety Program be awarded to the following vendors, these being the lowest bids per each lot:

1. Jones Associates, Canonsburg, PA
2. Young Business Forms Co., Uniontown, PA

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended that the bids for Radio Equipment for the Sheriff's Department and the new Correctional Facility be awarded to Pittsburgh Communication Services of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this being the lowest bid received in accordance with the specifications. It was noted that the total cost will depend on a determination of the quantity of units to be purchased or leased which has yet to be determined due to budget considerations.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the bids as per above with the stipulation that the total cost will depend on a determination of the quantity of units to be purchased or leased based on budget considerations.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Attorney Robert Brady as Mental Health Review Officer for calendar year 1996 at the rate of \$1,500.00 per month.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Bid Award Extensions:

1. Meat - Thirty (30) day extension (through February 29, 1996) with Green Valley Packing of Claysville, Pa., and Shane Meat Company of Kennett Square, Pa.
2. Duplicating Paper - Ninety (90) day extension (through April 30, 1996) with Scott Electric Discount Paper Division of Greensburg, Pa.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Bid Award Extensions as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a State Contract purchase from Phillips Ford Sales of Manheim, Pennsylvania, for a 1996 Ford F250 4x4 Truck with Regular Cab and snow plow for the Health Center at a cost of \$21,370.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the State Contract Purchase as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Attorney W. Bryan Pizzi, II, to serve as Solicitor for the Treasurer's Office, effective January 2, 1996, at the rate of \$200.00 per month/\$2,400.00 per year.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for the consideration and approval a Memorandum of Agreement with Pennsylvania Social Services Union (PSSU) relative to the employees of Children and Youth which extends the labor agreement which expired on December 31, 1995, through February 29, 1996.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Memorandum of Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a recommendation to appoint Jeffrey Yates as Interim Director of Public Safety, effective January 15, 1996, replacing Brian Bark who has submitted his resignation effective January 14, 1996.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, appointing Jeffrey Yates as Interim Director of Public Safety as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a proposal from Kromer Associates (Ronald C. Schmeiser, President) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to serve as financial advisor to make an objective study of the financial condition and the operating budget of the County and recommend changes to enable the County to operate more efficiently to the benefit of the taxpayers. The scope of work would include a line-by-line study of the operating budget of the County as well as a review of the Pension Fund and the outstanding debt. The study is estimated to be complete in four months at a total cost of \$24,000, payable at \$6,000 at the end of each month.

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Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the proposal as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- (R) 1. Shannon Smith of Adult Probation to attend a graduate course program on Minorities, Crime & Social Policy sponsored by PBPP and Florida State University at the Montgomery County Fire Academy in Conshohocken, Pa., on January 16-18 and February 21-23, 1996.
(Reimbursable)
- (O) 2. Mary Petka of the Health Center to attend a workshop on Age Appropriate Activities for Impaired Older Adults sponsored by The Center in the Woods in California, Pa., on January 19, 1996.
(Reimbursable)
- (R) 3. Fran Fulton and Shirley Profio of 911 to attend a Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) System Administration Training on January 22-23, 1996, in Washington County and January 20-21, 1996 in Westmoreland County
- (O) 4. Terri Rae Anthony of Highway Safety to attend the PA Aware Board of Directors Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 15-16, 1995.
(Reimbursable)
- (B) 5. Blanket travel authorization for Ed Petricca of Weights and Measures to attend Board Meetings of the Pennsylvania Association of Weights and Measures
- (O) 6. Blanket travel authorization for Ed Petricca of Weights and Measures to attend quarterly meetings of County and City Sealers sponsored by the Pa. Department of Agriculture
- (B) Board Member
(O) Optional
(R) Required

NOTE: A travel request submitted by Wayne Fleming, Director of Revenue, to attend a workshop on Introduction to Mine and Quarry Valuation sponsored by the International Association of Assessing Officers in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 12-13, 1996, was held in abeyance.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk announced that an Emergency Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 8, 1996, at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of declaring a disaster emergency pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S.) due to the severe winter storm which occurred on January 7, 1996.

Chief Clerk announced that the County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Tax Assessment Office (or Tax Claim Bureau) be authorized to prepare the following tax refunds due to either duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax:

1. Estate of Virginia Davis (1995 County Tax)
c/o R. Maureen Myers, Attorney at Law
80 South Wade Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
District: South Strabane Township
Parcel ID No: 600-005-05-02-0007-00B
Amount: \$4.57
2. Jay and Fradelle Karpen (1995 County Tax)
107 Farmview Place
Venetia, PA 15367
District: Peters Township
Parcel ID No: 540-008-13-00-0004-00
Amount: \$791.84
SS No: 053-50-6587
3. Robert J. and Dorothy M. Ciaffoni (1995 County Tax)
311 Crawford Street
Canonsburg, PA 15317
District: South Strabane Township
Parcel ID No: 600-005-05-02-0007-00A
Amount: \$4.48
4. Todd and Heika Mills (1995 County Tax)
c/o Countrywide Funding
P. O. Box 10211 - Tax Dept.
Van Nuys, CA 91410
District: South Franklin Township
Parcel ID No: 590-009-01-00-0005-00
Amount: \$176.95
5. Langeloth Metallurgical Company (1995 County Tax)
P. O. Box 608
Langeloth, PA 15054
District: Smith Township
Parcel ID No: 570-023-00-00-0001-00
Amount: \$7,443.65
6. Michael E. and Kimberly Phillips (1995 County Tax)
827 John Street
Langeloth, PA 15054
District: Smith Township
Parcel ID No: 570-019-01-03-0010-00
Amount: \$5.17
7. Lynn and Amy B. Wooley (1995 County Tax)
453 Fifth Street
Donora, PA 15033
District: Donora Borough
Parcel ID No: 240-024-00-01-0012-00
Amount: \$6.83

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8. John M. and Susan J. Vitalbo (1995 County Tax)
239 Wadell Avenue
Donora, PA 15033
District: Donora Borough
Parcel ID No: 240-020-00-00-0019-00
Amount: \$53.85
SS No: 179-54-9341

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Ford declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

January 18, 1996

ATTEST: Christine A. Ruccione

CHIEF CLERK