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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 552

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, November 14, 1996

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 Ford, Irely and Burns. Also being present: Tina Dallatore, Chief Clerk, Linda Hands, Clerk Steno II; Attorney Jim McCune, County Solicitor; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Francis King, Treasurer; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Marlene Luketich, Director of Planning; Floyd Laubham, Planning Commission; Mary Elizabeth Yancosek, David Kimenski, Harry Sabatasse, Joe Gorby, Fred Tarpley and Joan Hrutkay, interested citizens; John Logar, Tax Appeal Board Member; Richard White and Louis Waller, Washington Federal Savings Bank; Chuck Miller and Jim Burk, Health Force; Debbie Elza and Steve Tkach, representatives of the MADD Community Action Team; Nancy Verderber, American Cancer Society; Christine Martinsky, Billy Gordon and their parents; James Crocket and Connie Oluszak of the First Street Elementary School of Canonsburg; Attorney Tim Fitzgerald; Michael Tarbuck of Tarbuck Security; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Linda Ritzer, Observer Reporter; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent; J. R. Wheeler, CUTV; and various bidders.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. and entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 551 dated October 31, 1996.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 551 be approved as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented to Richard White, President of Washington Federal Savings Bank, and Louis Waller, Chairman of the bank's Board of Directors, a certificate in recognition of the bank's Community Contributions Campaign Program whereby the bank will donate ten percent of its yearly after-tax profits to community organizations, students and developmental groups.

The Commissioners presented a proclamation to Debbie Elza and Steve Tkach, representatives of the MADD Community Action Team, designating November 14, 1996, as "Tie One On for Safety Day".

The Commissioners presented certificates of commendation to the following winners of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke Out Essay Contest:

Christine Martinsky, 5th grade winner
First Street Elementary School, Canonsburg, Pa.

Billy Gordon, 4th grade winner
Avella Elementary Center, Avella, Pa.

(Kathy Thomas of the Valley Independent entered the meeting.)

(The meeting recessed briefly for the purpose of taking photos.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Gorby of North Bethlehem Township questioned the Board as to whether the 9-1-1 has any intention to increase the height of the tower at the Scenery Hill Community Center in order to rent space to Bell Atlantic. He stated that Bell Atlantic addressed this issue at the last meeting of the township board of supervisors. He expressed his concern relative to health and safety issues in light of the tower being located near a school site. Commissioner Burns assured Mr. Gorby that there is no danger involved with the radio waves of the tower.

Mr. Gorby also questioned (1) whether or not the township residents have been made aware of this matter; (2) who the contractual parties are since the tower is located on township property; and if the contractual parties are both the township and the county, who approves it first; (3) what is the financial consideration; (4) what is the term of the contract; and (5) what measures have been taken to install permanent and/or temporary fencing.

Chairman Ford requested the Chief Clerk to contact Jeff Yates, Director of Public Safety, and have him send a written response to Mr. Gorby addressing these issues.

Mr. Gorby also expressed concern relative to the Amos Bridge Project. He noted that he talked to Marlene Luketich, Director of Planning, about this issue. Ms. Luketich stated that she will have Tom Zibrida, County Engineer, and the Bridge Department look into it this matter and get back to Mr. Gorby.

Harry Sabatasse of Smith Township expressed to the Board his concern with a rumor that the election officials plan to strike on the morning of the May 1997 Primary in protest of the current amount of compensation they receive. He requested that the Commissioners contact the State legislators and urge them to support proposed legislation which would increase the compensation of election officials. Chairman Ford asked Solicitor McCune to look into this matter.

Mr. Sabatasse also questioned the Board as to whether or not the County conducted an investigation of the accident which occurred on October 27th involving a car driven by Sheriff Secret which was demolished. Bill McGowen, Director of Administration, stated that a report from the County's insurance company indicated that the car was totaled. He noted that the Cecil Township Police Report indicated that the Sheriff's car swerved to miss a deer, hit a tree and overturned, and that Sheriff Secret made a written statement to the police in accordance with normal channels for reporting an accident.

Mr. Sabatasse stated that he feels it is unbecoming of an elected county official to total a car. Commissioner Irey advised Mr. Sabatasse that the County is currently in the process of developing a very aggressive plan to improve driving and safety of county vehicles.

Joan Hrutkay of Scenery Hill expressed to the Board her concerns relative to the proposed appointments to the two legal positions for the Children and Youth program. She asked that when the County advertised for these positions, did the Commissioners intend to seriously consider the applicants who applied or did the Commissioners know beforehand who they would appoint to these positions. She expressed her concern that in order to keep young professionals in this area, they must be afforded the opportunity to gain experience. She

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stated that although she realizes experience is important, she feels that the County is going to pay twice as much for an older experienced attorney than a younger attorney who is willing to learn and earn at the same time.

Chairman Ford asked Solicitor McCune to explain the process by which the applicants for these two positions were interviewed and reviewed.

Solicitor McCune stated that he chaired a committee consisting of a representative of Employee Relations, George Krcelich of Human Services and Richard Reddout of Children and Youth whose purpose was to solicit proposals and make recommendations for these two positions. He noted that the committee initially advertised for these positions in August and received a few proposals. Realizing that some people may have been on vacation, the committee readvertised and ended up receiving six (6) proposals for services for the child clients and eight (8) proposals to represent the Children and Youth Department. The committee carefully reviewed the proposals and submitted to the Board of Commissioners a list of three or four recommendations for each of the positions. He noted that all the applicants are fine individuals and well educated although some are far more experienced than others and he feels that experience is an important factor because of the critical nature of dealing with the lives of children.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney McCune recommended that the bid for Tires for the period of December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1997, be awarded to Tire Centers, Inc., this being the only bid received in accordance with the specifications.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, awarding the bid as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Clerk made available to the news media News Releases in connection with the following projects:

1. Community Development Projects - Boroughs of Beallsville and Ellsworth and the Township of North Bethlehem
2. Zero Tolerance for Youth Law New 888 Telephone Number

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Addendums to Purchase of Service Agreements relative to the Children and Youth Program for FY96/97:

1. Wesley Institute - Addendum provides for the addition of certain programs and rates which were inadvertently omitted from the original agreement. The total contract amount remains the same.
2. George Jr. Republic - Addendum provides for the addition of Preventative Aftercare Services at a per diem rate of \$31.50. The total contract amount remains the same.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Day Care Provider Agreement with Lori Timlin of Bentleyville, Pa. for FY96/97.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Day Care Provider Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with John Milinovich and Associates to audit the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program for FY95/96 at a cost of \$18,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Agreement with John Milinovich and Associates as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Addendum to the Agreement with Comsis Mobility Services, Inc., which provides for an extension of the agreement through December 31, 1996, in order to expend the remaining funds of the U. S. Department of Education grant for the provision of transportation services for the disabled.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the Addendum to the Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an EMS Project Grant Application in the total amount of \$18,927.00 of which 50% (\$9,464.00) is reimbursable to the County from the Pennsylvania Department of Health for financial support of administrative services for EMS training. The County's matching share is \$9,464.00.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the EMS Project Grant Application as per above and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to so execute.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Mini-Grant Application for the Highway Safety Program in the amount of \$1,500.00 for funding through the Pennsylvania Safe Kids Coalition and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The funds will be used to provide safety programs to children under the age of 15 years old.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Mini-Grant Application 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 adjustments to Liquid Fuels Encumbrances as follows. These adjustments are required by PennDOT and reflect changes in the design status of the bridge projects.

Greer Station Bridge #10 - Chartiers Creek - Cecil/Peters Townships
Original encumbrance \$16,000.00 preliminary design
Adjustment requested increase \$130,000.00 - final design and engineering construction phase
Total Encumbrance \$146,000.00

Weirich Bridge #63 - Chartiers Creek - Canton Township
Original encumbrance \$10,000.00
Adjustment requested increase \$100,000.00 - construction phase
Total Encumbrance \$110,000.00

Wherry School Bridge #21 - Ten Mile Creek - W. Bethlehem Township
Original encumbrance \$30,000.00
Adjustment requested increase \$50,000.00 - construction phase
Total Encumbrance \$80,000.00

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the adjustments to the Liquid Fuels Encumbrances 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 Addendum to the Agreement with the Allegheny County Law Library relative to the computerized cataloging services for the Washington County Law Library. The Addendum extends the project completion date from October 15, 1996 to December 13, 1996, at no additional cost.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Addendum to the Agreement with the Allegheny County Law Library 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 Contract with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole which provides for the return to the County the amount of \$54,923.84 of County Supervision Fees collected by the Adult Probation Office during the period of May 1 through July 30, 1996.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Contract with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution establishing a policy for travel requests for county officials and employees.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the appointment of Attorney Clark Mitchell to represent the Children and Youth Agency at an annual compensation of \$36,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, approving the appointment of Attorney Clark Mitchell as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Ford entertained a motion to appoint Attorney Timothy P. Fitzgerald to serve as the child advocate attorney for the Children and Youth Agency at an annual compensation of \$14,400.00.

Moved by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Irely, appointing Timothy P. Fitzgerald to serve as the child advocate attorney for the Children and Youth Agency as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk announced that the County Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving; and as a result of the holiday, the Agenda and Board meetings will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 26-27, at 10:00 a.m.

SOLICITOR

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

Moved by Mrs. Irely, 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:

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1. Amcast Industrial Corporation (1995 and 1996 County Tax)
Superior Valve Company Division
c/o Anthony R. Thompson
1132 Hamilton Street, Suite 201
Allentown, PA 18101
District: Chartiers Township
Parcel ID No: 170-018-02-00-0002-01
Total amount: \$4,103.06
2. Michele L. Meyer (1996 County Tax)
20 Topsail Lane
Marianna, PA 15345
District: West Bethlehem Township
Parcel ID No: 660-020-00-00-0001-01
Total amount: \$82.66
S. S. No. 176-46-8905
3. Raymond C. & Evelyn L. Hackney (1996 County Tax)
%Boatmen's Mortgage, Inc.
4041 Knight Arnold Road
Memphis, TN 38118 ATTN: Tax Department
District: South Franklin Township
Parcel ID No: 590-004-00-00-0013-06
Total amount: \$193.88
S. S. No. 163-26-8333
4. Washington Steel Corporation (1996 County Tax)
P.O. Box 494
Washington, PA 15301
District: Chartiers Township
Parcel ID No: 170-007-00-00-0029-03
Total amount: \$6,028.82
Tax I.D. #23-2682458
5. U. S. Relocation Services (1996 County Tax)
1801 California Street, Suite 2740
Denver, CO 80202
District: Peters Township
Parcel ID No: 540-008-13-00-0001-00
Total amount: \$988.61
Tax I.D. #84-1180078
6. Maronda Homes, Inc. (1996 County Tax)
%Mortgage Service Center
P.O. Box 8469
Canton, OH 44711
District: Cecil Township
Parcel ID No: 140-012-15-00-0011-00
Total amount: \$218.05
S. S. No. 191-38-3095
7. Robert S. & George W. McAnallen (1996 County Tax)
P.O. Box 558
Washington, PA 15301
District: South Franklin Township
Parcel ID No: 590-014-00-00-0001-04
Total amount: \$6.79

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bids:

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SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

1. Tarbuck Security Agency, Inc.
1150 Washington Road
Washington, PA 15301

\$7.59 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$50,519.04 - Year One
 \$7.59 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$50,519.04 - Year Two
 \$7.59 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$50,519.04 - Year Three

Total for three year contract: \$151,557.12

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

2. U.S. Security Associates, Inc. d/b/a/
Advance Security
Great Southern Shopping Center
Suite 19, Washington Pike
Bridgeville, PA 15017

\$8.25 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$54,912.00 - Year One
 \$8.45 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$56,243.20 - Year Two
 \$8.45 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$56,243.20 - Year Three

Total for three year contract: \$167,398.40

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

3. The Wackenhut Corporation
4156 Library Road, Suite 4
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

\$10.94 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$72,816.64 - Year One
 \$11.49 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$76,477.44 - Year Two
 \$12.06 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$80,271.36 - Year Three

Total for three year contract: \$229,565.44

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

4. Jade Security, Inc.
P.O. Box 216
Monongahela, PA 15063

\$7.18 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$47,790.08 - Year One
 \$7.38 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$49,121.28 - Year Two
 \$7.38 hourly rate x 6656 hours = \$49,121.28 - Year Three

Total for three year contract: \$146,032.64

An official check in the amount of \$4,779.00 accompanied the bid.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

MILK FOR HEALTH CENTER AND JAIL

1. Schneider's Dairy, Inc.
365 Donnan Avenue
Washington, PA 15301

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

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2. Carl Colteryahn Dairy
1601 Bronwsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 accompanied the bid.

3. Marburger Farm Dairy, Inc.
1506 Mars-Evans City Road
Evans City, PA 16033-9399

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

LAUNDRY SUPPLIES FOR THE HEALTH CENTER AND JAIL

1. Gurtler Chemicals, Inc.
15475 S. LaSalle Street
South Holland, IL 60473

Section I - Jail	<u>\$ 9,645.00</u>
Section II - Heath Center	<u>\$20,314.00</u>
Total	<u>\$29,959.00</u>

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

2. AmeriClean Systems, Inc.
26935 Northwestern Highway, Suite 400
Southfield, MI 48034

Section I - Jail	<u>\$2,296.83</u>
Section II - Health Center	<u>\$1,131.27</u>
Total	<u>\$3,428.10</u>

An Official Check in the amount of \$3,428.10 accompanied the bid.

3. Jack Frye Sales and Service
104 Cherry Street
Clairton, PA 15025

Section I - Jail	<u>\$ 8,120.00</u>
Section II - Health Center	<u>\$20,751.00</u>
Total	<u>\$28,871.00</u>

A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$2,887.10 accompanied the bid.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

REPAIR OF COURTHOUSE STEPS

1. Mann Construction, Inc.
404 Geisler Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Total amount of bid: \$14,400.00

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

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2. Keystone Waterproofing Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 181
Latrobe, PA 15650

Total amount of bid: \$10,375.00

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

3. Robert C. Burns Company
123 Washington Street, Suite 196
Washington, PA 15301

Total amount of bid: \$17,850.00

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

4. Mariani & Richards, Inc.
2800 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Total amount of bid: \$14,560.00

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

(NOTE: A bid from Samaras Construction, Inc., of Monaca, Pa., was also submitted; however, it was unacceptable due to the fact that it was received by the Controller's Office after the 10:00 a.m. deadline. It was stamped in at 10:03 a.m.)

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Ford declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

December 4, 1996

ATTEST: Christine A. Mautare
CHIEF CLERK