WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 817

**Washington County Commissioners** 

Washington, PA, June 21, 2007

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session in the Public Meeting Room,
Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Larry
Maggi, Bracken Burns and Diana L. Irey. Also being present: Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Mary Helicke,
Chief Clerk; Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; JoAnn Metz, Sue Orrick and Joy
Sprowls, Commissioners' Office; Tim Kimmel, Director of Human Services; Melanie Thomas, Planning Commission;
John Terminato, intern; Pastor Stephen Getchell, Central Assembly of God; Dave Blose, Forty and Eight; honor students
from Avella, Burgettstown, Peters, Canon McMillan, Ringgold, Charleroi, Beth-Center, California, Trinity, Bentworth,
Chartiers Houston, McGuffey and Washington High Schools; John Loar and Flo Moffit, TRIPIL consumers; Mayor
Frank Paterra; Carl Maggi, Harry Sabatasse, John Adams, Harlan Shober and Joe Zupancic, interested citizens; Barbara
Miller, Observer-Reporter; Jim Jefferson, WJPA.

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

Pastor Getchall led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Blose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Burns entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 816 dated June 7, 2007 as written.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving Minute No. 816 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a plaque recognizing William Bardella for his thirty-three years of service as an employee of Washington County.

Mr. Bardella accepted the plaque and thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the County and stated he looks forward to his retirement.

The Commissioners presented certificates of congratulations to area high school graduates recognizing their academic achievements and musical talents.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Adams, of Avella, stated he is against the recent opening of the casino in the area. He noted this is not good for the residents of Washington County.

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, questioned if the Board is considering his recent request to adopt a policy on answering public comment questions from individuals who approach the podium during the meeting.

Co-Chairman Burns responded to Mr. Sabatasse's request by stating it has always been the policy of this Board to answer reasonable, rational, intelligent questions. Co-Chairman Burns stated he doubts very much that any sincere question has ever gone unanswered whether directly by one of the members of this Board or by a staff member present or by a subsequent meeting or subsequent letter. That will continue to be the policy of this Board. He noted it also is

the policy of this Board not to engage in public debate with individuals during public comment and the Board will continue to follow this practice.

He also brought to the Board's attention the matter of having three members on the tax appeal board that receive three different amounts for compensation. He stated this procedure needs to be addressed and pointed out this is not a fair way to spend tax dollars. He noted that school board members should be sitting in on the tax appeal hearings and deciding on whether to raise or lower the assessments.

Co-Chairman Burns noted the appeal hearings are open to the public and the school boards are welcome to attend and testify, if they wish. Mr. Fergus, Director of Administration, informed Mr. Sabatasse that the taxing authorities are given notice of the appeal hearings.

Mayor Frank Pattera, of Charleroi, addressed the Board regarding his request for the Board of Commissioners to adopt a proclamation declaring the war against drugs. He also would like to see the Board adopt a policy whereby elected officials and county employees would be subject to random drug testing and for the Board to increase the funding for the County's Drug Task Force. Mayor Paterra stated the on-going drug and crime problems in our communities need to be dealt with so residents can live safely and without fear in their homes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the appointment of Jan Taper to replace Bob Harms as the MH/MR representative to the Southwest Behavioral Health Management Board of Directors effective June 21, 2007.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing appointment of Jan Taper.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of the Mingo Park Road including sub-base repair, drainage, guide rail and asphalt paving.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to advertise for bids for the following projects at the Washington County Airport:

- 1. Runway widening and rehabilitation: costs to be paid through block grant funds with a county match of 2.5%
- 2. North Access Road and Ramp: costs to be paid through ARC funds and block grant funds with a county match of 2.5%

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to advertise for bids as per above.

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract with Gannett Fleming, Inc. in the annual amount of \$5,250 to conduct flood control dam inspections in 2007, 2008 and 2009 within the Harmon Creek Watershed and Cross Creek Watershed.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract with Garrett Fleming, Inc. to conduct flood control dam inspections as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a three year extension with Maximus, Inc. to prepare the County's cost allocation plan. The annual cost of \$12,300 is a \$300 increase over the current agreement.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the three year extension with Maximus, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a grant application with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This state grant in the amount of \$10,642 is for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) for the Sheriff's Office. The grant will be from August 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and will provide education for students in several elementary schools.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing grant application with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following list of providers for Child Care Information Services. The agreements will automatically renew until either party notifies the other party in writing of their intent not to renew under the current terms.

Wanda J. Neff, Monongahela Kathy Shupenko, Charleroi Cicely Moore, Washington Kristina M. Beeles, Washington Debra A. Carroll, Daisytown Tiffany C. Rimsek, Donora Pamela L. Kelley, Washington Heather M. Price, Charleroi

Jessie M. White, Canonsburg
Tiffany M. McDonough, Taylorstown
Toni M. Cox, Hookstown
Melody Connor, Washington
Douglas M. Ranegar, Washington
Brandy L. Arbogast, McDonald
Richelle M. Symcheck, Fredericktown
Kathleen Burkey, Monongahela

Linda Z. Pitner, Washington

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the list of providers for the Child Care Information Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with the Department of Public Welfare for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program for fiscal year 2007-2008. The funding amount is pending the passage of the State Budget. Also, approval of an agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority for management of said program once State Budget is passed. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing agreements for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Collective Impact,

LLC in the amount of \$10,500 to purchase a Resource Directory Module and 50-user license. The term of this agreement is

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and no County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with Collective Impact, LLC as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the following purchase of service contract for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. No additional County funds are required.

Auberle

From \$ 50,000

Increase to \$ 85,000

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the service contract with Auberle as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the submission of the Washington County Mental Retardation Annual Plan for FY 2008-2009. The plan includes funding requests for additional service development in the amount of \$3,492,500 for fifty-seven persons with disabilities residing in Washington County. No additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the submission of the Mental Retardation Annual Plan as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval of Provider Contracts for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The total amount of these contracts is \$14,578,505, including a county match of \$281,000.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>MH</u>	MR	WAIVER - MR	EARLY INTERV.	<b>WAIVER</b>
AMI	\$280,000				
ARC Hum Srvs.	8,246	\$321,152	\$4,544,488		
Comm. Action	115,000	. ,	,,		
Comm. Transt.	288,660				
Crossroads Sp. & Hrg.	·			\$ 65,000	
Greene ARC	9,853	12,972	502,177	, <b>,</b>	
Hodas, Dr. Gordon	123,707	•	,		
<b>Keefer Softw. Products</b>	15,000				
Life's Work		47,310	115,559		
Maxim		•	140,000		
Mental Health Assoc.	1,484,420		,		
NDAC	40,000				
Southwest Behv. Care	991,800				
Trans. Employ. (TEC)	190,000		5,000		
Try Again Homes	40,000		,		
UCP of SWPA	•	80,396	2,517,866	736,286	232,113
Wash. Comm. MH/MR	1,192,000	322,000	, ,	110,500	<b>,</b>
Wilson, Rachel Anne,	32,000	15,000		•	

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider contracts for Mental Health/Mental Retardation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract amendment with Sharp Visions, Inc. to increase the original amount by \$124,779 for the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program. The total amount of the contract will be \$610,000 for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 and no additional County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract amendment with Sharp Visions, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval to ratify the following purchases from the

# PA. COSTARS 3 Hardware Contract:

Purchase of the replacement switch for the Information Technology Department. The total cost of this purchase is \$78,854.84 and was purchased from EPlus Technologies, Pottstown, PA from the PA Costars 3 contract. This is to replace the heat damaged equipment from the cooling failure in April.

Purchase of touch screen monitors, racks, memory for existing servers, fiber switch expansion, fiber, server blades, workstation blades and chassis. The total cost of this purchase is approximately \$220,669 and is being purchased from HP through PA Costars 3 contract. The total cost of this project is covered under the ACT 56 Wireless Grant Money. No County dollars required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the above-mentioned purchases from the Pennsylvania COSTARS 3 Hardware Contract.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract with Margaret Ziolkowski, of Belle Vernon, PA for Aging Services Alzheimer's Research at the rate of \$20/hour. The contracted services will not exceed 800 hours annually and is effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods. It is to be noted Aging Services has received a grant for this research.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract with Margaret Ziolkowski for Aging Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving the Plan
Revisions and Amendments to the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Programs
which is part of the County's Consolidated Action Plan.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the Resolution approving the Plan Revisions and Amendments to the Community Development Block Grant as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval to ratify the Collective Bargaining

Agreement between Washington County and SEIU Local 668 (Court-related and Court appointed employees), effective

January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to advertise for qualifications pertaining to Washington County's Workers Compensation Insurance Program. Letters of Interest and Qualifications will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on July 25, 2007 in the Human Resources Department.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the appointment of William Paxton and Heike Mills to the Farmland Preservation Board, effective through December 31, 2009.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing appointments to the Farmland Preservation Board.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval emergency funds and/or authorization to advertise for bids and accept bids for the repair and reconstruction of the stained glass for the Courthouse domes.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving emergency funds for repairs to the Courthouse domes and the advertising and accepting of bids for said project as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

County Offices will be closed on July 4, 2007 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2007 at 10 a.m.

## **SOLICITOR**

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

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, authorizing the Tax Assessment Office to prepare the following tax refunds due to either duplication or overpayment of real estate or personal property tax.

1. R. Nick & Michelle M. Sprowls

19 Sprowls Lane

Claysville, PA 15323

District: Claysville Borough Parcel: 180-009-00-01-0005-00

Total: \$104.06

2. Lewis E. & Cynthia Anderson

481 Oak Spring Road

Marianna, PA 15345 District: West Bethlehem Township

Parcel: 660-023-00-00-0019-01

Total: \$45.51

3. George & Martina Stasko

1101 Fourth Street

Monongahela, PA 15063

District: Monongahela

Parcel: 430-021-00-03-0022-02

Total: \$12.03

4. Juraj & Martina Stasko

1101 Fourth Street

Monongahela, PA 15063 District: Monongahela

Parcel: 430-021-00-03-0008-06

Total: \$15.16

5. Juraj & Martina Stasko

1101 Fourth Street Monongahela, PA 15063

District: Monongahela

Parcel: 430-021-00-03-0022-00

Total: \$11.57

6. Timothy J. & Carol J. Olack

447 Laredo Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15241

District: North Strabane Township

Parcel: 520-013-26-00-0015-00

Total: \$88.12

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7. James D. Martin Jr.

15 Lake Road

West Alexander, PA 15376
District: Donegal Township
Parcel: 230-010-00-00-0003-00

Total: \$3.85

8. Leo F. & Virginia L. Rush

PO Box 246-19 Sixth Street

Claysville, PA 15323

District: Donegal Township Parcel: 230-001-02-05-0016-00

Total: \$17.76

9. Paul W. Miller II

1505 Grandview Drive Washington, PA 15301

District: North Franklin Township

Parcel: 510-002-14-02-0001-01

Total: \$22.06

10. Wells Fargo Tax Service for

Charles V. & Karen A. Trunzo 1 Home Campus X2401-01T

Des Moines, IA 50328 District: Nottingham Township

Parcel: 530-002-06-00-0002-00

Total: \$607.21

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Burns declared the meeting adjourned at approximately

11:05 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

CHIEF CLER

2006 County Tax

2002-2006 County Tax

2007 County Tax

2007 County Tax