

Minute No. 760

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, January 27, 2005

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 Larry Maggi and Diana L. Irey. Absent being: Commissioner J. Bracken Burns, Sr., who was attending a CCAP meeting in Hershey. Also being present: Lynn DeHaven, Solicitor; Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk; Scott Fergus, Director of Administration; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Joy Sprowls and Sue Orrick, Commissioner's Office; Sheriff John Rheel and Captain Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Susan Morgan, Redevelopment Authority; Barbara Gibbs, Clerk of Courts; Francis King, Treasurer; Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Reverend Karen Stevenson, Trinity Episcopal Church; Carl Maggi, American Legion; Mary Lynn Spilak, Aging Services, Helen Barantovich, Bentleyville Senior Center; Kathy Costantino and Sister Martha, Madonna Catholic Regional School; Jennifer Johnson, Grace Archibald and Debbie Puskarich, county employees; students from various parochial schools in Washington County; Harry Sabatasse, Marcella Dalverny, John Adams, A. J. Sorenson, Peter West, Manuel Yocolano, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Barbara Miller, Observer-Reporter; Emily Ebelin, PA Focus.

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

Reverend Stevenson led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Maggi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Chairman Maggi entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 759 dated January 13, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving Minute No. 759 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPEICAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Commissioners presented a certificate of recognition and congratulations to Helen Barantovitch on her thirty years of service and retirement as a cook at the Bentleyville Senior Citizens Center.

Mrs. Barantovitch accepted the plaque and thanked the Board for this distinguished honor.

The Commissioners read a Proclamation declaring January 30 - February 5, 2005 as "Catholic Schools Week" in Washington County.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Proclamation.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Costantino and Sister Martha accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Board for their continued support. Sister Martha commented on upcoming events that will be held during the week to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Sabatasse, of Burgettstown, again questioned when the Commissioners will stop the pay raises for elected officials. He also brought up the matter of the tax appeal board members receiving too much compensation for the amount of work that is actually performed.

Commissioner Irey stated she has the information regarding the number of meetings held by the Tax Appeal Board for 2004 that Mr. Sabatasse requested in her office and that he could pick it up after the meeting.

A. J. Sorenson, of McMurray, addressed the Board regarding property rights of Washington County citizens.

Peter West, of the City of Washington, addressed the Board about eminent domain. He stated he will not let Millcraft Industries seize his property by eminent domain to build a hotel in the city. Mr. West informed the Board on February 21st there will be an informal vigil at his building at 5p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board approve ratification to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Architect/Engineering services for the renovation of court offices into a courtroom, judge's chambers, jury room and other related offices. This is necessary due to the addition of a sixth judge. The cost of this renovation is estimated at around \$100,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the ratification to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Architect/Engineering services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DeHaven recommended the Board approve authorization to advertise for bids for three used vans for the Juvenile Probation Office Leader Program. The program currently has six vans and the purchase of three more used vans for use in the new Mon Valley Leader Program. These expenditures are 80% reimbursable through the State Needs-Based Budget process. The total cost of the three vans is estimated at approximately \$45,000 and the County's share would be approximately \$9,000.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to advertise for bids for vans for the Juvenile Probation Leader Program as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Morgan, of the Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Board for their consideration and adoption a Resolution approving the Redevelopment Proposal for the Monongahela Redevelopment Project (Bluff Street) in the City of Monongahela.

Ms. Morgan briefly outlined the project.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Maggi, adopting the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the special expenditure budget for the Children and Youth Services for calendar year 2005 in the amount of \$42,600.00.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing special expenditure budget for Children and Youth Services.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Child Care Provider Agreements. These agreements will be automatically renewed until either party to the Agreement notifies the other party in writing of their intent not to renew under the current terms of the provider agreements.

Johnnie M. Kelley, Washington
 Carol J. Jones, Washington
 Jonetta Lewis, Washington
 Tawny L. Newman, Washington

Danielle R. Pugliesi, Webster
 Marvin Johnson, Monongahela
 Susanna A. Culley, Burgettstown
 William L. Chandler, Washington

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Child Care Information Services agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the purchase of service contract with Try-Again Homes, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 to include an adolescent/child per diem of \$82.26. No additional County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum to the purchase of service contract with Try Again Homes, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to purchase four additional Nextel phones. Three of the phones will be for the new Leader Program in the Mon Valley and one for President Judge O'Dell Seneca. These phones will a monthly cost of \$14.50.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to purchase four additional Nextel phones for the Courts as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Paramedical Consultants, LLC, Follansbee, WV as a Medical Records Consultant for the Health Center. The rate is \$45.00 per hour plus mileage at the rate of \$0.37 per mile not to exceed \$3,000 per year. The term of this agreement is February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006 and will continue on a year to year basis unless cancelled by either party with thirty (30) days written notice.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with Paramedical Consultants, LLC, for the Health Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement. This grant requires 20% of the total project from the County.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the foregoing Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a catered meal for the Regional Drill hosted by Public Safety on February 2, 2005 and will be serving dinner for 20-25 participants. The cost will not exceed \$250.00. This purchase is a reimbursable expense through the Regional Group 13 Homeland Security grant monies. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the expense request from Public Safety as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the appointment of Gasper Impiccini to the Washington County Veterans Advisory Council replacing Harry Wilson, effective through December 31, 2007.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the appointment of Gasper Impiccini as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irely - Yes. Commissioner Irely stated for the record that the Board receives suggested names of individuals to serve on the Council from the various veterans' groups that represent the Veterans Advisory Council. She noted this is how Mr. Impiccini received the appointment to said Council.

Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the final encumbrance adjustment for the Chartiers #59 bridge to increase the encumbrance \$40,000 for a total of \$140,000 representing the County's 20% match for the bridge replacement. It is to be noted this is a correction from January 13, 2005 meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the correction to the final encumbrance adjustment for the Chartiers #59 bridge replacement project.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval certification of County Funds for the 2005 Farmland Preservation Program in the amount of \$9,494.78. This amount represents the total clean and green roll back taxes collected and reserved in a restricted account per Act 156 of 1998.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the certification of the 2005 Farmland Preservation Program matching funds as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an extension to the agreement with Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc. for stream and river bank cleanup in areas that experienced flooding. It is to be noted this extends the original agreement from December 16, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the extension to the agreement with Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mrs. Irej - Yes; Mr. Maggi - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Irej commented on the issue of taxes not being paid in Washington County. She noted someone contacted her office regarding this issue and she informed the gentleman she has copies of memos sent to the Tax Assessment Office requesting files and information on how this matter was handled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An executive session was held on January 26, 2005 immediately following the Agenda Meeting as an information session related to personnel and labor relations issues, including Paulette D. Bernard v. County of Washington, et al filed with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission – Case No. 17FA360997.

A Sinking Fund Meeting and a special meeting of the Board of Elections will be held immediately following the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

SOLICITOR

None

There being no further business, Co-Chairman Maggi declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

February 3, 2005
 ATTEST: Mary E. Helike

CHIEF CLERK