BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 724

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, July 17, 2003

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 John P.

Bevec, Diana L. Irey and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Cathi Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Richard

DiSalle, Solicitor; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Todd Hammond, Sheriff's Office; Joann Metz,

Commissioner's Office; Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; Gary Mucho, Veterans

Director; Reverend Dr. David Mansfield, Fairhill Manor Christian Church; Robert Johnson, Mid Mon Valley Shipmates;

Ed Snarey, Fred and Delcina Fleet, James Crouch and George Pattison, members of Veterans Council; John Adams,

Phillip Ames, Bill Stein, Lou Waller, interested citizens; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Stacey Wolford, Valley Independent; and

Linda Metz, Observer-Reporter.

Chairman Bevec called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Reverend Dr. Mansfield led with a prayer.

Mr. Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 723 dated July 3, 2003.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, that Minute No. 723 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Umstead of the Redevelopment Authority presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving Washington County Redevelopment Authority as the LEDA recipient.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Resolution.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Snarey, a member of the Veterans Advisory Council, addressed the Board regarding a few issues that were discussed at the beginning of this year i.e., the Director of Veterans Affairs to report to the Board of Commissioners, not the Human Services Director, and to hire a full time person in that office to assist the director.

Some discussion was held regarding the veterans director reporting directly to the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to reorganize the county's organizational chart and the veterans director report directly to the Board of Commissioners.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Snarey then addressed the Board regarding a full time staff person to assist the director in the veterans office.

Discussion was held regarding the Veterans Advisory Council working with the veterans director to determine what are the responsibilities of the veterans office and to report back to the Commissioners with a job description.

Commissioner Irey asked Mr. Snarey to provide the Board with a new job description and organizational plan with duties and responsibilities.

Mr. Mucho, current veterans director, stated that at this time he does not feel he needs a full time person in his office. He noted if the advisory council decides on additional duties for his job description, he may have a need for a part time person.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, to start the process of hiring a part time person for the Veterans Affairs Office.

Chairman Bevec stated there has been an application for a GreenThumb person to fill the position in the office but funding has been put on hold.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring process and the amount of time before actually starting the position in the veterans office.

Commissioner Burns stated he is not in favor of seconding the motion to hire a part time person at this time because it has not been adequately studied and no one has demonstrated the office is understaffed. He noted the county is in extraordinary budget times and must be responsible in making personnel decisions that will affect the county's budget.

Motion dies for a lack of second.

Mr. Snarey, on behalf of the veterans, thanked the Board for continuing the veterans van service.

(RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CON'T)

Jim Crouch, a resident of Washington, questioned the Board if there is a need for a part time position in the Veteran's Office, if that position could possibly be filled by a veteran. The Board noted that could be a very good possibility.

Mr. Crouch addressed the Board regarding the City of Washington's downtown projects and a clause in the construction contracts that requires the hiring of veterans.

Chairman Bevec stated Mr. Crouch would have to contact the City of Washington or the Washington County Redevelopment Authority who oversees the hiring of these projects.

Mr. Crouch questioned what authority Human Resources has to hire employees when it should be done through the Pennsylvania Job Service. He pointed out all veterans are registered for employment at the Job Center.

Some discussion was held regarding the hiring of veterans for employment with the county and the functions of the Human Resources Office.

Mr. Crouch cited the Wagner-Peyser Act of June, 1933 that states all governmental bodies are to use the Pennsylvania Job Service to hire employees.

Solicitor DiSalle asked Mr. Crouch to submit a copy of that Act for him to review.

Commissioner Irey requested Solicitor DiSalle look into this matter and report back with his findings within the next month as to whether or not the county is in compliance with this act.

Mr. Crouch noted a subject that was brought up at the Veterans Advisory Council regarding the Veterans 100 Report and stated he would like to have a copy of that report.

The Board noted they never heard of this report.

Gary Mucho, Veterans Director, was directed to obtain copies of that report for the Solicitor, Commissioners and the Advisory Council to review.

John Adams, of Avella, commented on a recent article that appeared in a West Virginia newspaper regarding property tax relief. Mr. Adams stated the Commissioners should look into this matter so that taxpayers of Washington County, namely the seniors, could receive some sort of property tax relief.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for "Kitchen & Housekeeping Supplies" for Washington County to the following vendors:

The remaining items have been awarded to the following vendors based on the per unit cost submitted in their bid proposal:

A-Z Janitorial Services, Washington PA
Grainger Industrial Supply, Pittsburgh PA
Jack Frye Sales & Service, Clairton PA
Janitorial Supply Co., Smock PA
Liberty Distributors, Inc., Triadelphia WV
Paper Products Co., Pittsburgh PA

All items have been awarded to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Certain items have not been awarded to the lowest bidder as they did not meet specifications. The term of this bid is from August 1, 2003 thru July 31, 2004. The total yearly cost is approximately \$175,000.00.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Meat to the following vendors based on the "per unit" cost:

W.S. Lee & Sons, Altoona, PA Green Valley, Claysville, PA Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, MI Sysco Foods, Harmony, PA

Total monthly cost is approximately \$28,000.

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

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following modifications to three Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grants:

A three month extension to the Child Abuse Grant. The new project period would be April 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. No change in the dollar amount.

Changes to budget categories for the Victims of Juvenile Offense Grant. The total dollar amount remains at \$47,356.00.

Changes to budget categories for the Rights and Services for Victims of Crime Grant. The total dollar amount remains at \$88,057.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing modifications to the PCCD Grants.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Frank Martincic for the purpose of conducting West Nile Surveillance using sampling techniques. Payment will be \$14.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement of 36 cents per mile. This agreement will be effective immediately and conclude October 31, 2003. It is to be noted the costs will be covered by a DEP grant, therefore, no County dollars are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Professional Services Agreement with Frank Martincic as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes: Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval authorization to bid for the repair and maintenance for copiers (not covered by maintenance agreements), faxes and printers. This would be on an "asneeded" basis at a set hourly rate plus materials.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving authorization to advertise for the repair and maintenance for copies as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes: Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Oce Printing Systems USA, Inc. for the purpose of providing a maintenance agreement for an Oce 3133 digital copier located in MH/MR. The cost of this maintenance is \$190/month which includes 10,000 copies per month and additional copiers at 1.47 cents per copy, effective July 2003 through July 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with Oce Printing Systems USA, Inc. for a maintenance agreement as per above.

MINUTE BOOK

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Judy Palloto, Washington
Casie Blackburn, Cokeburg
Deborah Walters, New Eagle
Crystal Greene, Washington
Robert McCargo, Monessen
Pamela Bohnak, Donora
Sandra Bodnar, Canonsburg
Tina Larue, Washington
Tara Kennedy, Washington
Margaret Patterson, Cecil
Caroline Page, Washington
Constance Barnes, Washington

Kenneth Wilkins, Washington
Nicole Hodgens, Washington
Kathy Smith, Washington
Heather Willison, Canonsburg
Gloria Thompson-Adams, Washington
Bernadette Scholato, Washington
Carlton Johnson, Monongahela
Julianne Lenzi, Monongahela
Anna Lee Tarpley, Donora
Virginia Williams, Washington
Diane Tkaczenko, Washington
Rose Secilia, Marianna

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Child Care Information Services agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a state contract purchase for a server for Court Automation. This server will allow for integration of CDI with FACS5. This will be paid 50% CCAP County Integration Grant Project. The total cost is \$21,996 and the County's cost will be \$10,998. The amount has been allotted from the Court Automation Capital fund and has been approved by the Capital Expenditure Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving a state contract purchase for a server for Court Automation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a state contract purchase of five new Cisco Switches with an extended service agreement for Court Automation. The total cost of this expenditure is approximately \$12,700 and has been approved by the Capital Expenditure Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the state contract purchase of five new Cisco Switches as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the adoption of a Resolution for the sale of surplus personal property consisting of two copiers and five vehicles.

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

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Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Donald E. York

Realty Company in the amount of \$1,000 to update a previous appraisal of the John and Romaine E. Miller property on

Moore Road, South Franklin Township. The revised report will appraise 41.8 acres to assess the total value and the value
of 10.5 acres including two structures. The costs will be paid 90% federal, 5% state and 5% county aviation grant funds.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with Donald E. York Realty Company as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a license agreement with Brookman Auto Parts, Inc. for a permanent right-of-way to reconstruct and maintain the Chartiers #59, West Maiden Street Bridge in the City of Washington.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the license agreement with Brookman Auto Parts, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following list of providers for services to the homeless for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are required.

Try Again Homes, Inc.

Bridge Housing for MISA young adults \$9,000

Connect, Inc.

Emergency Shelter Services \$80,000

Washington Women's Shelter

Bridge Housing for Domestic Violence Victims \$13,000 Emergency Shelter Services \$7,500

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing provider agreements for the Homeless Services Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the renewal of the Unit Cost Provider Agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging for continued funding for the Adult Day Care Program at a reimbursement rate of \$44.47 per client/day of service. This will be effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the renewal of the Unit Cost Provider Agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging for the Adult Day Care Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital for inpatient respite and long term care for Hospice patients. No County funds are required.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the annual agreement with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging, Inc. for services to the elderly in the amount of \$1,465,150 for fiscal year 2003-2004. The County's total cash contribution is \$77,346.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging for services to the elderly as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following list of Placement and Service Provider Agreements for fiscal year 2003-2004 for Children and Youth.

CONTRACT MAXIMUM
\$ 40,000
45,000
75,000
40,000
130,000
280,000
35,000
34,300
35,500
5,500
87,600
200,000
100,000

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Placement and Service Provider Agreements for Children and Youth.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following list of provider agreements for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. The combined total amount of the agreements are \$1,645,186.00. The County's total match is \$4,700.00.

PROVIDER	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Allegheny Valley School	\$277,316
Community Action	107,000
Greene ARC, Inc.	412,584
Keystone City Residence	95,000
Pressley Ridge	10,000
McGuire Memorial	102,855
Sharp Visions	604,431

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the list of provider agreements for Mental Health/Mental Retardation as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement with the Washington County Transportation Authority to provide transportation services to veterans in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the period of July 17, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing agreement with the Washington County Transpiration Authority for veterans van service.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an agreement between Washington County and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for calendar year 2003 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the agreement between Washington County and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board reappoint James Gregorakis, Sr. of Canonsburg to the Washington County Hospital Authority for a five year term, effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2007.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, reappointing James Gregorakis, Sr. to the Washington County Hospital Authority as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board appoint Robert Griffin of Washington to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority Board for a five year term, effective July 31, 2003 through July 30, 2008.

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Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bevec, to appoint Robert Griffin as per above.

Commissioner Irey stated Mr. Griffin is willing to remove his name from this appointment and has agreed to accept the next available appointment to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority. She requested Mr. William Stein be reappointed to a five year term in place of Mr. Griffin.

Commissioner Irey requested Commissioners Bevec and Burns withdraw their motions to appoint Mr. Griffin.

Commissioner Bevec and Burns stated "No".

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - No; Mr. Bevec - Yes.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held on July 16, 2003 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation issues.

SOLICITOR:

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

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

1. Jeffrey S. & Susan J. Dadd

114 Dundee Drive

Canonsburg, PA 15317

District: North Strabane Township

Parcel No. 520-013-12-01-0012-00

Total Amount: \$695.02

2. Kurt G. & Charisse C. Jenkins

232 McClelland Road Canonsburg, PA 15317

District: North Strabane Township

Parcel No. 520-013-07-01-0013-00

Total Amount: \$32.42

3. Marcy Manni Meehan

302 Third Street

McDonald, PA 15057

District: McDonald Borough

Parcel No. 470-006-00-04-0008-00

Total Amount: \$7.93

4. Patrick C. & Peggy Herforth

805 Walnut Street

Monongahela, PA 15063

District: Monongahela 1st Ward Parcel No. 420-038-00-02-0006-00

Total Amount: \$13.21

5. Patricia A. McFaddin

Box 544 Charleroi, PA 15022

District: North Charleroi Borough

Parcel No. 500-004-00-02-0004-00

Total Amount: \$96.97

6. Trax Farms

528 Trax Road

Finleyville, PA 15332

District: Peters Township[

Parcel No. 540-004-05-02-0001-00 Total Amount: \$161.18 2001 & 2002 County Tax

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7. Washington Hospital

155 Wilson Avenue

Washington, PA 15301

District: Independence Township / Cecil Township Parcel No. 140-006-14-00-0004-00 / 370-003-03-04-0008-00

Total Amount: \$1,573.32

8. First American

95 Methodist Hill Road #100

Rochester, NY 14623

District: Houston Borough

Parcel No. 360-004-00-00-0005-02E

Total Amount: \$441.80

9. John C. & Mary L. Sumney

63 Lena Lane

Washington, PA 15301 District: Amwell Township

Parcel No. 020-006-00-00-0001-03

Total Amount: \$43.03

10. Joseph P. Ravasio

1302 Hayes Street

Monongahela, PA 15063

District: Monongahela 3rd Ward / Fallowfield Township Parcel No. 320-002-00-0001-00 / 440-027-00-00-0017-00

Total Amount: \$269.45

11. Barry Kovatch

301 Arthur Road

Washington, PA 15301

District: Chartiers Township Parcel No. 170-017-00-00-0017-02

Total Amount: \$3.34

12. Edward J., III & William Volker

1239 Country Club Road Monongahela, PA 15063

District: New Eagle Borough

Parcel No. 480-002-00-03-0001-00 / 480-009-00-02-0021-00

Total Amount: \$39.02

13. Washington Federal savings Bank for Todd L. Ashmore

77 South Main Street

Washington, PA 15301

District: Washington 2nd Ward

Parcel No. 720-004-00-00-0007-00

Total Amount: \$133.91

14. Washington Federal Savings Bank

and/or Robert & Roberta Opfermann

77 South Main Street

Washington, PA 15301

District: Somerset Township Parcel No. 580-006-00-00-0027-00

Total Amount: \$72.88

15. John J. Bauer Jr., & T. L. Stauffer

3081 National Pike

Daisytown, PA 15427

District: West Pike Run Township

Parcel No. 700-007-01-01-0004-01

Total Amount: \$176.53

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval adoption of the amended Articles of

Agreement and Bylaws of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission which will include Lawrence County.

2003 County Tax

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Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the foregoing amended Articles of Agreement and Bylaws of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Bevec declared the meeting adjourned at approximately

11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK