

## MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 675

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, July 26, 2001

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. Irely and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Cathi Kresh, Administrator/Chief Clerk; Solicitor Richard DiSalle; Linda Belcher, Administrative Assistant; Sue Orrick and Sarah Powers, Commissioner's Office; George Krellich, Director of Human Services; Lisa Cessna and Melanie Finney, Planning Commission; Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; Sheriff Larry Maggi and Deputy Sheriff Todd Hammond; Tammy Gorman, First Church of the Nazarene; Joseph Femiani, founder Watchful Shepherd; Harry Wilson and Gus Impiccini, members of the American Legion; Bob Irely, Craig and Wendy Bellis, Charlie Keenan, Fred Moore, interested citizens; Judy Chestnutt, Observer-Reporter; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Vince Guerreri, Tribune Review; and Gary Smith, CU TV.

Chairman Bevec called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Tammy Gorman led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Wilson said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bevec entertained a motion to approve Minute No. 674 dated July 12, 2001.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 674 be approved as written.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Commissioners presented a plaque to Joseph Femiani founder of Watchful Shepherd and recipient of the Jefferson Award for Volunteerism.

Mr. Femiani thanked the Board for the plaque and explained the Watchful Shepherd Program in detail.

Mr. Femiani stated the Watchful Shepherd Program has helped over 2,000 abused children in Washington County alone. He noted there are Watchful Shepherd programs in eight states across the country. Mr. Femiani stated it is his hope to have a national monument erected somewhere in Washington County dedicated to the lost lives of children due to abuse.

**RECESS FOR PHOTOS****SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS (CON'T)**

Mr. Umstead presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving the Plan Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Program that is a part of the County's Consolidated Plan.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harry Wilson and Gus Impiccini, of the American Legion, presented a plaque to Commissioner Burns in appreciation for his dedication and continued support serving as a judge in the Inter-District Oratorical Contest sponsored by the American Legion.

Commissioner Burns accepted the plaque and thanked Harry Wilson and Gus Impiccini for this honor.

Charlie Keenan, of Blaine Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the land swap deal and read correspondence Attorney Dennis Makel received from Solicitor DiSalle. Mr. Keenan stated he believes the coal, natural gas, oil and power companies, the Pennsylvania State Game Commission and possibly the Mon Valley Expressway are the only ones who will benefit from the land swap deal. Mr. Keenan cited recent census and voter registration figures for the McGuffey School District area and stated this is the amount of people the land swap deal will effect with no benefits for taxpayers of the area.

Fred Moore, of Blaine Township, stated the Board of Commissioners should look at this deal on the whole and not in part. Mr. Moore commented he was told the land deal would generate 12,000 jobs from the industrial park which indicates plans are already in place for development.

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Laundry Supplies to Allegheny Supply and Maintenance Company of Duncansville, PA for the "per unit" cost.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, to award the foregoing bid for Laundry Supplies.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board award the bid for Meat to Green Valley Packing of Claysville and Sysco of Harmony, PA for the amount set forth in their bids.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to award the bid for Meat as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board table the bid for the Dam Drawdown Rehabilitation for further review.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle recommended the Board table the bid for Housekeeping Supplies for further review.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, to table the bid for Housekeeping Supplies for further review.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Washington County Agricultural Fair, Inc. in the amount of \$1,180.00 for the period of August 11, 2001 through August 18, 2001 to provide four booths for Human Services departments to participate in the Washington County Fair. Also, to approve the purchase of fair passes to the fair for employees to be present at the booths. It is to be noted the estimated total of 17 passes will be needed at a total cost of \$170.00 (\$10.00 per pass).

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Agreement with the Washington County Agricultural Fair, Inc. and the purchase of passes as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an addendum to the current agreement with Attorney Betsy McKnight for a period of March 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001. This addendum allowed Ms. McKnight time to conclude a case she was previously working on for Children and Youth Services.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Addendum to the current agreement with Attorney Betsy McKnight as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an allocation adjustment for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 to Sharp Visions, Inc. for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. The revised allocation will increase the Sharp Vision account by \$60,000.00 from \$448,000.00 to \$508,000.00. It is to be noted these funds are available from 100% State/Federal dollars and no county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the allocation adjustment for Mental Health/Mental Retardation with Sharp Visions, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the designation of Leslie Vassilaros, Director of CCIS, authority to sign and execute addendums to existing contracts due to regulatory changes by DPW or changes in rates and/or services.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing designation of Leslie Vassilaros.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a twelve month agreement with Metrocall of Pittsburgh for pagers for Washington County. The total cost for the pagers will be \$763.50 a month to a total of \$8,838.00 annually.

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Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the twelve month agreement with Metrocall as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Child Care Provider Agreements for 2001. 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.

Jewish Community Care, Pittsburgh  
Monica Oakley, Housgon  
Catherine Bundy, Eighty Four

Dorothy Moody, Pittsburgh  
Kelly Zuver, Claysville  
Darlene Marcischak, Houston

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bevec, approving the foregoing Child Care Service Provider Agreements.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a renewal agreement with Safety National for the County's Worker's Compensation Program. This renewal will be under a large deductible plan at the annual premium of \$248,746.00 for the period of August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002. Also, to approve the contract renewal of Inservco Insurance Services, Inc. to provide third party administrator services. It is to be noted the County is currently in the second year of a three year contract at the fixed cost of \$20,000.00 for the second policy year. This renewal is effective August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the renewal Agreement with Safety National and Inservco Insurance Services, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Washington Hospital - Occupational Medicine Center to provide medical case management at the cost of \$45.00 per hour for the period of August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the Agreement with Washington Hospital - Occupational Medicine Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Addendum to the current Lease Agreement with the City of Washington for an additional five years for the Drug Task Force. It is to be noted the current rate is \$585.00 per month and the addendum reflects a 3% increase per year beginning January 1, 2002. The lease agreement addendum will be effective September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2006.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irej, approving the addendum to the current Lease Agreement with the City of Washington as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an extension to the current agreement with Dick Milan for the repair and installation services relating to the voice communication systems in a variety of county owned and operated offices. The rate would remain at \$825.00 per month and will be effective through May 31, 2002.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the extension to the current agreement with Dick Milan as per a above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Letter of Agreement with Delta-T Group for the purpose of locating a psychiatrist to provide temporary services to the Washington County Correctional Facility. This letter of agreement specifies the County will not hire or contract individually or separately with any referrals made by Delta-T Group.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the Letter of Agreement with Delta-T Group as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with Maher Duessel to perform the County's Single Audit for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003. The total cost for the audits will be \$239,900.00 for the three year period.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the foregoing Agreement with Maher Duessel to perform the County's Single Audit.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for the replacement of the kitchen floor at the Washington County Health Center.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, authorizing the Chief Clerk to advertise for bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the purchase of twelve new Gateway computers for Children and Youth Services at the unit cost of \$1,347.00 for a total of \$16,164.00. It is to be noted the

computers are needed to operate the Pennsylvania Automated Child Welfare Information System. Cost to be paid 60% Federal, 20% State and 20% County.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the purchase of computers for Children and Youth Services as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Grant Application for the continuation of funding for the Washington County Regional Highway Safety Program. The amount of the grant is \$146,000.00 and will be effective October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Grant Application for the Washington County Regional Highway Safety Program.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a contract with Schultheis Electric for the installation of an instrument landing system for the Washington County Airport. The total contract amount of \$264,895.00 base bid and \$12,237.50 alternate bid will be paid 50% State and 50% County aviation block grant monies.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irely, approving the contract with Schultheis Electric for the installation of the instrument landing system as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency to provide for the division of the hotel tax proceeds as follows: 2% not to exceed \$40,000.00 to the County Treasurer; 25% not less than \$35,000.00 for 2001 and not less than \$115,000.00 for 2002 to the Tourism Promotion Agency for operational expenses. It is to be noted the remaining funds will be dedicated to tourism development projects subject to the joint approval of TPA and the Board of Commissioners. The effective date upon approval through December 31, 2002.

Moved by Mrs. Irely, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Agreement with the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk recommended the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Tourism Promotion Agency Board for a three year term, effective July 26, 2001 through July 25, 2004:

Judy Lohr, owner of Carlton Hotel, Bentleyville  
 Carol Ifft, Director of Sales, Hilton Garden Inn, Pittsburgh/Southpointe  
 Bob Gregg, WJPA Radio

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, to appoint the above-mentioned individuals to the Tourist Promotion Agency for a three year term.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Clerk suggested the appointment of Anthony Colaizzo, of Canonsburg, to the Washington County Redevelopment Authority Board for a five year term, effective August 9, 2001 through August 8, 2006, occur at the Commissioner's Meeting on August 9, 2001.

An Executive Session was held on July 25, 2001 in Room 704 immediately following the Agenda Meeting to discuss litigation issues.

#### SOLICITOR

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Tax Appeal Settlement with Corning, Inc. of Charleroi Borough. Solicitor DiSalle noted this tax appeal has been approved by Charleroi School District and Charleroi Borough.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Tax Appeal Settlement with Corning, Inc.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution declaring the Washington County Redevelopment Authority as the LEDA Funds designee.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the Hotel Tax Ordinance. The effective date is August 1, 2001.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, adopting the Hotel Tax Ordinance as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor DiSalle presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the ratification of a Tax Lien Settlement for property in Nottingham Township to release a judgement that the County holds against an individual in the amount of \$15,375.00. Solicitor DiSalle noted this action simply releases the property from the lien of that judgement allowing the present owner to sell the property free and clear of said judgement.

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Commissioner Burns questioned the impact this would have on the sale of the property if the Board decided to table this action.

Solicitor DiSalle stated the county has been notified by the title company the sale must close today or it will fall through. Solicitor DiSalle noted this item was discussed at the Agenda meeting yesterday and the necessary release papers were prepared and executed by Chairman Bevec, sent Federal Express to the title company and they should receive them today.

Moved by Mrs. Irej, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the ratification of the Tax Lien Settlement as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Bevec declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

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*July 31*, 2001

ATTEST: *Catherine E. Mesh*  
ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK