

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 553

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, November 27, 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, Ireby and Burns. Also being present: Tina Dallatore, Chief Clerk; Attorney Jim McCune, County Solicitor; Attorney Jill Devine, Assistant Solicitor; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Francis King, Treasurer; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Floyd Laubham, Planning Commission; Steve Wiencek, Redevelopment Authority; Ken Barna, Director of Revenue; Michael Rich and Lynn Shook, representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Kara Bradstock, Lynn Mancuso and Tracy Bird, Washington County History and Landmarks Foundation; Martin Beichner and Tom Wild, Accutrex Products, Inc.; Lou Falbo, IDA Executive Director; Attorney Mark Mascara, IDA Solicitor; John Lorence, Jr., Dianna Ilgenfritz, Roxanne Huss and Larry Williams, TRIPIL; Michael Tarbuck and Donna Lapra, Tarbuck Security; a representative of Jade Security; Chris Haines, Herald Standard; Vince Ponzio, WJPA; Joe Smydo, 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 noted that approval of Minute No. 552 dated November 14, 1996, would be held in abeyance.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

At this time the Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with the Washington County Industrial Development Authority, held a public TEFRA hearing for the purpose of accepting public comments on the following proposed bond issue which was presented by Attorney Mark Mascara, IDA Solicitor.

Applicant: Accutrex Products, Inc.

Project: The purchase of real estate and improvements thereon constituting the main office and manufacturing facility by Accutrex Products, Inc., additional construction and improvements thereto and acquisition of manufacturing equipment therefor.

Amount of proposed issuance: Not to exceed \$5,000,000

Location of facility: Site located at 112 Southpointe Drive, Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania

There were no public comments.

Steve Wiencek of the Redevelopment Authority presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving the Redevelopment Proposal and the Redevelopment Area Plan for the North Main Street Redevelopment Project in the City of Washington.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Kara Bradstock, Tracy Bird and Lynn Mancuso of the Washington County History and Landmarks Foundation presented the Commissioners with complimentary tickets to the Historic Holly House Tour which will be held on December 7-8, 1996. The historic sites on the tour include the LeMoyne House, Bradford House, First Presbyterian Church, W&J Alumni House and private homes.

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Michael Rich and Lynn Shook of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints designating November 24-30, 1996, as Family Week in Washington County.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Lorence, consumer and civil rights specialist of the Tri-County Partnership for Independent Living (TRIPIL), addressed the Board in reference to the demonstration that was held yesterday at the Washington County Health Center. He stated that he wanted to apologize to the residents of the Health Center for any stress or inconvenience caused to them. He thanked the Health Center's staff and the Commissioners for the manner in which they handled this situation. He emphasized that the demonstration was targeted to an individual staff member of the Health Center who is on the Board of Directors of TRIPIL. He explained that it was their intent to get this individual (Dee Laabs) to resign from her position on the Board of Directors as they are trying to get all the Board members to resign. He assured the Commissioners that his group will not allow an incident like that to happen again. Chairman Ford thanked Mr. Lorence for his apology and stated that the Board understands his group's concerns and knows that they are trying to do the right thing for those who are physically challenged.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney McCune recommended that the bids for Milk for the Health Center and Jail for the period of January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1999, be awarded to (1) Marburger Farm Dairy of Evans City, Pa., and (2) Schneider's Dairy of Washington, Pa. These bids are based on the Pennsylvania minimum prices established by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Ford, awarding the bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune recommended that the bids for Laundry Supplies for the Health Center and Jail for the period of January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997 (with option to extend through December 31, 1998) be awarded to (1) Jack Frye, Clairton, Pa., and (2) Gurtler Chemicals, Inc., of South Holland, IL; these being the lowest bids received in accordance with the specifications.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, awarding the bids as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Attorney McCune recommended that the bid for the Repair of the Courthouse Steps be awarded to Keystone Waterproofing Company, Inc., of Latrobe, Pa; this being the lowest bid received in accordance with the specifications. Commissioner Irey noted that this work is being done as a preventative measure for public safety.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney McCune noted that the Purchasing Department has recommended that the bid for Security Services at the Health Center be awarded to Jade Security, the lowest bidder. However, he stated that he is aware that there was a problem with an ambiguity in the bid specifications relative to the requirement of the bid security and whether it was required to be based on one year or three years. Attorney McCune noted that this issue has been raised by one of the bidders. He stated that although he realizes an unfairness is probably going to occur in either situation, under the circumstances, he recommended that the bids be rejected and rebid.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Ford, to reject the bids for Security Services at the Health Center and that they be rebid.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - 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. California Technology Park Industrial Building
2. Washington Code Enforcement Demolition and Site Clearance Project

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a request to authorize contracts with the following physicians for the provision of medical services at the Washington County Correctional Facility, effective December 1, 1996. It was noted that the contracts will contain a provision for cancellation.

1. Samuel J. Swad, M.D. - currently under contract for \$900.00/month.
This contract will change to \$600/month.
2. Troy Hutchinson, M.D. - currently under contract for \$900/month.
This contract will change to \$600/month.
3. Eugene Skiffington, M.D. - new physician under contract for \$600/month.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, authorizing contracts with the foregoing physicians as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval ratification of the following items relative to the Sheriff's Office:

1. State Contract Purchase with Warnock Automotive, Inc., of East Hanover, NJ, for two 1997 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles at a total cost of \$40,464.00 (\$20,232.00 each). It was noted that these new vehicles are necessary in order to replace two vehicles which are no longer in use due to a vehicle fire and an automobile accident. The County's insurance reimbursement for the two vehicles will be approximately \$17,000.00.
2. Assume title and ownership of one 4x4 vehicle to be obtained through the Pennsylvania Drug Reduction Property Program which will be used to patrol the County parks. It was noted that the only other cost to the County, besides regular maintenance, would be a percentage fee (approximately \$300.00) based on the vehicle's value.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving ratification of the items for the Sheriff's Office as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval non-financial agreements with Albert Gallatin Hospice Program, Hospice Care of Washington Hospital, and Odyssey Healthcare Hospice Service. These agreements will provide for the Health Center to extend its range of services into the area of hospice and respite care and will also have the effect of increasing referrals to the Health Center. Commissioner Irey noted that the County is initiating a campaign to inform other providers that these services are available through the County.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the non-financial agreements as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a recommendation to increase the private pay rates at the Washington County Health Center as follows, effective January 1, 1997:

	CURRENT CHARGE	PROPOSED CHARGE
Nursing facility-private room	\$140	\$145
Nursing facility-semi-private room	\$130	\$135
Skilled care-private room (Medicare & equivalent services)	\$165	\$170
Skilled care-semi-private room (Medicare & equivalent services)	\$155	\$160

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the increase in private pay rates at the Washington County Health Center as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a proposal from Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants, for professional consulting services in connection with Medicare and Medicaid services and payments at the Health Center. The base compensation for these services will be \$250.00 per month plus out-of-pocket expenses. The proposal also contains a provision for additional hourly services on an as-needed basis. The total annual contract amount will not exceed \$5,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, approving the proposal from Maher Duessel as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk requested authorization to advertise for bids for privacy curtains for two of the nursing units at the Washington County Health Center.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a proposal from Neilan Engineers, Inc., in the total amount of \$6,328.60 for professional engineering services associated with the relocation project of the Wyt Sprowls Covered Bridge located in West Finley Township.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the proposal from Neilan Engineers, Inc., as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the following Board appointment/reappointments:

Conservation District - appointment of Richard S. Mowl, Jr., of Washington, as a Farmer Director to replace Eugene Painter whose term expires December 31, 1996. Mr. Mowl's term is for four years, effective January 1, 1997.

Farmland Preservation - Reappointment of: Craig Sweger - Member-at-large
Michael Schultz - Contractor
J. Ron Hart - Municipal Official
Terms are for three years, effective January 1, 1997.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Board appointment/reappointments.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - 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.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bids:

MAINTENANCE OF HVAC EQUIPMENT

1. Carrier Corporation
135 Southpointe Drive
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Health Center yearly	\$2,672.00
Courthouse Square yearly	\$1,188.00
Courthouse/Jail yearly	\$4,829.00
Correctional Facility yearly	No Bid

Total Bid \$8,689.00

Hourly rate for repairs not covered under any agreement:
Regular \$67.00 Overtime \$94.00

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

2. Pittsburgh Trane
400 Business Center Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Health Center yearly	\$3,175.00
Courthouse Square yearly	\$ 720.00
Courthouse/Jail yearly	\$2,203.00
Correctional Facility yearly	\$3,157.00

Total Bid \$9,255.00

Hourly rate for repairs not covered under any agreement:
Regular \$60.00 Overtime \$90.00

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

3. York International Corporation
3471 Babcock Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Health Center yearly	No Bid
Courthouse Square yearly	No Bid
Courthouse/Jail yearly	\$3,276.00
Correctional Facility yearly	No Bid

Total Bid \$3,276.00

Hourly rate for repairs not covered under any agreement:
Regular \$69.30 Overtime \$103.95

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

4. Professional Mechanical Sales & Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 95008
Pittsburgh, PA 15223-0608

Health Center yearly	\$3,450.00
Courthouse Square yearly	\$ 925.00
Courthouse/Jail yearly	\$6,100.00
Correctional Facility yearly	No Bid

Total Bid \$10,475.00

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Hourly rate for repairs not covered under any agreement:
Regular \$55.00 Overtime \$82.00

An official check in the amount of \$1,050.00 accompanied the bid.

5. NRG Options, Inc.
294 W. Steuben Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Health Center yearly	\$3,782.00
Courthouse Square yearly	\$1,162.00
Courthouse/Jail yearly	\$3,776.00
Correctional Facility yearly	\$1,360.00

Total Bid \$10,080.00

Hourly rate for repairs not covered under nay agreement:
Regular \$56.00 Overtime \$69.00

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

6. Barber-Colman Company
1275 Grove Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Health Center yearly	\$3,500.00
Courthouse Square yearly	\$2,075.00
Courthouse/Jail yearly	\$4,955.00
Correctional Facility yearly	\$9,900.00

Total Bid \$20,430.00

Hourly rate for repairs not covered under nay agreement:
Regular \$71.00 Overtime \$106.50

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSABLE BRIEFS, UNDERPADS & WASHCLOTHS - WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

1. General Medical Corporation
1400 Valley Belt Road
Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131

Total amount of bid: \$102,486.97 (based on estimated quantities)

A Bid Bond in the amount of 10% (not to exceed \$15,000.00) accompanied the bid.

2. Druzak Medical, Inc.
200 First Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Total amount of bid: \$116,301.89 (based on estimated quantities)

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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AIR FLUIDIZED BEDS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

1. Hill-Rom Company, Inc.
4349 Corporate Road
Charleston, SC 29405

FLAT AIR FLUIDIZED BED

Daily Rental Rate \$72.00 x 500 days = \$36,000.00

LIFT-UP AIR FLUIDIZED BED

Daily Rental Rate \$99.00 x 500 days = \$49,500.00TOTAL BID \$85,500.00

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

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS - WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

1. Young Business Forms Co.
97 Clarendon Avenue
Uniontown, PA 15401

Across-the-board discount from current list price each: 18%

A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$8,000.00 accompanied the bid.

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

Roll call vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

December 10, 1996ATTEST: Christine A. Blautsch
CHIEF CLERK