

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 with Chairman Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners McMillen and McCracken; Kim Kesner, Solicitor; Claudia Read, Controller; Frank Kuhn, CYS Director; Laurie Filitske and Rex Lettie, Cen Clear Child Services; Sandy Fink-Barrett, CCRTA; Kim Finnigan, Courier Express; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Bill Gillen, WOKW; Jeff Coricino, Progress; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 22, 2008 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Read presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$776,980.86; Liquid Fuels, \$11,877.34; Capital Reserve Fund, \$3,160.00; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$186.82; 911 Fund, \$121,979.18; Children Youth Fund, \$203,159.47; Domestic Relations Funds, \$1,458.02; CDBG Fund, \$19,229.14. Approval of the bills by Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Issues

New Hires – Lucas Butler, temporary p/t Corrections Officer/Jail, effective February 2, 2008.

Transfers – William McGroarty, temporary f/t Corrections Officer/Jail to Permanent f/t Corrections Officer, effective February 13, 2008.

Resignations/Terminations – Ryan Tittle, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective January 29, 2008.

Heather Smith, Caseworker/CYS, effective February 8, 2008.

Leave of Absence – Virginia Bergey FMLA 12/11/07-1/21/08.

Dawn Sell – Continued unpaid leave through 4/30/08.

Helen Lewis – Continued unpaid leave through 4/30/08.

Approval of the personnel issued by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – None

New Business

Sandy Fink Barrett asked the Board to consider adopting Resolution 2008-#3 Supporting the Resolution 2008-#3 Supporting the Proposal to designate a portion of Pennsylvania Route (s) US 219, SR 969, SR 879, SR 153 and SR 453, SR 1001, Bilgers Rocks Road and the Greenville Pike as a Pennsylvania Byway. Ms. Barrett explained that West Branch of the Susquehanna River is an asset to Clearfield County and the residents who can enjoy a host of activities such as recreational, heritage, cultural and tourism. The Governor in 2005 named the West Branch of the Susquehanna the “River of the Year”. The river begins in Cherry Tree at the headwaters and continues on to Williamsport where it meets the Susquehanna and journeys onto the Chesapeake Bay. The highways along the river were nominated to become a Pennsylvania Byway. The plan is to help those 22 communities along the river develop the assets. By making these nominations it would provide the communities with additional resources to protect and preserve the assets and enhance the quality of life for the individuals that live in those communities. Projects included the river are boat launches, river walks, parks along the river. Ms. Barrett asked that the Board adopt the Resolution as part of the application process. Motion to adopt Resolution 2008-#3 by Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Filitske asked the Board to approve the grant application for the Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Program grant in the amount of \$36,300. Ms Filitske explained that the program hopes to services 80 fathers and 120 children. There is a local match in the amount of \$3400 will be provided by the County. Motion to approve the grant application by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Fran Kuhn asked the Board to approve the Time Limited Family Reunification grant application in the amount of \$164,930. The purpose of the program is to target children that have been removed from their homes to try to get them back with their families as soon as possible. Mr. Kuhn has initiated a new policy within the CYS agency to review these children and families every 3 months and develop a treatment and service plan for reunification. The number target families are 40 but hopefully 50/55 could be treated. Motion to execute the grant application by Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Kesner explained the Pass Through Agreement for the Time Limited Family Reunification grant. The agreement is needed as the County will receive the funds but Cen-Clear will administer the program. Approval of the grant application by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCracken presented a Client Agreement between the County and Erin Group Administrators for the Express Scripts Prescription Program. Commissioner McCracken explained that Erin Group negotiated lower prices for both mail order and retail prescriptions. Once the agreement is signed the employees will realize the lower prices. Approval by motion of Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Read asked the Board to consider an agreement between the County and the HayGroup for actuarial services for the Retirement Account. Controller Read recommends that the Board approve the agreement as they have provided this service to the County for many years and have done an excellent job. The annual cost to the County is \$22,068. Approval of the agreement by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Read also asked the Board to consider approving a Consulting Agreement between the County and Peirce Park Group to provide investment management services for the Retirement Account. The fee for the year 2008 is \$20,000. Approval of the agreement by motion of Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Kesner discussed the request by Colonial Courtyard to expand their current operation. If the Commissioners approve in concept the addition and the encroachment into the setback, then Colonial Courtyard will prepare final design plans and file an application for land development approval with Lawrence Township. According to the covenants of the office park the Commissioners must review and approve the final plans. Motion to approve the expansion of Colonial Courtyard as so requested by them with the understanding that that the modification be subject to review and approval of the final plan by the County Commissioners as well as indication be made that it be quite clear that the road right-of-way be used in some point in the future and their will be a road constructed their by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sobel presented a Textile Products Rental Agreement between the County and Paris Uniform Services to rent entrance mats to be used at the 911/EMA building. Solicitor Kesner suggested negotiation of a new agreement, as he does not approve the form of the contract. Paris will need to be notified that the current agreement executed by Josh Quigley is not valid and therefore they do not have a valid agreement. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

Chairman Sobel announced consideration to the following individuals for appointment: Reappointments of a full term commencing 2008 of M. Glenn Raymond and Dennis Sauder by motion of Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously. (Terms will end January 1, 2013)

Motion to appoint Scott Streater and Michael Delfosse to full terms commencing 2008 to the Clearfield County Solid Waste by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously. (Terms will end January 1, 2013)

Reappointment of Kenneth Leonard to the Clearfield County Planning Commission commencing 2008 for a four-year term to end December 31, 2011, by motion of Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Rob McGovern to the Clearfield County Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to end December 31, 2008. (Mr. McGovern will be filling an unexpired term of Lex Curry Sr.) Approval of the appointment by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk McFadden announced the relocation of the Burnside Borough polling location from the Borough Building to the Burnside Fire Hall. The secretary for Burnside Borough Council notified Ms. McFadden that the matter was discussed at the recent council meeting and agreed with the move.

Announced Liquid Fuel allocation for Newburg Borough in the amount of \$1,000. Approval by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner McMillen; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Kesner updated the Board concerning the Receipt & Release Agreement between the County and IPC Command Systems, Inc. Solicitor Kesner received a fully executed agreement and a check in the amount of \$170,000. Josh Quigley spoke with PEMA as to what amount would need to be returned to PEMA and was advised that we should be able to apply those funds to the cost of new equipment.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner McMillen, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk