

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on June 19, 2007 with Chairman Read conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners McCracken and Lytle; Kim Kesner, Solicitor; Patrick Yingling, intern; Josh Quigley, Dept. of Emergency Services; Kim Finnigan, Courier Express; Jeff Coricino, Progress; Aaron Evans, gantdaily.com; Bill Gillen, WOKW; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of June 5, 2007 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Read presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$587,243.87; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$1,000.00; Capital Reserve Fund, \$24,006.67; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$392.00; 911 Fund, \$7,571.89; Children Youth Fund, \$221,819.36; Domestic Relations Fund, \$5,650.50; Small Communities Block Grant, \$8,132.00. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Issues

New Hires - Jennifer Morarity, p/t DJ Secretary /DJ Rudella, effective June 6, 2007.

Aaron Crone, Enforcement Investigator/DRO, effective June 11, 2007.

Kurtis Wisor, Probation Officer/Adult Probation, effective June 12, 2007

Daniel Kozak, Enforcement Investigator/DRO, effective June 13, 2007.

David Bish, Inter/District Attorney, effective June 13, 2007.

Amanda Krupa, temp p/t Secretary/DJ Rudella, effective June 13, 2007.

Resignations/Retirements

Steven Reitz, Enforcement Officer, Effective June 15, 2007.

James McCloskey, Deputy Warden/jail, effective June 20, 2007

Transfers

Gerald Pollock from Director/EMA to Deputy Director Planning EMA, effective

June 10, 2007.

Joshua Quigley from Chief Deputy Director /911 to Director EMA/911, effective June

10, 2007.

Joe Mitchell from Deputy Director Planning/EMA to Deputy Director Logistics & Technologies, effective June 10, 2007.

Leave Request

Randall Wells for a period of up to 12 weeks commencing May 20, 2007.

Probation Completions

Sarah Haney – p/t Telecommunicator, effective June 18, 2007.

Jonathan Uren p/t Telecommunicator, effective June 19, 2007.
Kevin Graham, p/t Telecommunicator, effective June 20, 2007.
Chad Baughman, p/t Telecommunicator, effective June 21, 2007.

Commissioner Lytle commented that he would oppose the EMA transfers and asked that they be separated from the other personnel issues. Motion by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried.

Motion to accept the balance of the personnel issues as presented by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the EMA transfers as presented by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chairman Read, Commissioner Lytle opposed. Commissioner Lytle disagreed with the transfers and expressed his support for Jerry Pollock and his job performance. Motion carried.

New Business

Josh Quigley ask the Board to consider approval of the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement between the County and PEMA for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The purpose of the grant is to reimburse the County for the salaries of Emergency Management Coordinator, Operations and Training Officer and Clerk Typist 2 positions. The amount requested is \$70,334, which is up to 50% of the salaries. Approval by motion of Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read presented a Redevelopment Assistance Grant Subcontract/Subgrantee Agreement between the County and the Clearfield County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) for ratification. The grant through the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program has been approved for funding for the Bioenergy/Ethanol plant that is proposed for Lawrence Township. The agreement was presented for signing on June 7th due to time constraints. Motion to ratify the agreement by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read announced that both the County and BioEnergy International, LLC have signed the Real Estate Sales Option Agreement. BioEnergy have plans to purchase 73 acres in Lawrence Township owned by the County to construct an ethanol plant. BioEnergy also submitted the required \$10,000 as part of the agreement.

Chairman Read presented a Purchase of Service Agreement between the County and Russell Morroni to provide constable services for the office of Domestic Relations. Domestic Relations is shorthanded and the constable will

be apprehending and transporting individuals subject to bench warrants. Compensation will be paid \$75.00 per bench warrant for any/and all individuals arrested and transported to the jail. Approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read opened the bids for the Probation and Children Youth vehicles. The County had requested bids for three small sport utility vehicles. Bids were received from the following:

Dotts Motors

(3) 2006 Ford Escape at a cost of \$18,200/vehicle

2006 Ford Explorer XLT at a cost of \$20,200/vehicle

C. Classic Dodge

(3) 2006 Jeep Liberty Sport at a cost of \$16,788/vehicle

Murray Ford

(3) 2006 Ford Escape at a cost of \$16,650

After reviewing the bids it was discovered that the vehicle specifications called for a 4.0 straight 6-cylinder engine. The only vehicle to meet those specifications were the Ford Explorer and the bid prices exceeded the budgeted funds.

Chairman Read called for a motion to reject all bids and readvertise the bids with better clarifications on the specifications, motion by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read announced that the County has been notified that they have been awarded through the Department of Community and Economic Development a grant in the amount of \$38,333 to defer the costs of implementing the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act 1. Mary Anne Wesdock had previously submitted the grant application for reimbursement of the costs that were incurred. Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign and accept the grant by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read announced the resignations of Debbie Maki from CCRTA and Dr. Steven J. Hudson from the Planning Commission. Ms. Maki was a representative from the hotel industry and a replacement from that industry would be desired. Chairman Read asked that if anyone is interested in an appointment to either board please contact the Commissioner office.

Chairman Read presented a modification to the current Memorandum of Understanding with PA Dept. of Agriculture with respect to the Weights and Measures program. The current MOU expires on December 31, 2007 and the County does not wish to extend the MOU an additional four years. The modification would reflect that the Commonwealth would be responsible for inspection of Point of Sale Systems and UPC Scanning Systems and take over

that duty immediately. This modification is allowable under Section 12 of the current MOU. Motion to execute the modification by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chairman Read, Commissioner Lytle opposed as he as disagreed with charging individuals for a service that the state should be providing and the individuals are paying for the service through taxes; motion carried.

Chairman Read presented Articles of Agreement for Univers Software Support with Tyler Technologies. The software is used in the Assessment office for the Univers and Landisc software. Commissioner McCracken commented that there are problems with the Landisc Software that Tyler continues to ignore and not provide adequate service to correct the problem. They have gone so far as to uninstall software making it impossible to utilize. Motion to table any action until a conference call could be held with the Commissioners, Mary Anne Wesdock, Solicitor Kesner and Tyler Technologies by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read asked that the Board advertise RFP's for Management consultant Services. Felice Associates of Greensburg are currently the County's management consultant and have been for several years. Chairman Read feels it is appropriate from time to time the County advertise and see what else is out there and who else may be eligible to provide the service or continue with the current services. Motion to advertise RFP's by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Read asked the Board to adopt Resolution 2007-#12 Supplemental Appropriations from GIS, DA Drug For Forfeiture, EMA, CCEDC, HAZMAT for a total amount of \$625,733.76. The majority of funds were a reimbursement of \$599,126.00 for the FCI project. Motion to adopt Resolution 200-#12 by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read announced that the General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,600,000 has been paid off. The General Obligation Note began in June of 2002 with monthly payments of \$29,850.77

Liquid Fuel allocations were approved for Burnside Township, \$2,695.37, Woodward Township, \$2,369.47; Boggs Township, \$2,382.56. Approval of the allocations by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read presented for renewal the Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider Agreement for a period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at an annual cost of \$21,700. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements for the following were presented: Community County Services, Dr. Allen Ryen, Children's Aid Society, Pathways Adolescent Center, Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc. Motion to approve the P/S/A by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCracken asked the Board to consider a proclamation in support of Employee Free Choice Act. The proclamation supports Employee Free Choice Act to protect and preserve for America's workers their freedom to choose for themselves whether or not to form a union. Motion to support the proclamation by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCracken asked for consideration of Resolution 2007-#13 urging congress of the United States to reject the extension "fast track" trade legislation with respect to NAFTA and CAFTA. The Board supports the Resolution as Pennsylvania alone has lost 185,000 manufacturing jobs under free trade agreements specifically FCI in Clearfield County. Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-#13 by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read acknowledged the assistance given by the Red Cross during the bus accident of May 20 on Interstate 80. Several groups and individuals were acknowledged at the previous meeting and unfortunately the Red Cross was missed. The Clearfield-Jefferson Chapter of the Red Cross received a letter from the Chinese Consulate thanking them for their assistance.

The Board recognized and extended congratulations for the accomplishments of the Curwensville Lady Tide and the Philipsburg-Osceola Mounties girls softball teams for winning 1st time State Championships for each of their schools.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Kesner reported that he received notice from council for Discovery House that they will be formally withdrawing their declaratory judgment action and their appeal of the Planning Commission decision. This is not a surprise as they have since relocated their operation from Pike Township to Lawrence Township.

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