

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 04, 2007 with Chairman Read conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners McCracken and Lytle; Kim Kesner, Solicitor; Claudia Read, Controller; Josh Quigley, Director of 911/EMA; Joan McMillen, Commissioner Elect; William Walker, Swan Biomass Company; Dena Bosak, Courier Express; Aaron Evans, gantdaily.com; Wendy Lynn, Progress; Bill Gillen, WOKW; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November 20, 2007 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Read presented the following bills: General Fund, \$493,415.96; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$10,186.79; Capital Reserve Fund, \$11,626.27; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$75.29; 911 Fund, \$10,443.05; Children Youth Services Fund, \$112,299.36; Domestic Relations Fund, \$11,228.72; Hotel Tax Fund, \$119,394.54; Small Communities Block Grant, \$7665.00. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Issues

Transfers

Sara Haney from p/t to f/t Telecommunicator at 911, effective November 8, 2007.

Resignations/Retirements

Heather Smith, Caseworker/CYS, effective November 9, 2007.

Megan Bacher, Caseworker/CYS, effective November 21, 2007.

Dennis Shirey, Corrections Officer /Jail, effective December 1, 2007.

Donald Gibboney, 1st Assistant Public Defender, effective December 7, 2007.

Sam Lidgett, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective November 30, 2007.

Probation Completions

Bobbi Swatsworth, Bookkeeper III, Costs and Fines

Sahwn McMahan, Ast. Public Defender.

Leave Requests

Brandi Collins, FMLA, 11/13/07-12/03/07, 12/21/07-02/01/08.

Dawn Sell, unpaid leave extension to 2/1/08.

Helen Lewis, unpaid leave request through 2/7/08.

Approval of the personnel issues by Commissioner McCracken seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Chairman Read introduced Robert Walker, President of Swan BioMass who gave an update on the proposed BioMass Conversion Center of Excellence for

Clearfield County which will be a \$100 million dollar project. The facility will employ approximately 33 people with approximately 1200 spin off jobs. Products that will be used at the facility would be switch grass, waste lumber and poultry waste. The CCEDC has applied for and has been approved for Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program funds in the amount of \$2 million dollars that will get the project started. Chairman Read asked for a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature on any of the pertinent RCAP forms as they are presented along with the solicitor's consent. Motion by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Josh Quigley attended the meeting and explained that the County has been re-certified as a Storm Ready County for the period of 2007-2010. The Department of Emergency Services will be supplying schools and public to promote readiness for weather emergencies.

Chairman Read asked the Board to consider approval of the Workforce Investment Act Local Elected Officials Agreement. The purpose of the agreement is between the County and North Central for the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Previously the locally elected official that acts as the Board for the WIB has been designated as the Commissioner representative to the Executive Board of North Central. With the new agreement each Board of Commissioners is to select a representative to be on the WIB. Approval of the Workforce Investment Act Local Elected Officials Agreement by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read asked that the Board also approve the Workforce Investment Act Agreement between the County and North Central WIB and the Counties of Cameron, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter. Approval by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCracken made a motion to table any action concerning the Software Maintenance Agreement and Landex User License Agreements with IMR until additional information is obtained from Karen Starck, Register and Recorder, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously

Chairman Read asked that any action concerning the agreement between the County and Community County Services, Inc. for services provided to Juvenile Probation and

Children Youth Services be tabled upon further review. Motion to table by Commissioners McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read read a request from Mark Bodle asking to be reappointed to the Clearfield Jefferson Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a three-year term to end December 31, 2010. Approval of the reappointment by

Commissioner McCracken made a motion Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Liquid Fuel allocations were approved for the following: Coalport Borough, \$1,000; Brisbin Borough, \$1,000; Troutville Borough, \$2,000 (2006/2007). Approval of the allocations by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCracken told the group that he attended a meeting in Clarion of Friday concerning Act 44 and the tolling of I-80. Commissioner McCracken explained that this was a very informative program with approximately four hours of ongoing panel discussion with representatives of the Turnpike Commission, Legislative Committee, economic development and business people. The message coming out of the panels Commissioner McCracken explained that the final decision rests in the hands of Mary Peters, Secretary of Transportation. Motion by Commissioner McCracken to send a letter to Ms. Peters to reconsider and repeal Act 44, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Read presented the figures for the preliminary 2008 Budget. The first run of the budget has expenditures at \$24,142,158.16 and revenues at \$22,386,593.72. with a 1.7 million dollar deficit. The Board will review the budget over the next few weeks looking for items that can be trimmed or cut. Currently there are no plans for a tax millage increase. Motion to tentatively adopt the 2008 Budget by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Lytle; motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 10:00 A.M.on December 27, 2007 to adopt the budget.

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