

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and McCracken; Kim Kesner, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Margie Rosselli, Victim Witness Coordinator; Betina Nicklas, County VA Director; Hope Hughes, CPCA; Sam Lansberry, citizen; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehman, Radio WOKW; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 11, 2018 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$631,043.37; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$122,679.49; Capital Reserve Fund, \$7,713.24; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$2,183.35; 911 Fund, \$16,865.10; Record Improvement Fund, \$6,000; Children Youth Services Fund, \$483,664.62; Domestic Relations Fund, \$18,694; Small Communities Block Grant Fund, \$61,11.41. Motion to approve the bills by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Sam Lansberry attended the meeting to ask for an update concerning the Bradford Township polling changes. Chair Sobel explained that Solicitor Kesner would be addressing that issue under his Solicitors Report.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Sara Theodoros, Law Clerk/Courts, effective September 28, 2018.

Trudy Lumadue, Temporary Part-time Assistant District Attorney, effective, September 10, 2018.

Transfers – Kelsey Vitullo, Caseworker to Caseworker Supervisor at Children Youth and Family Services, effective 9/10/18

Michael Horton, Part-time Telecommunicator to Full-time Telecommunicator at 911, effective 9/17/18.

Separations/Retirements

Tina Poole, Caseworker/CYS, effective 9/28/18.

Carly Loomis-Gustafson, Law Clerk/Courts, effective 9/28/18.

Approval of the personnel changes by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Betina Nicklas announced that the 2018 Veteran's Expo would be held on October 16, 2018 from 10:00-3:00 at the Clearfield Driving Park. In attendance will be representatives for employers, colleges and universities, VA healthcare & benefits. There will also be a flu shot clinic for all veterans.

Margie Rosselli asked the board to approve the 2019-2020 Rights and Services Act/Victims of Juvenile Offenders State Grant application in the amount of \$154,722. Motion to approve the grant application by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the US Department of Homeland Security Grant Agreement on behalf the County Department of Emergency Services. The Commissioners previously approved the grant but PEMA asked for changes in the agreement, therefore, a newly executed agreement was required. Approval by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk McFadden presented additional Polling Place Lease Agreements for the following locations:

Chester Hill Borough	Chester Hill Borough Building
Coalport Borough	Glendale/Coalport Firemen's Hall
DuBois City - 1st Ward	Friendship Hose House
DuBois City - 4th Ward	Fourth Ward Hose House
DuBois City - 5th Ward	Goodwill Fire Company
Houtzdale Borough	Houtzdale Fire Company
Wallaceton Borough	Wallaceton Area Volunteer Fire Company
Westover Borough	Westover Borough Building
Girard Township	Girard Township Municipal Authority Building
Union Township	Union Township Civilian Defense Fire Co.

Motion to approve the lease agreements by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreement with Jefferson County Children Youth Services was approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Amendments that will provide extension of time for Purchase of Service Agreements with Pathways Adolescent Center and Lifespan Family Services were approved by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced an opening on the CPCA Advisory Board due to the resignation of Joe Mitchell. If anyone is interested, they should contact the Commissioner's Office.

Solicitors Report - Solicitor Kesner reported on the Bradford Township Polling Place petition that was filed with the Courts by Bradford Township Supervisors in response to changes made to precinct boundary lines. Both the PA Election Code and Judge Ammerman's order require the Election Board to review the petition and make a recommendations to the Court. The Commissioners have indicated that they have no requirements for the petition except that it meets with the approval of the residents of Bradford Township and complies with any legal requirements. Solicitor Kesner reviewed the petition and has concerns with the new redistricting lines and that the boundaries must be clearly visible and physical features must conform with census block lines from the most recent census. Those requirements are acknowledged in the petition. Unfortunately, the map that is attached to the petition shows a diagonal line from northeast in the township to a point on the township line on the southwest. Neither the map nor the petition indicate how that diagonal line complies with the statutory requirements that the boundary follow clearly visible physical features. On September 13, Kim sent a letter to Attorney Zwick, indicated his concern, and ask him for his position and to date he has not heard a response. Chair Sobel asked that Solicitor Kesner make a phone call to attorney Zwick. Mr. Lansberry commented that an attorney in Harrisburg who specializes in this type of issues established the line. He said the line itself was generated by the County's GIS Department and provided to the township supervisors. Mr. Lansberry asked if the matter would be completed by the November election and Solicitor Kesner responded that a hearing had not even been scheduled at this time. Mr. Lansberry asked if people chose to vote absentee if that was an option and Chair Sobel stated only if they qualify for an absentee ballot. Commissioner Scotto commented that the County GIS office offered a map using specific points or streets and structures but the Bradford Township Supervisors were not happy with that map and just wanted the straight-line mapping that had no specific points. He felt the County tried to follow the requirements but felt that was not accomplished when the Supervisors did not approve.

Solicitor Kesner asked the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with respect to Saverino vs. Rinehart and Clearfield County. Motion to enter into Execution Session by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried. The Commissioners adjourned from Executive Session at 11:14 by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk