

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and Glass. The following were in attendance: Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Jennifer Teats, Justin Jarret, Assistant Director IT; Cameron Strom, IT Intern; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier Express; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting of April 12, 2022 was approved by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval:

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Kathryn Roberts, temporary part-time Department Clerk II/Elections, effective 4/21/22.

Transfers – Justin Jarrett, Interim IT Director to Director of IT, effective 4/26/22.

Separations/Retirements

Betsy Hainsey, Administrative Assistant/Rec & Tourism, effective 4/28/22.

Christy Robbins-Daub, Filed Assessor/Assessment Office, effective 4/29/22.

FMLA – Employee MC23032 Leave under FMLA effective 4/29/22.

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

Public comment – None

Old Business - None

New Business

Jennifer Teats asked the Board to Proclaim May as National Foster Care Month. Ms. Teats explained there are 400,000 children and youth in foster care and 14,000 in Pennsylvania. Motion to approve the Proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Seltzer attended the meeting and asked the Board to Proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Ms. Seltzer explained that if COVID taught us anything that mental health issues can impact all ages and now with the added stress of the current inflation causing added stress to our families. Commissioner Glass pointed out that later in the meeting the Board would be voting to approve a resolution seeking additional funding for mental health services. Approval of the Proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Provider Agreement and Service Provider Agreement with AVANCO for the Child Accounting Profile System used by CYS. AVANCO is the software that tracks cases for the Children Youth Services department. The agreement is for one year at a cost of \$2,403.14. Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Professional Service agreement with Mission Critical Partners. Chair Sobel explained that the County like many other rural counties have poor or limited access to broadband. With this agreement Mission Critical Partners will perform a survey of internet providers as to coverage and service options and will also survey County residents. A online survey will most like be made available to email recipients but other means will used to reach individuals who have little to no internet service. The cost of the survey will be \$48,982 and work will begin once the Notice to Proceed is issued. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Vehicle Parking Lease Agreement with Clearfield Rentals, LLC. The lease is for the former Progress parking lot, located next to the County Administration Building. The Department of Child Youth and Family Services will be paying to lease the 30 spot lot and will be for CYS employee parking only. Approval of the Lease Agreement to be effective May 1, 2022 by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented Resolution 2022-#2 Requesting Appropriate Funding to Support the Crumbling Mental Health System in the FY 2022-2023 State Budget. Chair Sobel said the state requires counties to provide basic mental health programs but unless funded the counties are left with another unfunded mandate. The Commissioners all agreed that the programs are needed to keep kids in school and adults out of jail. Also, COVID 19 contributed to additional Mental Health issues and are still being addressed. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-#2 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Permission was granted to Chief Clerk McFadden to advertise bids for the Prison parking lot repairs and paving by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the Foster Parent Liability Insurance Renewal. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a copier lease with Doing Better Business. The copier will be used in the Assessment/Tax Claim offices at a cost of \$174.22/month. Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass