

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Jane Lee Yare, citizen; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Adam Curry, Director of IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 26, 2022 were approved by motion to Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval; General Fund, \$1,209,041.58; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$144.81; American Rescue Plan, \$4,370.00; 911 Fund, \$4,580; Communities Development Block Grant, \$47,129.01; Domestic Relations, \$12,916.01; Children Youth Services Fund, \$24,023.47. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Paige Bryan-Wilson, Adult Probation Office, effective 2/1/22.

Separations/Retirements – Cortnay Gill, Secretary II/Domestic Relations, effective 2/11/22

Michael Moyer, Enforcement Officer/Domestic Relations, effective 2/11/22

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

Public Comment Jane Lee Yare attended the meeting to invite the public to the Hoodie Hoo day festivities on February 20, 2022. The day will begin with breakfast at Spanky's Courthouse Café and then lunch at Express Café. Ms. Yare asked that at 1:00 PM everyone ring a bell or honk a horn to aware Hoodie Hoo and make winter go away.

Old Business - Chair Sobel asked for a motion to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Clearfield County Association of Professional employees in regards to health insurance premiums. Commissioner Glass explained that during negotiations, health insurance premiums will remain unchanged for the CCAPE and Teamsters Unions. Motion to execute the MOA by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Chair Sobel presented Resolution 2022-#1 authorizing submissions Community Development Block Grant Submissions through the Department of Economic Development. Motion to adopt Resolution 2022#1 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an Agreement for Consumer Report Service with Equifax. Solicitor Bozovich explained that Children Youth and Family Services utilizes the service for the protection of their clients. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to approve a Grant application on behalf of Clearfield County Farmland Preservation. Chair Sobel explained that the grant will be used to fund an educational program for Clearfield County Farmers and Farmland Preservation stakeholders. The Clearfield County Conservation District will provide matching funds for the grant as a partnership to the Farmland Preservation. Motion to execute the grant by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the School Based Probation Program Agreement with Clearfield Area School District. Commissioner Glass made a motion to amend the agenda to read DuBois Area School District, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried. Motion to execute the agreement with DuBois Area School District for the School Based Probation Program by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the Global Tentative Agreement with Teamsters Local 205 – Non Court Related Professional Employees/Children and Youth Services. Chair Sobel explained that through negotiations the County and Teamsters were able to come to a 4 year agreement. Changes to the agreement are health insurance, salaries/wages, probationary periods. Chair Sobel called for a motion to approve the agreement to be put in contract form. Motion by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich reported on the following:

The proposed redistricting maps that last week the Supreme Court accepted a Kings Bench Jurisdiction and a possible tentative decision could be made on February 18, 2022.

There is a possible proposed schedule to change the date for petitions. The Election Office is on top of things and will announce any changes.

Prothonotary law suit has been scheduled for oral arguments.

Awaiting confirmation on whether there will be any change to ACT 77 with respect to Mail In Ballots.

Commissioner Glass spoke of COVID and how the Board of Commissioners were unified in people getting vaccinated, but at this time with the trends of Omicron is in steep decline and feel that it is time to reopen and get on with our lives and accept that COVID is going to be with us and its time to move on. Commissioners Sobel and Scotto concurred and feel life needs to go on and get back to some sort of normal.

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