

The reorganizational meeting of the Clearfield Count Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Josiah Jones, Executive Director of Visit Clearfield County; Dan Kennard, Children’s Aid Society – Youth Mentoring Coordinator; Robert Fitzmaurice, County Resident; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Adam Curry, County IT Director; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to reorganize the Board. Commissioner Scotto made a motion to retain Commissioner Sobel as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried.

Chair Sobel made a motion to retain Commissioner Scotto as Vice-Chairman of the Board, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 28, 2021 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$57,374.21; American Rescue Plan, \$39,449.74; 911 Fund, \$2,613.21; Domestic Relations Fund, \$3337.05; Children Youth Services Fund, \$30,976.05. approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

#### Personnel Changes

Separations – Marissa Coble, Department Clerk III, Tax Assessment, effective 12/27/21.

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

Public Comment – Robert Fitzmaurice spoke in opposition to the Commissioner proposal to change the Pre-determine Ratio from 25% to 100%. Mr. Fitzmaurices said that by making this change this will allow the County and municipalities to increase taxes by 10% the year after the change. Mr. Fitzmaurice said that this is not the time to be increasing taxes with the current inflation and cost of basic needs.

Old Business - None

New Business

Chair Sobel asked for discussion concerning setting meeting dates and times for 2022. Commissioner Glass spoke that he would agree to keeping the Work Session scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month as long as we commit to keeping it a Work Session not a regular meeting. It was agreed that the meetings would begin at 10:30 AM to provide additional time to prepare the agenda and have it posted on the website to meet the 24 hour deadline and to keep the same schedule for Work Sessions the 1st Tuesday's, Commissioner Meetings the 2nd & 4th Tuesday's with the exception that November 1, 2022 would be a regular meeting due to November 8 being Election Day and the January 25 meeting moved to January 26 due to a scheduling conflict. Approval of the time and meeting schedule listed above by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Dan Kennard attended the meeting and asked the Board to Proclaim January as National Mentoring Month and Children's Aid Society Youth Mentoring. Chair Sobel read the Proclamation that provided the following information "Youth who participate in mentoring programs have shown a reduction in the incidence of risk-taking behaviors and an increase in attending post-secondary school. Mentored youth learn to form a positive adult relationship, which often lasts long after they age out at 18. In these unprecedented years, we have seen a large increase of fear and anxiety in our youth. It is more important than ever that we seek to guide and mentor them. In the month of January, Youth Mentoring will be featuring multiple posts on the Children's Aid Society Facebook page to highlight the current mentoring needs in our County. Fundraiser season is quickly approaching for Youth Mentoring. Our 19th Annual Denny Merrey Memorial Shoot for the Magic fundraiser will be held at Warrior's Mark Wingshooting Lodge in Ginter(Houtzdale), PA. This fundraiser will be held on June 10th, 2022. Shoot for the Magic is a day of fun for all that includes lunch, one hundred target sporting clays event, hors d'oeuvres, catered dinner, live auction and several small games of chance." Motion to adopt the Proclamation by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the 250PA Resolution for approval in support of the upcoming Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250PA) The Resolution states that the County will establish an AMERICA250PA Commission made up of a diverse group of County residents to work with AMERICA250PA on any and all activities within the County. Anyone interested in being appointed to the Commission should contact the Commissioners. Motion to adopt the 250PA Resolution by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the following names for possible appointments and reappointments to Boards and Authorities:

Motion to reappoint Jeff Bellmore to the Clearfield Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority for a 5-year term by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Paul Bojalad to the Community Connections Board for a 3-year term by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Terry Narehood and Lisa Kovalick to the Clearfield County Housing Authority for 5-year terms by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Leland Condon to the Clearfield County Planning Commission for a 4-year term by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

(One full and two -year vacancies still remain open)

Motion to appoint Deb Bowers to the Clearfield County Public Library for a 3 Year terms by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.  
(one vacancy remains open)

Motion to reappoint Jodi Brennan to the Headwaters RCD by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Cody Fye to the Curwensville Lake Authority for a 3 - year term by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reappoint Dave King and appoint Bernie Owens to the Clearfield County Recreation and Tourism Authority for 5 - year terms by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to the Farmland Preservation Board were tabled by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk