

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scott and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Marianne Herres, Administrative Assistant -Controller's Office; Jodi Brennan, County Planner; Jeremy Ruffner, 911 Coordinator; Toby Wingard and XXXX, Clearfield Chapter ABATE; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Cameron Strom, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

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

Ms. Herres presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$4,353,105.57; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$1,667.87; 911 Fund, \$32,251.83; Communities Development Block Grant, \$13,770.48; Domestic Relations, \$9,613.82; Children Youth Services Fund, \$30,065.13. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires - Karen Middleton, Department Clerk III/Tax Assessment & Claims, effective 5/2/22.

Allen Myers, Community Service Intern/Probation, effective 5/9/22.

Danielle Royer, F/T Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 5/11/22

Greg Dufour, Community Service Intern/Probation, effective 5/16/22

Jamie Ferguson, Field Assessor/Tax Assessment, effective 5/16/22

Taylor Lancaster, F/T Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 5/19/22\

Transfers – Susan Swales-Vitullo, Interim Tourism Director to Director of Tourism, effective 5/10/22.

Separations/Retirements

Kirt McGary, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 5/13/22

Matthew Rose, Assistant Director/Tax Claims, effective 5/27/22

FMLA/Leave of Absence Requests

Employee BU82620 Intermittent lave under FMLA effective 5/1/22 for a period of 12 weeks.

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel presented the May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation for approval. Toby Wingard spoke that the Clearfield ABATE – Chinklacamoose Chapter will be holding their monthly meeting on the Courthouse Plaza on May 14. Several keynote speakers will be attending along with motorcycle safety information and food vendors. Motion to adopt the Proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel opened the bid for the Completion of the Moshannon Valley Tower Site. One bid was received from Tower Services Unlimited in the amount of \$87,705. Mr. Ruffner explained with the completion of this tower this will finalize the police radio upgrade. This tower will also improve EMS and fire communications in the MoValley area. Motion to approve the bid to Tower Services Unlimited pending final approval by the Solicitor and the 911 Director by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Jodi Brennan attended the meeting to request that the Board consider the recommendations of the County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and request approval to move forward advertising adoption of plan. Ms. Brennan explained that the public comment portion ended on April 25, 2022 with no comments that required edits to the plan. The RFP Proposals received for trash disposal from Greentree Landfill and Clinton County/Wayne Township landfills were the most competitive. Motion to grant approval to the SWAC to advertise adoption of the Solid Waste Plan by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the Collective Bargaining Settlement with Clearfield County Association of Professional Employees (Probation Officers). Commissioner Glass explained that the agreement was made with both sides coming back to the table to negotiate and eventually agree to a contract. Included in the agreement is a spousal exclusion where if an employee's spouse has health insurance available to them at their place of employment or is Medicare eligible they cannot be on the County

health insurance. A \$250/\$500 deductible will now be assessed with the health insurance. Wage increases are as follows; \$4,000 – 2022, \$2,000- 2023, \$1,500 – 2024, \$1,400 – 2025. Approval of the Collective Bargaining Settlement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich asked the Board to consider a motion to approve Stipulation to Settle - Clearfield County Docket No. 2020-1351, Clearfield County Docket No. 2020-1352 and Docket No. 2020-1353. Ms. Bozovich explained that the stipulation agreements stem from Tax Assessment Appeals of three properties owned by Exit 101, LLC., located in Sandy Township. Docket No. 2020-1351 resulted in no change of tax assessment, Docket No. 2020-1352 resulted in a tax reduction for 2021 of \$2,189.38 and Docket No. 2020-1353 resulted in no change. Ms. Bozovich stated that Sandy Township and DuBois Area School District has already agreed to the Stipulations. Motion to approve the Stipulation Agreement and authorize Solicitor Bozovich to execute the agreement for County Docket No. 2020-1351 by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Stipulation Agreement and authorize Solicitor Bozovich to execute the agreement for County Docket No. 2020-1352 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the Stipulation Agreement and authorize Solicitor Bozovich to execute the agreement for County Docket No. 2020-1353 by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk McFadden asked for approval of a Rental Agreement with the Clearfield County Fair and Park Board for use by the Election Office to conduct poll-worker training. Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Transportation Plan with Purchase Line School District. Ms. Bozovich explained that the agreement ensures that foster children are provided adequate transportation for school students. Approval by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Service Agreement with Viking Water Technology to service the boiler in the Courthouse. The agreement is for one year at a cost of \$2,484. Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Fraternization & Personal Relationships at Work Policy to be included in the County Policy and Procedures manual. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Ms. Bozovich reported that the Courts have ruled and granted the Preliminary Objections with respect to the lawsuit involving statewide Prothonotary offices and do not feel that the petitioners will file amended documents and hopefully this will put this matter behind us.

Reminder that next Tuesday, May 17 is Election Day.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk