

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners McCracken and Scotto; Kim Kesner, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Darlene Marshall, Brady Township resident; Beth Sawyer, Red Cross - Disaster Relief Program Specialist; Hope Hughes, Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehman, WOKW Radio; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 27, 2018 were approved by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Scotto presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$817,704.51; 911 Fund, \$1,433.86; Children Youth Services Fund, \$48,407.78. Approval of the bills by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Matthew Swisher, temporary Full Time Assistant Public Defender, effective 4/23/18.

Transfers – Tyler Knepp, part-time Corrections Officer to full-time at the County Jail, effective 4/1/18.

Separations/Retirements – Chelsea Moore, Full Time Corrections Officer at the County Jail, effective 4/1/18.

Motion to approve the personnel changes by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Darlene Marshall attended the meeting to discuss the permit approval by DEP for an Injection well to be located in Brady Township. Ms. Marshall and many homeowners began fighting the proposed permit of the injection well 7 years ago. The group was successful in their endeavors but recently the permit was resubmitted and approved. The group will appeal the recent permit approval and will need to do so by April 20, 2018. Ms. Marshall attended the meeting today to ask the Commissioners for legal advice or anything the County can offer as assistance to the group. As before, the residents of that area are concerned this type of well activity will destroy their drinking water and wells. Ms. Marshall is hoping for assistance with planning to get water to those residents if their water sources are destroyed; emergency planning to the area of the injection well, grant funds and possibly help funding for water testing for residents that cannot afford to have their water tested. Chair Sobel spoke that the Commissioners should facilitate a gathering of the municipalities involved such as Sandy Township, DuBois City, Brady Township and Clearfield County to address concerns and future issues that may arise. Commissioner Scotto said he thinks that it is a good idea to have the water tested prior to any well activity. Commissioner Scotto offered that maybe the Clearfield County Conservation District could assist with this task. Commissioner McCracken spoke that the positive of this issue is that the municipalities have stuck together in this matter and stayed on message with opposing the injection well. Commissioner McCracken agreed with the having a joint meeting and also looking for another water supply source for the people affected by this situation. Commissioner McCracken made a motion that the Commissioners work to organize a joint meeting with Sandy Township, DuBois City, Brady Township, Clearfield County and the citizens, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Linkage agreement between the County and Peerstar, LLC. Motion to approve the agreement by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Beth Sawyer attended the meeting to announce that the Red Cross will be hosting a Smoke Alarm event in Clearfield Borough on Saturday, April 28, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00. The Red Cross and volunteer groups will be going door to door and will offer free smoke detectors to be installed in homes. Ms. Sawyer also said they will offer fire prevention advice if they see an issue. The group hopes to install 500 alarms in 125 homes.

Liquid Fuel allocations were approved for Curwensville Borough, \$4,506.78; Cooper Township, \$5,457.36; Lawrence Township, \$10,721.13; Irvona Borough, \$3,000 by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously. Motion by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto to approve the Liquid Fuel allocation to Covington Township, \$3,696.08; Commissioner Sobel abstained due to conflict; motion carried.

Solicitors Report – None

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk