

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners McCracken and Scotto; Kim Kesner, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Jodi Brenna, County Planner; Lisa Kovalick, Community Development Specialist; Joe Bigar, Director of EMA/911; Dan Spencer, Deputy Director of Planning EMA/911; Ed Blakely and Reverend Odrosky, Shriners; Sam Lansberry, Art Kephart and Ron Krise, Bradford Township; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehman, Radio WOKW; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 8, 2018 were approved by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$623,408.85; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$13,836.27; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$302,107.87; Children Youth Services Fund, \$486,533.47; Domestic Relations Fund, \$6,730.84. Approval of the bills by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Travis Ogden, Summer Intern, Probation, effective May 8, 2018.

William Chase – Part-time Sherriff Deputy, effective May 11, 2018.

Gabriel Ponist – Part-time Corrections Officer, effective May 15, 2018

Roger Moore – Part-time Corrections Officer, effective May 21, 2018

Transfers – Malorie Harvey, Part-time Telecommunicator at 911 to Full-time effective May 22, 2018.

Separations/Retirements – Isaac Sanker, Part-time Corrections Officer, effective May 28, 2018.

Public Comment – Ron Krise, Art Kephart and Sam Lansberry attended the meeting to say that they are still not happy with the relocation of some of the Bradford Township voters from one precinct to another. Mr. Kephart had attended a previous meeting of the Commissioners and he was told that a meeting could be arranged to discuss the matter but no one ever contacted the Commissioners schedule a meeting. The Commissioners again offered to hold a meeting with the gentlemen to discuss the matter. Chair Sobel asked Mr. Krise to have the Bradford Township secretary get in touch with the Chief Clerk to schedule the meeting.

Old Business - None

New Business

Reverend Odrosky announced that the Shriner Paper Drive will be held June 1, 2, & 3. Shriner representatives will be at the Clearfield Walmart, JG Foods and IGA in Curwensville. Motion to declare June 1, 2 & 3, 2018 Shriners Hospital Day in Clearfield County by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Joe Bigar and Dan Spencer asked the Board to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant application. The funding is used to conduct commodity flow studies that show what types of hazardous materials are being transported through the County and what types of chemicals are being used and stored at industrial settings throughout the County. Motion to execute the HMEP Grant by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Rex Lettie asked the Board to consider the Continuation Application and Pass-through agreement for Time Limited Family Reunification (TLFR) and also pass-through agreements for Family Centers and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood. Motion to execute the continuation agreement and the pass-through agreements by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Kovalick asked the Board to consider Resolution 2018-#05 - FFY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Revision. Ms. Kovalick explained that the funding in the amount of \$113,190 with \$92,816 earmarked for street improvements to the Kerr Area and \$20,374 for project administration. A balance of \$9,250.19 remains from the street improvement project and will be utilized to install storm water drainage on Good Street from Mapes Street to River Road. Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-#5 and approve the revision by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Jodi Brennan announced the 2018 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Awards and provided the following information: "Recently Clearfield County solicited applications for affordable housing activities to be funded by the Clearfield County Affordable Housing Fund. Projects which increase the availability of quality affordable housing either through sales or through rental to any county resident whose annual income is less than the median income of county were considered. Eligible projects included owner occupied rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, first time home buyers programs, housing counseling programs, emergency repair programs, elderly, special needs, & disabled housing, veterans housing, new home construction, land banks, transitional housing, homeless shelters, community stabilization programs, foreclosure prevention, emergency rental assistance, and bridge loans for rental housing development.

A total of nine applications were received and reviewed by the County's Office of Planning & Community Development based on the program guidelines. The request for funds totaled \$102,900 which was more than the award funding available therefore not all projects could be funded or fully funded. Upon the 2018 award of funds the County will have awarded over \$349,070.00 in Affordable Housing Trust funds since 2012".

1. Mature Resources Foundation (Area Agency on Aging) - (Non-Traditional Elderly Housing) – Funds will be used to offset additional costs to purchase an ECHO cottage which is a small separate manufactured residence that is placed in the side or rear yard of a family host home for a n older family member. The cottage provides autonomy for its resident along w/ easy access to family members who can provide assistance. When no longer needed the cottage can be relocated to another property. Costs of which are significantly lower than a nursing home and allows seniors to remain in their communities as many so desire. \$15,000.00
2. Clearfield County Housing Authority (Rental Repair Program) The Housing Authority is seeking assistance to create a program that provides an incentive for private investment in the improvement of rental units.
This program would offer landlords 50% reimbursement of costs for making such improvements up to \$1,000. This ensures that there are quality rental units available thereby assuring that County families have safe decent and affordable housing.
\$ 7,100.00
3. Clearfield-Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission (Program to Prevent Re-incarceration) There is a chronic problem of finding housing for the substance abusing population. In particular those leaving incarceration with drug & alcohol addictions end up back in jail due to not getting the drug & alcohol treatment they need. (continued)

A requirement and barrier to them receiving treatment is not having secured housing, basic toiletries, & clothing required for them to get into the treatment program. This program would assist ~ 10 individuals overcome those barriers thus securing them a place in the treatment program where there is a better chance for them to be successful and avoid future incarceration. Those served will also receive basic skills training to become self-sufficient in acquiring and maintaining housing and basic needs.

\$ 7,500.00

4. Cen-Clear Child Services – (Specialized Housing Counseling Initiative) This program is designed to assist another 30 low income at risk families and individuals who are homeless or seeking housing assistance due to inadequate or substandard housing by helping them identify their housing needs, providing appropriate housing counseling & training and linking them to the housing services they need. This year they will focus on an identified need which is targeting youth aging out of foster care working with our County Children & Youth Services Office.
\$7,500.00

5. Haven House- (Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance Program) Haven House, a homeless shelter located in DuBois, is seeking assistance in helping eligible guests at their shelter secure independent permanent housing. Many times it's simply the lack of having the funds for the security or utility deposit that keeps an individual or family from obtaining permanent shelter. Haven House anticipates using these funds to help at least 9 homeless individuals or families with such deposits. In addition, Haven House will monitor success by staying in touch with these folks over a period of six months to check on their housing status. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families in the county.
\$ 5,400.00

6. Developac (Dimeling Senior Housing Improvement) Dimeling Senior residence is a thirty three unit apartment complex targeted to residents over 55. Funds will be used to upgrade safety and security features in the facility including installing two automatic doors and a wireless emergency call system for its residents.
\$15,000.00

7. City of DuBois (Blight Removal/ Property Transfer to Habitat for Humanity) City will use money to remove blighted property in heart of DuBois. House partially collapsed and filled with rubbish & feces. Property will then be transferred to Habitat for Humanity for neighboring Habitat project.
\$10,000.00

TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED: \$67,500.00

Motion to award the 2018 Affordable Housing Trust Funds recommended by Ms. Brennan by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the following Linkage Agreements between the County and the Community Guidance Center and Merakey formerly NHS). Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced the resignation of Lyle Millard from the Solid Waste Authority. Motion to accept the resignation with regret by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously. Chair Sobel also announced openings on the County Planning Commission (1) and the Solid Waste Authority (1). Anyone interested should contact the Commissioner's office in writing.

Liquid Fuel allocations: Glen Hope Borough, \$3,000; Beccaria Township, \$4,060.72; Ferguson Township, \$4,551.50 were approved by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a copier lease with 2E Business Solutions to be used at the jail. The terms are 36 months at a cost of \$125.00 for a refurbished copier. Approval by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report - None

Chair Sobel began discussion concerning correspondence the Board received from DEP regarding Camp Hope Landfill. The Board received notice on May 3, 2018 that DEP had determined that the benefits of the proposed application outweigh the known or potential harms. The Commissioners stated they are all disappointed in the decision by DEP. The next step is the technical review of the permit. In addition, there will be a public hearing to discuss the matter that has not been scheduled. Commissioner McCracken said they have deferred a response to DEP to the County's Special Counsel Paul Bruder. Mr. Bruder will be drafting a letter to DEP laying out the terms that the Commissioners do not agree with the harms vs benefits that DEP has stated. The Commissioners also received correspondence from DEP dated May 9, 2018 listing the deficiencies in Phase I of the application which will be reviewed by the Commissioners, Ms. Brennan and Mr. Bruder. Jodi Brennan added that the proposed permit fails to demonstrate that there is a need for the landfill. Ms. Brennan surveyed current landfills that are a part of the County's Solid Waste Plan and they all have excess capacity for at least 10-20 years for each facility. These same landfills have host agreements and will lose those funds if the proposed landfill is approved. Ms. Brennan was very disappointed also with the decision as she felt the County had provided very detailed and specific comments in our 60-day review letter as to why this landfill is not needed. Solicitor Kesner said that DEP regulations state that the benefits must clearly outweigh the harms and you would think that the Department of Environmental Protection would elevate this review to a high level. Also the fact that where the waste is coming from has yet to be determined and is not included in the permit. DEP regulations also say that if a proposed landfill is not included in your County Solid Waste Plan that there is increased scrutiny and the burden is on PA Waste as to why is it needed and where the waste is coming from. Solicitor Kesner said the issue is how has DEP's decision promoted environmental protection when they do not appear to be following their own regulations.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk