

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and McCracken; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Lisa Kovalick, Community Development Specialist; Jodi Brennan, County Planner; Dave Glass, Commissioner Candidate; Yvonne Lehman, Radio WOKW; Kim Kaschalk, gantdaily.com; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 13, 2019 were approved by motion by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$577,975.69; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$4,695.37; Capital Reserve Fund, \$8,009.95; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$63.06; 911 Fund, \$326,119.02; Community Development Block Grant, \$9,586.00; Domestic Relations Fund, \$8,988.10; Children Youth Services Fund, \$232,363.83. Approval of the bills by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Katelyn Ecke, Adult Probation Officer, effective 8/19/2019

Cynthia Puit, Secretary II – Domestic Relations, effective 9/3/19.

Transfers – Gregory Hallstrom II, Temporary Full-time to Part-time Corrections –Jail; motion carried unanimously.

Separations/Retirements

Taylor Jersey, Part-time corrections officer, effective 8/20/19

Nathan Lash, Part-time Community Service Intern/Probation, effective 8/9/19

Elizabeth Frailey, Caseworker/CYS, effective 9/6/19.

Approval of the personal changes by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – None

New Business

Lisa Kovalick attended the meeting to ask for execution of the CDBG Competitive Grant application and provided the following information “Today I have a Contract for \$1,000,000 in Competitive CDBG funds on behalf of Decatur Township for the New Liberty Sewer Project. In November of 2015 a “sanitary survey” of 58 sites in the New Liberty area of Decatur Township was conducted. All sites evaluated were “on lot disposal systems”; twenty four (24) of the systems are wildcat systems discharging into streams and ditches; eleven (11) systems were found to be borehole/mine disposal systems; six (6) systems are malfunctioning; while the balance of nineteen (19) show characteristic of malfunction.

The sanitary sewer study shows that there is a rate of 70% failure rate of the sewer systems in the Village of New Liberty. This project will protect the health and welfare of the families living in this area, as well as the environment.

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In 2016, we conducted a demographic survey of the area, and determined that the area is 52.29% Low-Moderate Area Income (LMAI). This makes the project eligible for the Community Development Block Grant Program. This grant funding will assist the people living in the New Liberty area holistically. The total estimated project cost \$2,165,000 with the help of this CDBG grant of 1,000,000 and the Clearfield County 2016 CDBG Grant of \$197,965. The Township will need less than half of the estimated costs. Both the Commonwealth and Clearfield County have identified water and sewer as a top priority for use of CDBG funds. This is the perfect example of how CDBG continues to assist LMAI communities with infrastructure. Motion to execute the documents by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Jodi Brennan spoke about the upcoming Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day scheduled for September 14, 2019 from 9:00- 1:00 located at the County recycling center (County Jail). Anyone wishing to participate need to pre-register for the event. Ms. Brennan also commented that the Covered Device Recycling Act that ban certain items from landfills such as televisions, computers, printers, etc. Included in the law was the manufacturers were required to provide free recycling to residents for these items, but there are no manufactured sponsored sites in our County and the State Government are not following through with the requirements.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a copier lease agreement between the County and Doing Better Business. The lease terms are 36 months/\$151.61/month and will be used in the Assessment/Tax Claim offices. Motion to approve the lease agreement by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners announced the EPA Public Comment Hearing at the Brady Township Community Building at 6pm today to discuss the proposed Injection Well permit extension.

The Commissioners announced a petition was received from Treasure Lake residents to relocate their polling location from North Point Fire Company to the Treasure Lake Church. Election Director, Dawn Graham will visit the proposed new location to make sure it meets the ADA requirements.

Solicitors Report – None

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk