

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioner McCracken, Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Rhonda Halstead, President – Penn Highlands Clearfield; Kyle Junes, Major Gifts Officer - Penn Highlands; Steve Fontaine, CEO – Penn Highlands; Dave Trudell, System Director, Marketing, Communications & Sales, Penn Highlands Healthcare; Dave Glass, Commissioner Candidate; Amy Kessler and Bert Laheman, North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development; Bob Baronick, Clearfield County Board of Elections; Marjorie Moore and Sandra Ibberson, Bigler Township Board of Elections; Dawn Graham, Director of Elections; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehman, WOKW Radio; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk. (Commissioner Scotto was absent due to being on vacation)

Minutes of the previous meeting of June 25, 2019 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$53,261.26; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$10,721.13; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$42.95; 911 Fund, \$1313.55; Domestic Relations Fund, \$475.49; Children Youth Services Fund, \$81,160.97. Approval of the bills by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

#### Personnel Changes

New Hires – Curtis Daub, Caseworker/CYS, effective 7/20/19.

Betsy Hainsey, Administrative Assistant/Tourism, effective 7/1/19

Diane Murray, Caseworker, CYS, effective 7/8/19

Transfers – Derek Dixon, Probation Officer to Intermediate Punishment Program Coordinator/Probation, effective 6/1/19.

#### Separations/Retirements

Brandon Cartwright, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 6/23/19.

R. Bryon Snyder, Security Guard/Commissioners, effective 7/2/19.

Scott Carr, Enforcement Officer/Domestic Relations, effective 7/19/19

Sara Gallaher, Secretary II/Domestic Relations, effective 7/31/19

Fran Selvage, Nurse/Jail, effective July 12, 2019

Approval of the personnel changes by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Barry Abbott attended the meeting to announce the American Legion Baseball tournament that will be held July 26-31 at Showers Field in DuBois. Opening ceremonies will begin on July 26 with a light up night in DuBois to welcome visitors. There will be a parade of champions of all of the players and Hall of Fame inductees. The band The Ride will perform a concert that same evening 8:00-11:00. On July 31 – PA Cable Network will televise live the championship game. Mr. Abbott spoke that this event promotes Clearfield County and the City of DuBois and will bring many people and dollars to Clearfield County.

Old Business – None

#### New Business

Chair Sobel introduced Steve Fontaine, CEO of Penn Highlands Healthcare who provided a power point presentation on the Master Facility Plan. Mr. Fontaine explained that Penn Highlands would be implementing a \$111 million expansion projects over the next 3 years. Expansions at the main campus located in DuBois will include a new Emergency Room that will a Level III Trauma Center also expanding will be Maternity and Child Center. A new cafeteria will also be constructed. Also to be constructed at the Main Campus will be a Center of Excellence to house orthopedics, pediatrics and women's health, physical, occupational and speech therapies, x-ray, imaging services and pain management. Across town at the East Campus will be serve patients with behavioral health and also 20 bed dedicated to Drug and Alcohol Detox. The Emergency Department will be expanded at the Clearfield Campus by relocating it to the first floor of the building with the entrance directly off Turnpike Avenue also they will be giving a face lift to the front of the building, LAB services will be moved to the current location of the Emergency Department. All of the projects are expected to be completed by 2021. Commissioners Sobel and McCracken commented that they are both pleased with investment that Penn Highlands is making to the County and keeping as many services local so that the citizens do not have to travel. Chair Sobel said he is especially happy to see the Drug & Alcohol Detox center to help to assist with the well-known drug problem in the County.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider (CAPS) agreement and HIPPA Business Associate agreement addendum. Motion to execute the agreement and addendum by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Liquid Fuel allocation for Troutville Borough, \$3,000 was approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

#### Solicitors Report – None

Chair Sobel and Commissioner McCracken spoke about the recent development where Governor Wolfe vetoed House Bill 48 that included funding for the State Mandate where the Counties must update election equipment to include a paper trail. Prior to the veto, there was 90 million dollars included in the Bill to assist the Counties with the purchase of the equipment. The County is now back to square one with trying to come up with funding to purchase the State mandated equipment. Commissioner McCracken reminded that they had sent a letter to Kathryn Bookvar, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth that the Commissioners had selected a configuration of paper ballot with precinct level count but had not selected a vendor and would not do so until the Governor and Legislature provided at least 50% of the funding for the equipment. The Commissioners feel that the State should still provide at least 50% of the

funding for the equipment. Since the Legislature has recessed until October the Commissioners are not sure, when they will take the matter up again.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.