

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and McCracken; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Dennis Biancuzzo and Terry O'Connor, Biglers Rocks Association; Dave Glass, Commissioner Candidate; Leslie Buffone, Clearfield Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission; Tom Adamson, Controller; Jeanette Holden, Herb Myers, Marjorie Moore, Ron Repak, Barry Reams, Bigler Township Residents; Yvonne Lehman, Radio WOKW; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier Express; Kim Finnigan, gantdaily.com; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

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

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Shannon Hoover, Department Clerk III/Tax Assessment, effective 9/3/19.

Austin Barrett, Part-time Corrections Officer/ Jail, effective 9/3/19.

Brett Collins, Part-time telecommunicator/911, effective 9/9/19.

Matthew Mallon, Part-time telecommunicator/911, effective 9/9/19.

William Royer, Part-time telecommunicator/911, effective 9/9/19.

Jessica Stavola, Part-time telecommunicator/911, effective 9/9/19.

Heather Condon, Department Clerk III/Clerk of Courts, effective 9/10/19.

Vincent Felli, LPN/Jail, effective 9/23/19.

Transfers – Amanda Shaffer, Department Clerk III/Clerk of Courts to District Judge Morris, effective 9/11/19.

Separations/Retirements

Greg Hallstrom, II, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 9/5/19.

Glenda Knisley, Department Clerk II/Prothonotary, effective October 4, 2019

Motion to approve the personnel changes by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously. The Board thanked Glenda Knisley for many years of service upon her retirement.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval; General Fund, \$850,378.57; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$10,060.72; 911 Fund, \$18,620.62; Communities Development Block Grant, \$203,182.32; Domestic Relations Fund, \$591.91; Children Youth Services Fund, \$22,175.57. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - Dawn Graham Director of Elections announced that effective September 16, 2019 the County will accept online Absentee Ballot Applications. Applications may be obtained on the County website and also the State website and can be emailed to votespa.com/absentee ballots.

Old Business – None

New Business

Leslie Buffone, Terry Oconnor and Dennis Biancuzzo attended the meeting to ask the Commissioners to Proclaim September as National Recovery Month. The group explained that there will be an event on September 21, 2019 at Bilgers Rocks with speakers, music, Drug & Alcohol Counselors, Governor Wolfs Executive Officer and the State Director of Drug & Alcohol will be in attendance. The group invited everyone to come out to the event and enjoy the day.

Solicitor Bozovich presented and reported on the Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania (BHARP) Ordinance and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. Ms. Bozovich explained that BHARP was formed back in 2006 to assist with Medicaid billing of Mental Health Services and Behavioral Services. Clearfield County was one of 23 counties to join the alliance and currently contracts with Community Connections for billing and then contracts with BHARP. Most recently, the Department of Human Services has eliminated the intermediary and now the County can directly contract with BEHARP. If the Commissioners would like to move forward with the action, Ms. Bozovich will advertise the Ordinance and move forward. Motion authorize the Chief Clerk to advertise the Ordinance by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced two vacancies remain on the Solid Waste Authority. Anyone interested should contact the Commissioner's office.

Liquid Fuel Allocations for Brisbin Borough, \$3,000 was approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously. Mahaffey Borough, \$3,000 was approved by motion Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried. Chair Sobel abstained due to conflict.

Purchase of Service Agreements were approved for the following: Life Span Family Services of PA; Pathways Adolescent Center; Pentz Run Youth Services; Keystone Adolescent Center. Motion by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Chief Clerk McFadden announced the Electronics Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Participants must pre-register with just a few spots remaining.

Reminder of the 911 Ceremony on the Courthouse Plaza at 8:30 tomorrow.

Chair Sobel presented an Engagement Letter with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to perform an external audit of the 911 Department. Motion to execute the engagement letter by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

