

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners McCracken and Scotto, Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Dave Glass, Commissioner Candidate; Jodi Brennan, County Planner; Cory Johnson, Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Diane Byers, Courier/Progress; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 10, 2019 were approved by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously. Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$646,850.52; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$19,956.47; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$63.14; 911 Fund, \$17,735.16; Communities Development Block Grant, \$88,766.96; Domestic Relations, \$40,101.40; Children Youth Services Fund, \$578,540.97. Approval of the bills by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Tammy Lumadue, Custodian, effective 9/18/19.

Kerri Dunlap, Department Clerk II, Prothonotary, effective 9/23/19.

Richard Casher, Security staff, effective 9/24/19.

Separations/Retirements - Matthew Savard, Telecommunicator, effective 10/2/19.

FMLA – Employee BA28384 unpaid leave of absence from 9/12/19 – 12/16/19.

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Jodi Brennan asked the Board to consider a modification to the County Sub-Division and Land Ordinance. Ms. Brennan received a request from a developer of a Dollar General Store to be located in Brady Township. The request is the same as the one made for the DG store located in Bigler Township where the County SALDO requires 40 parking spaces but the store is requesting permission to only have 30 parking spots. After studies of similar DG stores the developer provided information that even at peak shopping hours the most spots used are normally 8-10 spots. Ms. Brennan spoke that this is one of the portions of the SALDO that is outdated and needs to be changed. Motion to grant the exception to the SALDO by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sobel introduced Cory Johnson of Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC. Mr. Johnson's firm is the County's external auditor. Mr. Johnson reported the County received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance possible. Mr. Johnson said the County had a positive net of approximately \$20.5 million, and is one of the only Pennsylvania counties with a positive net position. He attributed this to the County having no debt and very low net pension liability. He said the County's pension plan is 88.56 percent funded. Mr. Johnson said the County's 2018 end of year unassigned general fund balance was \$1.7 million, or 9.4 percent of its current-year general fund expenditures. He noted the Government Finance Officers Association recommends county governments maintain at a minimum an unassigned general fund balance that is no less than 8-10 percent. Motion to accept the audit report by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an agreement with Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting Solutions (SACS). Mr. Sobel stated that SACS will be providing financial consulting services and preparation of the 2020 budget. Solicitor Bozovich said she had reviewed the document and found it acceptable as to form but made the requested modification to a \$20,000 cap in the cost of the services. Motion to execute the agreement contingent upon the \$20,000 cap for services be added to the documents by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to consider reappointments of Tyler Hicks, Farmer Director and Mike Gill, Public Director to the Clearfield County Conservation District. Approval of the reappointments by Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced vacancies on Community Action Advisory Board and Curwensville Lake Authority. If anyone is interested, submit a letter to the Commissioners.

Liquid Fuel Allocations were approved for the following: Burnside Borough, \$3,000; Bigler Township, \$3,629.23 by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements for Cornell Abraxas Group for years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 were approved by motion of Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Chair Sobel announced that the current prison physician Dr. Larry Levinson has announced his retirement. Commissioner Scotto approached Dr. Phuong Wirths of DuBois who has a practice Fore Your Health located in Curwensville to see if he may be interested in taking over the job. After some negotiations, Dr. Wirths agreed to accept the position at an annual salary of \$124,000. Commissioner McCracken said that Dr. Levinson was compensated \$40,000 for his services and has been the prison physician for many years. He also noted that the jail is over budget in overtime, out of County inmate placements and pharmacy/medications and now will be having to pay the new physician \$124,000 for his services. Commissioner McCracken said all of these issues need to be addressed at the next Prison Board meeting to discuss how things will be paid for. Chair Sobel noted that other counties are paying between \$300,000-\$500,000 companies that supply medical support to prisons. Motion to enter into a service agreement with Dr. Wirths effective immediately through December 31, 2020 with the option to renew at the end of the term by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner McCracken; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk