The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 with Chair Scotto conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Sobel and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Adam Curry, County IT Director; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Commissioners meeting was live streamed at https://youtube.com/channel/UCFb0gMwBAi3HI2Ai8J_bmQ. The press was asked to join via the live stream. The public was not permitted in all County buildings. The buildings have been under lock down since March 20, 2020 – allowing no public access.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 14, 2020 were approved by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, $1,805,041.92; Hazardous Materials Fund, $722.41; 911 Fund, $18,946.61; Records Improvement, $331.93; Domestic Relations Fund, $9,084.62; Children Youth Services Fund, $317,224.47. Motion to approve the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes
Separations/Retirements – Barbara Carlson, District Justice Secretary/Magistrate Ford, effective 4/24/20
Sandra Bell, Administrative Assistant/Jail, effective 4/30/20
Motion to approve the personnel changes by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Old Business – None

New Business
Chair Scotto presented Resolution #2-2020 to Amend and Supplement County Tax Collection Policy. The Commissioner’s in conjunction with ACT 15 agreed to extend the deadline to pay County Taxes at the face amount from May XXX until October 30, 2020 and the penalty amount to December 31, 2020. Due to time restraints, the discount period was not extended as it currently ends on Friday, May 1, 2020. Motion to adopt Resolution #2-2020 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto presented a request from Margie Rosselli, Director of Victim Witness to extend the Federal VOCA Grant from 10/1/20 to 9/30/21. Approval of the grant extension by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto presented a renewal policy for Foster Parent Liability Insurance. Motion to approve the renewal policy by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.
Chair Scotto presented a Service Agreement with Viking Water Technology. Viking will provide onsite service and testing of the Courthouse Boiler with respect to water and chemical treatments. The agreement for a one-year period at a cost of $2,484. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto announced that the Burnside Borough polling location will be relocated from the Burnside Methodist Church to the Burnside CMA Church for this election only. The Methodist church experienced fire damage and are unable to accommodate the polling location at this time. Approval of the temporary relocation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Liquid Fuel allocations were approved for the following: Curwensville Borough, $4,526.78; Newburg Borough, $3,000; Houtzdale Borough, $3,047.60; Girard Township, $4,015.98. Motion to approve allocations for Curwensville Borough, $4,526.78, Newburg Borough, $3,000; Houtzdale Borough, $3,047 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the allocation for Girard Township, $4,015.98 by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Scott, Commissioner Sobel abstained due to conflict; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich updated the Board that with the potential reopening of the Courts the Commercial Assessment appeals that were put on hold will be placed back on the schedule and also the Tax Judicial Sale will be rescheduled.

The Commissioners reminded County residents that although the Governor has plans to begin opening up the State again that everyone must still practice social distancing, hand washing, sanitizing and wearing masks. The threshold for allowing Counties to open back up for business must maintain no more than 50 new COVID-19 cases for every 100,000 residents. The threat will not just go away and the need to take continued proper precautions.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.