The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 with Chair Scotto conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Sobel and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Jodi Brenna, County Planner; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Justin Jarrett, Assistant IT Director; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of July 28, 2020 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, $782,663.93; Liquid Fuels Fund, $17,742.13; Hazardous Materials Fund, $34.12; 911 Fund, $728.98; Hotel Tax Fund, $53,360.61; Domestic Relations Fund, $248,824.66; Children Youth Services Fund, $476,003.37. Motion to approve the bills by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

Craig Westover, Part-time Corrections Officer, effective 8/5/20
Amy Glantz, Law Clerk, effective 8/7/20.
Mark Michael, Deputy Controller, effective 8/24/20.

Public Comment – None

Old Business - Solicitor Bozovich presented a Purchase of Service Agreement with Matt Milliron that was addressed at the last meeting. Mr. Milliron has been contracted with to provide consulting and inspection services for the HOME and PHARE programs through the County. There was discussion concerning the availability and costs associated with providing Mr. Milliron a laptop and those have been resolved. Approval of the agreement by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Jodi Brennan attended the meeting to announce the Electronics Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on September 12, 2020 located at the County Jail. Anyone wishing to participate must register, you can do so either online or by phone.

Ms. Brennan asked the Commissioners to consider adoption of edits to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Ms. Brenna explained that the County SALDO was streamlined, reduced from 14 to 9 articles; like sections were combined, redundancies removed, sections restructured to flow better, a consistency review of federal/state regulations was conducted, and additional regulatory design regulations to minimize land use conflicts were added. Specific items addressed were parking, lighting, signage, buffering/screening, and landscaping to minimize the impacts caused by conflicting land uses. Motion to authorize Ms. Brennan to proceed with the amendments to the SA LDO by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich presented an agreement with AVANCO for the Child Accounting and Profile System upgrade. The CAPS system is used by the County Children Youth Services. The cost to the County for the upgrade is $3,443. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.
Chair Scotto asked for a motion to approve an agreement with Seven Mountains Media for advertising Foster Parent Programs through Children Youth Services. The length will be from August 2020 through July 2021 for 300/30 minute commercials at a total cost of $5,500. Approval by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements were presented and approved for the following: Keystone Adolescent Center, Children’s Aid Society of Mercer County; Shippenville Project Point of Light. Motion by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Liquid Fuel allocations were presented for Graham Township, $3,581.03 and Brisbin Borough, $3,000. Approval of the Graham Township allocation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Scotto, Commissioner Sobel abstained due to conflict; motion carried. Approval of the Brisbin Borough allocation was approved by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Corrections. The agreement is being considered so that the DOS can evaluate and provide the current policies and procedures at the County Jail. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sobel asked for permission to execute the Northcentral Workforce Investment Board Chief Elected Officials Agreements on behalf of Clearfield County. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report
Solicitor Bozovich reported on the Republican Law suit. The written discovery was due and filed with the help of Commissioner Glass and Dawn Graham, Director of Election. Ms. Bozovich participated in a conference call with the Counties and the Federal Judge assigned to the case to discuss issues, none of the issues applied to Clearfield County. Ms. Bozovich asked for Executive Session to discuss the suit.

Commissioner Glass gave an update on the CARES ACT Grant funds. As of this morning the County has received 110 applications from small businesses and 10 or 11 applications from Non Profits groups. Commissioner Glass reminded everyone that the deadline is August 17, 2020 and that if you are planning to apply please get your application to the Commissioners. Also if you need assistance please contact the Commissioner’s Office or Clearly Ahead.

Mr. Glass also spoke of the need for everyone to continue to wear a mask in public so that we can get the virus (COVID-19) under control. Soon the kids will hopefully be going back to school and we would like to see the kids able to participate in athletics and other school activities safely. Chair Scotto said if you are in doubt please wear a mask.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:40AM for legal purposes by commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 10:51AM by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.
Solicitor Bozovich addressed the law suit filed by Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., et al., Plaintiffs, v. Kathy Boockvar, et al., Defendants. Ms. Bozovich presented to the Board a stipulation between the plaintiff Donald J. Trump for President and the County. The stipulation states the County would not admit to or deny any wrong doing but will comply with any order the Judge issues or the General Assembly issues as a result of the law suit. By doing so the plaintiff would be waiving any right to collect any attorney’s fees or costs. By doing so the county would not be to continue with discovery requests and get back to preparing for the upcoming election. Clearfield County maintains we have complied with all forms of the election code and continue with all aspects to comply. Motion to execute the stipulation by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk