

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 with Chair Scotto conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Sobel and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Lisa Kovalick, Community Development Specialist; Carol Fox, County Treasurer; Jane Lee Yare, citizen; Terry O'Connor, citizen; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 28, 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, \$1,023,449.84; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$6,056.22; Records Improvement Fund, \$7,075.56; Children Youth Fund, \$13,153.05. Motion to approve the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires Jennifer Allison, Caseworker/CYS, effective 1/27/20.

Daniel Carfley, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 1/29/20

Crystal Miller, Caseworker/CYS, effective 1/30/20.

Stephanie Peterson, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/3/20

Christi Tapper, Department Clerk II/Clerk of Courts, effective 2/3/20

Duncan LaValle, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/10/20

Katelyn Coder, Caseworker/CYS, effective 2/12/20

John Custaney, Part-time Fiscal Operations Officer/CYS, effective 2/14/20

Transfers

Robert Gallaher, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail to Full-time Corrections Officer, effective 2/4/20

Gabriel Good, Part-time Corrections Officer/Jail to Full-time Corrections Officer, effective 2/4/20

Separations/Retirements

Christine Luzier, Part-time Telecommunicator/911 effective 2/1/20

Ryan Dobo, Part-time Public Defender, effective 2/7/20

William Royer, Part-time, Telecommunicator/911, effective 2/10/20

FMLA – Employee BO67370 FMLA for a period of up to 12 weeks effective 1/23/20

Motion to approve the personnel changes by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - Jane Lee Yare attended the meeting to ask the Board to Proclaim February 20, 2020 as Hoodie Hoo Day in Clearfield County. Ms. Yare explained that Hoodie Hoo is a day designated to wake up spring and scare off winter.

Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Scotto presented an agreement with the District Attorney for the operation and funding of the Booking Center. The agreement says that the District Attorney will pay the County \$40,000 for operational expenses of the booking center. Any other expenses incurred for the operation of the Booking Center will be paid to the County. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Cen-Clear Child Services to administer programs used by Children Youth & Family Services. Motion to approve the MOU by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to approve a Linkage Agreement with Community County Services. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk McFadden asked for permission to advertise bids for repairs to County Bridge CC-15, Camp Corbly Road, Greenwood Township. Approval by motion Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk McFadden asked for permission to advertise bids for roof replacement to the County Annex Building. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Kovalick attended the meeting to talk about the 2020 Affordable Housing Trust Funding Request for Proposals and provided the following information:

“Clearfield County is now soliciting applications for affordable housing activities to be funded by the Clearfield County Affordable Housing Fund. Projects, which, increase the availability of quality affordable housing for county resident whose annual income is less than the median income of county.

Types of projects that would be considered for funding include owner occupied rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, first time home buyers programs, housing counseling programs, emergency repair programs, elderly, special needs, & disabled housing, veterans housing, new home construction, land banks, transitional housing, homeless shelters, community stabilization programs, foreclosure prevention, emergency rental assistance, and bridge loans for rental housing development.

These funds can be used to match federal, state and/or local program funds for affordable housing initiatives in Clearfield County. Eligible applicants include municipal governments, housing and/or redevelopment authorities, or other related agencies, non-profits, and/or developers. Individuals are not eligible. Match is required.

Program guidelines and application are available upon request by contacting the Clearfield County Planning & Community Development Office (CCPCD), 212 E. Locust Street, Suite 128, Clearfield, PA 16830 or (814) 765-5149.

All applications are due back to the CCPCD by March 13, 2020 at 4:00PM

The Optional County Affordable Housing Act 137 of 1992 provides the authorization of counties to establish affordable housing trusts. The funds are collected as an increase to county recording fee for deeds & mortgages and are specifically dedicated for the sole purpose of supporting affordable housing efforts in the county. These funds can be used to match National Affordable Housing Act 1990 HOME program funds, assist or support housing efforts funding by the PA Housing Finance Agency as well other similar financing programs

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Local municipal governments, housing and/or redevelopment authorities, or other related agencies, community development corporations, community and/or faith based organizations, non-profit human services providers, for profit entities, and private employers.

ELIGIBLE USES:

County based projects, which increase the availability of quality affordable housing either through sales or rental to any county residents whose annual income that does not exceed 80% of the County’s area’s median income as established by HUD.

Examples include:

- Owner occupied rehabilitation
- Rental Rehabilitation
- First Time Home buyers programs (down payment and/or closing costs)

- Housing counseling programs
- Emergency Repair programs
- Elderly/ Special needs / Disabled Housing
- Veterans Housing
- New home construction
- Land Banks
- Transitional Housing
- Homeless Shelters
- Community Stabilization programs (demolishing, rehabilitation, construction)
- Foreclosure prevention
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Bridge loans for rental housing development

No Action taken

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich had no report but requested the Board enter into Executive Session. Motion to enter Executive Session at 10:36 for purpose of litigation by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 10:42 and per motion of Commissioner Glass the Commissioners have agreed to pay the County' proportionate share of the cost to review the appraisal analysis of the CGCMT (DuBois Mall) appeal not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk