

The Reorganizational meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and Glass, Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Anthony D'Amico, Esq., D'Amico Law, Willie Null, Director – Clearfield County Conservation District; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Yvonne Lehman, Radio WOKW; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Sobel made a motion to name Commissioner Scotto as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Scotto made a motion to name Commissioner Sobel as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting. Motion by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$585,148.85; Liquid Fuels, \$21,185.30; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$22.42; 911 Fund \$13,353.59; Domestic Relations Fund, \$8,863.36; Children Youth and Family Services Fund, \$130,772.39. Motion to approve the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

NEW HIRES:

Olivia Sylvester, P/T Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 12/30/2019.

Sara Gillen, P/T Telecommunicator/911, effective 01/06/2020.

Christine Luzier, P/T Telecommunicator/911, effective 01/06/2020.

Kevin Wisor/ P/T Telecommunicator/911, effective 01/06/2020.

Noah Britton, P/T Telecommunicator/911, effective 01/06/2020.

Sandra Drumm, P/T Telecommunicator/911, effective 01/06/2020.

Jalyn A. Shaffer, Legal Secretary II/ DA's Office, effective 01/06/2020.

TRANSFERS:

Jendi Schwab, Assistant District Attorney/ DA's Officer to temp F/T Assistant Public Defender/ PD's Office, effective 12/26/2019.

Leanne Nedza, P/T Assistant Public Defender to First Assistant District Attorney/ DA's Office, effective 1/6/2020.

Trudy Lumadue, Temporary P/T Assistant District Attorney/DA's Office to Deputy District Attorney/ DA's Office, effective 1/6/2020.

Ryan Dobo, First Assistant District Attorney/ DA's Office to P/T Assistant Public Defender/ PD's Office, effective 1/6/2020.

Jared Farneth, P/T CO/Jail, to F/T CO/Jail, effective 01/05/2020.

Austin Barrett, P/T CO/Jail, to F/T CO/Jail, effective 01/05/2020.

Steven Smith, P/T Telecommunicator/911 to F/T Telecommunicator/911, effective 01/05/2020.

Colleen Hudson, Dept. Clerk III/Prothonotary to Admin Assistant/ DA's Office, effective 01/06/2020.

SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

Sasha Brock, P/T Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 12/26/2019.

Edward Brown, Security/Commissioners' Office, effective 12/31/2019.

Evelyn Wetzel, Caseworker/CYS, effective 01/02/2020.

Elizabeth Hawkins, Admin Assistant/DA, effective 01/05/2020.

Leopold Cleveland, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 01/09/2020

Approval of the personnel changes by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Old Business – None

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to appoint Lisa McFadden as Chief Clerk and Heather Bozovich as Solicitor. Approval by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Scotto announced that the Commissioners would be setting on the following boards:

Commissioner Sobel
Heroin Task Force
Clearly Ahead
Community Connections Advisory Board
Geo prison (advisory)

Commissioner Glass
North Central Regional Planning and Development
Central Counties Youth Detention Center
PCORP
PCOMP

Commissioner Scotto
Clearfield County Conservation District
Clearfield County Recreation and Tourism
Community Action Agency

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to name GAI Associates as the County Engineer. Motion by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to name Mette, Evans & Woodside as special council on DEP Issues. Chair Scotto commented that the County has used this firm for many years, specifically Paul Bruder, Esq. to litigate the proposed Boggs Township landfill. Approval by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto called for a motion to appoint Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller as legal representation for labor relations. Approval by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto presented the following names as appointees:

Clearfield Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority - 5-year terms

Glenn Schuch – Reappointment. Approval by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by

Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Joe Varacallo - Reappointment Approval by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Jason Ramsay – Appointment Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Community Connections 3 year terms - 1/1/20-12/31/20

Terrance O'Connor – reappointment

Melissa Terwilliger – appointment

Rachel Marie Belin Troxell - appointment

Shawn Graves - appointment

Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Clearfield County Planning Commission - 4 year terms – Three open seats

Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority 5year terms - 1/6/20-12/31/24

Vicki Beck – appointed 1/1/19 - 12/31/23 (filling vacancy) Approval by motion by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Chair Scotto; Commissioner Glass abstained; motion carried. Two vacancies remain.

Clearfield County Public Library - 3 year terms - 1/20-12/31/22

Jane Lee Yare - reappointment

Scotto Test - reappointment

Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Headwaters RCD

Jodi Brennan – Reappointment by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Clearfield County Industrial Development Authority - 5 year terms 1/6/20-12/31/24

Drew Nedzinski Requesting appointment

Jacob A. Heigel Requesting appointment

Approval by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

John Shimko was named the CCIDA Industry Representative to Clearfield County Economic Development by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Curwensville Lake Authority - 5 year terms - 1/6/20-12/31/24

Willie Null - Appointment by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

David Twoey – Appointment by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Gigi Gearheart – Reappointment by motion of Commissioner Sobel; motion died for lack of second.

CCRTA - 5 year terms - 1/6/20-12/31/24

Bonnie Robison Harper – Reappointment by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously. *(see appointment file)

Matthew Checchio Requesting Appointment by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Chair Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Joe Mitchell – Appointment by motion of Commissioner Glass, motion died for lack of a second.

Tim Winters - Appointment by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Chair Scotto, Commissioner Glass, opposed; motion carried.

Farmland Preservation Announced two openings

Community Action Advisory Board - 4 year term 1/6/20-12/31/23

Tyler Kirkwood – Appointment by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

North Central Regional Planning and Development Industry Representative on the Executive and Full Board of North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning - 1 year term

Kristy Smith - Appointed by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Scotto announced that the meeting dates and times would remain the same as 2019 with the Work Sessions the first Tuesday's of the month and regular meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month beginning at 10:00 AM. Salary Board meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday's of each month at 10:00 AM prior to the Commissioners meeting. Retirement Board meetings will be held at 9:00 AM the 4th Tuesday's of the month. Chief Clerk McFadden stated that there would be not meetings on Election Days, April 28 and November 3. Motion to set the meeting dates and times by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously. The Commissioner said that they might schedule some evening meetings in the future.

Solicitor Bozovich presented the Board with Resolution 2020-#1 and accompanying documents to proceed with the borrowing for the Tax Anticipation Note. Ms. Bozovich submitted all the documents to DCED and CBT bank and is waiting for notification of a closing date. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-#1 by Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk McFadden asked for permission to advertise bids for voting booths and printing of ballots. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Tony D'Amico gave an update regarding Clearfield County's as a claimant against Insys Therapeutics. They manufacture a drug called Subsys, which is an opioid. Insys is in bankruptcy and the bankruptcy court is dealing with a proposed one billion dollar settlement and is requiring all claimants to say yay or nay to the same before it will approve or disapprove. The D'Amico law firm is recommending that we take it as the same and would involve dissolution of all assets, which aren't approximately more than a billion in value. Additionally, further delay and litigation will only dry them up such that, eventually, little will be left. Per the recommendation of Attorney D'Amico the Commissioners voted to take the settlement offer which had to be communicated to the bankruptcy court by end of business on January 6th by motion of Commissioner Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

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