

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Scotto and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Kaitlin Evans, Assistant Controller; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Adam Curry, Director of IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting of February 9, 2021 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Controller Evans presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$718,469.99; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$190.37; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$43.15; 911 Fund, \$19,103.49; Domestic Relations, \$9,564.47; Children Youth Services Fund, \$391,766.05. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

Shannon Kemp, Part-time corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/8/21.

Melissa Fahr, Assistant Tax Administrator/Assessment – Tax Claim, effective 3/5/21

Nancy Hummel, Legal Secretary III – District Attorney's office, effective 3/31/21

Transfers – Dana Jones, Part-time Department clerk III – Controller's Office, effective 3/1/21. Approval by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Old business - None

New Business

Adam Curry attended the meeting to discuss Broadband coverage update. Adam explained that he is currently on a Broadband sub-committee for North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development. The Committee sent out a survey for the public to fill out to get a better understanding of areas within Clearfield County that need better Broadband coverage. Adam and a gentlemen from Mahaffey are the spokespersons for Clearfield County. He would like the media to push the survey to all residents and businesses and would like to create a page on the County website. There would be two links, one for the survey (that links to North Central's page) as well as the results of map of the survey. The map is very well plotted out to show areas that need better coverage. It is important to know as much information as possible about lack of broadband in the County to help with potential state/federal assistance and grants that could help North Central install towers or to piggy back on existing towers to provide broadband internet to rural areas within Clearfield County.

Chair Sobel provided a press release concerning the recent Cyber attack to the County Computer system. The Commissioners did not entertain questions but advised the press they could submit written questions via email.

Clearfield County, Pennsylvania today announced that a recent cyber event may have impacted the security of personal information relating to certain individuals associated with the County. The County has sent written notification letters regarding the incident to these individuals, which will include steps they may take to help protect their personal information, should they feel it is appropriate to do so.

On January 9, 2021, the County learned that it was the target of a cybercriminal attack and that its computer network was infected with ransomware. The County immediately launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the incident and hired outside legal counsel, who then engaged forensic investigators to further analyze this event. Based upon the County's current investigation, an unauthorized party obtained access to County servers in late October 2020. On January 25, 2021, the County received confirmation that the cybercriminals had accessed certain files that were stored within the County's computer environment and contained personal information. On February 12, 2021, the forensic investigation confirmed that some of the personal information stored on the County's network was made available on the cybercriminal's website. The incident required the County to conduct a thorough and lengthy review of the potentially impacted data in order to determine who, and what information, was involved.

Based on the investigation, the impacted data included name, date of birth, address, and Social Security number. The County encourages potentially impacted individuals to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review account statements, and monitor credit reports for suspicious activity. All individuals receiving notification will be offered one year of credit monitoring services, at no charge.

In addition to launching an internal investigation into this incident, the County is reviewing its existing policies and procedures and will implement additional safeguards to protect data, as needed.

The Commissioners have made the following joint statement: "The security of information in our care is among Clearfield County's highest priorities. We are committed to protecting our resident's information against ever-evolving and pervasive cyber threats. We will continue to invest in the internal processes, tools, and resources necessary to reduce the likelihood that this can happen again."

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to grant permission to advertise bids for printing ballots. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich presented a lease addendum with Rivers Bend Properties for District Judge Morris's office space. The current lease expires April 1, 2021 and Rivers Bend Properties have agreed to a two year extension of the lease. Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve copier lease agreements with DBB for the Prothonotary and Domestic Relations. Approval of the lease agreements by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve copier lease agreements with DBB for copiers to be used by the Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts and Domestic Relations departments. Motion to execute the lease agreements by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Collaboration Agreement with Peerstar, LLC. Peerstar provides services for Children Youth & Family Services. Approval by motion of Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Care Coordination Agreement and MOU with Cen-Clear. Cen-Clear provides services to Children Youth and Family Services and the agreements provide that both parties will follow HIPPA guidelines.

Chair Sobel presented a rental agreement with Tri County Church (Clearfield Campus) to hold Preliminary Hearings on Wednesday's for non-incarcerated individuals. Previously Preliminary Hearings were held at the County Prison but due to COVID the hearings were moved to the Courthouse. This has since become problematic with the amount of individuals attending hearings and with the lack of space not being able to properly social distance. The TCC is a large facility and can accommodate the needs for the hearings every Wednesday. The cost is \$650/month and has a 30 day termination. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich presented an agreement between the County and North Central Regional Planning and Development to administer the Covid-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHRIP). The County was awarded \$897,671 hospitality industries such as hotels, motels, bars & restaurants will have the opportunity to apply for funding beginning march 15, 2021.

Solicitors Report – None

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