

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 with Chair Scotto conducting the meeting. In attendance were: Commissioners Sobel and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Tom Adamson, Controller; Yvonne Lehman, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Chair Scotto asked for a motion to name Commissioner Sobel as Chairman for 2021. Motion by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Scotto; motion carried.

Minutes of previous meeting of December 22, 2020 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Adamson presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$743,452.94; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$65,148.61; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$48.22; 911 Fund, \$8,272.45; Records Improvement, \$3,788.19; Domestic Relations Fund, \$290,226.31; Children Youth Services Fund, \$530,490.14; CARES Act Fund, \$878,726.76. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Glass noted that the CARES fund has now been exhausted)

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Jililan Furman, Caseworker/CYS, effective 1/4/2021

Susan McQuillen, Deputy Warden/Programs, effective 1/11/2021

Shelby Bloom, Part-time Secretary II/Veterans Affairs, effective 1/13/2021

Separations/Retirements

Devon Bradford, Caseworker/CYS, effective 1/4/2021.

Approval of the Personnel Changes by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

New Business

Chair Sobel presented a Proclamation naming January as National Mentoring Month on behalf of the Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County. Motion to adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass asked that the Board to Proclaim January 8 as PA Donor Day. Commissioner Glass explained that Donor Donation is dear to him as his sister was a double lung transplant recipient due to having cystic fibrosis. The gift of new lungs gave her 12 extra years of life. At this time nearly 7,000 Pennsylvanians are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of 75 others through tissue and corneal donation. More than 36,000 men, women and children are expected to receive a second chance at life this year through the gift of organ donation. Motion to proclaim January 8, 2021 as PA Donor Day by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the following names of individuals for possible consider for appointments and reappointments to Boards & Authorities:

Clearfield Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority

Dave Stern
Shawn Arbaugh
Henry Daughtery

Motion to appoint Shawn Arbaugh for a five year term to end December 31, 2025 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Clearfield County Housing Authority

Phil Robbins

Motion to reappoint Mr. Robbins to a five year term to end December 31, 2025, by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Clearfield County Planning Commission

Henry H. Daugherty
Nick Hepfl

Motion to reappoint Mr. Daugherty and appoint Nick Hepfl to four year terms to end December 31, 2024, by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority

Bonnie Reinke

Motion to reappoint Ms. Reinke to a 5 year term to begin end December 31, 2025, by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Clearfield County Public Library

George R. Hunsinger
Patty Murphy
Julie Rae Rickard term

Motion to reappoint Mr. Hunsinger, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Rickard to three year terms to end December 31, 2023 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Headwaters RCD

Jodi Brennan – Reappointment

Motion to reappoint Ms. Brennan to the Headwaters RC&D Council by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Curwensville Lake Authority

Susan Williams Reappointment

Motion to reappoint Ms. Williams to a 5 year term to end December 31, 2025 by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners also announced a vacant seat on the Board.

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CCRTA

Susan Reed
Josh Berndt

Shannon Wolanski

Motion to reappoint Susan Reed to a five year term to end December 31, 2025 by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Glass to appoint Ms. Wolanski died for a lack of second.

Motion by Chair Sobel to appoint Josh Berndt to a five year term to end December 31, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Scotto, Commissioner Glass opposed; motion carried.

Commissioner Sobel stated prior to the vote that he had nothing against Ms. Wolanski but wished to appoint Mr. Bernd as the Board needs representation from areas other than DuBois and Clearfield as Mr. Berndt is from Houtzdale. Mr. Glass countered that he had nothing personal against Mr. Berndt but was made aware via Facebook that Mr. Berndt had held a large New Years Eve party and he felt that the Commissioners should be setting an example by appointing individuals that are responsible and respecting the CDC gathering guidelines for a pandemic. Commissioner Scotto said he spoke with Mr. Berndt and he explained that he followed the CDC guidelines.

Area Transportation Authority

Dick Castonguay

Motion to reappoint Mr. Castonguay to a three year term to end December 31, 2023, by Commissioner Scotto, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Linkage Agreement with System Access Management, Inc. (SAM). The agreement allows SAM to act as a referral service for the County Probation Department. Motion to approve the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Scotto; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel reported information that was received from Deputy Director Mignot with respect to the COVID Testing site at the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center. Testing was performed from December 27-31, with a total of 461 tested. Of those tested half were from Clearfield County and others were out of State that were passing through Clearfield county, going home from the holidays, and heard the advertisement on the radio and stopped and got tested. Deputy Director Mignot thanked Lawrence Township Fire Police, Chester Hill Fire Police, Chester Hill Emergency Management, Sandy Township Emergency Management, Karthaus Emergency Management, Jefferson County Emergency Management, PA DOH and PEMA and also Fire Stations 5, 14 & 20.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich spoke about a request by the State Tax Equalization Board to

temporarily forego the \$0.20 paid to counties for the sales data it submits to STEB, which will help to build, implement and maintain the new system. For this, STEB/DCED will give access to the county's designee(s) most likely the chief assessor or appointment to run up-to-date reports, ratio statistics, heat mapping for valuations for certain market areas (a visual tool possibly for on the spot appeals hearings). Ms. Bozovich reported that the CCAP Solicitor is reviewing the agreement prior to Counties acting on the agreement.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk