

The Reorganizational meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance; Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Carol Fox, County Treasurer; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Cameron Stom and Darin Glass, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to retain Commissioner Sobel as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; Commissioner Sobel abstained; motion carried.

Chair Sobel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Tatum as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Glass, Commissioner Tatum abstained; motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 27, 2022 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to set the meeting dates and times for 2023. Commissioner Glass made the motion to maintain the meeting dates and times the same as 2022 with Work Sessions set for the 1st Tuesdays of the month and regular meetings the 2nd and 4th meetings at 10:30 AM; seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreement was approved for Concern Professional Services for the period June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Solicitor; Lisa Kovalick, Executive Director Redevelopment Authority of Clearfield County; Abby Carr, Christina Fulton, Zack Bloom, citizens; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier Express; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Darin Glass, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 3, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$326,599.43; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$1,183.56; 911 Fund, \$12,180.63; Domestic Relations, \$11,170.90; Children Youth Services Fund, \$54,099.83. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Elizabeth Fulmer, Department Clerk III/Tax Claims, effective 1/3/2023.

Mathew Rebmann, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 1/30/2023

Manuel Megofna, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 1/30/2023

Karly Davis, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 1/30/2023

Lindsey Johnson, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 1/30/2023

Madison McCracken, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 1/30/2023

James Delahanty, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 1/30/2023

Separations/Retirements – Keisha Dillon, Full-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 12/16/2022.

Stephen Rutherford, FT Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 1/4/2023

FMLA/Leave of Absence Requests

Employee R042710 FMLA effective on or about 2/8/23 for a period of 8 weeks.

Employee TR47733 from Intermittent FMLA from 11/28/22 to 1/24/23

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

Public Comment

New Business

Chair Sobel presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with Centre County. The Agreement allows for Centre County to house Clearfield County Inmates at a cost of \$75/day/inmate. The cost is a \$10 increase since previous agreement. Also included in the agreement is Centre County will provide Medical Assistance Treatment (MAT) but at the cost of Clearfield County. The agreement is for a one year term with a one year extension. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the Owner County Agreement with Central Counties Youth Detention Center. As an owner County, Clearfield County's cost share for 2024 is \$178,176. Approval of the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Lisa McSkimming to the Curwensville Lake Authority. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Susan Williams to the Farmland Preservation Board. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Kovalick asked that Board to consider Resolution 2023-#1 to apply for Whole Home Repair Funding to DCED on behalf of RACC. Ms. Kovalick explained that the County will be applying for \$1,092,439.00 through the PA Department of Economic Development for COVID Relief ARPA. Clearfield County will be applying for the grant funds on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of Clearfield County as the administrator of the program. The grant money if received will be utilized to address safety concerns, improve energy, water efficiency and accessible for individuals with disabilities. The funds if received will be distributed as follows: \$889,500 Housing Unit Project Costs, \$109,242, Program Coordination; \$50,000 , Workforce Development Programs and \$43,697, Administration.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Solicitor Bozovich reminded the Board that she had previously sent an Agreement with Clearfield County Economic Development Corporation, d/b/a Clearly Ahead Development for review. The agreement is a one-year agreement with the County agreeing to provide \$110,000 during the term of the agreement. Ms. Bozovich suggested placing the matter in the agenda of January 24, 2023 if the Commissioners agree to the terms.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Rob Edwards, Controller; Leighanne Hutton, Children's Aid Society; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Cameron Stom and Darin Glass, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting of January 10, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$4,531,638.36; Liquid Fuels fund, \$26515.69; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$1,482.36; 911 Fund, \$6,534.79; Communities Development Block Grant, \$8,370.25; Domestic Relations, \$28.99; Children Youth Services, \$305,546.12; Capital Reserve, \$187,251.80. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

Fredrick Harline, Corrections Officer, effective January 9, 2023.

Andrea Smith, Temporary Administrative Assistant, Planning & Solid Waste, effective January 23, 2023.

Benjamin Ankeny, Corrections Officer, effective January 30, 2023.

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

Public Comment - None

Old Business - None

New Business

Leighanne Hutton attended the meeting to request the Board Proclaim February 7-14 as National Marriage Week. Ms. Hutton provided information about the "Together" Program that offers free Workshops that teach the tools needed to establish, build and maintain successful relations. The program is held over a period of nine weeks and also provides free childcare. Motion to Proclaim February 7-14 as National Marriage Week by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass, motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Veterans Trust Fund Grant Application for approval. Commissioner Tatum spoke that Misty Doran, County VA Director authored a Veterans Trust Fund grant request in the amount of \$15,000 to establish a peer support program. Commissioner Tatum assisted with the grant application and explained that Ms. Doran hopes to connect veterans who may have issues with transportation the availability to meet with her in their home towns at such places as American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. Included in the grant is the purchase of a laptop and printer to be able to file claims and print documents while meeting with the veterans. Motion to approve the grant application by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked the Board to consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Partners of the American Job Center Network. Establishes the parameters and the terms and conditions of the North Central Work Force Development to establish and approve workforces in the North Central Region that includes McKean, Potter, Elk, Jefferson, Cameron and Clearfield Counties. Approval of the MOU by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an agreement with Clearfield County Economic Development Corporation d/b/a Clearly Ahead Development. The agreement is for a one-year term and Clearfield County's contribution will be in the amount of \$110,000. Approval of the agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel spoke that the County received a request from Clearfield Revitalization Corporation (CRC). Sue Diehl, Main Street Manager has asked that the County allow the CRC to place a large Christmas Tree and permanent tree base to be build underground. Ms. Diehl explained that the tree base would be covered, much like a manhole cover when the base is not in use. Commissioner Sobel and Glass remembered the large Christmas trees of the past and welcomed the idea of returning the tree to the Courthouse Plaza. Chair Sobel explained that the CRC would be responsible for any repairs to the Plaza caused by the installation, maintenance and also insure the box. Motion to approve the request by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously

Chair Sobel announced two vacancies remain on the Solid Waste Authority. If any County residents are interested in applying they should contact the Commissioner's office.

Purchase of Service Agreement for Justice Works Youth Care was approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to approve a Linkage Agreement with Roads to Recovery. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to appointment of Cindy Britton to the Clearfield County Library Board. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Glass and Tatum; Rob Edwards, Controller; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Jane Lee Yare, citizen; Steve Harmic and Joan Bracco, Area Agency on Aging; Tristen Klinefelter, WTAJ TV, Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Cam Strom and Darin Glass, IT. (Chief Clerk McFadden was excused from the meeting)

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 24, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum; seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$6,812,803.51; Liquid Fuel Fund, \$2,367.54; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$3,948.47; 911 Fund, \$3,842.98; Community Development Block Grant, \$59,904.05; Domestic Relations, \$9,739.15; Children Youth Services, \$317,187.47. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Kristi Burkett, Probation Officer/Adult Probation, effective 1/30/2023

Patrick DeLuccia, Maintenance II/Jail, effective 1/30/2023.

Rachel Russell, DJ Secretary/Magistrate Glass, effective 2/6/2023.

Lindsey Samsel, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/6/2023.

Lynette Cutright, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/6/2023.

Shannon Gladfelter, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/06/2023.

Transfers – Heather Clark, Assistant Director/Tax claim to Acting Director/Tax Assessment & Claims, effective 2/7/2023.

Separations/Retirements – Lisa Conrad, Director Tax Assessment and Tax Claims, effective 2/6/2023.

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

Public Comment - None

Old Business – None

New Business:

Chair Sobel introduced Jane Lee Yare who asked that the Board Proclaim February 20, 2023 as Hoodie Hoo Day. Ms. Yare explained that there will be an event at the Express Café on February 20 to chase away winter and invited the Board to attend. Motion to Proclaim February 20, 2023 Hoodie Hoo Day in Clearfield County by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried.

Steve Harmic and Joan Bracco attended the meeting to asked the Commissioners to Proclaim March 20, 2023 as the 21st annual March for Meals. A federal program called Meals on Wheels was enacted in 1972 to include a national nutrition program for individuals 60 years of age and older. This law has helped to fund programs like Meals on Wheels and combats malnutrition and food insecurity and improve health for years to come. Motion to Proclaim March 2023 as the month celebrating Meals on Wheels Month by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to table a termination of Agreement with Eagle Towing & Recovery, Inc., and an agreement with McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Subrecipient Agreement Addendum with Central PA Community Action for the MATP Program. The addendum is needed due to a per trip increase to \$28.00. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve Letters of Collaborative Agreement with Merakey Pennsylvania for services with Children and Youth and Probation for shared information with mutual clients. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Care Coordination with Cen-Clear for Probation Department for shared information of mutual clients. Approval by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel, Commissioner abstained due to conflict; motion carried.

Chair Sobel presented a copier lease agreement with DBB for a copier to be used in the Sheriff's office. The lease terms are 60 months at a cost of \$130.67/month. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Kristy Smith was reappointed as the County Industry Representative to the North Central PA Regional Planning & Development Commission by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bozovich presented an addendum to lease agreement with Rivers Bend Properties, LLC. The lease is for District Judge Morris's office and the current lease is to expire in March 31, 2023. The addendum if approved would be for an additional two-year period at a monthly rate of \$3,200. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass, motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced that an award of Act 13 At Risk Bridge Monies to Coalport Borough in the amount of \$56,000 to Coalport Borough for the Railroad Street Bridge. Motion to approve by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich reported that the lawsuit that was filed to include numerous Prothonotary offices throughout the Commonwealth has been dismissed due to procedural issues.

Solicitor Bozovich reported that two statewide Election Lawsuits are still moving forward and are in the process of depositions of which Clearfield County has not been asked to provide at this point.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Scott Mignot, County EMA Director; Margie Rosselli, County Victim Witness Director; Nathan Swope, Sofia Liden, Janice Gilliland, Clearfield County 4-H; Hannah Alexander and Rob Dickinson, Penn State Cooperative Extension; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier Newspaper; Tristan Klinefelter, WTAJ TV; Cameron Stom and Darin Glass, County IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of February 14, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards provided the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$5,172,119.79; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$1,942.16; 911 Fund, \$109,886.93; Communities Development Block Grant, \$25,655.00; Domestic Relations Fund, \$2,674.31; Children Youth Services Fund, \$252,952.23. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Joellyn Stoneberg, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 2/27/2023.

Thomas Larson, Community Development Specialist/Planning & Redevelopment Authority, effective 3/14/23.

Separations/Retirements – Kayce English, DJ Secretary/Morris, effective February 10, 2023.

Shannon Gladfelter, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective February 17, 2023.

Zachery Dodson, Part-time Deputy Sheriff, effective February 21, 2023.

Cassandra Miller, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective February 22, 2023.

Daniel Bell, Chief Public Defender, effective March 15, 2023.

James Cornman, Part-time District Judge Secretary, effective March 31, 2023.

The Commissioners acknowledged the 25 plus years of employment of Mr. Bell and thanked him for the time he provided to the County. Motion to approve the personnel changes by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Scott Mignot asked that the Board consider approval to terminate the contract with Eagle Towing & Recovery. The County will be exercising their 30-day termination rights as part of the Contract. Motion to terminate the contract with Eagle Towing and Recovery by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mignot requested that the Board enter into a contract with McCutcheon Enterprises (MEI) of Appollo, PA as the County Hazardous Spills response vendor as required and certified by PEMA. Approval of the contract pending final approval by the Solicitor by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Margie Rosselli asked the Board to consider approval of the Federal Victims of Crime Act grant for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$71,486. Ms. Rosselli explained that the grant funds will provide direct services to victims, filing victims claims and also reimburses the County for salaries and benefits of staff. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the Care Coordination Agreement with Cen-Clear Child Services. The agreement provides that Cen-Clear and County Children Youth Services will collaborate when they have mutual clients. Approval by motion of Chair Sobel, seconded by Commissioner Glass; Commissioner Tatum abstained due to conflict; motion carried.

Chair Sobel presented the Proclamation for to Proclaim - March 12-18 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week. 4-H Members, Nathan Swope, Sofia Liden and Janice Gilliland spoke how 4-H has positively impacted each and every one of them as well as how 4-H has prepared them for the future. One The students explained how 4-H has helped them with becoming more sociable, public speaking and leadership skills. Motion to Proclaim March 12-18 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Transportation Plan Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding with Philipsburg Area School District and Clearfield and Centre Counties Children Youth Services to provide transportation services for children that are in Foster Care. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreement was approved for Appalachian Youth Services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Approval by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass made a request to place a 24-hour mail ballot drop box at the County Election Office. Commissioner Glass spoke that he felt the 24 hour drop box was needed for individuals that cannot get to the Election Office during regular office hours. Chair Sobel said he would oppose the drop box as the security of the box could not be guaranteed. Commissioner Tatum agreed with Chair Sobel and therefore couldn't support the drop box idea. Motion by Commissioner Glass to place the 24-hour drop box at the County Election Office, motion died for lack of second.

Chair Sobel read a request from Election Director, Dawn Graham to compensate the members of the Election Board in the amount of \$250 (one time) plus mileage. The Election Board will be taking the place of the Commissioners as they are running for election. Motion to approve the one time payment plus mileage by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced two vacancies on the County Planning Commission. If anyone is interested in applying please contact the Commissioners office.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to authorize, prepare and advertise a Request for Proposals to audit the County Assessment and Tax Claim Bureau. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include consideration of a Cooperation Agreement between the County and the IBEW to apply for a RCAP grant. Motion to amend the motion by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass explained that the IBEW has asked the County to execute a Cooperation Agreement with them as they apply for a RCAP grant. The grant funds will be used to expand their current facility at Leonard Street to include larger training areas. Motion to execute the Cooperation Agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Ms. Bozovich reported that the previously reported lawsuit that affected Prothonotary offices throughout the Commonwealth was dismissed by the Commonwealth Court but then appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled the case could be heard but only for Delaware County, which is where the case originated.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner glass; motion carried.

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

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Minutes of the previous meeting of February 28, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller, effective 4/3/23.

Transfers – Jendi Schwab, full time Assistant Public Defender to Interim Chief Public Defender, effective March 13, 2023.

Separations/Retirements

Jason Troxell, Corrections Officer, effective 3/7/23.

Robert Thomas, Chief Deputy Sheriff, effective 3/10/23

Andrea Smith, temporary Administrative Assistant, Planning Department, effective 3/14/23.

Ron Henry, Part-time Security Guard, effective 3/17/2023.

Jessica Fahr, Department Clerk II, Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, effective 3/17/23.

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

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval; General Fund, \$1,019,074.39; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$399.30; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$9,130.64; 911 Fund, \$12,312.98; Domestic Relations Fund, \$1,506.68; Children & Youth Fund, \$100,816.10. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business

AnnJane Ross attended the meeting to request that the Board Proclaim March as Social Work Month. Ms. Ross spoke that Social Workers are the unsung heroes who are there for the people of the community helping to provide mental health, addiction and advocates for children. Ms. Ross reported that per the Dept. of Labor, Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States. Social Work students Michelle Luzier and Kellie Jackson both spoke that the Social Work Program has opened their eyes to how families operate and how different situations can affect children and families and hopefully change things for the better. And the program has made them both better moms and better people. Motion to Proclaim March as Social Work Month by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a copier lease with Doing Better Business for District Judge Meholick's office. The term of the lease is 36 months at a cost of \$176.61/month. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners announced that they are considering offering mini grants to non-profit organizations who were not eligible under prior COVID- era county grant programs (examples include social clubs organized as 501c(7) or 501c(8)). The non-profit organizations were not eligible for grants from Cares Act funds and therefore the Board would like to try to help these groups out. Commissioner Glass will be writing an online grant program/form for the entities to apply for the funds. The Commissioners will provide a press release once the form is uploaded to the website.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to consider appointment of Robert Ferguson and Jodi Yost to the Planning Commission. Approval to appoint Mr. Ferguson by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously. Motion to appoint Jody Yost to by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.
Solicitors Report

Solicitors Report - Ms. Bozovich reported that the previous election suits in the Federal Court and are in the discovery phase and in the process of depositions. Clearfield County has not been involved or asked to provide depositions.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

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Minutes of the previous meeting of March 14, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval; General Fund, \$4,787,903.11; Liquid Fuels, \$399.30; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$240.23; 911 Fund, \$11,899.69; Communities Development Block Grant, \$38,019.75; Domestic Relations, \$10,388.49; Children Youth Services Fund, \$332,712.63. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Richard Pryde, Department Clerk II/Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, effective 3/22/23.

Zachery Clark, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 3/27/23.

Nicole Freas, District Judge Secretary/District Judge Meholick, effective 3/27/23.

Debbie Thompson Slippey, Part-time District Judge Secretary/DJ Nevling, effective 4/4/23.

Separations/Retirements – Paula Arnold, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 3/7/23.

Benjamin Ankeny, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 3/20/23.

Justin Worley, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 3/24/23.

Richard Pryde, Department Clerk II/ Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, effective 3/24/23.

FMLA – Intermittent FMLA approval for employee DA62440 beginning on or about 3/1/23. Approval of the personnel changes by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Larry Lumadue attended the meeting to bring to the Boards attention an issue with landline, cell phone and internet services in the Old Erie Pike, Boggs Township area. Mr. Lumadue explained that there are trees down on phone lines and at times which causes them to be without landline service and internet for seven to ten days. They also have little to no cell service and have to drive 3-4 miles to obtain a signal most days. Mr. Lumadue spoke that if they would have an emergency situation and their landline would be down and have no cell service it could be deadly. Commissioner Glass thanked Mr. Lumadue for making them aware of the situation and said these are areas of the County that they need to be made aware of so they can try to get some type of assistance to them.

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel presented a Proclamation to name “April as Child Abuse Prevention Month”. Kara McGary spoke that the Children’s Aid Society (CAC) partners with Clearfield County to increase efforts to prevent child abuse. Ms. McGary said that one program that they offer is Triple P, Parents as Teachers, and Nurturing. Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social services agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community. The Commissioners thanked Ms. McGary for all that the CAC does to assist with child abuse prevention. Motion to adopt the Proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an addendum to the current Lease Agreement with Developac, Inc. for the space used by the Domestic Relations Department located at 996 Beaver Drive, DuBois. The addendum allows for a lease extension of three years from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026 at a cost of \$1,569/month. Approval of the addendum by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve copier lease agreements with Doing Better Business for copiers to be used in the Court Administrator’s and District Judge Morris’s offices. Both agreements are for a term of 48 months with monthly fee of \$407.31 for the Court Administrator copier and \$135.58 for District Judge Morris’s office. Approval of the lease agreements by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a service contract with BMP Systems for the copier in the CYS Department. The service contract is for a one-year period to expire 3/25/2024 at a cost of \$475. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement with Community Specialist Corporation d/b/a The Academy by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve an Addendum to Pathways Adolescent Center Purchase of Service Agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Consider Wave 2 settlement of national opioid lawsuit against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreen, and Walmart. Chair Sobel explained that Clearfield County can opt to participate in the settlement by April 18, 2023. Depending on which settlement option the County chooses they could receive \$761,000 for the base payment or \$1,700,000 for the incentive payment. D’Amico Law firm has recommended taking the incentive settlement offer. The Commissioners believe that these funds should be used to attack the cycle of addiction and the people that are bringing drugs into our communities should be incarcerated for a very long time, but with the funds that Clearfield County will receive we should attack the cycle of addiction. Clearfield County will have the ability to utilize a lot of new tools to fight the drug problem and also the Commissioners are hoping to institute a Drug Court in Clearfield County. Commissioners Glass and Tatum also agreed with Chair Sobel’s thoughts to use this money to make a difference to change the culture and disrupt the cycle of addiction. Motion to that the Chair be permitted to execute the participation documents so that Clearfield County can participate in the settlement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass announced the Municipal Infrastructure grant awards to the following:

Entity	Project Type	Total Project Cost	County Allocations
Karthaus Township	Bridge Replacement	\$1,588,720.00	\$ 200,000
Brady Township	Replace Digester tank at sewage plant	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000
Brady Township/ Troutville Water Assoc.	Replace water meters plus line repair	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 150,000
Burnside Township	Replace Shepard lane Bridge	\$1,308,280.00	\$ 20,000
Sandy Township	Sewer Line Replacement	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 200,000
Clearfield Borough	Stormline replacement And small water projects	\$ 720,000.00	\$ 20,000
Cooper Twp. Mun. Auth.	Replace leaking water lines And water meters	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 150,000
Curwensville Borough	Stormwater drainage	\$ 900,865.00	\$ 10,000
Girard Twp Mun. Auth.	Replace grinder pump	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000
Grampian Borough	6 th Street Drainage Improvements	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 10,000

The Commissioners based their decision on the grant awards to projects that provide long term solutions. It is hoped that the County grant awards will be used to help leverage additional funding sources that municipalities or authorities can apply for. The Commissioners thanked Jodi Brennan for all of her hard work and assistance during the rating and selection process. Rob Reem of the Cooper Township Municipal Authority thanked the Commissioners for choosing their project to receive funding. Motion to approve the mini grant awards to the entities listed above and also grant permission to the Solicitor to prepare the agreements for the grant recipients by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to grant Heather Clark, Acting Chief Assessor the authority as Acting Director of the Tax Claim Bureau to execute and deliver all deeds for the Tax Claim Bureau. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich reported on a lawsuit filed by the Republic National Committee that sought a Court Order to prevent assistance voters make any corrections to their mail in ballots such as missing signatures or undated envelopes. The order was not issued with any clarity and stated it is a County issue not the State Court and the County would have jurisdiction. Ms. Bozovich feels that the RNC will file individual County lawsuits.

Ms. Bozovich reported that she participated in the Kick Off Plan for the joint County Comprehensive Plan and that Jodi Brennan has gathered a great group of individuals to assist and represent Clearfield County. The plan will take approximately one year to complete.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Dave McClure, Director of 911; Jeremy Ruffner, 911 Coordinator; Marlene Austin, Executive Director Passages; Josh Woods, Highway Safety Network; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lumadue, Boggs Township residents; Tristan Klinefelter, WTAJ; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Cam Strom and Darin Glass, County IT Department; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 28, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$1,356,12.16; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$737.50; 911 Fund, 9,309.61; Domestic Relations, \$7,965.31; Children & Youth Fund, \$50,732.67. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Jeanine DePalma, Corrections Officer, effective 4/3/23.

Transfers – Jendi Schwab, First Assistant Public Defender to Chief Public Defender, effective 4/10/23.

Heather Clark, Acting Director of Tax Assessment & Claims to Director of Tax Assessment & Claims, effective 4/10/23.

Robert Gallaher, Full-time Corrections Officer to part-time Corrections Officer, effective 4/16/2023.

Separations/Retirements – Jeanine DePalma, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 4/7/23.

Robert Gallaher, corrections Officer/Jail, effective 4/16/23.

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

Public Comment

Old Business – Larry Lumadue attended the meeting to again ask for assistance with the issue of no cell service and spotty landline service in the West Decatur area of Boggs Township. Mr. Lumadue and Commissioner Glass attended the Boggs Township meeting of April 10, 2023 as a representative of Verizon was supposed to be in attendance to address the issues but did not show.

New Business

Marlene Austin attended the meeting to asked that the Board Proclaim April Sexual Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Austin spoke that Passages served over 800 individuals in 2022 and cover Clearfield, Clarion and Jefferson counties with a staff of nine individuals. They offer a 24-hour hotline service, counseling, legal and medical advocacy, prevention and educational services. The Commissioner's thanked Ms. Austin and her staff for the vital service they provide. Motion to adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented the Proclamation for Telecommunicator Appreciation week - April 9-15. Jeremy Ruffner spoke that the County 911 center employees eighteen full-time and five part-time dispatchers. In 2022 the 911 Center handled 110,864 calls, which compute to approximately 300 per day. On Saturday, April 1 the County experienced a windstorm that resulted in widespread power outages, wires and trees down and structure damages, with the 911 center responded to approximately 1100 calls in a 12-hour period that day. Not only did they respond to Clearfield County calls but handled calls for Crawford County as their 911 system was down. Clearfield County 911 provides service to ten police departments, fifteen EMS agencies and thirty-seven fire companies. Dave McClure spoke that they have a great staff and is very proud of the dispatchers. Commissioner Glass thanked Dave, Kylee and Jeremy as administration for stepping up and pitching in when things get rough or they are shorthanded. Motion to

Josh Woods attended the meeting to present the PENNDOT Yellow Dot Program Awareness Declaration. Mr. Woods explained that the Yellow Dot program is a yellow sticker placed on the rear windshield to alert first responders of the occupants in vehicles involved in a crash which includes the participant's name, contact information, emergency contact information, medical history and medications, allergies and the participant's doctors' contact information. A photo – showing only the participant's head and shoulders – is then taped on the spot located in the booklet and placed in the glove compartment of your vehicle. Anyone interested should contact Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program at www.YellowDot.pa.gov to request a kit or call 717-787-6746.

Dave McClure asked the Board to consider agreement with MCM Consulting to conduct a Commodity Flow Study for Clearfield County. The study is required by PEMA every five years and monitors what types of hazardous materials are being moved through the County either by truck, rail or piped. Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve the agreement with MCM pending review and approval by the Solicitor, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Proclamation to name April 22, 2023, as Earth Day and the month of April as Earth Month. The Commissioners will be attending the Bilgers Rocks Earth Day Cleanup on April 22 and will read and present the proclamation. Motion to adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to consider extension of Purchase of Service Agreement with Matt Rose. Mr. Rose previously was employed in the Assessment/Tax Claim Department and left for other employment. Mr. Rose agreed to assist with the Upset Sale on a contracted hourly basis and has agreed to extend his services to the County. Motion to approve the extension of the Purchase of Service Agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to appoint Zane Hensal to the County Planning Commission to a term to end December 31, 2024. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements were approved for the following: Community County Services by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously. Approval of People R' Us, Opportunity by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously. Adkinson Project, approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to consider a Transportation Plan with West Branch School District. The transportation plan is needed so that children in foster care can remain in their own school district during placement. Approval of the transportation plan by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich reported that payments from Tax Sale properties should be mailed out soon, once the paperwork has been completed.

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Jodi Brennan, County Planner; Brittany Blackburn, Amanda Clark, Cody Hepfer, Tammy Ortasic, Children's Aid Society Foster Care Program Staff; Julie Stewart, Downtown DuBois - Interim Director; Dominic Toretti, Downtown DuBois – Intern; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Cameron Stom and Darn Glass, County IT Staff; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 11, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$765,340.36; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$575.00; 911 Fund, \$60,106.34; Communities Development Block Grant, \$1,104,830.41; Domestic Relations, \$4,594.43; Children Youth Services, \$603,189.53; Dues (Pa Conference of State Trial Judges), \$250.00. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Kate Roberts, Temporary part-time Department Clerk II/Elections, effective 4/12/2023.

Kendra Turner, Administrative Assistant/EMA & 911, effective 4/17/2023.

Robert Foust, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 4/17/2023

Allen Myers, part-time Community Service Intern/Probation, effective 4/19/2023

Barry Dimmick, Custodian/Commissioners, effective 5/1/2023

Separations/Retirements – McKaelyn English, Corrections Office/Jail, effective 4/12/2023.

Kendra Turner, Administrative Assistant/EMA & 911, effective 4/19/2023

Madison McCracken, 911 Telecommunicator/911, effective 4/24/2023

Harry Reitmyer, Corrections officer/Jail, effective 5/4/2023

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Brittany Blackburn asked the Board to Proclaim May as National Foster Care Month. Ms. Blackburn spoke that in May the Country comes together to recognize and bring awareness to the children who are in foster care and also the caseworkers, foster parents, advocates and mentors who provide these children with an environment to survive. In Pennsylvania there are approximately 14,000 children in foster care and nationally every 150 seconds a child is placed into foster care and there are more children than foster homes. The Commissioners thanked Brittany and her staff for the job they do to assist with the foster care system. Motion to adopt and approve the Proclamation by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Proclamation naming April 30-May 6 National Small Business Week. Chair Sobel said without small business life would not be as good as it is especially in small towns, small businesses provide goods and services that we need. Motion to approve and adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Julie Stewart gave a presentation of the Downtown DuBois and some of their current activities and also asked the Board to participate in the new “Welcome to DuBois” sign. Ms. Stewart spoke that the Downtown group has been in operation since 2008 and are currently administering a façade grant, flower plantings and are currently conducting a parking survey. Also, over the past five years they placed Hometown Hero’s Banners on light poles along Main and Brady Streets. Ms. Stewart said two new welcome to DuBois signs will along SR119 on both ends of town and have 18 spots to fill on the sign with sponsor names. The Downtown Group have reached out to all of the large employers and the County to participate with placing their sponsor name on the sign, the cost is \$1200/year. Motion to table any action until further review by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Jodi Brennan asked the Board to consider authorizing her to put out a new RFP and issuance of appraisals and settlement/title services for Farmland Preservation. Ms. Brennan explained that the Board previously approved these services by the contract will soon expire. Ms. Brennan said the Farmland Preservation currently has their first application for 122 acres for a farm in Brady Township. A special land agriculture appraisal must be obtained and a title search before any easement funds can be granted to the landowner. The purpose of the program is to maintain the property as agricultural usage. Motion to authorize Ms. Brennan to issue new RFP for appraisals and settlement/title services by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to consider an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Clearfield DFC, LLC, c/o PennMark Management Company. The County leases property at 1700 River Road for storage. The current lease expired on December 31, 2022 and wish to continue the current lease for a year. Approval of the Amendment to Lease Agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a service agreement with Viking Water Technology. Viking provides service of the water treatment chemicals to the boiler at the Courthouse. Approval to execute the agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner

Chair Sobel spoke that members of the Clearfield County Fair and Park Board meet with the Commissioners several weeks ago to ask if the County would consider giving them funds to assist with the cost for the repair/replacement of the roof on the Expo II building. Commissioner Glass explained that the County has been utilizing buildings at the park for jury selection, jury trials, tax sales and other court related functions during COVID and have continued the usage. The Fair & Park Board have been charging us less than market price to rent the facilities and have agreed to lock the current rates in for 18 months if the County agrees to contribute to the project. Chair Sobel suggested a contribution of \$15,000 to assist with the project. Motion to approve the \$15,000 contribution by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report - Solicitor Bozovich reported that the final discovery requests were submitted to one of the election law suits, but wouldn’t expect a decision for a least a few weeks or a couple months.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Dave Gallagher, Warden; Nathan Curry, Clearfield Regional Police – Sargent; Ryan Sayers, District Attorney; Toby Wingard and Al Pierson, ABATE – Clearfield Chapter; Julia Foster, Mary Jones, Lisa Ruffner, Clearfield County League on Social Services; Jeff Corcino, Progress; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, WOKW Radio; Darin Glass, IT interne; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting of April 25, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$4,964,558.19; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$520.50; 911 Fund, \$3,100.46; Communities Development Block Grant, \$3,319.06; Domestic Relations, \$6,807.56; Children Youth Services Fund, \$68,262.56. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel changes

New Hires – Jason Fitzgerald, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 5/1/2023.

Scott Sankey, Part-time Chief Detective/District Attorney’s office, effective 5/10/2023.

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – The Commissioners tabled a request from the Downtown DuBois Association at the previous meeting to participate in having the County named on the new “Welcome to DuBois sign. After discussion it was decided to participate for one year and revisit the matter after that period. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Julia Foster, Mary Jones and Lisa Ruffner attended the meeting to asked the Board to Proclaim Friday, May 12 as National Provider Appreciation Day. The ladies explained that the CCLSS provide services to early learning resources, licensed child care providers, child & adult food resources. They also provide Safe Connections where parents meet to exchange children through custody arrangements or have supervised visitation with parents. Ms. Ruffner spoke of a program where licensed day care providers are offered to go back to college for free if they work in a licensed child care facility at least 25 hours per week. The Commissioner applauded the work that the CCLSS staff does to bring quality child care to the County. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include: Proclaiming May 7-13 as National Corrections Officers Week and May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried.

Warden Gallagher asked the Board to proclaim National Corrections Officer Week, May 7-13. Warden Gallagher speaking from experience as a former corrections officer that he feels one of the most important role in the criminal justice system is a corrections officer. Warden Gallagher said that National Corrections Officer week came about on May 6, 1984 Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation as such. Approval to adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Proclamation for May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Tobey Wingard and Al Pierson attended the meeting to invite everyone to the ABATE's Motorcycle Safety Day on Saturday, May 13 on Market Street in Clearfield. There will be food vendors, motorcycle safety programs and speakers to include the Commissioners and other local government officials. The gentleman also announced the they will be holding a car and motorcycle show at Curwensville Lake on May 27 with all of the proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Motion to adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass asked the Board to Declare May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, Commissioner Glass spoke of his personal experience with Cystic Fibrosis as his sister had CF and passed away and endured many years of sickness that affected her lungs and pancreas. Even though she was the recipient of a lung transplant she still succumbed to complications of CF. Nathan Curry spoke that he was diagnosed with CF at the age of two. Nathan is currently a Sergeant with the Clearfield Regional Police Force and although leads an active life, has to deal with the effects of CF daily. Both Commissioner Glass and Nathan are pleased with the continued research and advancement in treatments and technology that may provide CF patients additional years of life. Motion to name May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners announced the American Rescue Act grants to 501c7 and 501c8 not for profits. The grants criteria was an amount of \$10,000 for Non-profits that did not receive any other COVID or American Rescue funds and a \$5,000 grant to those who had received prior assistance. The following are the recipients and amounts:

\$10,000	Curwensville Moose One Lodge #268
\$10,000	Madera Lodge No. 1172 Loyal Order of Moose
\$10,000	Osceola Memorial VFW Post 5020 and Gold Stripe Club
\$10,000	Olympic Athletic Club
\$10,000	F. Michael Sicks VFW Post 1785
\$5,000	Clearfield Moose Lodge 97
\$5,000	Robert Ferguson VFW Post 842
\$5,000	Morann Citizens Club
\$5,000	Sandy Hose Company No 1

Approval of the grant awards pending receipt of the grant award agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report - Solicitor Bozovich reported that the Assessment/Tax Claim Department are preparing for the Upset Tax Sale and are in need of individuals to post properties.

Announced that Tuesday, May 16, 2023 is the Primary Election.

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

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Glass and Tatum; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier newspapers; Cameron Stom and Darin Glass, IT Department; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 9, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval; General Fund, \$962,880.67; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$701.85; 911 Fund, \$55,388.34; Hotel Tax Fund, \$220,131.20; Communities Development Fund, \$33,163.51; Domestic Relations Fund, \$42,832.42; Children Youth Fund, \$602,931.50. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Laura Coudiret, Housing Specialist/Redevelopment Authority, effective 5/30/23

Alex Striegel, Administrative Assistant/EMA & 911, effective 5/30/23

Separations/Retirements

James Delahanty, Telecommunicator/911 effective 5/10/23

Harry Reitmyer, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 5/26/23

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

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel presented the following Purchase of Service Agreements for approval: Acadia Healthcare, Inc., dba White Deer Run; Families United Network, Inc.; Outside In School of Experiential Education; Mentoring Services (FY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024) Motion to approve the purchase of service agreements by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day and to remember all of our Veterans.

Solicitors Report

Solicitor Bozovich reported that posting of delinquent properties will begin in June. The posting notice will be a bright fluorescent notice. Anyone who receives the notice should contact the Tax Claim Bureau ASAP in the event your property was posted in error.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioner Glass, Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Scott Mignot, Director of EMA; Dave McClure, Director of 911; M/M Larry Lumadue, Boggs Township residents; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Tristan Klinefelter, WTAJ TV; Sabrina Schwartz, Cameron Strom, Darin Glass, IT Department; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk. Commissioner Tatum was excused from the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 23, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$1,307,746.51; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$2,053.64; 911 Fund, \$10,115.70; Records Improvement, \$1,114.40; Communities Development Block Grant, \$694,525.15; Domestic Relations, \$17,881.36; Children Youth Fund, \$314,628.71. approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Ethan Slippey, Corrections Office/Jail, effective 5/30/2023.

Trinity Lovell, Corrections Office/Jail, effective 6/5/2023

Marlene Vrobel, District Judge Secretary/DJ Meholick, effective 6/5/2023

Michael Dunlap, Part-time Deputy Sheriff, effective 6/12/2023

Katelyn Lansberry, Enforcement Officer/DRO, effective 6/13/2023

Christy Robbins-Daub, Assistant Director/Tax Claims and Assessment effective 6/19/2023

Transfers – Avery Gisewhite, Full time Corrections officer to Part-time, effective 6/22/2023

Separations/Retirements

Alexis Striefel, Administrative Assistant/EMA & 911, effective 5/20/2023

Joellyn Stoneberg, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 5/30/2023

Mary Pfeufer, Assistant Director/Tourism, effective 6/1/2023

Barry Dimmick, Custodian/Commissioners, effective 6/5/2023

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

Public Comment- Larry Lumadue

Old Business – None

New Business

Commissioner Glass spoke that the County website needs redesign and the IT department will be providing input with whomever is selected for the design. Motion to approve seeking Requests for Proposals for a new County Website redesign by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Chair Sobel presented a Subrecipient Agreement with Central PA Community Action to administer the Medical Assistance Transportation Program. The appropriation for 2023-2024 is \$1,840,266 with the trip rate being set at \$29.62. Motion to execute the Subrecipient Agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Chair Sobel announced vacancies on the following: Curwensville Lake Board (2); Clearfield County Recreation & Tourism (1); Clearfield County Solid Waste (2). If anyone is interested in serving please contact the Commissioners office either by letter or email, prior to June 26, 2023.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve an agreement with WOKW 102.9FM for advertising the Foster Care Program and also employment opportunities with Children Youth and Family Services. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Chair Sobel presented Purchase of Service agreements with Megan McGee and Brittany McIlvaine as Tax Sale posters for the upcoming tax sale in September. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Chair Sobel presented Professional Service Agreements for Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) for Children Youth Services. Chair Sobel spoke that with the retirement of Dan Bell the former GAL the County is considering employing two attorneys to serve as Guardian Ad Litem for the Children and Youth Department. The Commissioners have discussed the matter with both the Court and CYS Director Smeal and all have agreed that with the increased CYS cases it would better serve the children and CYS with two GAL's. The agreement is for a one year period effective May 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and will automatically renew unless a 30-day termination is received by either party, compensation set at \$20,000/year. Motion to approve hiring Heather Bozovich and Joseph Valenza as Guardian Ad Litem by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Chair Sobel presented Purchase of Service Agreements for Hazmat Team. There is currently a need for some additional help at our EMA department. Twelve individuals have agreed to work with our EMA department as needed at an hourly rate of \$15/hour. The agreements are effective from June 13 to August 22, 2023 and at that time will be reviewed to determine if more hours are necessary. Motion to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Purchase of Service Agreements: Mifflin County Children and Youth, Children's Aid Society (Foster and In home), Concern Professional Services, Pentz Run, Being Beautiful Foundation and a Health Coordination Services Agreement with UPMC for You. Motion to approve the agreements by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Connections. Approval by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel spoke that the County had been considering adopting Resolution 2023-#2 enacting a Countywide Burn Ban. Since that time the County has received substantial rainfall and is expecting additional rain in the next few days. Dave McClure has spoken with the District Forester and he feels that a Burn Ban is not necessary at this time and will keep in contact with him if there is a need in the future. If the County would enact a burn ban we must have the approval of the District Forester and also at least ten County Fire Chiefs, of which we had obtained prior to today. The Board thanked Mr. McClure for all of the work he did contacting the District Forester and County Fire Chiefs. Motion to table adopting Resolution 2023#2 enacting a Countywide Burn Ban by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chairman Sobel; motion carried.

Scott Mignot asked the Board to consider an agreement with McCutcheon Enterprises to act as the County's Hazardous Materials Response team to be filed with PEMA. Approval of the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to contact Verizon and notify them of the County's concern with the condition of their wired infrastructure in the County where there are multiple areas that trees and debris on the wires causing outages, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried

Solicitors Report – Solicitor Bozovich reported that with respect to the Primary Election all of Write In votes have been processed and the winners have been notified and are available on the County website.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Thomas Weber, CEO Prime Care Medical, Inc., Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Darin Glass, IT Intern; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$1,036,398.60; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$380.02; 911 Fund, \$42,202.64; Communities Development Block Grant, \$763.00; Domestic Relations, \$22,268.95; Children & Youth, \$329,792.05. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, Seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Hayley Hunter, F/T Corrections Officer/Jai., effective 6/12/2023

Terri Lewis, F/T Corrections Officer/Jai., effective 6/12/2023

Breanne Spencer, Temporary Part-time Department Clerk II/Prothonotary, effective 6/15/2023

Justine Ogden, Administrative Assistant/EMA & 911, effective 6/26/2023

Emily Ramsey, Caseworker/CYS, effective 6/27/2023

Jacob Smith, Custodian, effective 7/5/2023

Hunter Cowfer, 911 Telecommunicator/911, effective 7/10/2023

Chad Woodring, 911 Telecommunicator/911, effective 7/10/2023

Jeffrey Coble, 911 Telecommunicator/911, effective 7/10/2023.

Transfers – Collin Meeker, F/T Corrections Officer/Jail to 911 Telecommunicator/911, effective 7/10/2023.

Separations/Retirements – Sam Muir, F/T Corrections officer/Jail, effective 6/21/2023

Debbie Myers, Caseworker Supervisor/CYS, effective 6/27/2023

Benjamin Johnson, Enforcement Supervisor/DRO, effective 7/3/2023

Barry Wagner, Security Guard, effective 7/7/2023

Jim Luce, Maintenance Worker, effective 8/01/2023

FMLA/Leave of Absence Requests

Employee 1082, FMLA commencing 6/18/2023 for a period of up to 12 weeks.

Employee 1795, Excused Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence 6/30/2023-8/12/2023

Employee 1446, Intermittent FMLA beginning 6/14/2023

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel presented an addendum with Prime Care for additional staffing services at a cost of \$241,093.34. Currently Prime Care provides the medical services at the County Prison. Mr. Weber explained that the additional staffing will provide an LPN for six hours on both the day and evening shifts. By having the additional nursing staff on site, this will alleviate the corrections staff (CO's) from distributing medication to inmates and reducing the risk of liability to the County. The additional nursing staff will also provide needed medical services on the weekends when previously it was only staffed for four hours on Saturday and Sunday on day shift. Mr. Weber advised that Prime Care contracts with 37 other Counties in Pennsylvania and they have medical staff 24/7. Currently our CO's have stopped passing medications therefore the inmates are not receiving medications timely or consistently. Commissioner Glass spoke that Clearfield County is only one of the 37 counties that Prime Care are contracted with that have no weekend medical staffing. Clearfield County has a large number of weekend intakes and without the weekend medical staffing new inmates are not getting proper and timely medical assessments and medication. Commissioner Glass said no one likes spending this kind of money but things are not like they were 10-20 years ago and there are more medications and more medical needs, specifically mental health and addiction. With the additional services costs of \$241,093.34 will make the total cost to the County with Prime Care \$776,724.42/year. Motion to execute the addendum to the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum, Chair Sobel opposed; motion carried.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a copier lease agreement with Xerox for a copier in the Children & Youth Department. The lease is for 48-months at a cost of \$214/month. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an agreement with Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI). CAI provides fiscal consulting services to the Children Youth Department. The agreement is for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a cost of up to \$42,500 for 500 hours and travel hours of up to 880 at a cost of 58.5/mile, for a total cost of \$43,014.80. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Linkage Agreement(s) with Community Guidance Center for use with Probation and Children & Youth Services. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreement with Crossroads Group Home was approved by motion to Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Commissioner Glass spoke that it was recently announced by the Federal Government that Pennsylvania will be receiving 1.16 billion of funding for broadband expansion. The County is currently working on gathering information to utilize the 200 million in Statewide grants to assist with broadband expansion. The Commissioners believe that next year Counties will be competing for the 1.16 billion for their own projects as will Clearfield County.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Stewart, Deputy Controller; Jodi Brennan, County Planner; Alan Walker and Andy Spencer, Clearfield Smart Park, LLC., Kim Bloom, citizen; Dennis Biancuzzo, Commissioner Candidate; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; WTAJ, WJAC; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of June 27, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$8,268,213.06; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$3,858.56; Hazardous Materials Funds, \$201.40; 911 Fund, \$2,210.03; Records Improvement, \$11,864.00; Domestic Relations, \$3,449.16; Children & Youth, \$21,335.10. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Gene Kriner, Part-time Security Guard, effective 7/5/2023

Collin Meeker, 911 Telecommunicator/911, effective 7/10/2023

Separations/Retirements – Collin Meeker, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 6/23/2023

Warren Mikesell, Part-time Assistant District Attorney, effective 7/3/2023

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

Public Comment – Dennis Biancuzzo spoke that the County Website is out of date and needs updated. Mr. Biancuzzo also noted that the Commissioner Meeting minutes are not being posted on the website in a timely manner. Mr. Biancuzzo would also like to see the Financial Statements of the County posted on the County website as well along with the County Audits. Commissioner Glass responded with respect to the County website that there is currently an RFP out for a new website design and replacement.

Old Business – None

New Business

Jodi Brennan asked the Board to consider approval of an appraisal agreement with Bolt Ag Appraisals. Ms. Brennan explained that the County received their first Farmland Preservation application from the Kennis Farm in Brady Township and the appraisal is needed to move forward with the application. Ms. Brenna said the cost of the appraisal is \$2,000 and will be paid by the County and then reimbursed by the State. Approval of the agreement with Bolt Ag Appraisals by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried.

Commissioners Glass announced that two additional Non-profit grant awards will be made to Harmony Grange and BPO 540-Clearfield in the amounts of \$5,000. These payouts are additional to the grants awarded previously, as additional information was needed. Motion to approve the payments by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel spoke that the County has been asked to serve as the applicant (pass through) for monies from EDA for a feasibility study to construct a green energy/ smart park industrial park in Clearfield County to be constructed by Clearfield County Smart Park LLC. Alan Walker spoke on behalf of Clearfield County Smart Park LLC. Mr. Walker spoke of how Clearfield County economy was previously built on its natural resources such as coal, clay and timber and these resources employed thousands of workers throughout the County. But since the country is moving away from fossil fuel energy, Mr. Walker would like to build a potential green energy/smart industrial park in the eastern part of the County. Mr. Walker is currently negotiating with two Korean battery manufacturers, who could possibly bring 200 jobs per company to the County. Commissioner Glass asked if there are plans for utilizing the proposed solar farms that are being proposed for the same area. Mr. Walker responded that there is potential for tying these projects together. Mr. Walker is asking that the County agree to be the pass through entity for a \$110,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and Clearfield County Smart Park LLC. will provide the \$110,000 matching funds. The grant funds will be used for a feasibility study to focus on the local economy. Commissioner Tatum said the plan is incredibly visionary and logical and make sense to be at the forefront. Chair Sobel said he is looking forward to the possibility of the new manufacturers and the jobs. Jodi Brennan spoke that this vision is what is needed while updating the County comprehensive plan and it is a great opportunity for the County. Jodi will be working closely with North Central Pa Regional Development Commission (NC) putting together the grant application once approved by the Commissioners. Motion to authorize Ms. Brennan and Clearfield County Planning Commission to work with NC to make the grant application for the feasibility study on behalf of Clearfield County Smart Park LLC., to construct a green energy/ smart park industrial park in Clearfield County by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for consider of appointments to the following: Clearfield County Recreation and Tourism Authority (CCRTA); Curwensville Lake Board; County Library Board. Commissioner Glass made a motion to appoint Jodi August to the CCRTA, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Glass made a motion to appoint Karen Vehdeffer-Rubbe to the Curwensville Lake Authority, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Tatum made a motion to appoint Mary Jane Sherman to the County Library Board, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve an agreement with Child Advocacy Center of Clearfield County. Approval by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel, Commissioner Tatum abstained due to conflict; motion carried.

Purchase of Service Agreements were approved for Cornell Abraxas and Merakey Pennsylvania by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner glass; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioner Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Joe Woods, Military Order of Purple Hearts; Diane Byers, Progress/Courier; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Darin Glass, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk. Commissioner Tatum was excused from the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting of July 11, 2023 were approved by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$1,575,711.09; Liquid Fuels, \$3,679.38; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$7,547.67; 911 Fund, \$11,372.41; Hotel Tax Fund, \$3,748.51; Communities Development Block Grant, \$90,586.30; Domestic Relations, \$9,305.10; Children Youth Services Fund, \$548,893.78. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Peggy Dixon, Security/Commissioners, effective 7/17/2023.

Todd Stiles, Correction Officer/Jail, effective 7/24/2023.

Transfers – Marianne Herres, Administrative Assistant/Controller to District Judge

Secretary/Magistrate Morris, effective 7/31/2023

Separations/Retirements

Haley Hunter, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 7/13/2023.

Jacob Smith, Custodian/Commissioners, effective 7/21/2023

Mark Dobrosky, Conference Officer/DRO, effective 7/26/2023

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

Public Comment - None

Old Business – None

New Business

Joe Woods attended the meeting to request support from the Commissioners for renaming the bridge over Sandy Lick Creek, in Sandy Township after Brad Wilson. In 2013 while serving a warrant Trooper Wilson was shot in the line of duty and although Trooper Wilson survived he is now a quadriplegic. Mr. Woods has the support of Troop C of Punxsutawney, Sandy Township and the City of DuBois to the renaming. Motion to approve the request to the renaming by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to appoint Jeff Wriglesworth to the Farmland Preservation Board. Mr. Wriglesworth will be filling the unexpired term of Bob Edwards. Motion to approve the appointment by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Purchase of Service Agreement with Bryanna Casher. Ms. Casher will be “posting” properties for the upcoming tax sale. Motion to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an agreement for Court appearances Policy and Fee Schedule with Centre Counseling & Wellness (Celina Grassmyer, Ph.D). Ms. Grassmyer provides services for Children Youth & Family Services. Approval of the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an agreement with Experian. Solicitor Bozovich explained that Experian provides the required credit reports for foster parents/families. Approval of the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements were approved for the following: Justice Works Youth Care; Valliere & Counseling Associates; Summit School, Inc. Motion by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Commissioner Glass spoke that there is the possibility of a potential broadband provider that could bring service to municipalities that are underserved or not at all. Commissioner Glass has set up meetings with the municipalities, to ask for their support with the project.

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

Motion to reconvene by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried.

Solicitor Bozovich reminded the Board of canceling the August 8, 2023 meeting and authorizing the Controller to be able to pay bills until the meeting of August 22, 2023.

Approval to authorize Controller Edwards to pay bills prior to the August 22, 2023 meeting by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to cancel the Commissioner and Salary Board meetings of August 8, 2023 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Chair Sobel; motion carried unanimously.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Dave McClure, 911 Director; Jeremy Ruffner, 911 Coordinator; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Jessica Shirey, gandtdaily.com; Darin Glass, IT Intern; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of July 25, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$9,602,749.14; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$8,924.99; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$7,994.36; 911 Fund, \$419,038.66; Hotel Tax Fund, \$281,509.02; Record Improvement Fund, \$17,500; Communities Development Block Grant, \$55,481.82 Domestic Relations, \$5,425.30; Children Youth Services, \$734,368.44. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Mark Hatten, Temporary part-time Telecommunicator/911, effective 8/8/23

Alexandria Goodrow, part-time Department Clerk II/Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts, effective 8/14/23

Richard Kizer, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 8/14/23

Shianne Rice, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 8/14/23

Sherry McClain, Administrative Assistant/Controller, effective 8/21/23

Scott Muirhead, Assistant Director/Tourism, effective 8/28/23

Transfer – April Krause, Conference Supervisor/Domestic Relations, effective 8/7/23

Amy Samsel, Legal Secretary III/District Attorney to Administrative Assistant/Jail, effective 9/18/23

Leslie Smeal, Administrator/CYS to Caseworker/CYS, effective 8/21/23

FMLA – Employee 1795, requesting an excused, unpaid medical leave 6/12/23 to 12/18/23.

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Chair Sobel presented a Memorandum of Agreement with CYS Caseworker Teamsters Union. Commissioners Glass and Tatum spoke that we are currently at 50% staff in our Children Youth Department and have been unable to hire caseworkers at the current hourly rate of \$15.20. It was decided to reopen the current union contract and increase the starting wage at \$18.00/hour for new hires. Those new hires will also pay higher premiums and deductibles with the health insurance. The contract has now been extended to December 31, 2027 from December 31, 2025. The Commissioners agreed that it is important to take care of our most vulnerable children. Motion to execute the Memorandum of Agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a Data Sharing Agreement between the County and PA Department of Human Services for the Child Welfare Information System (CWIS) for usage by Children Youth and Family Services. Approval by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements for the following were presented for approval: New Journey Counseling, LLC, New Way Youth Services, Appalachian Youth Services, Pathway Adolescent Center, Inc., Life Span Family Services of PA. Approval of the agreements by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Ruffner updated the Board that the Ferguson Township Communications Tower went online August 10, 2023 and has provided a much-needed communication boost for the Curwensville, Grampian and Hyde areas for first responders.

Commissioner Glass announced that the Commissioners will be holding broadband forums throughout the County in the next week with several of the townships. The purpose is to assist local municipalities with preparing feedback for the Broadband Infrastructure Project (BIP) grant applications that may impact our area.

Forums will be held: Thursday, August 24, 6PM at the Starlight Restaurant in Mahaffey
Tuesday, August 29, 6PM at the Madera Fire Hall
Wednesday, August 30, 6PM at the Morris Township Municipal Building
Thursday, August 31, 6PM at River's Landing event center in Clearfield

Solicitors Report – Solicitor Bozovich announced that the Upset Tax Sale will be held on September 22, 2023. Payments for delinquent taxes are not taken the day of the sale and that all interested purchasers must preregister.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Lisa Kovalick, Director of Redevelopment; Bobbie Johnson and Steve Harmic, Mature Resources; Oliva Luzier, James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center; Sheree Guelich, Clearfield Jefferson Veteran Suicide Prevention Initiative ; Brittany Reonason, Veterans Advocate; Charlie Lombardo, citizen; Cam Stomm and Darin Glass, County IT Department; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 22, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$5,097,677.26; Hazardous Materials, \$1,520.73; 911 Fund, \$17,187.66; Records Improvement Fund, \$403.70; Communities Development Block Grant, \$66,364.02; Domestic Relations Fund, \$2,535.59; Children Youth Fund, \$170,904.52. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Martin Livingston, Part-time Security Guard, effective 9/5/2023

Megan O’Leary Part-time District Judge Secretary/DJ Nevling, effective 9/5/2023

Teresa Cigic, District Judge Secretary/DJ Meholic, effective 9/5/2023.

Michael Perna, Custodian/Commissioners, effective 9/5/2023.

Marlie Olson, Legal Secretary III/District Attorney’s Office, effective 9/7/2023.

Transfers – Trudy Lumadue, Assistant District Attorney to CYS Administrator, effective 9/11/2023.

Amy Samel, Legal Secretary III/District Attorney’s Office to Administrative Assistant/Jail, effective 9/12/2023

Separations/Retirements – Robert Gallaher, Part-time Corrections Officer, effective 8/21/2023.

Shianne Rice, Corrections Officer/Jail, effective 8/28/2023.

Gene Kriner, Part-time Security Guard, effective 8/30/2023.

Christine Irwin, Legal Secretary III/Public Defenders Office, effective 9/2/2023.

Public Comment: Charlie Lombardo spoke on the recent issue at the County jail where three inmates overdosed with one dying and why the jail is not performing cavity searches to prevent the drugs from being brought in to the jail. Mr. Lombardo pointed the blame on the Warden and said he should take responsibility for what goes on at the jail. Mr. Lombardo believes the County is moving in the right direction with purchasing scanning equipment to check for drugs.

Old Business - None

New Business

Chair Sobel introduced Sheree Guelich and Brittany Reonason who asked the Board to Proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Month in conjunction with the Clearfield Jefferson Veteran Suicide Prevention Initiative. Ms. Guelich said that each day 17 veterans die by suicide and are hoping with the assistance of their group they can help to prevent even just one suicide. Ms. Reonason spoke that she is a veteran and also a survivor due to her husband who was a former veteran who died by suicide. The ladies hope to bring awareness to mental health and suicide where individuals will feel comfortable speaking about their issues and getting the help they need. Motion to Proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Month by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel introduced Bobbie Johnson who requested that the Board Proclaim September as National Kinship Caregiver Month. Ms. Johnson provided statistics that in 2017 in Clearfield County nearly half of grandparents were raising grandchildren and those numbers have likely increased in six years. On September 30 from 11:00-3:00 Mature Resources and Penn State Extension will be holding a Family Fair and hopes that kinship families will attend, enjoy the festivities and learn about resources that can help them succeed in caring for these children. Motion to Proclaim September as National Kinship Caregiver Month by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Kovalick asked the Board to consider Resolution 2023-#4 DCED application in the amount of \$475,000 for Existing Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab HOME Program and provided the following information:

“On Behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of Clearfield County, the Clearfield County Commissioner are applying to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for approximately \$475,000 in HOME funding. The objective here is prevention of blighted housing this is our focus and it will be targeted across the county. This funding will assist homeowners with critical housing repairs to increase their safety and physical well-being. Housing repairs may include: roofing, windows, doors, siding, new electrical wiring, plumbing, removal of mold, installing smoke alarms, testing and treatment for radon, repair or replacement of foundations, porches and steps.

Statistics show approximately 36% of Clearfield County’s housing stock was built in 1939 or earlier, 37% built between 1940-1979, 22% built between 1980-1999, with the remaining 5% built 2000 or later. Almost three quarters of Clearfield County’s housing stock is 50 plus years old while over a third of the housing is 72 plus years old.

We have conducted housing and blight studies conducted over the last 6 years, and we know that there are seniors and families that need the help to keep up with repairs needed so we are apply for these HOME funds to help.

While there is not magic wand to wave, it is our hope this prevention strategy will assist homeowners address their housing repair needs, that they may not be able to take care of otherwise. The mission of RACC to revitalize neighborhoods, to promote safe, healthy and prosperous communities in Clearfield County.

With over 170 individuals on our housing rehabilitation waiting list. At this time we are not seeking applicants until those we have on the list have been served.”

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#4 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kovalick asked the Board to consider approval of the Clearfield County Human Services Plan and provided the following spending plan:

Mental Health Services

Community Connections of Clearfield & Jefferson Counties has submitted their 23-24 planned expenditures to help a total of 2,777 individuals with \$2,929,300 in Federal & State Funds. This is a decrease from last year of approx. 1,000 individuals

Intellectual Disabilities

Proposes to serve 96 individuals with Case Management, Community-Based and other Services with \$1,944,830 in federal state and count funding.

Homeless Assistance Services

With the federal government issuing Emergency Rental Assistance funds, the County will focus on assisting Homeless Shelters within the County. \$57,920 will go towards the administration of the program, and assisting homeless shelters, and rental assistance.

Substance Use Disorder Services

The Clearfield Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission continues to see a need for in County Rehabilitation facilities. With \$445,240 in Act 52 and BHSI funding from federal & state funding we propose to serve 95 individuals.

Humans Services Development Fund

These funds will provide Generic Services to assist homeless with transportation of \$3,330.00. Safe visitation and exchanges for children victim of Domestic Violence. The League on Social Services will provide this service for approximately 20 victims with \$15,103. Home Delivered Meals, Intakes and Information and Referral services in the amount of \$8,470. HSDF funds transferred to CCCJC is 21,180 and CJD&AC is \$25,000. The County will be conducting a Human Service Needs Assessment to help identify needs and gaps in services of this fiscal funding year.

Motion to approve the County Human Services Development Plan by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Diakon - SWAN Lutheran Social Ministries. SWAN provides paralegal services to the County CYS department. The First Amendment provides that the agreement may be renewed automatically for (2) six-month periods from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Motion to execute the agreement by Commissioner

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the Supervision Fee Funds Agreement. Supervision Fee funds are collected from defendants and remitted to the State and then a portion of those funds are returned for usage by the County Probation Department. Motion to approve the agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the Online Dog Licensing System Renewal Agreement. The Dog Licensing System is utilized by the County Treasurers office. The agreement is for a two-year period and automatic renewal for the remaining three years. Motion to execute the agreement by Commission Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve the School Base Probation Program Agreement with Clearfield Area School District. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel announced the reappointments of Tyler Hicks, Farmer Director and Mike Gill, Public Director to the County Conservation District. Commissioner Glass spoke that both Tyler and Mike do a great job for the CCD and is happy they wish to remain on the Board. Motion to make the reappointments by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented Resolution 2023#3 for the Sale of Surplus County property. The County will be offering for sale three vehicles, three guns and a aluminum ramp. The guns and vehicles will be offered to the employees first due to the value being under \$2,000. The ramp will be advertised for public purchase as is estimated to be over \$2,000. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#3 by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass made a motion to amend the agenda to include consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters 205/Non-Professional Residual Employees, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glass explained that the County approached the Teamsters for permission to create part-time maintenance positions for the County. The previous maintenance position is vacant due to the retirement of Jim Luce and the County has had no success in finding a candidate to replace Mr. Luce that would be interested in a full-time position. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) permits the County create two part-time maintenance Worker positions. Motion to approve the MOA with the Teamsters by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report – None

Commissioner Sobel announced that the Irvona Fire Company will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary and will be hold festivities on September 15 & 16.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, County Solicitor; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Dennis Biancuzzo, Commissioner Candidate; Anthony Yankevich, citizen; David Gallagher, Warden; Lois Richards, Kerrie Wood and Allissa Lumadue, Curwensville Woman's Club; Jacob Michael, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Yvonne Lehmann, Radio WOKW; Darin Glass, IT; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 12, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$941,162.05; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$5,140.57; 911 Fund, \$128,196.66; Communities Development Block Grant, \$46,756.03; Domestic Relations Fund, \$6,146.90; Children Youth Fund, \$550,043.98. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Robert Yebernetsky, Maintenance/Commissioners, effective 9/18/2023

Morgan Turner, Caseworker/CYS, effective 9/25/2023

Kate Roberts, Part-time, Department Clerk II/Elections, effective 9/28/2023

Betsy McDermott, Tipstaff/Courts, effective 10/2/2023

Transfers – Crystal Vicklund, Caseworker to Caseworker Supervisor/CYS, effective 9/10/23

Laura Sherwood, Caseworker to Caseworker Supervisor/CYS, effective 9/10/2023.

Separations/Retirements -Marlie Olson, Legal Secretary III/District Attorney's office, effective 9/13/2023.

Kenneth Pennington, Part-time Assistant Public Defender, effective 9/15/2023.

Robert Yebernetsky, Maintenance/Commissioners, effective 9/20/2023

Tami Fees, Part-time Assistance Public Defender, effective 9/29/2023.

FMLA – Employee 1759, FMLA request 9/22/2023-10/9/2023

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

Public Comment

Dennis Biancuzzo spoke that the 2021 Annual Financial Report is not posted on the County website and that the 2022 Annual Report is not posted nor has not been completed. He also discussed the fact that since 2017-2019 the County has an accumulated a 6.2 million dollar surplus, which is prior to COVID and American Rescue/Cares funds being received. Mr. Biancuzzo also said that there is \$10.7 million dollars in an unrestricted account where that money could be used to pay employees a higher wage and reduce taxes.

Anthony Yankevich spoke that the County has had surpluses in the General Fund and have accumulated over 10 million dollars. He pointed out that taxes were raised from years 2015 through 2019 from 18.5 to the current millage of 25 mills. Mr. Yankevich accused the Board of over taxing the County Tax payers.

Mr. Yankevich also questioned who would be hired for the interim IT Director position that was voted on at the Salary Board meeting (prior to the Commissioner meeting) and made an accusation that it would be a relative of Commissioner Glass since he abstained from the vote. Chair Sobel spoke that no one has been hired for the position.

Old Business - None

New Business

Lois Richards asked the Board to Proclaim September 30, 2023 as National Day of Service. Ms. Richards explained that the Curwensville Woman's Club will be supporting the National Day of Service by supporting the local food bank and will be collecting food on that week in Curwensville at Goodman's Foodliner. Motion to adopt the proclamation by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to approve an Engagement Agreement with Reschini Group for the 2023 Affordable Care Act Employer Reporting. The County contracts with Reschini to provide the employees with tax information with respect to health insurance. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented Resolution 2023-#5 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus County Property. Solicitor Bozovich explained that the Solid Waste Authority will be placing for sale with MunciBid a 2021 Ford Ranger that is no longer needed for the Illegal Dumping Program. The minimum bid will be \$24,000. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#5 by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried.

Chair Sobel asked the Board to consider a copier lease agreement with Doing Better Business for a copier to be used by the Domestic Relations Department. The lease includes eight copiers and three printers at a cost of \$1,173.30/month for 36-months. Motion to approve the lease by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented Transportation Plans with DuBois and West Branch Area School Districts. The transportation plans are in place so that foster children can remain in their home school district. Motion to execute the transportation plans with DuBois and West Branch Area School Districts by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Service Agreements were approved for the following: Community Specialists Corporation, Community County Services, Inc., Keystone Adolescent Center, Inc. Approval by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to authorize bidding of the ballot printing precinct-specific optical scan Election Day Ballots, Absentee/Mail-in Ballots, Provisional ballots, and Test Ballots primary for elections to be held in 2024 and 2025. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel began discussion on the need to purchase a body scanner for the County Jail. Commissioners Tatum and Glass, Warden Gallagher and members of the Prison Board had a demonstration by STVS. Commissioner Tatum spoke that she was impressed with how precise the scanner was by utilizing a low dose Xray and is also easy to use and train. Commissioner Glass said he also feels it is a good system the displays of contraband was easily

recognized. Warden Gallagher said the machine is not a catch all but a catch a lot and no such thing as perfect and this is a tool that is available to us and the need is there. Chair Sobel said after some research it was found that the County would be able to utilize Opioid Settlement funds for 50% of the purchase of the equipment and also American Rescue Act monies. Chair Sobel said if we are going to fight the drug problem in the County we need to start at the jail to keep drugs out of the jail for the safety of the inmates and the staff. Motion to approve the purchase of the scanner from STVS HT3000SV at a cost of \$130,000 by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report - None

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk

The regular meeting of the Clearfield County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM with Chair Sobel conducting the meeting. The following were in attendance: Commissioners Tatum and Glass; Heather Bozovich, Solicitor; Rob Edwards, Controller; Andrea Smith, Deputy Controller; Corey Johnson, Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC; Bo Stiver, Counselor Advocate - Crossroads; Dennis Biancuzzo, Commissioner Candidate; Anthony Yankevich, citizen; Joe Marino, citizen; Jeff Corcino, Progress/Courier; Jessica Shirey, gantdaily.com; Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk; Cameron Stomm And Darin Glass, IT Department.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 26, 2023 were approved by motion of Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Controller Edwards presented the following bills for approval: General Fund, \$338,793.75; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$2,053.55; Hazardous Materials Fund, \$577.86; 911 Fund, \$53,988.87; Communities Development Block Grant, \$43,089.16; Domestic Relations Fund, \$14,852.84; Children & Youth Fund, \$117,25.14. Approval of the bills by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Changes

New Hires – Larry Haversack, maintenance Worker/Commissioners, effective 9/29/2023.

Tammy McGary, Legal Secretary III/District Attorney's Office, effective 10/9/2023.

Jennifer Stephens, Department Clerk II/Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, effective 10/24/2023.

Transfers – Tami Fees, Part-time Assistant Public Defender to Assistant District Attorney, effective 10/2/2023.

Mallery Jones, Legal Secretary II to Legal Secretary III/Public Defenders office.

Morgan Young, Department Clerk II/Prothonotary to Legal Secretary II/Public Defenders Office, effective 10/9/2023

FMLA – Employee 1157, FMLA request beginning 10/27/2023 for up to 8 weeks.

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

Public Comment

Dennis Biancuzzo attended the meeting to ask again why the 2021 Annual Fiscal report has still not been placed on the County website.

Anthony Yankevich spoke about the surpluses in the County budget that he sees as being hidden from the County Tax payers. Yankevich reported that the County had fund balances of 4.2 million in 2017, 3.3 million in 2018, 5.9 million in 2019, 10.2 million in 2020 and 11.4 million in 2021 and these numbers correlate with unnecessary tax increases.

Joe Marino requested that his public comment time be yielded to Mr. Yankevich but his request was denied by Chair Sobel. He then asked about the Commissioners attempt to raise the common level ratio and stated he felt this was an attempt to overtax and underserve.

Corey Johnson addressed the group and explained that Annual DCEC report that is due July 1 of every year and felt he was looking at preaudit figures prior to the audited figures. He said the 2017 the unrestricted fund balance was only \$350,000. He said that \$350,000 is not good and with one lawsuit, one tragedy or one stroke of bad luck away from a complete disaster and at that time the County was at the millage cap. He said your fund balance should be 15%-20% of current year expenditures. He explained that the unrestricted fund balance are funds that are available at the Commissioners discretion to utilize. He said from 2017 to 2018 the unrestricted fund balance went from \$350,000 to \$1.7 million, and from 2018 to 2019 it went down a little to \$1.65 million. In 2020 the County received COVID, CARES and American Rescue Plan Funds, but by law those funds are not permitted to reduce taxes. He noted that out of 41 counties that they audit Clearfield County is one of two counties that have little or no debt. Mr. Johnson also said that no one is hiding money and now the operating reserve funds are included in the General Fund. Mr. Johnson said that the 2021 audit has not been completed at this time because his firm lost some key staff, but the 2021 and 2022 audits should be completed in a few weeks.

Commissioner Glass spoke that after the last meeting had conversations with Controller Edwards the auditors and talked internally and couldn't find any evidence of hidden funds from 2017-2020 when he started as commissioner. He said in those years there was so little cash on hand that the county had to take out loans to pay the bills. Commissioner Glass said having that from the beginning of the year until the end approximately April 1 the County needs to have \$4-\$5 million dollars to cover payroll, regular bills and emergencies. Having \$5-\$8 million dollars at the end of a year should be a goal.

Commissioner Glass also addressed Mr. Yankevich's accusation of nepotism where his son Darin Glass was hired as an IT Intern. Mr. Glass explained that he had nothing to do with Darin's hiring and actually barred Darin from applying for the intern position. But after months where no one applied for the intern position Darin applied and was interviewed by the IT Department and the Commissioners (excluding Commissioner Glass). His hourly rate was discussed and set and voted on by the Salary Board with Commissioner Glass abstaining.

Commissioner Tatum spoke that she has not been in office for a year yet, but has never had Her fellow Commissioners are ethical and above reproach and are more than willing to sit down and explain things in a way that people can understand or comprehend. As for the IT Department Commissioner Glass had no idea what was going on with the IT Department positions and recused himself because he remained above reproach and would not vote on something that he was not informed of.

Chair Sobel confirmed that Darin Glass was the only person that applied for the IT Intern position that was posted for six months at several colleges with no applications being received.

Old Business - None

New Business

Chief Clerk McFadden asked to give a shout out to the Jayna Vicary's Welding Class at the Clearfield County Career and Technology Welding program for their assistance in welding and repairing signs used for Elections.

Bo Stiver attended the meeting to ask the Board to Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Stiver reported that in 2022-2023 Crossroads has handled 444 victims and spent over 1500 hours with victims. Commissioner Tatum spoke that Crossroads also assists at the Child Advocacy Center when they have child victims of violence and thanked them for all that they do. Motion to Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented Resolution 2023-#6 Authorizing the Execution of the Reimbursement Agreement between the Commonwealth of PA and the County. The Reimbursement Agreement will be used for the removal of the Kellytown and Leonard Street Bridges if funding is needed. Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-#6 by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Clearfield Area School District for a Transportation Procedures Agreement. The agreements are in place for transportation of foster children to their home schools. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel asked for motion to approve a copier lease with Doing Better Business for use in the Register and Recorder's Office. The lease is for 36 months at a cost of \$166.62/month. Motion to execute the lease agreement by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel called for a motion to consider the appointment of Angela Ireland to the Curwensville Lake Board. Approval by motion of Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Sobel presented an agreement with Lawrence Township Supervisors. Chief Clerk McFadden explained that there is excavating work that is needed at jail. The areas between the visitor and employee entrances where the ditches are overgrown and are not draining properly. The agreement provides for goods and services and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023. Motion to approve the agreement by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tatum presented an Agreement with Martha Lask Consulting LLC for coaching and leadership services for CYS. Ms. Tatum explained that Ms. Lask will be providing coaching services to our new leaders at CYS and hopes for better success and outcomes for the children. Motion to execute the agreement with Martha Lask Consulting LLC by Commissioner Glass, seconded by Commissioner Tatum; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of a Purchase of Service Agreement with Centre County Youth Service Bureau by Commissioner Tatum, seconded by Commissioner Glass; motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report - Solicitor Bozovich reported that RFP's were due today for the County Website redesign. Ms. Bozovich advised that the IT Department will review the RFP and report back to the Commissioners for approval.

Commissioner Sobel said one RFP was received from Civicengage in the amount of \$23,629 for year one with annual recurring services.

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

Lisa McFadden, Chief Clerk