

December 1, 2009

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were SEDA-COG representative Jamie Shrawder, members of the public Clair L. Bair, Jr., Karen Imes and Gabby Fisher, Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn, Times Reporter Paulette Forry and Lewistown Sentinel Reporter Micaiah Bilger .

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Zimmerman. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the November 17 meeting were approved after an amendment identifying Gabby Fisher as Director of a day care center and not the owner.

Fisher questioned the commissioners as to when she can expect the next check for operation of the day care center she directs. Commissioner Zimmerman indicated the County is waiting for CCIS to submit the information and is expecting that to happen within the week. Fisher asked if the commissioners have met to try to find a permanent solution. Commissioner Zimmerman stated the Board has made contact with a local organization and is expecting additional contact from them this week. DPW has been made aware of the steps taken to date and the Board has agreed on the direction they want to explore.

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a recommendation by Shrawder to move FFY2008 CDBG funds in the amount of \$142,628.31 from Housing Rehab to the Walnut Sewer System Project and FFY 2009 CDBG funds in the amount of \$16,358.38 from the Third Street Water/Sewer Line Project to the Walnut Sewer System Project to help fund a possible project shortfall of \$558,055.00. An H2O grant application is also being considered to help defray the shortfall.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified CDBG checks –

#379	SEDA-COG	\$1,000.00
#380	SEDA-COG	5,380.00
#381	SEDA-COG	25,400.00
#382	H.R. Charles Excavating	12,589.62
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified a contract with ES&S for the election recount at a cost of \$5,967.15. The State will reimburse the County \$50 per precinct.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, re-appointed Irma Weimer to serve a 3-year term on the MH/MR/ EI Citizen Advisory Board. Her term will commence December 1, 2009 and end November 30, 2012.
- On motion of Zimmerman/O'Neal and unanimously carried, agreed there will be no cost of living adjustment for current retirees.
- On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a directive to the Solicitor for solicitation of bids for the 2010 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$2 million dollars. The bids will be opened at the December 22 meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Walker Township.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the Homeless Assistance Program Assurance of Compliance.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved an Agreement with Mifflin/Juniata Human Services Department to grant \$4,287.00 to that department to assist in grant administration.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved an Agreement with Shelter Services, Inc. to provide case management for approximately 15 individuals in the amount of \$9,902.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved an Agreement with Shelter Services, Inc. in the amount of \$7,900.00 to provide emergency mass shelter for approximately 28 individuals.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved an Agreement with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 to grant \$5,700.00 to assist in the literacy program for approximately 10 individuals.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a contract with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11 to grant \$15,076 to assist in the self-sufficiency case management program for 50 individuals.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Purchase of Service Agreements, submitted by Children and Youth, with – Agency Solicitors John Mort, Andrew Winder, Brian “Bo” Baker and Chrystal Prosser; Guardian Ad Litem Barb Wevodau, Steven Manbeck, Brian “Bo” Baker, John McCollough, Andrew Winder, Kevin Prosser, Ralph Germak, Nancy Searer and John Mort; Technology Consultant Cutting Edge Computers; Translator Martha S. Bowersox,.

Commissioner Shelley gave an update on a meeting he attended at the annual CCAP conference. Penn State submitted a publication – Road to Growth -which highlights the various counties' growth and jobs gained or lost from 2001 – 2007. Juniata County's employment increased 8.7% for an increase in jobs of 514. The population increased during that period 1.5% or 397 people. Health care and services increased by 34, manufacturing 150 food services 168 and construction 85. Retail jobs decreased by 150 and finance decreased by 23.

Commissioner O'Neal also attended the CCAP conference and reported that she will be chairing the Courts and Corrections Committee next year. She attended those meetings as well as a Nutrient Credit Trading session, a live video conference concerning transparency in government, Counties and Community Health Centers and an Energy Efficiency session.

Commissioner Zimmerman reported the Courthouse renovations are progressing with work being done on the roof. The weathervane has been removed. The next construction meeting will be held next week at 11:00 a.m.

Bair questioned progress on the interior work of the Courthouse. Zimmerman indicated the interior work is on track and within the original time frame.

O'Neal stated the budget is now on display on the County's website.

For clarification, Fisher was told that November checks are still due. The checks recently disbursed were for September and October. In a telephone conversation, DPW has agreed to fund through December.

Salary Board

No business was brought before the Board.

Retirement Board

No business was brought before the Board.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted for approval

Sherlyn Mosebey