

April 6, 2010

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were members of the public Clair Bair, Jr. and Steve Zeiders, 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/Zimmerman, the Minutes of the March 30th meeting were approved as submitted.

Zeiders questioned the Commissioners as to whether they had contacted an attorney to see if they could rebid portions of the Courthouse renovations project. Commissioner Zimmerman stated they are nearing the end of the contract and it may be fiscally ill advised to do so. Zeiders suggested in future contracts the Commissioners include a percentage a contractor could "go over" their bid. Commissioner Zimmerman stated he will check to see if it is possible to include such a provision.

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Act 148 invoices for the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 submitted by Children and Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a recommendation from the Records Improvement Fund Committee to purchase 3 computers for the Prothonotary's Office at a total cost of \$2,002.82. The purchase will be funded by the Records Improvement Fund.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a recommendation from the Records Improvement Fund Committee to purchase a UPS system for the Courthouse Telephone Room at a cost of \$525.44. The purchase will be funded by the Records Improvement Fund.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Housing Rehab checks –
#213 Michael Felmlee General Contracting \$4,100.00
#214 Michael Felmlee General Contracting 4,800.00

Commissioner O'Neal gave a brief update on the 2010 Census. Currently the National return rate stands at 60%, the State at 65% and Juniata County 65% but there is still time to be counted. In 2000 the return rate for Juniata County was 74%.

Salary Board

- No action was taken.

Retirement Board

- No action was taken.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Zimmerman, Shelley and O'Neal, Accounting Consultant Lonnie Snyder and Times Reporter Paulette Forry present.

The purpose of reconvening was to discuss the monthly financial statements and determine the status of the County budget. Snyder noted that as of March 31, the County had borrowed \$1,352,975.00 for the Courthouse renovations and spent \$1,337,553.00. The fund balance at the end of February was \$2,458,000.00.

The Treasurer will be notified that the Monthly Detailed Expenditure Reports are to include payroll. Also the Treasurer will compile either monthly or quarterly departmental reports to be distributed to all department heads.

"Flagging" items that are over budget and as to who will be responsible for those flagged items will be determined. The Solicitor will be contacted to give a legal opinion as to the process should a department go over line item or total department budget.

The next budget review will be July 20th at 1:30 p.m.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted for approval

Sherlyn Mosebey