

April 7, 2009

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were Tuscarora Township Supervisor Steve Glatfelter, representing Cocolamus Creek Disposal Michelle Elsasser, Times Reporter Paulette Forry, Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn 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 March 24th minutes were approved as submitted.

Glatfelter was present to alert the commissioners to a problem in areas of the county that have received the new 911 addresses. Glatfelter stated he received a call from a resident who was in need of an ambulance. Because the new 911 address had been given to the dispatcher and new signs have not yet been installed, the ambulance took considerably longer to arrive. Glatfelter requested an updated map to help emergency responders locate new addresses. The commissioners suggested he contact Allen Weaver for the new maps. Funding for new signage was also discussed. The commissioners stated they will continue to search for grants to help defray the cost.

Elsasser was present to update the commissioners on the recycling program. Elsasser is working with the schools and civic clubs to educate them on recycling. The schools are currently recycling office paper, tin cans, cardboard, etc. Earth Day is on April 22nd and Cocolamus Creek will sponsor their own Earth Day on April 25th from 8 a.m. – noon at the McAlisterville Center. Pamphlets are being printed and will be distributed for a special recycling “pickup”. Bags will be sold for this special recycling project.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the commissioners approved a recommendation made by Shrawder and Seigel to move 2004 Walnut Project money to fund 2009 projects and to move 2009 money to the Walnut Project thereby giving the Walnut Project additional time to complete. The county was awarded an additional \$87,470 through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Program which will allow the Port Royal Municipal Authority to complete the Milford Street Main Project. Shrawder indicated she is still waiting for maps to include in the application for CDBG funding of the County's tower project.

The Commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified HazMat check #1032, payable to High Tech Hobbies in the amount of \$49.98.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified Housing Rehab check #189, payable to Scott Miller General Contracting in the amount of \$5,600.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved contacting Don Casner so he can begin preparing an RFP for demolition and site preparation at 22 N. Third Street, Mifflintown Borough. Zimmerman stated that Maintenance has secured the building and contacted the appropriate offices to have the utilities disconnected.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the Purchase of Service Agreement with Alternative Rehabilitation Communities submitted by Children and Youth.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a three-year contract with Maximus for preparation of the annual cost allocation plan. The contract will be for \$4,200 per year.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Fermanagh Township and Thompsontown Borough.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a request from Michelle Beaver, Chief Probation Officer for Hillary Haines to complete a 180 hour unpaid internship in the Probation and Parole department.
- On motion of Shelley/O'Neal signed the acceptance for the AWARD grant for 2009/2010 in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- Acknowledged receipt and approval of the March check register covering checks #22,431 through #22,677 in the amount of \$637,395.96.
- Acknowledged receipt of the March Monthly Statistical Report submitted by Children & Youth.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, authorized application for the COPS grant.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the CJAB Enhancement Grant Extension.
- On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley, David Bardell was hired as the County's new Planning Director and Solid Waste Manager. Salary will be determined at next week's Salary Board. On roll call vote, Zimmerman and Shelley voted yes and O'Neal voted against the motion. O'Neal stated she felt further discussion on the scope of the job was warranted. She stated another applicant had applied for the position last summer and she had not been made aware of the application until November.

In other business - O'Neal stated she felt the county needs to address the problem of drain clogging at the Prison. The commissioners agreed that Rich Fisher should obtain quotes for a grinder. She also stated that because the county is required by law to provide inmates access to a law library, the county should move ahead with obtaining the necessary equipment to fulfill that requirement. A quote from Thompson/West CD system was presented at a cost of \$1,173.00 per month. Shelley stated he had not had the opportunity to review the information. The issue will be addressed at next week's meeting. O'Neal also noted meetings had been set up next Monday, April 13th to meet with JVB Trust and King Financial regarding the County's retirement accounts. O'Neal stated she will not attend those meetings.

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 11:09 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted for approval

Sherlyn Mosebey