

February 10, 2009

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were member of the public Bill Allen, 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. The February 3rd minutes were approved as submitted on motion of O'Neal/Shelley.

Commissioners' Board Meeting

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the PCCD Victim/Witness Services grant in the amount of \$59,618.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a recommendation from the County's Open Records Committee that the County's general fund be reimbursed \$2,670.22 from the Open Records Fund for the purchase of computers for the Auditors and Prison offices.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Turbett Township.
- Pending receipt of a second quote, tabled a request from maintenance to replace the stairway tread on the back steps.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved HazMat check #1028, payable to Sheetz Advantage in the amount of \$5.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Housing Rehab checks –

#180	Scott Miller General Contracting	\$4,600.00
#181	Michael Felmlee	5,795.00

To address the question of tax collector compensation, a motion was made by Commissioner O'Neal to change the method of reimbursing tax collector expenses. With the motion, the present per bill rate would remain the same. O'Neal stated changing the expenses to a \$.35 per parcel rate would eliminate the question of "reimbursable expenses" and could be paid at the beginning of the year. The motion died from lack of a second.

On motion of Shelley/Zimmerman, a motion passed keeping the per capita rate at \$2.00 and increasing the real estate per bill rate 3% to – year 2010, \$2.37; 2011, \$2.44; 2012, \$2.51 and 2013, \$2.59. On a roll call vote, Commissioner O'Neal voted no, Zimmerman and Shelley voted yes.

Bill Allen requested information on those individuals involved in the development of the Greenway, Open Space and Rural Recreation Plan. O'Neal stated the commissioners do not serve on that committee and that the Mifflin County Planning Director is overseeing the Project. This is an ongoing Project and to date, the Commissioners have not received a draft for review and approval.

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

Salary Board

The Board addressed a temporary maintenance position and a temporary position in the Sheriff's office.

Retirement Board

No business was brought before the Board.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board reconvened with SEDA-COG representatives Bill Seigel and Jamie Shrawder and Donna Kinslow representing Mifflin/Juniata Dental Clinic joining the meeting.

Shrawder briefly reviewed the 2009 CDBG Projects that have been submitted. Allocations have not been received for 2009, but the estimated funds available for 2009 projects are \$201,228.00.

The meeting was then moved to the Fry Building with Jeff MacAlarney, presenting Com Pros, Inc. and Allen Weaver, Emergency Services Director joining the meeting.

MacAlarney was present to address communication problems in the East Waterford area. MacAlarney gave a rough estimate of \$500,000 to purchase land and build a new tower. Other options such as piggybacking will not provide adequate coverage. Seigel suggested using CDBG grant funds to help defray the cost but indicated it will take several years of CDBG funding for meaningful assistance. Seigel suggested contacting state representatives to research grants for funding. Weaver said the area best

sited for a new tower is located in the State Game Lands but he will need to contact the state Game Commission.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted For Approval