

November 17, 2009

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were M/J Human Services Director Allison Fisher, Register and Recorder Nancy Lebkeicher, 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 10 meeting were approved as submitted.

Imes and Gabby Fisher were present to discuss state funds that are due CCIS for distribution to day care centers. Fisher is the owner of a day care center and has not received funding for a number of months. In discussions with DPW, she stated she had been informed by them that DPW had given the commissioners three options which would have allowed the funds to be released but to date they had had no response. Fisher indicated her center could potentially be closed after tomorrow and urged the commissioners to take action. Zimmerman stated that he has been in contact with DPW and is working with Senator Corman, Representative Harris and Senator Gordner. Prior to the meeting, in a discussion with DPW, as a temporary solution, the Commissioners agreed to forward a letter to DPW requesting funds be released to the County. Shelley stated Fisher and other caregivers should receive a check by November 30th. This will be a temporary solution and does not guarantee future cash flow. Commissioner O'Neal suggested the commissioners meet the week after Thanksgiving to find a permanent solution.

Allison Fisher was present to give a brief update on the NACO Prescription Drug Program. She stated the number of users has dropped from 485 to 366. For the month of September, those 366 saved an average of 20% on their drug costs for a total of approximately \$3,000.00. She urged the public to contact her office or a number of other offices in the county if they do not have a card.

Fisher also introduced the Coalition of HOPES, which is comprised of the Human Services Agency, United Way, Careerlink and the Public Assistance Office. The Coalition's goal is to piece together, mainly state grants and subcontract to the various agencies.

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a request by Register and Recorder Nancy Lebkeicher to hire Karen Reichenbach to fill the vacant position created by the resignation of Edna Bowsman.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Application for County Aid submitted by Mifflin Borough to encumber \$1,717.98.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Application for County Aid submitted by Fayette Township in the amount of \$7,089.43 to pave and complete related work on T-452 and T-533.
- On motion of Zimmerman/O'Neal and unanimously carried, approved a Performance Evaluation for Luke Primak submitted by Children & Youth.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania, Inc. submitted by Children & Youth.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, accepted the resignation of Victim Witness Coordinator Tara Snyder effective November 26th.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved (pending signature on one Thompsontown Borough exoneration), tax exonerations for Greenwood and Monroe Townships and Mifflintown and Thompsontown Boroughs.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, re-appointed Richard Hackenberger as Public Director and Jay Finkbiner as Farmer Director, to four year terms on the Conservation District Board. Their terms will commence January 1, 2010 and end December 31, 2013.
- On motion of Zimmerman/O'Neal and unanimously carried, re-appointed Commissioner Shelley to serve as the commissioner representative on the Conservation District Board for one year commencing January 1, 2010.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved CDBG check #377, payable to G&R Charles Excavation in the amount of \$260.37 and check #378, payable to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$1,575.00.
- Acknowledged receipt of D.A. Mort's appointment of D.A. Elect Cory Snook to the Assistant D.A. position. Start date is to be determined.
- On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley, approved the Tentative 2010 County budget. On roll call vote, Zimmerman and Shelley voted for the motion and O'Neal voted against. O'Neal stated her concerns of the deficit spending in 2009 and she feels the commissioners have not been fiscally responsible which is reflected in the 2010 budget.

Courthouse renovation change orders

- Change Order No. 2 -On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved in the amount of \$9,846.
- Change Order No. 5- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved in the amount of \$4,025.

- Change Order No. 6 – On motion of O’Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved as being included in No. 3 with no cost.
- Change Order No. 8 – On motion of O’Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved in the amount of \$3,292.00.
- Change Order No. 9 – On motion of O’Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved in the amount of \$7,722.
- Change Order No. 12 – On motion of O’Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved in the amount of \$346.
- Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,167.00 was withdrawn.

On motion of O’Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved that all change orders will be made a part of the permanent record and filed with the Minutes.

In response to a question from Bair concerning the change orders, the commissioners stated there will be no additional charges by Crabtree and Rohrbaugh for change orders because the scope of the contract has not changed.

The Commissioners also noted there will be a statewide recount in one of the Judge’s races. Announcement of when the recount will be held will be made by radio, etc.

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 recessed at 10:40 a.m. and adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O’Neal, Secretary

Submitted for approval

Sherlyn Mosebey