

August 18, 2009

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were Emergency Services Director Allen Weaver, Tri County MH/MR Administrator Chris Wysocki, Kimball representative Sid McConahy, 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. The Minutes of the August 4th meeting were approved as submitted.

As an update on issues being addressed at the Courthouse, the Commissioners noted the Courthouse renovations have begun. Shelley voiced concerns about whether outside renovations can be completed before winter. Contractors have advised Shelley they will do everything possible to complete the project within the contract timeframe. Previously, removal of storm windows from the Courthouse had been discussed. O'Neal suggested that before a decision is made, the commissioners meet with Maintenance Supervisor Rich Fisher to determine if there would be any removal issues. Based on a recommendation from Kramer's tree service, a tree has been removed from the front lawn and a branch from another tree because of safety concerns.

The Commissioners expressed concerns about the Commonwealth budget impasse. County offices as well as various human services departments are being affected. The County is experiencing a \$206,238.00 funding shortfall for the D.A. position covering the County's 2008 and 2009 fiscal years. The Children and Youth department receives 80% cost reimbursement for operation of their office. Children and Youth as well as Probation placements are continuing and being paid through the general fund with no guarantee of reimbursement. Probation and Parole also receives reimbursement for salaries and various programs. Head Start, beginning September 1, will be laying off 15 staff resulting in forty children no longer receiving services. Day Care is operating on a line of credit. Neither the Governor nor the Legislature has submitted budget proposals that would include current level funding for these Programs. Indications are that dramatic cuts in these Programs will be seen with any budget that is passed.

Chris Wysocki gave an update on the MH/MR Program. Juniata County residents presently being served are - the MH Program 217, the MR Program 72 and Early Intervention 32. Wysocki noted there are providers continuing to provide services without payment.

Weaver presented an update on the 911 Rural Addressing Project. Weaver has been advised by the Harrisburg Post office that because of a "study of routes" they are required to conduct, the remaining 911 addresses will be delayed until September 11th.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the commissioners approved a proposal submitted by L. Robert Kimball and Associates to assist in developing the E9-1-1 wireless/wireline 9-1-1 Plan. The first year will cost \$16,000, years 2 and 3 will cost \$8,400 each year and Task Seven (General Consulting Services) will be completed at the client's discretion on a time and materials basis not to exceed \$81,120, including expenses. All costs covered by this proposal will be funded by the wireless grant.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Kimball Professional Services Contract. Kimball will perform a comparison of the telephone company subscriber records and sort the new vs old addresses as indicated by the Rural Addressing Project data. The wireless grant will cover the \$40,500 cost.

On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a revised commitment letter for the Courthouse renovation loan indicating an exact format of the loan term of a 4 month drawdown and a 10 year amortization; Ordinance No. 2009-2 adding IRS language; and Resolution No. 2009-7 to insure the tax exempt nature of the loan. The maximum available will remain at \$1.75 million but will be limited to costs of the project that are being estimated at \$1.577 million. On a roll call vote, all three commissioners voted for the motion.

The Commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified HazMat check #1041, payable to Sheetz Advantage in the amount of \$118.15.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified Resolution #2009-6 allocating \$25,000 to the PA Conservation grant projects.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified CDBG check #371, payable to G&R Excavating in the amount of \$49,725.70 for the Third Street Water Main Project.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified CDBG check #372, payable to Juniata Sewage Committee in the amount of \$4,524.80 for the Village of Walnut Project.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Greenway, Open Space and Rural Recreation Plan check #123, payable to YSM in the amount of \$19,788.85.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Housing Rehab check #200, payable to Michael Felmler General Contracting in the amount of \$7,677.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Application for County Aid submitted by Susquehanna Township for tar and chipping of T-534, T-227 and T-559 in the amount of \$9,870.37.

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Application for County Aid submitted by Turbett Township for drainage work in the amount of \$1,213.27.
- On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley approved a recommendation from the Records Improvement Fund Committee to purchase a Sheetfed Scanner for the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$699.99. On a roll call vote, Zimmerman and Shelley voted for the motion and O'Neal voted again. O'Neal stated in researching the scanner, she found it could be purchased online for considerably less.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the Records Improvement Fund Committee recommendation to purchase a computer monitor for the Planning Office in the amount of \$79.48.
- On motion of Shelley/Zimmerman, approved a recommendation from the Records Improvement Fund Committee to purchase a printer for Commissioner O'Neal's office in the amount of \$59.99. O'Neal abstained from voting.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Walker, Delaware and Monroe Townships.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the Fourth Quarter MATP report submitted by Call-A-Ride Service.
- On motion of Zimmerman/O'Neal and unanimously carried, approved a fee schedule submitted by the Coroner's Office.
- Acknowledged receipt of the July Monthly Statistical Report submitted by Helen Henry, Children & Youth Director.
- On motion of Zimmerman/O'Neal and unanimously carried, accepted the resignation of Kathryn Walters as cook at the jail, effective August 3, 2009.

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 11:30 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted for approval

Sherlyn Mosebey