

January 20, 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, Register and Recorder Nancy Lebkicher, Tax Collectors – Vicki Shellenberger, Beverly Richmond, Carol Waters, Melanie Berrier, Martha Stouffer and Winnie Leister, 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 January 13th minutes were approved as submitted on motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried.

Commissioners' Board Meeting

Weaver informed the Board that he is still waiting for word from Harrisburg on dates for the release of addresses.

On another matter, O'Neal questioned approval that had been given to Weaver to purchase new furniture for the 911 center. She noted that if the cost was to be taken out of the 911 Center's budget, there would be only a small amount remaining for purchases the balance of the year. Weaver indicated he understood and the cost would be taken out of his budget. Some of the cost is reimbursable.

Richmond, speaking on behalf of the County Tax Collectors, questioned how the tax collectors were to obtain new names for per capita taxes. Since the office of assessor was abolished, they have been having problems tracking new people in the townships. O'Neal stated she will pose the question on CCAP's list serve. Richmond also questioned the commissioners as to whether they have discussed the possibility of raising income levels for exonerations since the policy has not been amended since 2000. Zimmerman stated that no formal discussions have been held. Winder indicated there may be statutory provisions and will research the issue. A question was posed concerning interim billing. O'Neal stated the previous Board had approved interim billing but the current Board has not addressed the matter. The time lag on deed transfers was also discussed. The Register and Recorder presently submits a list of deed transfer to Township Secretaries once a month. For more timely information, the tax collectors are to obtain the information for new owners from the township secretaries. The commissioners also stated they have not yet discussed tax collector pay for the next term. Richmond also requested that the commissioners consider clarification of the term "supplies" for reimbursement purposes.

Lebkicher was present to discuss a vacancy in her office. Since the passing of Sue Dressler in December, she has had an open position. After discussion, on motion of Zimmerman/Shelley, Donna Lockard will fill that position. Salary will be based on the arbitrated Union contract. On roll call vote, Zimmerman and Shelley voted to fill the position and O'Neal voted against. O'Neal questioned the workload in that office and the lack of knowledge the Commissioners have pertaining to the workload.

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified the FY2007/2008 Contract Extension with the Children's Home of York submitted by Children and Youth.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified CDBG check #346, payable to Larry Hepner in the amount of \$5,144.76.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved exonerations for Mifflin and Thompsontown Boroughs and Fayette, Tuscarora, Delaware and Fermanagh Townships. One exoneration each was returned to Mifflin Borough and Delaware township for tax collector signatures.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Greenway Open Space check #118, payable to YSM in the amount of \$1,204.50
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved HazMat check #1026, payable to Mifflin Office machines in the amount of \$289.75.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, adopted Resolution No. 2009-1, authorizing Skills to refinance their debt.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the commissioners approved Ordinance No. 2009-1, authorizing the County's appointed member to the SEC Board to take any and all actions or desirable to wind up the affairs of the Corporation, upon agreement by a majority of the authorized representatives. This rescinds the prior Ordinance (No. 1999-20) which authorized and directed the County to enter into a joint agreement as a designated Workforce Investment Area pursuant to the workforce Investment Act of 1998.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Ordinance No. 2009-2, pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, of which Juniata County was an authorized part, to participate as a unit, into the Local Elected Officials Agreement to operate as an association to accomplish the end of the Workforce Investment Group.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board recessed at 11:15 a.m.

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 meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted For Approval
Sherlyn Mosebey