

January 22, 2013

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Robert Reynolds and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were Times reporter Paulette Forry, Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn, Sentinel reporter Julianne Cahill and member of the public Glenn Kerstetter.

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 a motion by Reynolds and a second by O'Neal, the Minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

There being no public comment, the Commissioners took the following actions:

- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Reynolds to approve, the tax exonerations for Thompsontown Borough, Fermanagh Township, Lack Township, Walker Township, Milford Township and Susquehanna Township as per the material provided. The motion excluded three unsigned exonerations which need further review. The motion was unanimously carried.
- The Commissioners reviewed the 2012 Juniata County Children and Youth Annual Expenditure Report as submitted by Helen Henry, Children & Youth Director.
- The Commissioners reviewed the October, November and December 2012 "Tax Claim Cash Report" as submitted by Brenda Varner, Tax Claim Director.
- It was moved by Reynolds and seconded by O'Neal to approve the "Mutual Aid Agreements for Emergency Services" as submitted by William Hummel, Emergency Services Operations and Training Officer. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Zimmerman to consider the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 776, Juniata County Commissioners Residual Unit for the contract term January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016.
 - Commissioner Reynolds commented that he was reluctant to approve the contract based on the salary increases presented, especially in light of the current economic conditions.
 - Commissioner O'Neal stated that she agreed with Commissioner Reynolds but favored approval in order to avoid the possibility of binding arbitration. O'Neal also stated that a conversation regarding hiring freezes, vacancies, part-time employee needs, and automatic pay increases for elected officials needed to be expanded.
 - Commissioner Reynolds responded that he supported the foregoing of automatic pay increases for elected officials.

Chairman Zimmerman called for a roll call vote with Zimmerman and O'Neal voting yes and Reynolds voting no. The motion carried.

- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Zimmerman to consider the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 776, Juniata County Court Appointed Employees Unit for the contract term January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016.
 - Commissioner O'Neal stated that her concerns regarding this item were the same as the previous agenda item and that she wished the wage increases between the two contracts could be the same but that was probably not realistic.
 - Commissioner Reynolds responded by saying that his concerns were expanded in regards to the wage increases and that he could not support contracts that treated employees differently. He went on to quote recent statics related to CPI.

Chairman Zimmerman called for a roll call vote with Zimmerman and O'Neal voting yes and Reynolds voting no. The motion carried.

- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Reynolds to approve the annual "Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund" as submitted by Sandra King, County Treasurer. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Reynolds and seconded by O'Neal to approve the following "Purchase of Service Agreements" as submitted by Helen Henry, Children & Youth Director. The agreements shall be in force and effect from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 inclusive.
 - "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services, the Juniata County Probation Department and Bald Eagle Boys Camp.
 - "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services, the Juniata County Probation Department and National Mentor Healthcare, LLC.
 - "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services, the Juniata County Probation Department and White Deer Run, Inc.

The motion was unanimously carried.

- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Reynolds to approve a request for liquid fuel funds for Beale Township in the amount of \$1,076.45. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Reynolds and seconded by O'Neal to approve checks #36744 - #36798 in the amount of \$99,174.90. The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Reynolds to recess at 10:22 a.m. followed by adjournment at 11:00 a. m. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. Salary Board – No business scheduled.

III. Retirement Board

The Retirement Board was called to order at 10:23 a.m. by Commissioner Zimmerman with Board Members Commissioner Jeffrey Zimmerman, Commissioner Robert Reynolds, Commissioner Teresa O’Neal, County Treasurer Sandra King and County Administrator / Chief Clerk S. James Bahorik present.

- It was moved by Reynolds and seconded by Zimmerman to approve a 4% interest rate for the Employee’s Retirement Fund account for fiscal year 2013. The motion failed with Reynolds and Zimmerman voting yes and O’Neal, King and Bahorik voting no.
- It was moved by Reynolds and seconded by Zimmerman to approve a 4.5% interest rate for the Employee’s Retirement Fund account for fiscal year 2013. The motion failed with Reynolds and Zimmerman voting yes and O’Neal, King and Bahorik voting no.
- It was moved by Zimmerman and seconded by O’Neal to approve a 5% interest rate for the Employee’s Retirement Fund account for fiscal year 2013. The motion carried with O’Neal, Zimmerman, King and Bahorik voting yes and Reynolds voting no.

There being no further Retirement Board business, it was moved by O’Neal and seconded by Reynolds to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Robert N. Reynolds, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O’Neal, Secretary

Submitted for Approval
S. James Bahorik, Administrator / Chief Clerk