

February 23, 2010

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were representing SEDA-COG Jamie Shrawer, CCAP Deputy Director Brinda Penyak and member of the public Clair Bair, Jr. 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 approved, the Minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved as submitted.

Regarding progress on the Courthouse renovations, Bair raised questions concerning replacement of windows, questioned why the storm windows had been removed, if the cost of painting the windows had been included in the original bids and why there has been a significant lapse in time between the windows being removed and replaced. Commissioner Zimmerman replied that the cost of painting was included in the original contract but because of the increased costs in repairs to the bell tower, Change Order Credits were received for those costs. There was a delay in receiving samples for replacement windows because the first samples obtained did not have the correct finish. Second samples have been received and are being considered. Bair also asked if other items removed from the original contract to defray the increased cost of the bell tower repairs such as handicapped bathrooms and ramp, new floor tile, etc. totaling approximately \$300,000, were going to be completed in 2010. Commissioner Zimmerman stated the work would be completed in the future but had not been included in the 2010 budget. A project completion date has not been determined.

Penyak noted that CCAP represents all 67 counties and advocates on their behalf for issues such as insurance, education, etc. Penyak welcomed O'Neal as a new member of the CCAP Board and as Chair of the Courts and Corrections Committee.

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Commissioners agreed to award the 100% of the 2010 CDBG funds to be allocated to the Communications Tower Project.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Greenwood Township.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Purchase of Service Agreements for Cornell Companies Abraxas Youth & Family Services, Family Care for Children & Youth, Inc. and Northwestern Human Services – NHS Youth Services, Inc. submitted by Children & Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, accepted the resignation of Jake Hoover, Maintenance Department, effective March 5, 2010. The commissioners wished Hoover sincere good wishes.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a letter submitted by Voter Registrar Eva Stong declining \$1,078.80 in HAVA 2005 Title II, Section 261 allocations.

O'Neal noted that in a recent report from NaCO regarding the discount prescription drug card, that since its inception, those who have used the card, have saved approximately \$150,000 on prescription drugs.

Bair stated his concerns about the length of time it may take to complete the communications tower that has been allocated all of the 2010 CDBG funds. The commissioners indicated grants are being researched as well as contacts have been made with legislators to help find sources of money that may be available for this type of project. It was suggested constituents contact all legislators and request help in securing funding.

#### Salary Board

- No action was taken.

#### Retirement Board

- No action was taken.

On motion of O'Neal/Zimmerman the meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

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Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

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Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted for approval

Sherlyn Mosebey