

December 9, 2008

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Winder, 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 December 2nd Minutes were approved as submitted on motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried.

Commissioners' Board Meeting

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board denied a request by National Quarries to obtain KOZ designation.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Performance Evaluation for Barbara Geedey and Susan Clark, submitted by Helen Henry, Children and Youth Director.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a Purchase of Service Agreements for Bald Eagle Boys Camp submitted by Children & Youth.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Application for County Aid submitted by Lack township to purchase stone, for future use. in the amount of \$3,785.24.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, reappointed Jim Thompson and appointed John Shirk to serve four-year terms on the Planning Commission. Their terms will commence January 1, 2009 and end December 31, 2012.
- On motion of Shelley/Zimmerman the tentative 2009 budget was approved. O'Neal voted "no" and explained she could not support the budget because of a number of issues that have not been addressed. She felt the \$1.75 million allocated for Courthouse renovations, from the \$3 million proposal from Crabtree Rohrbaugh, should be discussed further. Inadequate work space for employees and housing for prisoners are issues that she feels need to be addressed. She also stated there has been discussion concerning reassessment which will cost between \$700,000 and \$800,000.00. Shelley felt the Board has made sound decisions and feels the economy will make a sound comeback. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Zimmerman and Shelley voted for the budget and O'Neal voted against. The budget will be on display until adoption on December 30th.
- On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley the 2009 tax millage rate was increased 1 point from 21.75 to 22.75. On roll call vote, Zimmerman and Shelley voted for the rate increase and O'Neal voted against it.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Tax Anticipation Note was awarded to the First National Bank. No changes were made to the bids submitted at last week's meeting. The Solicitor will prepare the Resolution for the Commissioners' signatures before the meeting adjourns.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Salary Board

Salary Board was convened to address non-union employees pay increases for 2009.

Retirement Board

At 10:50 the Retirement Board was convened. The following actions were taken.

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a 100% COLA for current retirees. The cost will be \$83,997.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, kept the current employees' retirement accounts interest rate at 5%.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved paying the 2008 Annual Required Contribution of \$206,451.00.

The regular Board reconvened at 11:10 a.m. for the signing of Resolution 2008-10, awarding the Tax Anticipation Note.

O'Neal asked for an update on the Unifund contract which had been sent to the Solicitor for review. Zimmerman responded that he had signed the contract and forwarded it to Unifund. No changes were made to the original contract.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted For Approval
Sherlyn Mosebey