

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Minute No. 1147

March 3, 2022

The Washington County Commissioners met in regular session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pa., with the following members being present: Commissioners Diana Irey Vaughan, Larry Maggi, and Nick Sherman. Also present are Solicitor Jana Grimm; Chief of Staff Mike Namie; Finance Director Josh Hatfield; Public Safety Director Gerald Coleman; Prothonotary Laura Hough; Treasurer Tom Flickinger; Register of Wills James Roman and employee Dheaven Kelley; Controller April Sloane; Clerk Of Courts Brenda Davis; Building and Grounds Director Justin Welsh and Assistant Director Dan Gregg; Veterans representatives Leigh Mawhinney and Ashley Medina; Public Safety representative Geoffrey DeWitt; Information Technology representative Dylan Johnson; Sheriff representative Brandon Franke; Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease representative Lauren Mathews; Executive Secretaries Marie Trossman, Randi Marodi and Patrick Geho; Chief Clerk Cynthia B. Griffin; Administrative Assistant Joyce Thornburg; Planning representative Kalie Chasko; The Rev. Rob Grewe of the First Lutheran Church; United States Army Veteran Neil Larimer; WJPA representative Joe Jasek; Observer Reporter representative Mike Jones and concerned citizens Bill West, Betsy West, Beverly Holmes, Corey McConn, Gary Stout, Deb Coury, Diane Bianchi, Camille Papia, Rose Bigley, Claudia Wagner, Kim Oyler, Bruce Bandel, Pete Vidonish, Denise Vidonish, Faith Bjalobok, Christina Proctor, Don Fitch, Paul Peternel, Pricilla Ware, Joanne Reilly, Rinae Rugg, Judith Ickes, Daniel Ketelaar, Kathleen Chaudhari, Jamie Wagner, Lars Lange, Shawn Pierson, Bill Nutt, Rick Hodge, Tim Will, Jill Bullister, Justin Coppola, Teresa Coppola, Heather Hudock, Sam Yareck, Sue Brine, Gary Lenik, Ann Shaner, Ashley Duff, Becky Reid, Frank Byrd, Anne Charles, Mary Gordon, Stephanie Rossi, Joyce Mayernik, Ross Pullet, Sharon Jefferson, Jim Piper, Fred Bender, Susan Bender, Ron Christman, and Caitie Morris.

Mrs. Vaughan called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m., and announced this meeting is video and audio live streamed via Facebook.

The Rev. Rob Grewe led the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Larimer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Vaughan entertained a motion approving Minute No. 1146 dated February 17, 2022.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving Minute No. 1146 as written.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

RECESS FOR PHOTOS)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Bender, a Washington County resident, attended the meeting of Dr. Douglas Frank on February 17, 2022, and questioned his faulty reasoning and his authority on the election issue.

Ron Christman, a Washington County resident, said the attempt by Dr. Frank to justify throwing out the vote is a threat to all of us.

Faith Bjalobok, a Washington County resident, thanked the County Commissioners for standing up for the voters of Washington County. She commended them for not paying for an audit when there is no legitimate evidence.

Don Fitch, a Washington County resident, said he supports the elected officials. He said there is no evidence to show that the election was stolen and it is important to have free and fair elections.

Paul Peternel, a Washington County resident, thanked the Commissioners for entertaining Dr. Frank and he encouraged the Board to take a deeper look into the election issue. He and others are concerned about interference in the election process through electronic votes. He is in favor of paper ballots.

Ann Shaner, a Washington County resident, thanked the Commissioners for doing their due diligence in protecting the taxpayer's money and gave examples of ways correlations can be manipulated. She said we need to come together as a community to preserve our democracy.

Frank Byrd, a Washington County resident, encouraged everyone to work together during the Lenten season.

Register of Wills, James Roman, said he was appalled that Chairman Irey-Vaughan did not let Mrs. Melanie Patterson speak at a previous meeting. He said there is dissension in Washington County and an audit needs to be done.

Bonnie Rankin, a Washington County resident, said that in order to move forward the threats need to stop.

Gary Stout, a Washington County resident, commended the Commissioners for allowing the public to speak at the meetings. He also discussed the credibility of Dr. Frank and how it was a mistake to bring him into Washington County.

Deb Coury, a Washington County resident, believes the machines are corruptible and the county needs to return to using paper ballots.

Dan Ketelaar, a Washington County resident, was dismayed that the Commissioners met with Dr. Frank.

Ashley Duff, a Washington County resident, wanted it to be put on the record that neither she nor anyone else in the room believes, condones, or advocates threats of violence against any public official at any time. She wants free and fair elections and that's why they are here.

Camille Papia, a Washington County resident, stated iDRAC8, a digital remote access controller, provides access to the server and does not provide access to the data in the voting machines.

Anne Charles, a Washington County resident, questioned why the votes from her house were not counted until December 28th, which was after the election was certified on November 23rd.

Mary Gordon, a Washington County resident, believes the voting system has grown to be more fraudulent over the last 25 years. She wants to return to paper ballots.

Kathleen Chaudhari, a Washington County resident, talked about two voting inaccuracies she experienced. She suggests going back to paper ballots.

Claudia Wagner, a Washington County resident, thanked the Commissioners for their hard work. She said Joe Biden won the election and he is our president, and we need to stop wasting our time.

Kim Oyler, a Washington County resident, said none of them condone violence and they want to get the issue resolved. Dr. Frank wants the list of everyone who voted in the 2020 election, and he wanted to let everyone know that he has all the passwords and usernames for all elected officials in the city of Washington.

Jill Bullister, a Washington County resident, wanted to echo Ashley Duff's sentiment about rejecting violence. She questioned why digital balloting is considered to be reliable. She said sensationalized comments from both sides should cease.

Clerk of Courts, Brenda Davis questioned the Commissioners about the closed-door session with Dr. Frank. She accused the Commissioners of manipulating the final election results.

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John Coppola, a Washington County resident, said he was offended when Governor Wolfe said his business was non-essential. He wants a full forensic audit.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESSBID AWARD

Ms. Mathews recommended the Board, on behalf of Purchasing and the Planning Commission, award the bid contract for concrete and concrete products to Judson Wiley, Washington, Pa., based upon the per cubic yard costs as submitted in their bid. This contract will be effective March 3, 2022, through February 28, 2023. All items have been awarded to the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bidder meeting the specifications.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the bid award to Judson Wiley.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

BID CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Ms. Mathews recommended the Board, on behalf of Purchasing, approve the extension of the current contract for office supplies to WB Mason, Co., Inc., North Versailles, Pa. at our current costs. This contract extension will be effective March 3, 2022, through August 31, 2022.

Note: WB Mason is only able to extend for six months due to the uncertainty of the supply chain.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract extension with WB Mason.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mathews recommended the Board, on behalf of Purchasing, approve the extension of the current contract for electrical work to Schultheis Electric, Latrobe, Pa. and all work is to be done on a time and material rate and an as needed basis. This contract extension will be effective March 3, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the contract extension with Schultheis Electric.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

BID CONTRACT PURCHASES

Ms. Mathews recommended the Board, on behalf of Purchasing and Parks, approve the purchase of a Kubota utility vehicle, Model RTV-X114OW-H diesel, including accessories and V5060, extra duty, 72" hydraulic blade from Murphy Family, Inc., Washington, Pa. The total amount is \$32,628 and will be paid from gas and oil monies and represents a discount of \$1,400.

Moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the purchase from Murphy Family, Inc.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, of the reappointments of Regina Davin, Apryl Shiffler, and Leah Dietrich to the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Advisory Board.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the board reappointments.

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Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of the Controller, of an agreement with Gary L. Sweat, Esq. to provide solicitor services for the Controller's office. The agreement is in the amount of \$300/month, is effective February 15, 2022, and shall be continuous until terminated by either party.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the agreement with Gary L. Sweat, Esquire.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of the Planning Commission, of the following division orders with Range Resources for the non-surface lease associated with the Panhandle Trail:

- Bare Warren B Unit – Decimal interest 0.00028574
- Bare Warren B Unit – Decimal interest 0.00004223

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the division orders with Range Resources.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of the Planning Commission, to submit a grant request in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Local Share Account Statewide Program for the site improvements at the Washington County Fairgrounds. The total estimated project costs are \$1,700,000 to complete the excavation, drainage, parking improvements and show tent relocation. The County commitment of \$700,000 would be fair gas lease funds or Act 13 Greenways funds.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the grant request with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Local Share Account Statewide Program.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement with Family Pathways for the provision of support services for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The contract authorization amount is \$75,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement with Family Pathways.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement with Hugh Lane for the provision of LGBTQ+ services for the period of March 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The contract authorization amount is \$100,000 and no additional county funds are required.

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Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement with Hugh Lane.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement with Supportive Family Services for the provision of placement services for the period of February 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. The contract authorization amount is \$350,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement with Supportive Family Services.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement with Yaroch Counseling for the provision of sex offender assessments and evaluations for the period of February 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. The contract authorization amount is \$100,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement with Yaroch Counseling.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement addendum with Adoption Connection PA for the provision of placement services for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The contract authorization amount will increase by \$250,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement addendum with Adoption Connection PA.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement addendum with Alternative Living Solutions for the provision of placement services for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The contract authorization amount will increase by \$125,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement addendum with Alternative Living Solutions.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement addendum with Pressley Ridge for the provision of placement services for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022. The contract authorization amount will increase by \$150,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement addendum with Pressley Ridge.

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Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Children and Youth Services, of a provider agreement addendum with Twin Pines for the provision of placement services for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The contract authorization amount will increase by \$50,000 and no additional county funds are required.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the provider agreement addendum with Twin Pines.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Purchasing and Children and Youth Services, of authorization to advertise for Industrial Commodities for Washington County.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to advertise for Industrial Commodities.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Purchasing, of authorization to advertise for proposals for the coordination, transportation, supervision, and parent coaching of visitation for families receiving services from the Washington County Children and Youth Services.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving authorization to advertise for proposals.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Purchasing and Information Technology, of an addendum to our Microsoft Enterprise agreement with CDW-G for an additional 90 Office 365 desktop licenses for the Courts, County and Correctional Facility. The total cost is \$41,836.20 and will be shared by the general fund, Courts, and Correctional Facility.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the addendum with CDW-G.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Purchasing and Children and Youth Services, of the activation of unlimited hotspot services for 53 devices. This will increase the cost of service by \$5.00/month with both AT&T and Verizon for the current lines and will allow for the elimination of 53 jetpack wireless devices with a service charge of \$40.01 a month, representing a savings of \$22,266.36 annually. The increase of service cost will be paid from their operating budget.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving the activation of unlimited hotspot services.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval, on behalf of Purchasing, approve the purchase of two SIM cards from AT&T. The total monthly cost is \$39.99 each. The SIM cards are free with activation including data and text messaging. Costs will be paid from the 911 fund.

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Note: AT&T will supply the SIM cards for cellular service for the Public Safety cellular modems for their environmental monitoring servers at the 911 center and airport to enable SMS messaging for alarms.

Moved by Mr. Sherman; seconded by Mr. Maggi, approving purchase of two SIM cards with AT&T.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Sherman – Yes; Mr. Maggi – Yes; Mrs. Vaughan – Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, following the agenda meeting to discuss personnel and litigation. The regularly scheduled Salary Board meeting will be immediately following today's meeting.

SOLICITOR

None

There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:19 p.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

March 18

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ATTEST:

Cynthia S. Beuffer

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