

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012:

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met this date in regularly scheduled session at 9:00 a.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom with Board Chairman Randy L. Phiel presiding. The following were in attendance: Commissioners James E. Martin and Marty Karsteter Qually; Solicitor John M. Hartzell; Albert Penksa, County Manager; Controller Steve Renner; Department Directors Michele Miller, HR; Melissa Devlin, Finance; George Groft, Building & Maintenance; Kathy McConaghay, Children & Youth; Barbara Walter, Assessment; Don Fennimore, Court Administrator; Nick Colonna, Planning; Cindy Keeney, Victim Witness; Monica Dutko, Voter Registration; Danielle Helwig, Tax Claim; Ellen Dayhoff, Ag Land; County Employees Anne Thomas, Cecelia Billingsley and Danette Laughman; Sharon Redding-Hamm, Straban Township; Stan Clark; Concerned Citizens of Adams County; News Reporters Jess Haines, *The Gettysburg Times*; Steve Maroni, *Hanover Evening Sun*, ACTV and Chief Clerk Paula V. Neiman.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2012 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Proclamations:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following Proclamations:

- **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** – April 22-28, 2012 presented to Cindy Keeney, Director of Adams County Victim Witness.
- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** – April 2012 presented to Melissa Mattson, Community Education Specialist of Survivors, Inc.
- **Alcohol Awareness Month** – April 2012 presented to Eileen Grenell, Adams County Collaborating for Youth.

Motion carried.

Presentation:

Sharon Redding-Hamm – Provided an update on the Fire Funding Study Initiative and the participation of the Council of Governments. She stressed the need to maintain and increase our volunteer services. They are asking municipalities to participate and offer funding to help perform this study. They have received a grant from the Department of Community & Economic Development that will help cover half of the cost. Responses have been received so far from 20 municipalities who have approved to help fund the study. There will be municipal meetings held in May so hopefully we will be receiving additional participation. Commissioner Phiel thanked the municipalities who have already agreed to participate and also the municipalities who have this item on their agenda for action. He also thanked Sharon for being the point person and for all her efforts in this initiative.

Public Comment:

- Monica Dutko, Director of Elections – Ms. Dutko noted the new voter registration ID law will take effect in November of this year. However, during this Primary Election voters will to be requested to show ID. An important fact to remember is an acceptable Photo ID must be

current and contain an expiration date. This includes: Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID, valid U.S. Passport, U.S. Military ID, Employee photo ID issued by Federal, Pennsylvania, County or Municipal government, photo ID cards issued from an accredited public or private PA college or university and photo ID cards issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long-term facilities, assisted living residences or personal care homes.

Commissioner Phiel noted if you go to vote and do not have a Photo ID, you will be allowed to vote by provisional ballot but it would not be counted until six days after you provide identification to the Voter Registration office.

- Alexandra Escalera – Peoples Voice Adams – Continues to express concern on getting the reassessment made right.
- Children & Youth – Administrator Kathy McConaghay noted there will be a 20% reduction in funds. These funds will be presented as a block grant which will open the requests for funding from other agencies such as York/Adams MH-MR. There are several community programs administered by Children & Youth Services that will be affected with this reduction. Commissioner Phiel noted the block grant was meant to be a positive for the County; however it is still a reduction in funds and will impact our community.

Building & Maintenance:

With recommendation from George Groft, Director, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to accept the proposal submitted by Enginuity Mechanical in the amount of \$12,946.00 for the repair to our cooling tower #2 fan assembly for the Adams County Courthouse.

Motion carried.

Tax Assessment:

With recommendation from Chief Assessor Barbara Walter, to approve the following:

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve a Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification for David Allen Woodward, Parcel #30-F17-0058---000 located at 2400 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA for five (5) acres and the residential buildings with the remaining five (5) acres remaining on the tax rolls, effective for the 2012 County and Municipal taxes and forward. This Certification has also been approved by the PA State Department of Military & Veterans Affairs.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve Per Capita Tax Exoneration due to the income being within the acceptable limit: Gladys M. Chrismer, Bonneauville Borough; William Kermes, Sterling J. Myers, Clara Flickinger, Arlene G. Mays, all of Cumberland Township; Louise Gantz, Eugene Schafferman, Hattie Jo Bard, Charles Bowermaster, all of Franklin Township; Sister Ann Marie Wierman, McSherrystown Borough; Hazel V. Lighty, Treva Laughman, Robert Berkheimer, Sara A. Sipe, all of Oxford Township; Rosita Cook, George K. Kelly, Sara L. Singley, Virginia Eperthener, Donald Crone, all of Straban Township.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and deny Per Capita Tax Exoneration for Charles Huber, Franklin Township due to the income being over the acceptable limit.

Motion carried.

- Upon the recommendation of Chief Assessor Barbara Walter and Solicitor John Hartzell, that the Board of Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Assessment Appeals:
 - Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to deny the real estate tax exemption request of the Hunterstown Ruritan Club for a parcel of real estate located in Straban Township, designated as Tax Parcel #38-H10-0006---000, due to the failure of the property to meet the standards for real estate tax exemption as contained in the Consolidated County Assessment Law.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the real estate tax exemption request for a portion of real estate owned by the Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists, located in Cumberland Township, designated as Tax Parcel #09-F11-0028B--000. The use of the property, 9.37 acres, the Church, School and Out Buildings, meets the tax exemption standards for both a place of regularly stated worship, as well as an institution of charity; as well as the standards contained in the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act.

Motion carried.

Tax Claim:

With recommendation from Danielle Helwig, Director, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the exoneration of the 2008 through 2011 county real estate tax for a mobile home owned by Lawrence Michaels in Mt. Pleasant Township, #J12-0061---084 in the total amount of \$179.92. This mobile home was destroyed, no longer exists and was removed from the Tax Rolls.

Motion carried.

Ag Land Preservation:

With recommendation from Ellen Dayhoff, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the agricultural conservation easement in perpetuity for the following farms:

- Arentz Family LP, 1120 Hanover Pike, Union Township – approximately 92.67 acres at \$2,394.00/acre.
- Jean M. Arentz, 199 Christ Church Road, Union Township – approximately 53.94 acres at \$1,550.00/acre.
- Juanita M. Keech, 876 Peepytown Road, Hamilton Township – approximately 182.80 acres at \$1,840.00/acre.

Motion carried.

Criminal Justice Advisory Board:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency Grant Application in the amount of \$200,287.00 for an Adams County Crisis Intervention Training Initiative. This funding will be used to assist with the implementation of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) within Adams County to provide intervention to mentally ill individuals to help divert them from criminal justice involvement.

Motion carried.

Court:

With recommendation from Judge Robert Bigham, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign a contract between the County of Adams and The Davison Group, PO Box 1398, Mechanicsburg, PA to provide technical assistance for the Adams County Court of Common Pleas Assessment and Transformation Project in order to streamline Court operations. This contract is for the District Attorney's and Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$45,000 effective May 8, 2012 through November 30, 2012. The funds will be applied as follows: \$22,500 Department of Community & Economic Development, \$16,500 PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency and \$6,000 from the DA Drug Forfeiture Fund. No general fund monies will be used.

Motion carried.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve Resolution #5 of 2012 authorizing the final submission to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development the 2012 CDBG Application in the amount of \$275,888.00.

**COUNTY OF ADAMS, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION No. 5 of 2012**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Adams County has been notified that it is eligible to apply for \$275,888.00 in 2012 Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, Applications are due at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development on April 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have designated the Department of Planning and Development as the County's Administrating Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners, Adams County, Pennsylvania that the Office of Planning and Development shall submit an application for 2012 Entitlement Community Development Block Grant Funds, including a budget reflection of the projects that were included in the public notice published on April 6, 2011.

DULY ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2012, by the Board of Commissioners of Adams County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/s
Paula V. Neiman
Chief Clerk

s/s
Randy L. Phiel, Chairman

s/s
James E. Martin, Vice-Chairman

s/s
Marty Karsteter Qually, Commissioner

Motion carried.

Children & Youth Services:

Recommendation from Kathy McConaghay, Administrator, to approve the following:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign the following:

- Purchase of Service Agreements:

<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
Families United Network	See Contract
Youth Educational Services of PA, LLC	See Contract

Motion carried.

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign an Adoption Assistance Subsidy Agreement for L. & A.G. for M.G. in the amount of \$800.00/month.

Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the Personnel Report as follows:

Security:

Recommendation from Michael Baltzley, Director, to approve the employment of John J. Ernst, PT Security Officer, effective April 9, 2012.

Conservation District:

Recommendation from Laurence Martick, District Manager, to approve the employment of Andrew Haun, West Nile Virus Monitor Temporary FT position (grant funded) effective May 14, 2012.

Separation of Employment:

- Sandra Smith, Corrections Officer, effective April 10, 2012

Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following expenditures for the period April 2, 2012 through April 13, 2012:

General Fund	\$ 1,130,313.04
911 Fund	\$ 2,795.69
Children & Youth Services	\$ 299,295.82
HazMat Fund	\$ 1,443.56
Liquid Fuels	\$ 18,042.14
CDBG	\$ 13,359.28
Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 30.00
Act 137 (Affordable Housing)	\$ 10,570.00
Ag Land Funds	\$ 254,872.00
Hotel Tax Fund	\$ 34,084.13

Motion carried.

Other Business:

There was no Other Business brought before the Board at this time.

Salary Board Meeting:

The Salary Board Meeting will be held following the Commissioners Meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting at 10:30 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman
Chief Clerk