

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 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; Department Directors Michele Miller, HR, Melissa Devlin, Finance, Kathy McConaghay, Children & Youth, Barbara Walter, Assessment, Don Fennimore, Court Administrator, Nick Colonna, Planning, Bicky Redman, Environmental Services, Danielle Helwig, Tax Claim, Cindy Keeney, Victim Witness; Employees Mark Clowney, Anne Thomas, Cecelia Billingsly, Andrew Merkel, Candi Clark; Stan Clark; Charles Strayer; Bob Jackson; 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. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2011 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Proclamations:

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

- National Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month – April 2012 – Presented by Jodie Walker, Director of the Children's Advocacy Center.
- National Volunteer Week – April 15-21, 2012 – Presented by Vicki Corbit, Director of the United Way.
- Fair Housing Month – April 2012 – Presented by Anne Thomas, Grants Coordinator.

Motion carried.

Presentation:

At this time Chairman Phiel recognized Pat Hartman who presented a check in the amount of \$996,019 to the Adams County Commissioners on behalf of Adams County Citizens representing the funds saved over the years for the 46,630 hours of volunteer service by representatives of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. Commissioner Phiel thanked them for their service now and in the past.

Public Comment:

- Skip Strayer – address several issues: 1) the 911 radio system has been approved, however he has concerns with how it functions and with technology advances, we are looking at the system being outdated in 5-6 years, even though the County will still be paying the bond issue. He understands the Federal Government is trying to implement a single serve system that multiple counties would have to go through. He disagrees with this, the county should be able to control its server, and hope if this comes before you, the Board opposes the Federal Governments plan; 2) Reassessment – the court order that has been issued has not been met, IA00 standards. He asked the Board to review everything that is available to them. You know this is not a viable outcome. People need to be made whole and given relief.

- Alexandria Escalera – Representing People Choice Adams and herself. She has been contacted by numerous owners of lots within Carroll Valley. Lots that have doubled if not more in assessed value. These lots do not perk. Some have tried to donate the lots back to Carroll Valley Borough and/or to other non-profits but no one is interested. What do the land owners do?

Commissioners:

Research Grant:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign a Department of Agriculture Grant Project No. ME44113142 in the amount of \$10,000 for tree removal addressing the pest threats from the growing number of unmanaged orchards in the Commonwealth-cost/effectiveness of pushing out trees versus applying chemical treatments.

Motion carried.

Belmont Road Bridge:

With recommendation from William Cameron, Bridge Engineer, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign the Contract Documents as submitted by George S. Hann & Son, Inc. for the construction of the Belmont Bridge.

Motion carried.

Tax Claim:

With recommendation from Danielle Helwig, Director, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the exoneration of 2011 County Real Estate tax in the amount of \$58.25 for Cynthia Hess, Berwick Township (L10-00400---287) for a mobile home that has been demolished and removed from the Tax Assessment Rolls.

Motion carried.

Tax Assessment:

With recommendation from Chief Assessor Barbara Walter:

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Per Capita Tax Exemption for Kathleen Shearer, Oxford Township, due to her income being within the acceptable limit.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification filed by Robert Sagedy for Parcel #28001-0092---000, located in McSherrystown Borough, effective beginning with the 2012 County and Borough Taxes.

Motion carried.

Probation Services:

With recommendation from Neil Burkholder, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign an Agreement between the County of Adams, Probation Services and Court System, and Larry G. Chatterton, M. Ed, Master Trainer, 569 East Ridge Hollow Road, Smithfield, Utah in the amount of \$3,175.00 to secure services to provide Level of Service/Case Management (LS/CMI) User Certification Training for the

Probation Department. This is an assessment tool to be used by the Department for Adult offenders to determine their risks and needs.

Motion carried.

Court:

With recommendation from Donald Fennimore, Court Administrator:

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign the Service Agreement with Language Line Interpreter Services on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$1.85/minute for Spanish and \$2.00/minute for all other supported languages.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign a Service Provider Agreement with Rabbit Transit, 1230 Roosevelt Avenue, York, PA for transportation services for an upcoming trial.

Motion carried.

2012 Community Development Block Grant:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the advertisement of the Proposed 2012 Community Development Block Grant Budget as follows:

Total 2012 Allocation - \$275,888.00

Total Requests - \$354,455.00

- Possum Valley Municipal Authority (Aspers waterline replacement) - \$97,633.00
- York Springs Municipal Authority – Pipeline in water disinfection building - \$28,196.00
- Tyrone Township – Heidlersburg sewer tapping and lateral for qualified LMI homeowners - \$68,400.00
- Adams County Arts Council – Senior programs - \$20,000.00
- South Central Community Action Programs – Food services program for LMI clients - \$12,000.00
- Administration & Planning - \$49,659.00

Motion carried.

Integrity Policy:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign the County of Adams Integrity Policy as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant Funds, Emergency Shelter Block Grant Funds (ESG) and any other Federal and State Grant Funds.

Motion carried.

Planning:

With recommendation from Andrew Merkel, Senior Planner, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign the 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program Agreement between the County of Adams and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of \$90,223. The breakdown is as follows: Federal Planning Funds \$52,420; State Funds \$6,553 (plus a county match of \$6,553); Federal Supplemental Planning funds \$26,000; and State Supplemental Funds of \$5,250.

Motion carried.

Fair Housing Officer:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to appoint Anne Thomas, Grants Coordinator, as the Fair Housing Officer for Adams County.

Motion carried.

Children & Youth Services:

With recommendation from Kathy McConaghay, Administrator, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements:

<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
Children's Home of Reading	See Contract
George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania	See Contract
Reading Specialists d/b/a Safeguards	See Contract
Specialized Foster Care	

Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

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

Probation Services:

- Note the employment of Richard Moyer, Community Re-Entry Program Aide, effective April 9, 2012.
- Note the employment of Laura Roland, Adult Probation Services Director, effective April 9, 2012.

Public Defender:

Note the appointment of Warren Bladen as the First Assistant Public Defender effective March 21, 2012.

District Justice Little:

Note the promotion of Robin Taughinbaugh from General Clerk to Administrative Assistant, effective March 12, 2012.

Separation of Employment:

- Chad Briggs, Children & Youth Caseworker II, effective March 30, 2012
- Kristin Miller, Law Clerk, effective March 29, 2012
- Sara Benny, Corrections Officer, effective March 22, 2012

Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the following expenditures for the period March 16, 2012 through March 30, 2012:

General Fund	\$ 2,184,531.69
911 Fund	\$ 371,770.49
Children & Youth Services	\$ 154,862.72
HazMat Fund	\$ 27.54
Emergency Shelter	\$ 3,654.34

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Commissioner Phiel – announced the Board is beginning to look at our organization becoming more effective, efficient and team effort. Currently we are looking at the Tax Departments and expanding Planning by including GIS and Ag Land. We are seeking input from staff members so that we can provide better services to our residents. The Board will continue to look at every department for common goals.

Salary Board Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting at 10:26 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman
Chief Clerk