

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012:

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met this date in regularly scheduled session at 9:06 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; County Manager Albert Penksa; Controller Steve Renner; Judge Michael George; Planning Director Nick Colonna; Comprehensive Planning Manager Andrew Merkel; Human Resources Director Michele Miller; Accounting Director Melissa Devlin; Tax Services Director Daryl Crum; Court Administrator Don Fennimore; Children & Youth Interim Director Sherri DePasqua; Victim Witness Director Cindy Keeney; Intern William McClain; County Citizens: Jim Behm, Stan Clark, Bob Jackson and Kathy McConaghay; News Reporters: Jess Haines, *The Gettysburg Times*; Steve Maroni, *Hanover Evening Sun*, and Chief Clerk Paula V. Neiman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2012 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Conditional Use Hearing – S & A Homes Application:

Chairman Phiel called the Conditional Use Public Hearing to order at 9:08 a.m. this date. Chairman Phiel noted this Hearing has been publicly advertised, notices have been sent as required and the property has been posted. We are here today to accept public comment on the Application for Conditional Use from S & A Homes.

Chairman Phiel asked if there was any public comment to be received.

- Richard Leatham, Representative from S & A Homes – Mr. Leatham reported that he has attended several meetings with the Township and Rob Thaeler, Principal Planner to ensure S & A Homes has met all the necessary requirements and ordinance regulation. The size of the parcel is in excess of 5 acres and is being applied for under the Estate Lot provision in the ordinance.

Commissioner Martin joined the hearing at 9:12 a.m.

Chairman Phiel asked Mr. Leatham if any concerns were addressed to him from property owners regarding an easement or right-of-way across their property in order to access Georgetown Road. Mr. Leatham responded – No there were not.

Solicitor Hartzell reported that the Board of Commissioners received an e-mail from Cheryl and Fred Cucco which addressed a concern on a deeded right of way along their property. He asked if there will be any need for a right-of-way. Mr. Leatham noted no easements are needed.

Commissioner Qually noted the odd shape of the estate lot. The map of the lot was shown to Mr. Leatham and he explained the area in question.

Chairman Phiel recognized Andrew Merkel, Comprehensive Planning Manager. Mr. Merkel noted this application involves property along Georgetown Road in Germany Township identified as Tax Parcel #J18-35. The portion of the property south of Georgetown Road is located in the Land Conservation (LC) District of the Adams County Zoning Ordinance. A review has been provided to all parties involved that this meets the necessary requirements.

At this time Chairman Phiel asked if there was any other public comment to be received. With no further comment to be received Chairman Phiel noted the Board will take this information under advisement and render their decision within the allotted 45 day time period.

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the Public Hearing at 9:22 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Solicitor John Hartzell left the Commissioners Meeting at this time.

Proclamation:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to adopt and proclaim July 15-21, 2012 to honor our Probation Services with a Proclamation from the Governor's Office for "**Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week**". Both Judge Michael George and Chairman Randy Phiel read public Proclamations with several probation/parole staff in attendance.

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Jim Behm – Cumberland Township Resident. He noted the Appeal process deadline is September 1. The common level ratio is established at 118.12 and when anyone appeals you have to find the fair market value and then apply the common level ratio. There has been an 18% decrease in values as of the end of 2011. If you take the fair market value and apply the common level ratio, it will come back to the exact amount the assessment is calculated at and that seems unfair. This will be a hardship for taxpayers.

Commissioners:

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve to continue the services of David K. James, III as the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) for the County of Adams through December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$49,600.00. Attorney James will be working with the Adams County Children & Youth Services and Probation (Juvenile) Services.

Motion carried.

Victim Witness:

With recommendation from Cindy Keeney, Director, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and ratify the signing of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) Victim of Crime Act Funds (VOCA) Grant reflecting a \$5,346.00 decrease in emergency funding.

Motion carried.

Court:

With recommendation from Donald Fennimore, Court Administrator, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign an Event Order with the Altland House Catering for lunches to be served to the Jurors during the upcoming Death Penalty Case.

Motion carried.

Tax Services:

With recommendation from Daryl Crum, Director, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the exoneration of the county delinquent real estate taxes for the following parcels due to the mobile home or cabin that were either destroyed or removed from the land.

- Tax Year 2011, Tyrone Township, Parcel #40I09-0016A—001 – Eleanor Bigles in the amount of \$34.81
- Tax Years 2001 through 2006, Huntington Township, Parcel #22G03-0107—001 – Gary & Theresa Armolt in the total amount of \$447.89
- Tax Years 2009 through 2011, Mt. Pleasant Township, Parcel #32J12-0061—137 – Austin Davis in the total amount of \$239.74
- Tax Years 2007 through 2011, Berwick Township, Parcel #04L10-0040—314 – Stephanie Cook in the amount \$516.44
- Tax Years 2006 through 2010, Huntington Township, Parcel #22H04-0012—012 – Joey & Cara Crum in the amount of \$148.25
- Tax Years 2002 through 2005 and 2007 & 2008, Straban Township, Parcel #38G10-0013—003 – Hanovarian Trust (Routsong) in the total amount of \$116.70

Motion carried.

Probation Services:

With recommendation from Neil Burkholder, Executive Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign the Adult Probation Grant-In-Aid Application and Agreement for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$123,928.00.

Motion carried.

Planning Department:

Recommendation from Nick Colonna, Director to approve the following:

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to authorize the advertisement for a Public Hearing for the Germany Township Request for an amendment to the Adams County Zoning Ordinance – 1) include the former Township Building property in the Highway Commercial District; and 2) text amendment regarding the regulation of billboard signs. It was noted that all affected municipalities have been notified and no comments have been received to date.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Assistance Planning Program Contract between the County of Adams, Adams County Office of Planning and the Borough of East Berlin for our assistance to aid in the development and/or implementation of municipal planning policies in the amount of \$1,364.00.

Motion carried.

Purchasing:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign a Generator & Transfer Switch Maintenance Agreement between the County of Adams and G.R. Sponaule, 4391 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg, PA for a term of 24-month effective July 1, 2012 in the annual amount of \$2,169 for the Prison and \$2,755 for Emergency Services.

Motion carried.

Children & Youth Services:

With recommendation from Sherri DePasqua, Interim Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following:

- Purchase of Service Agreements:

<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
River Rock Day Treatment	See Contract
Cornerstone Counseling (non-placement)	See Contract
<u>2011-2012 Amendments:</u>	
Alternative Rehabilitation Communities	See Contract
Children's Home of Reading	See Contract
Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services	See Contract
George Junior Republic	See Contract
Reading Specialists Safeguards Specialized Foster Care	See Contract
United Methodist Home for Children Residential Care	See Contract
Youth Services Agency	See Contract
<u>2011-2012</u>	
Hope For Kids	See Contract
NHS Pennsylvania – Foster Care	See Contract
NHS Youth Services – Residential/Shelter	See Contract

Motion carried.

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

- R.& C. A. for B.J.J. in the monthly subsidy amount of \$900.00
- R.& C. A. for H.H.H. in the monthly subsidy of \$900.00

Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

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

District Attorney:

Note: Rosby Carr as an Unpaid Legal Intern, 15 hours/week, effective June 18, 2012.

Human Resources:

Note the change in status from Volunteers to Unpaid Legal Interns for the following:

- Maria Barrett – District Attorney's Office
- Cory Beaver – Court of Common Pleas
- Jordan Forry – Public Defender's Office
- Anna Rinehart – Public Defender's Office

Emergency Services:

Note: Amy Nyswaner as an Unpaid Volunteer, one day per week, to assist with various projects, effective July 27, 2012.

Domestic Relations:

Note: Kelly Nichols (transfer from Clerk of Courts) to the position of Receptionist/Paternity Coordinator, effective July 16, 2012.

Clerk of Courts:

Note the employment of Gail Laughman, Case Clerk, effective July 9, 2012

Separation of Employment:

- Vance Kemmerling, MIS Technician II/Application Specialist, effective June 27, 2012

Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following expenditures for the period June 25, 2012 through July 6, 2012:

General Fund	\$ 2,006,747.85
911 Fund	\$ 60,601.99
Children & Youth Services	\$ 369,436.13
Liquid Fuels	\$ 2,372.22
Law Enforcement	\$ 30.00
Emergency Shelter	\$ 13,199.44
Hotel Tax Fund	\$ 106,664.55
Capital Project GO Note 09	\$ 13,334.00

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Commissioner Martin – He attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting in Biglerville this morning and Adams County was recognized for 20 years of service to the Adams County Chamber of Commerce. Representative Tallman and Senator Alloway also participated.

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 10:00 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman
Chief Clerk