

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012:

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met this date in regularly scheduled session at 9:04 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; President Judge John Kuhn; Sheriff James Muller; Planning Director Nick Colonna; Human Resources Director Michele Miller; Tax Services Director Daryl Crum; Court Administrator Don Fennimore; Children & Youth Interim Director Sherri DePasqua; Mary Victoria Charisse Children & Youth Services; Intern William McClain; County Citizens: Daryl Wheeler; Paul Kellett, Alexandra Escalera, Jim Behm, Stan Clark, Bob Jackson, Kathy McConaghay; ACTV Mark; News Reporters: Jess Haines, *The Gettysburg Times*; Steve Maroni, *Hanover Evening Sun*, and Candi Clark Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Banner Presentation:

Chairman Phiel welcomed everyone here today for what he believes is a very special meeting. It is a day for which the Board takes great pride. The Adams County Banner is not just a very nice visual but it is also a poignant symbol. It stands for who we are as a community. It stands for the fact that although we may not always agree on all issues; we do stand as one as a community. Several of our long-time staff has volunteered to escort and present the banner this morning as we place it. Four of the folks Sue Gantz, Alicia Wooters, Rhonda Kershner and George Groft have a total combined service of 140 years of service to the County of Adams. They certainly personify service and dedication. The other escort is Gail Laughman. Gail is our newest staff member who has been here for one week in the Clerk of Courts office. Gail symbolizes change and vision.

At this time the Adams County Board of Commissioners requests the banner be brought forward, presented and placed at its new location, to stand watch over county proceedings. He would like to provide the significance of the county seal.

The colorful Seal of Adams County that dominates the banner was designed by local artisan Eugene Sickles in 1966 and is full of Adams County symbolism. The Great Seal of PA is inscribed on the Keystone at the top. Seven spokes denote the seven original roads of the county. The ring of 21 stars denotes the townships of the county and shows the original courthouse, which stood in the middle of the Gettysburg Square from 1805-1859. There is an outline of the county map with the South Mountains in the background. The High Water Mark on the Gettysburg Battlefield appears in the bottom panel to represent the county's participation in the most decisive battle of the civil war. The scrolled ribbons around the entire design show the date of the county's organization. There is a tree representing the county's fruit industry, a sheaf of wheat representing the agricultural industry and a factory representing county industry.

At this time I would also like to recognize Bob McIlhenny for his contribution and assistance in the legacy that stands before us. I would also like to recognize the folks at Graphcom who made this happen by using some of their advanced technology to produce the quality of the product you see before you.

As we conclude the presentation this morning, it is my hope that long after all of us here this morning departs, this symbolic Adams County Banner will remain as a reminder of our heritage and of whom we are and what we stand for in Adams County.

Chairman Phiel recessed the meeting at 9:17 a.m. until 9:26 a.m. for photos with the unveiling of the Adams County Banner prepared by Bob McIlhenny Banners.

Minutes:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2012 Commissioners' Meeting with the following correction:

Planning Department - Commissioner Martin noted that all affected municipalities have been notified and no comments have been received to date.

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Paul Kellett – cares about Adams County and what it stands for. He is distressed because he hopes Adams County stands for rule of law. He is currently involved in litigation with Adams County and the outside counsel, Attorney John Yaninek who represents the County, has not been approved by the Salary Board. He has reviewed Salary Board minutes and this attorney's services have not been approved by the Salary Board. Mr. Yaninek is questionable to serve on this matter. The law is very clear – Section 88.34 says that the Board may appoint an attorney to the Board of Assessment office to advise on all legal matters and shall be selected by the Salary Board. Likewise with the Commonwealth ratio of 118, it is no longer in compliance with the law. The cost of the reassessment for \$2.2 million does not seem like a good buy. 21st Century was not a good buy. Realtor assessment showed 650 residences were sold in 2011 and that information was not disclosed. Commissioners should live up to the promise of that seal and the Courts should be sure you are abiding by the law. Attorney Yaninek is just an example of the process. If an investigation entered into of whether claims of witness tampering against Mr. Hartzell are true, this should be investigated outside the court.
- Alexandria Escalara – representing Peoples Voice of Adams County & Adams Taxpayers Appeal. She is still hoping that the values are set right. We should not have to jump through hoops to get justice in Adams County. The Banner is very nice, and I am pleased to be a part of Adams County. I just hope that new flag is a symbol of courage for this county to stand for what is right and see justice through to the end. We count on all three of you to make these decisions. Overseeing hiring of Mr. Yaninek and ignoring the law, we just don't understand why these things continue to happen. The communication with Mr. Sanderson and others are not acceptable. Need to make the decision to do this in house and people are counting on you to get it right.

Commissioners:

- York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit – Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign Amendment #1 between the County of Adams and the York/Adams Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, Pittsburgh, PA effective July 1, 2012.

Motion carried.

- Medical Assistance Transportation Program – Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign the 2012-2013 Letter of Agreement between the County of Adams and York County Human Services for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

Motion carried.

Voter Registration:

With recommendation from Monica Dutko, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign the Certification of County Maintenance in accordance with HAVA Title II Financial Assistance.

Motion carried.

Courts:

With recommendation from Donald Fennimore, Court Administrator, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve and sign Monitoring Alarm Agreements between the County of Adams and Choice Security Services, LLC for the four (4) District Justice Offices.

Motion carried.

Planning:

With recommendation from Nick Colonna, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin approved to appoint Bicky Redman and Chelsea Jeffries as Assistant County Zoning Officers effective July 25, 2012.

Motion carried.

Housing Committee:

With recommendation from the Adams County Housing Committee Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the following Act 137 Funding requests:

- Adams County Children & Youth Services request of a grant in the amount of \$8,730.60 to cover rent and utility costs associated with their Transitional Housing Program.
- Adams County Work Camp request of a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to assist with the purchase of materials in support of their Summer 2013 program.

Motion carried.

Tax Services:

- With recommendation from Chief Assessor Barbara Walter, that the Board of Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Assessment Appeals Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to deny the application for Real Property Tax Exemption request filed by the First Baptist Church of Littlestown for Tax Parcel I17-0009F---000.

Motion carried.

- With recommendation from Chief Assessor Barbara Walter, that the Board of Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Assessment Appeals Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following Real Property Tax Exemption Requests:
 - Adams County Conservation District, Cumberland Township, Tax Parcel 09F12-0159E---000. This property is government owned and is being used by government agencies.
 - South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP), Gettysburg Borough, Tax Parcel 16007-0141---000. This property is being used as the Homeless Shelter and would fall under a Purely Public Charity Analysis.

- Luz, Alegria y Esperanza Brethren in Christ Church, Latimore Township, Tax Parcel 23I04-0086---000 for 62% of the property being used by the Church. The remainder of the property will remain on the tax rolls.
- Child Evangelism Fellowship of Adams County, Inc., Biglerville Borough, Tax Parcel 05003-0051---000. The approval is for the basement office and storage area which equals 1,412 sq. ft. The remainder of the property will remain on the tax rolls.

Motion carried.

Children & Youth Services:

With recommendation from Sherri DePasqua, Interim Director:

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve a foster care per diem increase for Foster Parent L.G. for the care of child A. from \$40.00 to \$70.00 per diem. This is being requested due to medical needs.

Motion carried.

Adoption Subsidy

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve a revised Adoption Subsidy for R. & P. E. for D.M.E. reflecting a \$100 increase in the monthly subsidy to a total of \$1,000.00 per month.

Purchase Service Agreements:

<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
Lancaster County Youth Intervention Center	See Contract

<u>2011-2012</u>	
Adelphoi Village	See Contract
Concern Professional Services	See Contract
Devereux Foundation	See Contract
National Mentor Healthcare dba PA Mentor	See Contract

<u>Amendments to extend 2011-2012</u>	
Catholic Charities of the Harrisburg Diocese	See Contract
Children’s Home of York	See Contract
Cornell Abraxas Group	See Contract
Diversified Treatment Alternatives	See Contract
Glen Mills School	See Contract
Outside in School of Experiential Education	See Contract
Pinkney’s Vineyard of Faith Ministries	See Contract
Pressley Ridge CRR Host Homes	See Contract
Youth Education Services	See Contract

Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

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

Commissioners:

Note the addition of Barbara Weikert to the Floater list on an as-needed basis, effective July 11, 2012.

MIS:

Note the title change for Jim Rodgers to Network Administrator/Manager, effective July 11, 2012.

Interns:

Note the following Interns:

- Accounting Department – Nicholas Shearer, effective July 16 through August 17, 2012.
- Planning Office – Nicholas Snyder, effective July 5 through August 24, 2012.
- District Attorney’s Office – Note the completion of the paid internship for Sebastian Conforto effective May 16, 2012.

Treasurer:

Note the transfer of Patty DeHass and Nancy Stimer, as-needed Floaters, to the Treasurer’s office effective July 9 through September 28, 2012 for processing and issuing antlerless licenses.

Motion carried.

Expenditures:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following expenditures for the period July 9, 2012 through July 20, 2012:

General Fund	\$ 1,377,661.45
911 Fund	\$ 201.95
Children & Youth Services	\$ 49,364.30
HazMat Fund	\$ 226.70
Liquid Fuels	\$ 33,398.99
CDBG	\$ 9,528.28
Law Enforcement	\$ 177.80
Emergency Shelter	\$ 15,894.45
Commissary Fund	\$ 2,317.06

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Commissioner Martin – Recognized and thanked Adams Electric for repairs during storm damage.

Commissioner Phiel – noted Bob McIlhenny donated his time and that no county funds were expended for the new banner.

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 10:07 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Candi Clark
Recording Secretary