

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met this date in regularly scheduled session at 9:00 a.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom with Chairman Randy L. Phiel presiding. The following were in attendance: Commissioners James E. Martin and Marty Karsteter Qually; John Hartzell, Solicitor; Albert Penksa, County Manager; Steven Renner, Controller; Anne Thomas, Grants Coordinator; Don Fennimore, Court Administrator; Candi Clark, Human Resources Generalist; Steven Scherm, IT Director; Loretta Weaver, IT Department; Nick Colonna, Planning & Development Director; Daryl Crum, Tax Services Director; Mark Clowney, Ag Land Preservation; Tom Leedy, Weights & Measures; County Citizens: Stan Clark, Alexandria Escalera, Bruce Hollinger and Scott Pitzer; News Reporters: Jarrad Hedes, *The Gettysburg Times*, and Mark Walters, *Hanover Evening Sun* and Chief Clerk Paula Neiman.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Minutes:**

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2013 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

### **Broadband Task Force:**

Josh Hinkle provided an update on the status of the Broadband Task Force. Commissioner Phiel noted another presentation, which will be more detailed, is scheduled for December 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at the HACC facility.

### **Proclamations:**

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve "**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT**" – November 21, 2013. This proclamation was presented to Eileen Grennell, Collaborating for Youth.
- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve "**CENTURY OF SERVICE**" – Biglerville Hose & Truck Company #1 for their 100 Years of Service. This proclamation was presented to Tom Leedy.

Motion carried.

### **Public Comment:**

- Bruce Hollinger, Fairfield, PA – County wide reassessment and the proposed Ordinance No. 3 of 2013. Presented information to the Board members.
- Alexandria Escalera, Gettysburg, PA & People Voice Adams – Uniform taxes within Adams County; reassessment in-house procedure; Rabbit Transit Transportation. Presented information to the Board.

### **Commissioners:**

With recommendation from Solicitor John Hartzell, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of Adams and the Gettysburg Fire Department (GFD) related to GFD's submission of a grant proposal under the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) to benefit fire departments throughout the county by requesting funds for the provision of portable radios for firefighters funded by grant proceeds, and with the MOA

outlining responsibilities between the county and GFD, with the final agreement subject to Solicitor review.

Motion carried.

**Emergency Services:**

With recommendation from John Eline, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points Regional Shared Services Assessment Letter of Commitment in the amount of \$30,000 and to join the counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York.

Motion carried.

**Planning:**

With recommendation from Nick Colonna, Director, approval of the following requests:

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve Resolution No. 17 of 2013 for the adoption of the Adams County Preservation Priority Area Map.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ADAMS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTION OF THE ADAMS COUNTY PRESERVATION PRIORITY AREA MAP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2013**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Adams established the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (“Board”) on January 10, 1990, pursuant to authority granted by Pennsylvania Act 43 of 1981, codified at 3 P.S. § 901 – 915, as amended, and regulations contained at 7 Pa. Code § 138e.1 – 138e.241, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Board is to administer a program for purchasing agricultural conservation easements on behalf of the County of Adams (“County”) to protect and promote continued productive agricultural use on viable agricultural lands by acquiring agricultural conservation easements, which prevents the development or improvement of the land for any purpose other than agricultural production and allowed related agricultural activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, along with the Adams County Planning Commission and Adams County Office of Planning and Development, have created a map which identifies the important agricultural areas of the county, delineates the approximate boundaries of established Agricultural Security Areas, identifies areas considered farmland of importance, and land where development is occurring or is likely to occur in the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, this map will be periodically revised following the model used in its development, so as to capture changes in agricultural and related land use dynamics, thereby ensuring the best use of preservation resources.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, and it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the County of Adams, Pennsylvania, by its governing body, the duly elected and

incumbent Board of County Commissioners, Randy L. Phiel, James E. Martin, and Marty Karsteter Qually, as follows:

1. The foregoing is incorporated herein and made an essential part hereof.

2. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Adams County Preservation Priority Area Map, approved by the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board on July 10, 2013 as the official planning and development map for the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

3. A copy of the map adopted pursuant to this resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," incorporated herein, and made an essential part hereof.

4. The Adams County Office of Planning and Development, and the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board are directed to undertake any commonwealth reviews and approvals as may be necessary, and to use the map in future agricultural land prioritizations and evaluations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the present Resolution has been duly adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013 in a duly advertised and convened public session.

**ATTEST:**

**ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Paula V. Neiman  
Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Randy L. Phiel, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
James E. Martin, Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Marty Karsteter Qually, Commissioner

Motion carried.

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the Amendment to the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program Guidelines to incorporate the use of the Preservation Priority Area Map into the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment System for evaluation and possible purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

Motion carried.

**Act 137 Funds:**

With recommendation from the Adams County Housing Committee, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the authorization of \$8,736 as a grant to assist with rent and utilities costs associated with the Adams County Children & Youth Services Transitional Housing Program.

Motion carried.

**Tax Services:**

With recommendation from Daryl Crum, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the total assessed value for the County's real estate and per capita.

Motion carried.

**Personnel Report:**

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

Children & Youth Services:

- Rescind the offer of employment for Christina Brant, County Fiscal Technician, effective October 28, 2013.
- Promotion of Linda Potter to County Fiscal Technician, effective November 18, 2013.

Court:

Employment of Theresa Finkenbinder to the position of Tipstaff, effective November 18, 2013.

Separation of Employment:

- Andrew Stoner, Part Time Telecommunicator, effective November 30, 2013
- Nicol Myers, Children & Youth Caseworker 2, effective November 8, 2013

Motion carried.

**Expenditures:**

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following expenditures for the period October 28, 2013 through November 8, 2013:

General Fund	\$ 1,209,940.41
911 Fund	\$ 37,873.91
Domestic Relations	\$ 11,748.59
Children & Youth Services	\$ 273,802.68
Liquid Fuels	\$ 49,382.12
Law Enforcement	\$ 196.87
Hotel Tax Fund	\$ 222,083.54
Commissary Fund	\$ 2,078.03
Radio Project	\$ 41,415.74

Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

Commissioner Phiel – Reminder of the request for funding from Rabbit Transit Transportation and ask the local municipalities to consider their support.

**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 10:10 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman, Chief Clerk