

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002:**

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met this date in regularly scheduled session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Adams County Courthouse with Board Chairman Thomas J. Weaver presiding. Others in attendance were: Commissioner Thomas L. Collins; John Hartzell, Solicitor; News Reporters John Messeder (*The Gettysburg Times*); Max Stevens (*WGET*); Travis Lau (*Evening Sun*) and Chief Clerk Paula V. Neiman.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2002 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

**Salary Board Meeting:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to recess the Salary Board Meeting until 9:30 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

**Public Comments/Questions:**

No public comments/ questions were addressed to the Board at this time.

**2003 Adams County Budget:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve to tentatively adopt the 2003 Adams County Budget with total operating funds of \$42,440,567 as follows:

General Fund	\$24,461,245
Children & Youth Services	6,943,410
911 Communications Fund	1,251,850
Domestic Relations Fund	894,947
Hazardous Materials Fund	57,804
Green Acres Nursing & Rehab	8,831,311

The 2003 Budget Narrative was distributed to the press. Commissioner Stokes joined the meeting via conference call. Board Chairman Weaver noted a 13% growth from 2002, resulting in a slight tax increase of ½ mill, which reflects a \$25 increase for homeowners. He concluded with an overview of the changes that will be taking place in the County. He thanked Melissa Devlin, Director of Accounting & Budgets and Lindsay Mowrer, Accounting Clerk III, for their hard work and support which helped smoothed the process.

Commissioner Collins thanked Commissioner Weaver for his work in completing this task. Commissioner Stokes echoed the comments given by Commissioner Collins and Weaver, and via phone conference call noted his unofficial vote of approval.

Motion carried.

### **2003 Tax Ordinance:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance No. 5 of 2002 - An Ordinance Establishing, Levying and setting the Taxes and Tax Rate on Real Property and Person For Fiscal year 2003.

Motion carried.

### **Planning & Development:**

With recommendation from Richard Schmoyer, Director, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve and authorize Board Chairman Weaver to sign the Community Assistance Planning Program Contract between the County of Adams and Highland Township.

Motion carried.

### **Adams County Housing Authority:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve and sign the Lending Commitment and Agreement between the County of Adams and the Adams County Housing Authority in the amount of \$250,000 from the Housing Assistance Fund.

Motion carried.

### **Emergency Services:**

With recommendation from Jonathan Hansen, Director, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve the authorization to Fox Ridge Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$5,800 to conduct a frequency search, identify the channels, prepare an application to the FCC to license these channels at the Courthouse location and electronically forward that application to APCO.

### **Human Resources:**

With recommendation from Kathy Forbes, Director, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve and authorize Board Chairman Weaver to sign the Policy Endorsement with Peoples Benefit Life Insurance Company effective February 1, 2003.

Motion carried.

### **Tax Claim:**

With recommendation from Danielle Asper, Director, Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve the exoneration of county taxes for the following:

- Ronald Sadler/CIT Group - Map H10, Parcel 17, Lot 143, 1987 Derosé Mobile Home for tax year 2002 in the amount of \$54.80; tax year 2001 in the amount of \$51.79; tax year 2000 in the amount of \$54.80 and tax year 1999 in the amount of \$41.25

Motion carried.

**Brownsfield for Housing Initiative:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve and sign a Community & Economic Development Single Application for Assistance in the amount of \$75,002, and the Resolution authorizing the filing of said Application.

Motion carried.

**Invitation For Bid - Prison Furniture, Furnishings & Equipment:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve and authorize the advertisement for an "Invitation For Bid of the Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for the Adams County Correctional Facility" to be opened Wednesday, January 15, 2003.

Motion carried.

**Personnel Report:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to approve the Personnel Report dated November 27, 2002 as follows:

**Juvenile Probation:**

Note the Military Leave of Absence for Matthew G. Mckenrick, Probation Officer I, full time 40 hours/week, effective November 26, 2002.

**Sheriff:**

Note the resignation of Gary McMullen, Deputy Sheriff, full time 40 hours/week, effective December 6, 2002.

**Tax Assessment:**

Accept the resignation of William H. Horner, Assistant Assessor, part time, effective November 20, 2002.

Recommendation from Barbara Walter, Chief Assessor, to approve the employment of Rebecca L. Plank to the Clerk position, full time 37.5 hours/week, effective January 6, 2003.

**Prison:**

Recommendation from Warden Deborah Hankey to approve the following, pending final approval by the Prison Board:

- Leave of Absence for Kristi Studzinski, Corrections Officer, full time 40 hours/week, effective November 19, 2002 for approximately 6-8 weeks.

**New Hires:**

Position of Corrections Officer, full time 40 hours/week as follows:

- Vanessa Cullison effective December 2, 2002. NOTE: Ms. Cullison transferred from Green Acres where she held a CNA 11- 7 position.
- Samuel Jones effective December 2, 2002
- John E. Worthman effective December 2, 2002
- Jessica Lee effective December 30, 2002

Green Acres:

Recommendation from Stephen McShane, Administrator, to approve the termination of Melissa Eiker, CNA PRN 3-11, effective November 25, 2002.

Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Board Chairman Weaver noted receipt of the following Reports:

- Green Acres Weekly Average Daily Census Report reflecting 15 vacancies as of November 24, 2002.
- Veterans Affairs Monthly Activities Report for November 2002

**Expenditures:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to approve the following expenditures:

Adams County General Fund	\$ 484,579.85
Green Acres	\$ 78,390.58
911 Fund	\$ 11,688.93
Children & Youth Services	\$ 43,183.56
HazMat Fund	\$ 38.69
Capital Project Fund	\$ 186,356.14

Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

Firing Range:

Solicitor Hartzell noted that KPI Technologies are assisting with the design of the firing range in conjunction with the Law Enforcement Association. An amendment will be forwarded to Straban Township for consideration of approval to allow the firing range within the Township.

Legislation:

Commissioner Weaver noted the House of Representatives passed a Bill which would require fee for 911 cellular phone use, similar to the fee charged for regular phone lines. This fee will be used to fund 911 and to fund locator systems throughout Pennsylvania. This bill is now in Senate, and for some unknown reason, has been stalled by Senate Chairman Corman. This is a serious matter and his action to stall this Bill will put people at risk. Right now there is no way to locate individuals who use a cell phone to call 911. Forty-four states have put his locator system in place. We need to get the Senate to act immediately to prevent a serious public safety issue.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Weaver, to adjourn the Commissioners' Meeting at 9:26 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula V. Neiman  
Chief Clerk