

**WORK SESSION****June 17, 2015****9:00 a.m.****Adams County Courthouse**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Randy L. Phiel; Commissioners James E. Martin and Marty Karsteter Qually; Solicitor John Hartzell; Molly Mudd, Assistant Solicitor; Beth Cissel, Deputy Controller; John Eline, Director, Department of Emergency Services; Sherri Clayton, Director of Planning; Ellen Dayhoff, Rural Resource Manager; Don Fennimore, Court Administrator; Barbara Walter, Chief Assessor; Bob Jackson; John Longanecker; Vanessa Pellechio, *The Gettysburg Times*, Chris Capello, *Hanover Evening Sun* and Chief Clerk Paula V. Neiman.

Called to order at 9:05 a.m. this date.

**Public Comment:**

John Longanecker – Would the Board to consider, projecting into the future, part of a conversation topic of the vacant Westinghouse/Schindler Elevator property. It seems there is no effort at all to make anything happen. Chairman Phiel asked Mr. Longanecker to contact Adams County Economic Development with his concerns.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the minutes from June 3, 2015 as presented.

Motion carried.

**Tax Services:**

With recommendation from Barbara Walter, Chief Assessor, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve to remove the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption from Stanley Brenner, 327 North Street, McSherrystown, PA for Parcel #28005-0068--000 effective for 2015-2016 school taxes. Mr. Brenner no longer resides at this property.

Motion carried.

**Department of Emergency Services:**

With recommendation from John Eline, Director, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to approve the final change order for JG Contracting for tower site work in the amount of \$158,594.81.

Motion carried.

Chairman Phiel asked Mr. Eline to provide an update on the Miller Chemical Fire. Mr. Eline noted the county is continuing to receive daily updates from DEP. The Conewago Creek is clearing and the oxygen levels in the water are increasing. Currently no run off is going into Slegle Run.

**Planning:**

With recommendation from Sherri Clayton, Director, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve and sign between the County of Adams and Straban Township an Agreement to prepare an update to the Straban Township Act 209 Study Land Use Assumptions Report.

Motion carried.

Ag Land Program – Ellen Dayhoff presented an overview of the policy for unique/special exemptions. With the challenges they encountered with the purchase of the Roman Catholic Clergy, we took what we learned and incorporated it into a policy. This policy was prepared by the Ag Land Board, reviewed by Solicitor Hartzell, and if approved by the Board of Commissioners will be forwarded to the State Board of Ag Preservation. The Commissioners will take this under advisement.

**Commissioners/Courts:**

Don Fennimore, Court Administrator, presented to the Board the Holidays for 2016. Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually to concur and approve the 2016 Holidays presented:

New Year's Day	January 1, 2016
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	January 18, 2016
President's Day	February 15, 2016
Good Friday	March 25, 2016
Memorial Day	May 30, 2016
Independence Day	July 4, 2016
Labor Day	September 5, 2016
Columbus Day	October 10, 2016
Veterans' Day	November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	November 24, 2016
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	November 25, 2016
Christmas Day Holiday	December 23, 2016
Christmas Holiday	December 26, 2016

Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

- Chairman Phiel announced that several Adams County Employees, representing the CJAB Program, traveled to State College to receive the Best Practice Award on Monday, June 15, 2015. This is quite an honor for the County.
- Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation for the involvement of the York County Responders during the Miller Chemical Fire. Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel to send a thank you letter to the York County Commissioners to extend our appreciation to their York County Responders for their cooperation during this fire.

Motion carried.

**Executive Session:**

Chairman Phiel called for an Executive Session at 9:49 a.m. to discuss attorney/client, personnel and real estate issues.

**Executive Session Ended:**

Executive Session ended at 11:13 a.m. this date with no action needed by the Board.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the Work Session at 11:14 a.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman  
Chief Clerk