

MINUTE BOOK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Minute No. 558

Washington County Commissioners

Washington, PA, February 20, 1997

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Public Meeting Room, Courthouse Square, Washington, Pennsylvania, with the following members being present: Commissioners Joseph A. Ford, Sr; Diana L. Irey and J. Bracken Burns, Sr. Also being present: Tina Dallatore, Chief Clerk; Linda Hands, Clerk Steno II; Attorneys Jim McCune and Jill Devine of the Solicitor's Office; Bill McGowen, Director of Administration; Paul Belcastro, Controller; Marlene Luketich, Director of Planning; Melanie Thomas Finney, Planning Commission; Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority; Steve Tkach, Community Services Director; Vicki Hladik Bryan, Parks Department; Jean Byers, MATHCOUNTS Coordinator; winners and coaches of the MATHCOUNTS competition; Fred Fleet, M. E. Yancosek, Richard S. Lohr and Jon Azzarello, interested citizens; John Logar, Tax Appeal Board Member; Norm Allan, C.S. McKee; Frank Burnette, RRZ Investment Management, Inc.; David Widmer, President, Engelhardt-Power & Associates, Inc.; Kris Schiffbauer, Herald Standard; Jim Jefferson, WJPA; Joe Smydo, Observer Reporter; Kathy Thomas, Valley Independent; and J.R. Wheeler, CUTV.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, to amend the Agenda to include "Item g" under New Business for an appointment to the Children and Youth Social Service Agency Advisory Board.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, that Minute No. 557 dated February 6, 1997, be approved as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Abstain.

Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Robert Umstead, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority, presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Resolution approving the proposed Disposal of Disposition Parcel No. 11-C and a portion of Parcel No. 3A in the Donora Southgate Urban Renewal Project PA R-324 in the Borough of Donora to Polycom-Huntsman, Inc.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the foregoing Resolution.

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Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Steve Tkach of Adult Probation, Jim Jefferson and Kathy Thomas, news media, entered the meeting.)

The Commissioners presented to David Widmer, President of Engelhardt-Power & Associates, Inc., a Proclamation designating the week of March 9-15, 1997, as Surveyors Week.

The Commissioners presented to Jean Byers, MATHCOUNTS Coordinator, a Proclamation designating February 24-28, 1997, as MATHCOUNTS Week. The Commissioners also presented certificates to the coaches and winners.

(The meeting recessed briefly for the purpose of taking photos.)

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a price increase to the Service Agreement with Stratus Computer, Inc., in connection with the Public Safety Computer Assisted Dispatch System. The 4.5% price increase is effective May 1, 1997.

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the price increase of Stratus Computer, Inc. as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval the establishment and implementation of a Special Events Permit, Guidelines and Fee Schedule for the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Special Events Permit will regulate the use of the three parks for events that utilize the facilities beyond that of normal shelter rentals, limit the county costs associated with the event and reimburse the county for a portion of indirect costs. The guidelines require that the sponsor pay all additional costs associated with the event (trash removal, additional restroom facilities, security/traffic control, etc.). The recommended fee schedule is as follows:

Major Event	\$500.00 and \$1,000.00
Minor Event	\$ 50.00 and \$ 250.00

Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the establishment and implementation of a Special Events Permit, Guidelines and Fee Schedule for the Parks and Recreation Department as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a recommendation from the Budget Director to increase the amount charged for office space at Courthouse Square from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per square foot, effective March 1, 1997.

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Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the increase for office space at Courthouse Square as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant Award in the amount of \$200,000 (federal funds) for the Washington County STOP Violence Against Women Program for the period of February 1, 1997 through January 31, 1998.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant Award as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for ratification the renewal of Public Officials Liability Insurance with National Union Insurance Company for the period of February 12, 1997 to February 12, 1998, at a premium of \$21,396.00. It was noted that this does not include employment practice liability coverage.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, ratifying renewal of the Public Officials Liability Insurance as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval an Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation whereby the County of Washington, through its Community Service Program, will perform litter pick-up services along various State Highways during the period of May 15, 1997 through September 15, 1997, at a reimbursement rate of \$13.00 per roadside mile. It was noted that Steve Tkach, Director of Community Services, is currently working with PennDOT officials to try to expand this program for a longer period of time.

Moved by Mrs. Ireby, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as per above and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to so execute and the Chief Clerk to attest the same.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Ireby - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk presented to the Board for their consideration and approval a recommendation to appoint Michele Dawson of Library, Pa., to the Children and Youth Social Service Agency Advisory Committee for a two-year term, effective March 1, 1997.

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Moved by Mrs. Irey, seconded by Mr. Burns, approving the appointment as per above.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes .

Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF BIDS

Controller Belcastro opened and read the following bid:

LUMBER

1. Donora Lumber Company
300 Meldon Avenue
Donora, PA 15033

No total amount submitted; costs were submitted on a per unit basis.

A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$3,000.00 accompanied the bid.

Moved by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Irey, to table the foregoing bid for further review.

Roll call vote taken:

Mr. Burns - Yes; Mrs. Irey - Yes; Mr. Ford - Yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Ford declared the meeting adjourned at approximately

10:35 a.m.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

March 4, 1997

ATTEST: Christine A. Slavatore
CHIEF CLERK