

October 15, 2009

McKean County Commissioners in special session assembled on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Treasurer's meeting room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, and Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons, and County Solicitor, Dan Hartle. Also present was Martha Knight.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. DeMott, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the minutes of the October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Moved by Mrs. Church, seconded by Mr. Pingie, to award the contract to Lobar, Inc. in the amount of \$1,932,000.00 for McKean County Jail Project.

Mr. DeMott – Our architects went through all the bids and told us that Lobar's bid did comply with the bid specifications and requirements in the advertisement.

Mr. Hartle – I would say that since they are the low bidder and appear to be the responsible bidder the Commissioners don't have any choice, but to award the bid to Lobar.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve payment of the following invoices:

1. A. L. Blades & Sons, Inc. - \$16,375.00 – representing payment for Boyer Crossing Bridge Project for the period ending July 31, 2009 – McKean Boyer Bridge Project Fund.
2. Standard & Poor's - \$6,800.00 – representing payment for professional services rendered for the 2009 Bond Issue for the county.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to issue a real estate tax refund to CFG Enterprises in the amount of \$458.92 for the year 2009 as their property was

reinstated under the LERTA for Kane Borough which reduced their assessment for the year 2009.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church to enter into an annual maintenance agreement with SBM Electronics for the 911 Center's logger recorder that operates 24/7. The cost of the agreement is \$4,794.00 per year.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Martha Knight – Do the Commissioners have any reaction to the state budget that was finally passed? Does that open some spigots for you for some of the county agencies?

Mr. DeMott – We certainly hope so. It is a relief that the budget has been passed. We are still waiting for funds – we don't know exactly when those funds will be released. We do need the money. We are still waiting for an analysis department by department – program by program of what was included in the new budget and what changes we will have to make. I am sure we will have that information shortly and we will be able to proceed with creating our budget for next year.

Ms. Knight – When will the jail project be started – what will they actually be able to accomplish in this construction period?

Mr. DeMott – They actually include a time table with the bid. It has it starting in November of this year with a final completion date of November 1, 2010.

Ms. Knight – Will they be making reconfigurations in the jail while they are building the new building for the work release program?

Mr. DeMott – Basically, they are going to have to build the new work release center first because those prisoners are going to have to be transferred before the space they are currently occupying can be remodeled so that will be the first step. The addition to the jail for the kitchen and the garage and reception area can actually be built onto the outside and then incorporated into the rest of the building.

Mrs. Church – The current kitchen will remain operational as is now until the new kitchen is completed.

Ms. Knight – Any possibility about using inmate labor for the jail project?

Mr. DeMott – No, it all has to be done at prevailing wage so there won't be prison labor involved in the project.

Mr. Pingie – We did get notification from the jail the other day that they have done their calculations and we have saved in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00 by having our own food service this year so that is paying the wages, the benefits, etc. and supplying the meals.

Ms. Knight – There was talk a couple of years ago about trying to utilize some kind of firewood for heating at the jail – they thought they might be able to save quite a lot on heating costs.

Mr. Pingie – There was some talk of that, but nothing has been done.

Ms. Knight – What about once Smethport Borough has the biomass heating system – I suppose that would be out of range for the jail to be able to use that system?

Mr. DeMott – The plant actually might be out in that direction – so that is a possibility.

Mrs. Church – So if it is out there then they would be able to use it.

Ms. Knight – So you think possibility in time you would be able to utilize the biomass heating system right here?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, that is why we didn't include the heating and air conditioning in the current remodeling of the courthouse because we really couldn't see buying new equipment and then trying to retrofit that in 2 years to the biomass system.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Chief Clerk