

December 10, 2009

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners meeting room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, and Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons. 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 Mrs. Church, seconded by Mr. DeMott, to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

No public comment.

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

1. Ceres Township - \$5,623.00 – representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2009 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
2. Area Transportation Authority - \$397,214.00 – representing payment for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.
3. YWCA - \$3,452.00 – representing the December payment for the Homeless Assistance Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.

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 sign the contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for the Community Development Block Grant Funds.

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

Moved by Mrs. Church, seconded by Mr. Pingie, to enter into an annual maintenance agreement with Biel's Information Technology Systems for the Prothonotary's Office. The cost of the agreement is \$1,550.00.

Martha Knight – This is the vendor that was the successful bidder when you purchased that system awhile ago? And their bid included installation and wasn't there some initial training?

Mr. DeMott – Yes.

Ms. Knight – But there was no maintenance included on the equipment?

Mrs. Church – Right.

Ms. Knight – Would they appear to be the only source for providing maintenance for this equipment or was this bid?

Mrs. Church – It wouldn't have to be bid for that amount.

Ms. Knight – That is true, but if we are talking scanners and cabling, anybody can do that who is in the business to do maintenance.

Mr. DeMott – The problem here is that the warranty on the new machines expires today.

Mr. Pingie – I think whoever we purchase equipment from, we try to have them do the maintenance and repairs on them. I don't know if anyone else had the opportunity to put in a bid on this or not.

Ms. Knight – There are a lot of third party companies out there that will give you the extended warranty for equipment like this that can be bought off the shelf at so much a year.

Mr. DeMott – I feel we should approve this one today, but I think it maybe a good idea to look at all the technical equipment that we maintain to see if there are some cost savings or other alternatives that we adopt in the future. That would probably be a task for our IT Department.

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 a lease agreement with the Keating Township Supervisor's for the placement of an antenna(s) and a radio at the Prospect Tower Site. This lease agreement will provide for communication with township workers and vehicles and it will also allow the County a back-up communication system. The lease runs from December 1, 2009 to December 1, 2014.

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 adopt the following resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 21 OF 2009**

### **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR**

**JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is desirous of continuing the county support of the Area Transportation Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to contribute financial support to make transportation available to residents of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has received a request to supply financial support to the Area Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine dollars (\$52,689.00).

**NOW THEREFORE**, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

That McKean County shall provide financial support to the Area Transportation Authority for the year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in an amount not to exceed Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine dollars (\$52,689.00), and said financial support to be made in quarterly payments.

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 agreement with Infocon Corporation for printing services for the electronic certified mailing Upset Sale and Return & Claim Mailers for the Tax Claim Bureau.

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 appoint Scott Bayline to the McKean County Housing Authority and the McKean County Redevelopment Authority to complete the unexpired term of A. James McGill whose term expires December 31, 2013 for both authorities.

Mr. DeMott – Expressed the Commissioners thanks to Mr. McGill for his past service on these authorities. The appointment of Mr. Bayline was recommended by both of the authorities.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Knight – Asked the Commissioners their take on the unfortunate loss of life apparently by suicide at the jail?

Mr. DeMott – Expressed the Commissioners condolences to the family. We are referring any questions to the Sheriff's Department – the state police and the coroner are conducting their investigations – I don't know if they have completed them as yet. In The Bradford Era today it said that the Coroner had determined the cause of death as a suicide.

Mrs. Church – The body was sent to Erie for an autopsy.

Mr. Pingie – I think anytime where there is a loss of life in any of our departments – it is a terrible tragedy that effects everyone this is associated with it and when it happens on our watch we feel probably worst than anyone because it does come back on us as far as what is going on, how people are being treated and what not, but in my opinion, if someone has it in their mind to take their own life they are going to find a way to do it. Some people talk about it, some people don't. Sometimes it is a surprise and sometimes it's not. I feel bad because I know how it affects our people over there at the jail and it affects the Sheriff. It is a tragedy.

Ms. Knight – Asked about medical or counseling services at the Jail.

Mr. DeMott – The county does provide psychology services at the jail – we have a full time person who works in that field at the jail – we do pay approximately \$5,000 a month for medications for inmates at the jail – it is a significant expense and we are making that expenditure – we try to keep down the expense by using generic drugs where ever possible.

Mrs. Church – We have a full time nurse and a doctor that makes regular visits

Mr. Pingie – We take every necessary precaution to work at the jail, not only for our protection, but for the inmates protection and we felt it was cheaper for us to provide and have these people on board with us verses paying through another agency to provide the services. We have a dietician on staff to make sure they are getting the right meals and the right calorie count they are supposed to have – so there are a number of services that the inmates are provided that we as the general public don't get provided to us. It is just an unfortunate situation when somebody takes their life – we hate to see it happen and the Sheriff is always devastated when anything happens because he wants every T crossed and every I dotted – that is the way he runs the jail.

Mrs. Church – And it is hard on the staff at the jail – they take this stuff to heart and we have some dedicated employees over there that will do anything they are asked to do

and they have a lot of compassion. I imagine they will have to do some sole searching and have some counseling to get through this and especially with the holiday season – Brad is a good leader and they will take care of it and work through it.

Mr. Pingie – The state police are doing the investigation so everything is above board.

Mrs. Church – Unfortunately, those situations happen and it is way out of our control. We don't have any idea why people do what they do.

Continued discussion concerning the suicide at the jail.

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