

December 14, 2010

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 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 were Martha Knight and Bruce Stone.

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 November 30, 2010 meeting.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Church – yes. Pingie – 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 accept the interest quote of PNC's for 1.82 % for McKean County's 2011 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note.

The other quotes that were received were from Northwest Savings Bank, Bradford, Pa. for 1.95 % and the First National Bank, Port Allegany, Pa. for 2.69 %.

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

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

1. YWCA - \$3,667.00 – representing the December payment for the 2010/2011 Homeless Assistance Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.
2. Northwest Engineering, Inc. - \$4,712.00 – representing payment for professional services rendered for the Galico Bridge Replacement Project for the period ending November 30, 2010 – Galico Bridge Project Fund.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to issue a real estate tax refund to Daniel & Kathleen Karrasch in the amount of \$627.64 as their property was granted Veteran's Exemption for 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to enter into a maintenance agreement with Karpinski's Office Systems (KOS) for a copy machine for the Treasurer's Office. The cost is \$336.00 per year.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to enter into a Public Access Service Agreement with Infocon for several departments in the courthouse.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to issue a check to the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$147,456.25 from the Liquid Fuel Fund representing reimbursement for the loan payment for the Galico Bridge Project for the year 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to waive the county's 60 day review period for Casella Waste Management's application to PA DEP to transfer operation and ownership of the Rail Transfer and the Solid Waste Landfill Permits, currently held by Rustick, LLC.

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

Martha Knight – Are there other government agencies or anyone else who has a long review period?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, actually DEP itself has quite an extensive review, but when this type of thing occurs, they send notices to all of the municipalities involved giving them 60 days to object or to raise any issues concerning that and lack of action by the county delays the process by another 60 days – it is really DEP who does the in depth analysis, but in this case they are transferring the permits that are currently in place to the other company.

Ms. Knight – And the guy that talks to me there has indicated that one of the things they are purchasing is contingent upon is getting these valuable permits, because it effects how they are going to operate down the road and without these the deal is off and until this is confirmed they can't move forward with the actual purchase process, but DEP is probably doing its whatever in this process?

Mr. DeMott – They will do their own due diligence on this.

Ms. Knight – What other municipalities are involved in this?

Mr. DeMott – Sergeant Township is definitely in there – I don't know who else they are required to notify – I don't know if the school district gets a notice and I don't know if the adjacent property owners get a notice – I would imagine that they do. The notices are sent by DEP to who they think are interested parties and to the municipalities who have jurisdiction in that area.

Ms. Knight – So this would be helpful to Casella?

Mr. DeMott – Yes.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 22 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION BY McKEAN COUNTY CERTIFYING PROVISION OF LOCAL MATCH FOR STATE OPERATING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners of McKean County resolves and certifies that it will provide to the Area Transportation Authority of North Central Pennsylvania local funds in the amount of \$55,307.00 to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Further, the McKean County Commissioners resolves and certifies that the required amount of local matching funds will be provided no later than the end of the State Fiscal Year, June 30, 2012. The following schedule indicates dates and payments of eligible local matching funds:

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
July 1, 2011	\$13,826.75
October 1, 2011	\$13,826.75
January 1, 2012	\$13,826.75
April 1, 2012	\$13,826.75

I, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the McKean County Commissioners held the 14th day of December, 2010.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to reappoint the William Todd to the McKean County Industrial Development Authority for a five year term.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to reappoint the following individuals to the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission's Full Board of Directors for a one year term.

Joe DeMott (County Rep.)
Al Pingie (County Rep.)
Robert Esch (Industry Rep.)
Tim Yohe (Municipal Elected Official)
Debbie Lunden (Planning Rep.)
Dr. Livingston Alexander (Education/Workforce Development Rep.)
Tom Riel (City Rep.)
Sara Andrews (Alternate Bfd. City Rep.)

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to reappoint the following individuals to the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission's Executive Committee for a one year term.

Joe DeMott (County Rep.)
Robert Esch (Industry Rep.)

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to reappoint the following individuals to the North Central Pennsylvania and Development Commission's Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) for a two year term.

Joe DeMott
Bob Veilleux
Sara Andrews
Debbie Lunden

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mr. DeMott, to reappoint Judy Church to the Office of Human Services Board for a one year term.

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

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to reappoint Terry Palmer to the McKean County Solid Waste Authority for a five year term.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Knight – Has been trying to make arrangements with ATA for transportation from Port Allegany to the courthouse – I tried to find their closest office to see their schedule on line and their services - they have a new website that they are going to put up and it is under construction and they are changing the name, but there never has been and still is not any kind of interface for the consumers that don't have their own transportation and this is the closest we come to mass transit around here so many of those people might not have their own personal computer – so there should be an interface there and there should be an email way of contacting them and there should be more information available – when you call them you have to make your arrangements quite a bit ahead of time, but not more than two weeks ahead of time – I can understand that, but with computers the logistics should not be impossible. They aren't for meals on wheels – in Port Allegany they cover 40 or 50 miles and they can add a person on daily. I asked ATA to schedule me for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for the Commissioners meetings around the calendar and they said they cannot do that – I would think that would be simpler than calling every time and I would just feel better having it locked it and not have to worry about it each time. Feels for the amount of money ATA receives from federal, state, and county dollars that they could probably extend themselves and become more accessible to the population it serves. What do you think?

Mr. Pingie – We can schedule things on our calendar for the whole year – I would think they should be able to do that.

Mr. DeMott – I would be glad to talk to them about that.

Ms. Knight – I'm sure I am not the only one that has a problem with this.

Mr. Pingie – With the computer technology that we have today, that doesn't make sense.

Bruce Stone – How is the ATA funded?

Mr. DeMott – Through federal and state money. We have a county match that we put in. We pay around \$54,000 a year in county money, but that is out of several hundred thousand dollars they get in federal and state money.

Ms. Knight – Plus the riders have to pay ATA to ride.

Mr. Stone – Feels for the money ATA receives and not to be able to schedule a ride ahead of time or too far ahead of time – it sounds like somebody is not doing their job.

Mr. DeMott – That is an issue that we have had with the state and federal government for some time that there are enormous amounts of money that are put in mass transit systems in the cities and I really believe that the ATA is trying to do the best that they can with what they have to work with, but to say that we have adequate public transportation around here – we just don't have it.

Ms. Knight – It's a mind set issue because we all know that it is not costly to do this computer interface – I can do that with my equipment. It is a matter of them thinking that this would be a good way to go. It is not costly to do the scheduling – there is software for that – it is not that costly to schedule it – everybody is doing scheduling that way now – it is easier to adjust and change now.

Mr. DeMott – I will address that with them.

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

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

Chief Clerk