

March 9, 2010

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the Commissioners meeting room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, and Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons, County Solicitor, Dan Hartle. Also present were Angie Tennes, Kathy Roche, and Martha Knight.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Pingie – Clarified an article that was in a letter to the editor in The Bradford Era – the article stated that I was quoted as saying that we were going to have to hire a couple of communicators for the 911 Center – as of March 1st we did take over the Bradford City telecommunications dispatch and we have moved the schedules of our 3 supervisors around so that there is a supervisor covering each shift and to this date we haven't been notified of any complications – I am sure there will be times that it will get a little hectic, but until we get into this thing a little bit that will determine whether there is a need to hire additional communicators.

Martha Knight – If there were any complications, then you would decide whether you needed to hire anyone extra?

Mr. Pingie – Yes.

Mrs. Church – If the traffic is extra heavy, we will have to make that decision.

Ms. Knight – You said the article in the paper said you might have to hire 2 communicators – did you say that?

Mr. Pingie – We had discussed it and said that we might have to hire as many as 2, but we haven't hired anyone as of yet.

Mrs. Church – Also, whoever the letter to the editor was from stated in the article that they didn't want their tax dollars paying for police service for Bradford, Basically, they are the only ones left that we were not covering – it would not be an extra expense as far as such for Bradford.

Mr. DeMott – We provide the same service to all the municipalities.

Ms. Knight – And the tax dollars are paying for all the dispatching county wide anyway?

Mr. DeMott – Yes.

Mrs. Church – The article kind of made it sound like if we were putting these people on – it was only because of Bradford and that is not the case – if the call volume became heavier we would hire more people, but at this point we are going to see where are heavy days are and if anything have part time people cover, but until it proves a real need, we are not going to hire more full time people. I think they don't understand that they are already getting the coverage, because if there is a call for police at Eldred, Kane, etc. our dispatchers call that police department and send them out so they are already getting that coverage. The article made it sound like they weren't already getting the coverage and they are.

Mr. DeMott – I don't think they understand how the system works.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting.

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 accept the bid from J. C. Orr & Son, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$808,850.00 minus Alternate 2 in the amount of \$89,991.00 making their total bid \$718,859.00 for the McKean County Courthouse Reconstruction Project.

Mr. DeMott – Mentioned that under Alternate 2 they basically would not be installing the generator out here – the county would contract separately for doing that. We did get a letter from the architects saying that they did not find any discrepancies in the bid.

Mr. Hartle – Added that his opinion is that they submitted the bid timely and legally, but would defer to the architects as to compliance with the bid specs.

Mr. DeMott – We will notify the architects of the bid award and have them submit the letter to proceed with the project.

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 to the County of McKean in the amount of \$5,497.00 representing payment for administration costs involved in the Liquid Fuel Fund as shown on the 2008 Cost Allocation Plan. This money is to be taken from the Liquid Fuel 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 approve payment to the YWCA in the amount of \$3,339.00 representing the March payment for the Homeless Assistance

Program that they administer for the county. This money is to be taken from the 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 approve the following county aid applications for the year 2010.

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| 1. Annin Township | \$ 6,137.00 |
| 2. Corydon Township | \$ 1,325.00 |
| 3. Foster Township | \$11,169.00 |
| 4. Wetmore Township | \$ 6,107.00 |

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 accept the following offers for purchasing property from the McKean County Repository for unsold property.

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| 1. Sandra Brochetti | \$260.00 | Vacant lot on South Avenue, Bradford, Pa. |
| 2. Tina Roberts | \$750.00 | House & .57 acres of land on 6 Lumber Street, Mt. Jewett, Pa. |
| 3. Ronald Reynolds, Jr. | \$375.00 | House & 1.09 acres of land on Kings Run Road, Ceres, Pa. |

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 maintenance agreement with Karpinski's Office Systems (KOS) for a fax machine for the Prothonotary's Office. The cost of the agreement is \$334.80 a year.

Mr. Pingie – Felt that \$334.80 was a little high for a fax machine.

Mrs. Irons – That is what they have been running.

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 open claims in the Tax Claim Bureau for KOZ/KOEZ Properties not in compliance with the KOZ/KOEZ guidelines.

Mrs. Tennes – Explained they have 6 properties that did not process their application process for the 2009 exemption status on their KOZ properties – 2 of them are in the Kane Borough area, 3 of them are in Bradford City, and the other one is in Bradford

Township. We communicated with the other taxing authorities and they are all in agreement to open the claims in the Tax Claim Bureau to collect the taxes at normal tax discount, face and penalty – the Tax Claim Bureau will issue a bill for the properties and collect their 2009 taxes – the county tax at face value is \$770.22. We have done this in the past for properties that don't process their exemption status.

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 proclaim the month of April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in McKean County.

Mr. DeMott – Mentioned that the Collaborative Board has a whole series of events that are going to be taking place in April supporting this program. Also, mentioned that last year The Bradford Era ran a lot articles about Child Abuse Prevention.

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

Mr. DeMott – We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that in the next week or so they will be receiving a mailing from the Census and reminding people that it is very important to their counties and their communities that people fill them out and send them back in a timely manner – it is very important that everyone is counted because many of our future funding is dependent upon that because our representation in council and state government will be based on census numbers so it is very important that everyone that resides in McKean County is counted as a county resident.

Mrs. Church – And there are only 10 questions so it will be quick and easy to do.

Mr. DeMott – Announced that the March 23rd Commissioners' meeting has been canceled as the Commissioners will be in Harrisburg attending the CCAP Spring Conference.

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Tennes – Mentioned that she had a few things that she needed to present to the board for your review and ruling on at a later date. I believe the Commissioners received a letter from Mr. Beavers in Kane about a grievance he has. Commented that Dan would probably need to review the letter before the Commissioners make a decision on how they want her to respond to the letter.

Mr. Hartle – I would rather not discuss pending litigation at a public meeting.

Mrs. Tennes – I have a request from the Allegheny Highlands Council for a property that they acquired in Foster Township that they are requesting exempt status on – it is a

41.6 acre tract of land – they acquired the property to cut the timber for profit which will go back to the Allegheny Council of New York – I believe to support the boy scout camp in Keating Township – I have a real issue with just approving a 40 acre tract of land that is not even in compass to the boy scout camp where they won't even have access to the land – it would be different if the property did border the boy scout camp where they would have access to it then I could see going ahead and approving the exempt status. I don't feel it meets the definition for exempt status.

Mr. Hartle – One person's guess is as good as another, but we will have to try to make a determination.

Mrs. Tennes – We also had a request from 2 individuals that our requesting our GIS data – Jones Township which is the code enforcement office who deals with Hamilton, Sergeant, and Wetmore townships – is requesting our GIS Data and is requesting the county waive \$2,205 of fees for obtaining that data for use in code enforcement – the second request is from Penn State School of Forestry – they are looking to acquire the whole county data which is approximately \$7,605 cost to have those fees waived.

Mr. Pingie – What does Jones Township plan to do with the information?

Mrs. Tennes – To use it for the enforcement of the code enforcement issuing building permits. I believe the townships are paying Jones Township for this fee for their services so if the townships are paying for it why can't they purchase the GIS Data from the county for those townships. The other request is from the Penn State School of Forestry – they are looking to obtain the data for a project that is being funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – I believe you denied this request one other time.

Mr. DeMott – We will have to sit down and go over these requests before making a decision.

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

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

Chief Clerk