

April 27, 2010

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 in the Jury Room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, and Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons, Solicitor, Dan Hartle. Also present were Martha Knight, Kathy Roche, Melissa Kirk, and Heather McKean.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the floor for Commissioners comments.

Mr. Pingie – Mentioned that he and Judy attended the bridge ceremony in Smethport on Saturday which was really nice – it was dedicated to the POW's and it was a real nice ceremony and our Director of Veteran Affairs, Matt Windsor, was recognized 2 or 3 different times for his remarks and also his ability to help the veterans.

Mrs. Church – It was a very moving ceremony.

Ms. Knight – What did you name the bridge?

Mrs. Church – POW MIA.

Mr. Hartle – Mentioned he had also received a compliment for Matt Windsor from one of the township supervisors. He said Matt had been very helpful to them.

Mrs. Church – Mentioned that the Commissioners had attended a CCAP training seminar at Penn State last week concerning personnel issues, discipline, negotiations, and purchasing.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 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.

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

1. Area Transportation Authority - \$239,910.00 – representing the 2nd quarter actual and 3rd quarter advance payment for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.
2. YWCA - \$6,678.00 – representing the April & May payments 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 accept an offer for purchasing property from the McKean County Repository for unsold property from Beverly and Gerald Hull for a house with .16 acres of land at 57 Sherman Street, Bradford, Pa. for the amount of \$400.00.

Mrs. Roche – Mentioned she received approval from the city and the school and the bid is contingent on there being no demolition fees as the house has been removed and I explained to her that she would have to deal with Bradford City on that so she will withdraw her bid if there are demolition fees.

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 May as FOSTER CARE MONTH FOR McKean County, 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 proclaim May 6, 2010 as a National Day of Prayer.

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 endorse and support the Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve.

Mr. DeMott – This is a state wide effort – the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania is dedicating this year toward strengthening our efforts to help our military, national guard and reserve troops – every county in the State is adopting this Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve.

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 County Mental Health Plan for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Melissa Kirk – Mentioned that there are no significant changes in the Mental Health Plan for 2011-2012, but next year they will be working on redoing the three year plan which will have changes in the plan – it will be for fiscal years 2013 through 2015.

Ms. Knight – Asked if the plan was on line anywhere?

Ms. Kirk – You can go to the Department of Public Welfare’s website – there should be a tab that says county mental health plan and all the counties should be listed.

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 send a congratulatory letter to William Bigley for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ms. Knight – Have you done this before?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, we have done them when we have been asked to do so.

Mrs. Church – We have sent 4 or 5 of them.

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 authorize the Pennsylvania County Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative to distribute 75 % of McKean County’s claim fund surplus for the year 2009 to McKean County by June 30, 2010. McKean County’s estimated 2009 fund balance is \$483,112.00 and 75 % of that is \$362,334.00. The balance of the fund will be distributed later in 2010.

Mr. DeMott – Our other option is to leave the money there – we have always opted to take the money back and invest it ourselves. The reason the other 25 % isn’t being distributed at this time is that there are still outstanding claims and the actual balance will ultimately be sent to us depending on the disposition of those claims.

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

Ms. Knight – You do have buy other insurance?

Mr. DeMott – We belong to a health insurance cooperative and that organization was started 3 or 4 years ago by McKean, Clearfield, and Clinton counties and through 2009 there were 11 county members and I believe we will soon be up to 17 member counties in that group – it is a self insurance pool – the claims to a certain level are paid basically from county funds and then there is a level where there is a co-insurance with the other member counties and then for catastrophic claims there is a reinsurance policy that is purchased – it is a self insurance pool with some other save guards involved.

Ms. Knight – And it saves you money as compared to just buying health insurance?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, but of course there are also risks – we could have a bad year and that is part of the self insurance – there is a fund that helps makes counties whole if they happen to have a bad year.

Ms. Knight – Do you do this with any other kind of insurance or just health insurance?

Mr. DeMott – No, just the health insurance.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to accept the followings bids for the stream bank stabilization projects subject to the low bidder accepting the project but in the event that the low bidder would bow out of the project then the bid would go to the next lowest bidder.

Property Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
Goldthwait	Meadville Land Services	\$2,378.45
Lindquist	Meadville Land Services	\$5,407.50
Alexander	Emporium Contracting	\$5,002.40
Butler	Solveson Contracting	\$3,420.00
Reynolds	Emporium Contracting	\$3,127.25
Roslinski	Thompson’s Diversified Services	\$7,687.75

Mr. Pingie – Asked Heather when the projects would start?

Heather McKean – Probably within the next two weeks – we have a deadline of June 30, 2010 because of the grant so the projects have to be completed by June 30, 2010. The grant money is through DEP’s Stream Improvement Program.

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 – Expressed her concerns about the foster parent plan and program. Doesn’t feel their goal is unification of returning children to at least one of their birth parents or actual parents, etc.

Mr. DeMott – Unification is the major goal of the state.

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

