

January 25, 2011

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners meeting room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons, County Solicitor, Dan Hartle. Also present were Kathy Roche, Ken Bush, Martha Knight, Ted Lutz, 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 January 10, 2011 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.

**WHEREAS**, it is now the time and place as advertised for opening bids for Venetian blinds for the courthouse, and

**WHEREAS**, the following bid was received:

1. Hammer & Nail Contracting, 9716 Rt. 46, Smethport, Pa. 16749 - \$48,871.94  
Treasurer's check in the amount of \$4,887.19 enclosed with the bid.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to table making a decision on the bid until their next meeting on February 8, 2011.

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. Northwest Engineering, Inc. - \$13,135.21 – representing payment for the Galico Bridge Replacement Project for the period ending January 16, 2011 – Galico Bridge Project Fund.
2. YWCA - \$3,667.00 – representing the January payment for the Homeless Assistance Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.
3. Area Transportation Authority - \$340,598.00 – representing the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. actual and 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. advance payment for the Medical Assistance Transportation 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 issue real estate tax exemptions to the following:

1. City of Bradford OECD - .06 acres of land and house on 97 State Street, Bradford, Pa. – property owned by OECD and the house will be demolished.
2. City of Bradford OECD - .05 acres of land and house on 43 Pearl Street, Bradford, Pa. – vacant house owned by OECD that will be renovated.

Mr. Pingie – I asked Angie about the house that is going to be renovated and she said once they renovate the house it will be put back on the tax rolls.

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. John MacGregor      | \$2,500.00 | .97 acres of land with a brick building, Derrick City (former Derrick City School) |
| 2. David Johnston, Jr. | \$ 500.00  | Mobile Home, 258 Summit Road, Bradford, Pa.  |

Mrs. Roche – Mentioned that Mr. MacGregor intends to turn the former Derrick City School Building into a residence and also an art studio of some sort.

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 agreements with the following service providers for the Department of Human Services.

Milestone Psych Services (Letter of Agreement)

Strengthening Families Program (Addendum for McKean County Prevention Projects)

Mr. Hartle – Mentioned that he has reviewed both agreements.

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 allocate \$125,000.00 of the County's Liquid Fuel monies to the 22 municipalities for the year 2011 based on population and mileage figures.

Mrs. Irons – Mentioned that some of the amounts for the municipalities went up or down a little because the mileage changed for a couple of the municipalities according to the updated list we received from PennDot.

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 The County of Erie for part time use of their forensic pathologist services.

Mr. Pingie – We have used their services for several years.

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 26 OF 2011

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McKEAN COUNTY  
AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE McKEAN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A REDEVELOPMENT  
ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00  
FOR THE BRADFORD REGIONAL AIRPORT MULTI-TENANT PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of McKean County desires to promote and support business development activities at the Bradford Regional Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the McKean County Economic Development Office, and the McKean County Industrial Development Authority are working with the Bradford Regional Airport Authority in planning the development of a multi-tenant center to be located at the airport; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Rendell has authorized the McKean County Industrial Development Authority to submit a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant application in the amount of \$400,000.00 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the multi-tenant center project at the Bradford Regional Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive this Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant the McKean County Board of Commissioners, as a host municipality, must

authorize the McKean County Industrial Development Authority to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the multi-tenant center project and must assume the responsibility of reimbursing the Commonwealth for any expenditures of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant funds determined to be ineligible for funding by the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of McKean County hereby authorize the McKean County Industrial Development Authority to submit a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant application in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the Bradford Regional Airport Multi-Tenant Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proper officers of the McKean County Board of Commissioners shall be responsible for providing any funds necessary to reimburse the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for any expenditures made by the McKean County Industrial Development Authority pursuant to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant that are determined to be ineligible for funding by the Office of the Budget.

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 The Redevelopment Authority for them to be responsible for the administration of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant funds for McKean County and the Borough of Kane.

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 a proposal from R. W. Larson, Associates in the amount of \$21,700.00 for architectural and engineering services for the 911 Center Tower Site UPS for the Gibbs, Prospect, and Hedgehog sites.

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 a change order from Kinley Corporation in the amount of \$7,259.58 for the Domestic Relations Building Project.

Martha Knight – So this is an increase in the contract?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, my understanding is that when they poured the foundation for the building they were required because of the conditions they found to use more concrete and materials than were specified in the bid documents.

Ms. Knight – Who did the bid specs?

Mr. DeMott – R. W. Larson.

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 Melanie Clabaugh to North Central Pa. Regional Planning and Development Commission's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) for a two year term.

Mrs. Church – Mentioned that Melanie will be an asset to the committee.

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 to fill her in on what medical services they have at the Jail. I know you have a doctor that you contract with – how do you describe the extent of that service – is it full time or part time?

Mr. Pingie – He is there 2 or 3 days a week and the nurse actually works under him to a certain degree and follows his orders in dispensing medicine, shots, etc.

Ms. Knight – If something happens like an injury, illness, fight or whatever in between then they get in touch with him?

Mr. DeMott – Or they would take them to the emergency room.

Ms. Knight – Then you have a mental health counselor – how do you describe that amount of service.

Mr. DeMott – He works full time.

Ms. Knight – What do you do about dental?

Mr. DeMott – I know that we have paid dentists for dental services for prisoners – I am not sure if we have a contract with any dentists on a regular basis.

Ms. Knight – Do you have any other medical services over there that you are aware of?

Mr. Pingie – They are taken to the hospital if they have a medical problem.

Ms. Knight – Do you have a contract with the commissary?

Mr. Pingie – I think the Sheriff handles the commissary fund. I don't remember seeing a contract.

Ms. Knight – Are these numbers anywhere in your budget for the commissary fund?

Mr. Pingie – They are probably in the Jail's budget.

Mr. DeMott – It would probably be shown as additional income. It is audited by the Controller.

Ms. Knight – The bid you opened earlier for the blinds – where are they all going?

Mr. Pingie – These are to replace all the blinds in all the courthouse windows.

Ms. Knight – How many windows?

Mrs. Irons – The bid specs say approximately 190 windows.

Ms. Knight – What can you tell me about the time table for the jail construction – wasn't that project supposed to be completed by now?

Mr. DeMott – The project was delayed because we had to run the new water line out there to meet the pressure and volume requirements of the fire system so that did slow the process. That has been completed and we certainly hope that the contractor is going to finish this project shortly. We have been talking to them mostly through our architects to get the project finished.

Mr. Pingie – There was also a delay in getting the control panels for the heating system.

Ms. Knight – So originally when the building was designed it wasn't contemplated needing or having to bring additional water supply pressure to the jail – was that a design omission?

Mr. DeMott – The previously information we had about the water pressure and volume was from 1989 and sometime between then and now the pressure and volume that were available decreased significantly – we don't know why. The point is that when we went to build we found that the pressure and volume were not adequate to meet the current requirements.

Ms. Knight – How much time do you think added to the time table for completing the project?

Mr. DeMott – Probably 2 to 3 months.

Mr. Hartle – The water line had to be approved by the Borough Council.

Ms. Knight – Were there liquidation damages in these contracts for them being late in completing the project?

Mr. Hartle – No, in this case, it wouldn't be their fault.

Ms. Knight – So you are not sure right now of a completion date for the project?

Mr. DeMott – We are not sure – there was supposed to be a meeting last week to discuss it, but it was postponed because the control system was not in place yet. I don't think it is going to take a terrific amount of time to finish up. There are a lot of smaller items that need to be done so we can get an occupancy permit and then we can transfer the work release people who are currently housed in the jail into the new building and then that area in the jail can be remodeled.

Ms. Knight – Will that area be remodeled for the food service or remodeled for regular inmates?

Mr. DeMott – It is an addition.

Ms. Knight – So this will free up some space for regular inmates?

Mr. DeMott – Yes.

Ms. Knight – Do you know how many?

Mr. DeMott – There will be 28 new beds in the new building. The space that is being abandoned will not house 28 more people in the old jail because of the use that is being designed for that space. Part of that space is being reconfigured as a more secure housing area for problem prisoners.

Ms. Knight – At some point will the additional space in the old building be used to ease the crowding situation?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, it may.

Ms. Knight – And it might mean that some of the prisoners that you board out to other facilities you might not have to board out as many or maybe sometimes none?

Mr. DeMott – Hopefully.

Ms. Knight – Would there be any anticipation that you could house prisoners from other facilities?

Mr. DeMott – Our crime rate would have to go down significantly before that would happen.

Mr. Pingie – The Judge is doing everything he can to keep the population down in the jail.

Mr. DeMott – I know back when the jail was first built they had high hopes at that time that they would have lots of additional space to house prisoners from other facilities and make some money – back then they were probably averaging 60 to 70 prisoners and today we are averaging housing 120 incarcerated prisoners plus the people we have on ankle bracelets.

Mr. Pingie – There is a misconception too that the jail is a money making proposition – it is not by any stretch of imagination because first of all, if you house your own people and there are more prisoners then that requires more guards so when you raise your staff then you are raising the costs to the county – the only thing you would save is the \$50 or whatever we pay to another facility per inmate per day for housing our inmates.

Mr. DeMott – There are also costs in transporting these people back and forth that can be significant because they have to be transported for court appearances which usually requires two guards.

Ms. Knight – So you are probably housing sentenced prisoners elsewhere rather than those that are waiting for various reasons?

Mr. DeMott – I don't know the answer to that – we don't have a breakdown of which prisoners they house in outside facilities.

Ms. Knight – I know back when they first talked about building a new jail they said they should build it over capacity so they could make money on housing prisoners from other facilities.

Ted Lutz – Are any renovations included in the old jail for housing female prisoners?

Mr. Pingie – I think originally there was a proposal to include additional space for housing female prisoners, but I don't think that was included in the current project.

Mr. DeMott – I think there was an alternate proposal to build more cells for females, but we opted not to include that in the current project.

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

