

February 8, 2011

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, February 8, 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 Ken Bush, Martha Knight and Ted Lutz.

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

Mr. Pingie – Mentioned that the Commissioners started visiting their municipalities last night at Port Allegany and they will be continuing on to the other municipalities.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 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.

Moved by Mrs. Church, seconded by Mr. Pingie, to reject the bid of Hammer & Nail Contracting in the amount of \$48,871.94 for the Venetian blinds for the courthouse and to pursue an in-house remedy for replacing the blinds.

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

Martha Knight – What happened?

Mr. DeMott – We think that it is a lot of money.

Mrs. Church – We think we can do it cheaper ourselves.

Mr. Bush – The bid was higher than what we had estimated.

Mr. DeMott – It may very well be that their bid was very reasonable, but with only having one and it being more than we anticipated we are going to pursue some other options.

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

1. Area Transportation Authority - \$13,172.25 – representing a portion of their budget

- allotment for the period of January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.
2. Liberty Township - \$9,258.00 – representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2010 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
  3. Port Allegany Borough - \$14,511.00 – representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
  4. Sergeant Township - \$1,150.00 – representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2010 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
  5. County of McKean - \$3,995.00 – representing payment for administration costs involved in the Liquid Fuel Fund as shown on the 2009 Cost Allocation Plan – 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 a county aid application for Wetmore Township in the amount of \$6,135.00 for the year 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 enter into a maintenance agreement with Karpinski's Office Systems (KOS) for a copy machine for the Department of Human Services. The cost of the agreement is \$.0089 per copy.

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 Standard & Poor's Ratings Services for professional services for the 2011 Bond Issue.

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

Ms. Knight – What bond issue?

Mr. DeMott – We have a bond issue that is callable in the spring – it appears that we have the opportunity to issue a new bond issue at a lower rate and pay off the old bond issue with the new bond issue and of course it will depend on the interest rates the date of issue, but the estimate is that we can save about \$120,000 by issuing a new bond to replace the old one.

Ms. Knight – What was the bond issue for?

Mr. DeMott – It is an older bond issue – we will have to look up why that money was borrowed several years ago. We can save some interest by paying off the higher interest bond and replacing it with lower interest because the rates are down.

Ms. Knight – Nancy would have that information?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, and we need to have the Standard & Poor’s rating to issue the new bond so that is what this is about.

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

RESOLUTION 27 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION RE-ENACTING THE CITY OF BRADFORD LOCAL  
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE (LERTA)  
PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the current City of Bradford Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Ordinance has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bradford has indicated that it believes that re-enactment of the LERTA Ordinance will contribute to the economic growth of the City of Bradford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bradford City Council re-enacted the LERTA Ordinance as it’s January 25, 2011 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bradford City Council has requested the authorization, approval and/or agreement of the McKean County Board of Commissioners to participate in the LERTA Program in the City of Bradford.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the re-enactment of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Ordinance for the City of Bradford whereby McKean County will provide exemption from taxes for certain improvements to deteriorated commercial or industrial property and for new construction in deteriorated areas as permitted under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Ordinance Law (LERTA).
2. That said exemption shall apply for a five year period beginning with the effective date of January 25, 2011.

Mr. Pingie – I believe the City has already taken action on this on their part.

Mr. Hartle – Yes, they have. That is why they have asked the county to re-enact their LERTA Ordinance.

Mr. DeMott – Yes, the City’s LERTA program expired so they re-enacted it and asked the County to do the same.

Mr. Hartle – And it is identical to our old resolution.

Ms. Knight – How long it is for?

Mr. Hartle – 5 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 enter into a supplemental agreement with Northwest Engineering, Inc. for the Waterway Permit & Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study for the Galico Bridge Replacement Project. The agreement increases the cost of the study from \$24,000.00 to \$28,000.00.

Mr. Pingie – Mentioned that the increase is due to the archeological study that is being performed as they want more detail in soil and what not.

Ms. Knight – Isn’t the project done?

Mr. DeMott – No, this is for the Galico Bridge Project.

Ms. Knight – How long is that going to go on?

Mr. DeMott – Hopefully, we are going to bid it in the next month or so.

Ms. Knight – So the only work that has been done so far is for planning, engineering fees, testing, permitting?

Mr. DeMott – Yes. They have to create a new wetland and there has been a lot involved in 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 appoint the following 3 individuals to the McKean County Solid Waste Authority for five year terms.

Richard Kallenborn  
Richard Tyger  
Jeffrey Rhinehart

Mr. Pingie – Asked Audrey if the terms were going to start as of January?

Mrs. Irons – For the appointment letters I stated the terms would start immediately for a five year term.

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 – How many members are on the Solid Waste Authority?

Mr. Pingie – 7.

Ms. Knight – So each member represents a certain region?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, we are trying to update the boards. Dave Fair did represent Port Allegany, but he declined to serve again so Dick Kallenborn will be replacing him. James Tarasovitch was from Bradford and he resigned so Dick Tyger will replace him and we have had a vacancy for the Eldred area for awhile so Jeff Rhinehart has agreed to serve to represent that area.

Ms. Knight – Port Allegany has a planning commission and at last night's meeting they said they are in the process of updating their strategic plan and they have had to go to monthly meetings because they have a lot of work to do on this plan – in hearing some of the comments that were made they make it sound like they have never done this before – isn't there a model plan that they can go by as all the municipalities have to do this? It seems like a lot of the municipalities could be classified very similarly. Is there a model somewhere for the strategic plans for the smaller municipalities?

Mr. DeMott – There are a lot of plans that have been approved in other municipalities that could be used as a basis for creating their own. I would think that the Borough Association and the Township Supervisors Association probably have some help available along those lines so they don't have to reinvent the wheel when they are going to do these kinds of things.

Mr. Hartle – Debbie Lunden would help them.

Mr. Pingie – I think Debbie Lunden would have access to those model ordinances.

Mr. DeMott – Along that line we have been trying to do that on a county basis – we have been doing more multi county planning things like the Greenways Plan which was a multi county effort that saved us all some money because of the similarities between us. We try to do those types of things when it is efficient.

Ms. Knight – Then the municipalities plans would have to harmonize with the county's plan?

Mr. DeMott – Yes.

Ms. Knight – So they already have that document and could be looking at it – it wouldn't necessarily be a model?

Mr. DeMott – Right every municipality has their own objectives.

Ms. Knight – Is there any kind of assistance that the county itself can give them? The answer would be through the Planning Department as a resource?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, Debbie works with all the municipalities.

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