

September 6, 2011

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were – AFLAC representative John Hrivnak, The Tech Bridge Program's Vocational Instructor Jared Dressler, Juniata Sentinel reporter Sheila Yorks and Lewistown Sentinel reporter Miciah Bilger.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Zimmerman. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the August 30 meeting were approved as submitted.

Dressler gave an update on the Tech Bridge Program. With this year's allocated funds, focus has been placed on seeking eligible employers to participate in the program. Employees are paid minimum wage and work 5 hours per day, 5 days a week for approximately 8 weeks. This program is for out-of-school youths.

Hrivnak presented a new enhanced AFLAC benefit plan. The plan now guarantees eligibility regardless of medical history. A lump sum payment is made up front for medical events. Ten employees are needed to participate in the Plan. Enrollment must be completed 30 days prior to the new plan implementation and a yes or no from all employees is required.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board voted to offer the AFLAC Enhanced Benefit Plan to employees with the cost being a payroll deduction.

The commissioners also took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified CDBG checks #1067, payable to ACB Home Improvement in the amount of \$3,240.00 and check #1068, payable to SEDA-COG for administrative fees, in the amount of \$19,675.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved HazMat check #1101, payable to Casner's Service Center in the amount of \$24.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the FFY2011 CDBG Application in the amount of \$234,563.00.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved Application for County Aid submitted by Milford Township in the amount of \$654.02 for repaving T-371 and T-365.
- Acknowledged receipt of the Change of Assessments for the month of August submitted by Chief Assessor Jeff Haines.
- Acknowledged the retirement of CO Roger Parsons effective September 15, 2011.
- Acknowledged the resignation of Trudy Sheerer as part-time clerical staff with Penn State Extension, effective September 23, 2011.
- On motion of Shelley/Zimmerman, approved checks #33,090 through #33,129 in the amount of \$140,600.80. Commissioner O'Neal abstained because an expense check of hers was included in the approval.

Budget discussion

No discussion was held.

Commissioner Zimmerman noted that Sunday will be the 10th anniversary of the terrorists' attack on the United States. As part of a nationwide effort to honor the victims, you are encouraged to stop all regular activities at 1:00 p.m. to remember and honor the victims of the attack. Governments, businesses, fire and police are asked to ring bells and sound systems to observe this Moment of Remembrance.

Salary Board

- No action was taken.

Retirement Board

- No action was taken.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners recessed at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Dale S. Shelley, Vice Chairman

Teresa J. O'Neal, Secretary

Submitted for Approval
Sherlyn Mosebey