

September 13, 2011

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were – Emergency Services director Allen Weaver, member of the public Bob Reynolds, Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn, Times reporters Paulette Forry 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 September 6 meeting were approved as submitted.

Weaver explained the significance of the Declaration of Emergency Disaster that was recently signed. It is a formal document enabling local governments to take whatever measures needed to stabilize an event. Damage reporting and documentation must be completed and sent to the state for possible damage assistance. Pictures and receipts are the best documentation. The damage threshold that must be met for the county to qualify is \$80,000.00. It's important that all damages whether in a flood zone or not are reported. Once qualified, the next step will be for the President to declare the county a disaster area.

The commissioners also took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified HazMat check #1102, payable to Sheetz Advantage in the amount of \$52.40.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified the Declaration of Emergency Disaster for the September 9, 2011 severe storm.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Monroe Township and Thompsontown Borough.
- Acknowledged receipt of the August Monthly Statistical Report submitted by Children & Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the resignation of Jacqueline Allenbaugh as Caseworker 1 with Children & Youth, submitted by Children & Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the Report of Personnel Transactions for Non-State Employees for the resignation of Jacqueline Allenbaugh submitted by Children & Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania, Inc., submitted by Children & Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of Zimmerman/Shelley, re-appointed Teresa O'Neal to serve as a delegate to the Seven Mountains Emergency Medical Services Council and on motion of O'Neal/Shelley, appointed Jeff Zimmerman as an alternate.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved representation letters to Boyer & Ritter for auditing the 911 Fund for December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and to conduct an audit of the basic financial statements for year ended December 31, 2010. Also approved was an engagement letter for audit of the Medical Assistant Transportation Program, Title IV-D Child Support Program, Child Care Information Services, Human Services Development Fund and the Combined Homeless Assistance Programs for year ended June 30, 2010.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the 2012 holiday schedule.
- On motion of Shelley/Zimmerman and unanimously carried, approved checks #33,132 through #33,178 in the amount of \$41,939.44. O'Neal indicated a number of bills were past due and line items over budget.

Budget discussion

No discussion was held.

Salary Board

- No action was taken.

Retirement Board

- No action was taken.

Commissioner Shelley noted that he had received a report of the County's electric use for the first 6 months of 2011. If the county would have stayed with PP&L, the cost would have been \$53,210.00 but since the County has been a member of a consortium (the PACE Group) for that period the County's actual charges were \$45,370.00 for a \$7,840.00 savings.

O'Neal stated that the County should move forward with an energy audit which had been discussed previously. DCED rebates are available for local governments to defray the cost.

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners recessed at 10:28 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