

April 19, 2011

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Dale Shelley and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were – representing Lewistown Hospital lab technicians Amanda Mills, members of the public Bob Reynolds, Clair Bair, Jr. and Steve Zeiders; Times reporter Paulette Forry, Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn, and Lewistown Sentinel Reporter Micaiah 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 April 12 meeting were approved as submitted.

Zeiders requested copies of the ad that was placed for the emergency communications tower. In speaking with residents of that area, Zeiders stated they thought the tower was for cellular phones and were not aware that it was for emergency communication.

Zeiders also asked why the Sunshine Law doesn't apply to various meetings the Commissioners have attended. Zimmerman responded that the Solicitor will attend next week's meeting to review the Sunshine Law.

Children & Youth Director Helen Henry presented the March Monthly Statistical Report and briefly discussed Multisystemic Therapy. The therapy is used to treat offenders in the home instead of costly out-of-home placement. Clinicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Henry also advised the commissioners of new initiatives effective January 1, 2011 including the Safety Assessment and Management Process, the Educational Screening Process and the Child Accounting and Profile System.

Sheriff Lyter advised that handgun permits are now accessible online. His Department has seen a decrease in income because of the decrease in the cost of handgun permits and also because of the difficulty in selling houses because of new guidelines instituted by the Federal Government. The new vehicle purchased by his department is now in non-emergency service until a radio can be purchased. A retired State Trooper has been hired on an "as needed" basis.

Henry expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's office for their help in transporting children.

The commissioners took the following actions:

- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved proclamation No. 2011-4, proclaiming the week of April 24 through April 30th, National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, ratified CDBG checks –

#1042	ACB Home Improvement (reissued)	\$6,239.00
#1043	Castle Valley Consultants	17,317.15
#1044	Mifflin/Juniata Dental	3,773.93
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved a Report of Personnel Transactions for Non-State Employee for Caseworker 2 Kimberly McKee, submitted by Children & Youth Director Helen Henry.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved tax exonerations for Greenwood, Walker and Fayette Townships.
- On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, approved the Emergency Response Service Agreement submitted by Emergency Services Director Allen Weaver.
- On motion of Shelley/Zimmerman, approved checks #32,098 through #32,156 in the amount of \$67,765.73. Commissioner O'Neal abstained because of checks for her attendance at the CCAP conference.

Budget Discussion

O'Neal suggested the Commissioners ask the Treasurer to prepare a report, by department, of part-time hours used for the last 3 years.

O'Neal also questioned the Central Telephone line item. She feels perhaps items have been placed in that line item in error.

Salary Board

- No action was taken.

Retirement Board

- No action was taken

On motion of O'Neal/Shelley and unanimously carried, the meeting 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