

November 17, 2015

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman, Alice Gray and Teresa O'Neal present. Also attending were Sentinel reporter Joe Cannon, Juniata Sentinel reporter Fonda Henry, Commissioner Elect Mark Partner, United Way of Mifflin-Juniata Executive Director Mike McMonigal, Juniata County Library Executive Director Vince Giordano, Tammy Swartz representing the United Way and Stephanie Fost representing the Red Cross.

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 a motion by Gray and a second by O'Neal, the Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

There being no public comment, the Commissioners took the following actions:

- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve Proclamation No. 2015-11 designating December 2015 as "United Way Month". The motion was unanimously carried.
- The Commissioners listened to a presentation by Vince Giordano, Director of the Juniata County Library regarding the Library's "Food for Fines" program.
- The Commissioners reviewed the following October 2015 reports:
  - "Summary of Collections Report" as submitted by Jacqueline T. Leister, Magisterial District Judge.
  - "Children & Youth Services Expenditure Report" – as submitted by Robyn Ventresca, Children & Youth Fiscal Assistant.
  - "Juniata County Probation's Monthly Activities Report" as submitted by Michelle A. Beaver, Chief Probation Officer.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to adopt Policy No. 302 "Policies and Procedures on Tax-Exempt Obligations". The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve the following two items:
  - A VOJO "Victims of Juvenile Offenders" (Subgrant No. 2015/2016-VJ-ST-26148) Project Modification Request as submitted by Sylvia Middaugh, Victim Witness Program Coordinator.
  - A VOCA "Victims of Crime Act" (Subgrant No. 2013/2014/2015-VF-05-24406) Project Modification Request as submitted by Sylvia Middaugh, Victim Witness Program Coordinator.

Prior to voting, Gray commented that the both requests are a result of increased funding and "PMR's" are necessary to properly receive those funds. O'Neal noted for future reference that, going forward, the Victim Witness Coordinator position and all associated costs must be 100% covered by that department's respective grants. No General Fund money will be used. Chairman Zimmerman called for the vote and the motion was unanimously carried.

- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve the tax exonerations for Greenwood Township as per the material provided. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to ratify the following Juniata County Hazardous Materials check.
  - #1237 \$44.62 Wex Bank FuelThe motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve a 2016 schedule for Salary, Retirement and Commissioners' Board Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve the payment of checks #44671 - #44706 in the amount of \$34,418.42. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to adopt a tentative General Fund budget for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of \$9,790,244.95. Each of the Commissioners commended the staff for their fine work on the budget and noted each department's efforts towards fiscal responsibility.

Chairman Zimmerman called for a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

Gray – Yes  
O'Neal – Yes  
Zimmerman – Yes

The motion was unanimously carried.

At the conclusion of business, Commissioner O’Neal provided an update regarding Juniata Valley BDS’s financial situation and Gray stressed the importance of vigilance in light of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris.

There being no further comments, it was moved by O’Neal and seconded by Gray to adjourn at 10:39a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. Salary Board – No business scheduled.

III. Retirement Board – No business scheduled.

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Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

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Alice J. Gray, Vice Chairperson

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Teresa J. O’Neal, Secretary

Submitted for Approval  
S. James Bahorik, County Administrator