

November 25, 2014

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Jeff Zimmerman and Alice Gray present. Teresa O'Neal participated from a remote location via teleconferencing. Also attending were Sentinel reporter Julianne Cahill, Times reporter Paulette Forry and Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn.

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 18, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Prior to the public comment period, Chairman Zimmerman informed the group that Commissioner O'Neal was participating from a remote location via teleconferencing.

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

- The Commissioners reviewed the following October 2014 reports as listed.
 - "Change in Assessment Report" as submitted by Jeff Haines, Chief Assessor.
 - "Adult & Juvenile Probation Report" as prepared by Michelle A. Beaver, Chief Probation.
 - The Juniata County Children & Youth Social Services and Probation Expenditure Report for the period January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 as submitted by Robyn Ventresca, Children & Youth Fiscal Assistant.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve the tax exonerations for Fermanagh and Lack Townships as per the material provided. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to ratify the hiring of Megan D. Freed to fill the position of Deputy Sheriff effective November 24, 2014 as recommended by H. Thomas Lyter, Sheriff. The salary for this position will be as per the current ICOP Bargaining Unit contract. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve a request for Liquid Fuel Funds for Tuscarora Township in the amount of \$2,873.49. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to reappoint Mr. Jeff Frymoyer of 112 Smith Road, McAlisterville, PA 17049 to a four-year Public Director term on the Juniata County Conservation District Board of Directors. Mr. Frymoyer whose term will begin on January 1, 2015, has been nominated by the Penn State Extension Board for reappointment. There were no other nominees for the Public Director position. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to reappoint Mr. Eric Brubaker of 335 Double B Road, Mifflintown, PA 17059 to a four-year Farmer Director term on the Juniata County Conservation District Board of Directors. Mr. Brubaker whose term will begin on January 1, 2015, has been nominated by the Penn State Extension Board for reappointment. There were no other nominees for the Farmer Director position. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve the reappointment of the following individuals to three-year terms on the Juniata County Agricultural Land Preservation Board of Directors effective January 1, 2015.
 - Mr. Michael Beaver, Member at Large
 - Ms. Bobbi Jo Zimmerman, Member at Large
 - Mr. Joel Mills, Agricultural Member
 - The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Zimmerman to appoint Alice J. Gray to serve a one-year term as a Commissioner-Director on the Juniata County Conservation District Board of Directors effective January 1, 2015. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve the purchase of an 8' x 20' trailer as recommended by Allen Weaver, Emergency Services Director. The purchase will be fully funded through the Juniata County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). Registration and insurance fees will be paid through the County's General Fund. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve a RASA Grant #23743 Project Modification Request as submitted by Sylvia Middaugh, Victim Witness Program Coordinator. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve the "Guaranteed Space Agreement" between Juniata County and Central Counties Youth Center as submitted by Robyn Ventresca, Children & Youth Fiscal Assistant. The agreement shall be in force and effect from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 inclusive. The motion was unanimously carried.

- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O’Neal to approve the “Purchase of Service Agreement” between Juniata County Children and Youth Services, the Juniata County Probation Department and Bethany Christian Services of Central PA, as submitted by Robyn Ventresca, Children & Youth Fiscal Assistant. The agreement shall be in force and effect from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 inclusive. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O’Neal and seconded by Gray to approve checks #41686 – 41736 in the amount of \$190,663.23. 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 2015 in the amount of \$9,196,412.79. Chairman Zimmerman commended the various departments for their fine budget work in light of decreased funding and increasing needs. Commissioner O’Neal echoed Chairman Zimmerman’s comments and added that it was the Commissioners’ goal to make sure that the funding needs for both Children and Youth Services and public safety were adequately addressed. Commissioner Gray echoed the sentiments of both Zimmerman and O’Neal.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Zimmerman call for a roll call vote. The motion was carried as follows:

Gray – Yes
O’Neal - Yes
Zimmerman – Yes

- It was moved by O’Neal and seconded by Gray to approve a “zero increase” 22.75 millage rate for fiscal year 2015. Chairman Zimmerman noted that Juniata County is fortunate to be able to meet its budgetary demands in view of decreasing revenues. Commissioner O’Neal concurred with Zimmerman and stressed the importance of making every effort to maintain the current millage even though the County is faced with an increasing number of unfunded mandates.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Zimmerman call for a roll call vote. The motion was carried as follows:

Gray – Yes
O’Neal - Yes
Zimmerman – Yes

There being no further business, it was moved by O’Neal and seconded by Gray to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. Salary Board – No business scheduled.

III. Retirement Board – No business scheduled.

Jeffrey M. Zimmerman, Chairman

Alice J. Gray, Vice Chairperson

Teresa J. O’Neal, Secretary

Submitted for Approval
S. James Bahorik, County Administrator