

December 29, 2015

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 Joe Cannon, Juniata Sentinel reporter Maria Yohn, Times reporter Paulette Forry, Juniata County Planning Director Bradley Kerstetter, Emergency Services Director Allen Weaver, Dan Greene of SEDA-COG and Commissioners Elect Todd Graybill and Mark Partner.

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 December 22, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

- Chairman Zimmerman stated that it is day one hundred and eighty-two without a Commonwealth Budget. Each of the Commissioners expressed their concern regarding the ongoing impasse
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve the appointment of I. Charles Diem of 549 Jones Rd., Mifflintown to a three-year term as a Municipal Member on the Juniata County Agricultural Land Preservation Board of Directors effective January 1, 2016. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve the hiring of Suzanna Howarth as a Juniata County Children and Youth Services case worker effective January 4, 2016. Ms. Howarth replaces Jeff Moore who was promoted. Salary will be as per the current bargaining unit contract. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve the following "Purchase of Service Agreements" as submitted by Robyn Ventresca, Children & Youth Fiscal Assistant. The terms for the agreements are January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Brian "Bo" Baker, Esquire for agency solicitor services at an hourly rate of \$77.25.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Chrystal Prosser, Esquire for agency solicitor services at an hourly rate of \$77.25.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Chrystal Prosser, Esquire for Guardian Ad Litem services at an hourly rate of \$50.00.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Barb Wevodau, Esquire for Guardian Ad Litem services at an hourly rate of \$50.00.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Kevin E. Prosser, Esquire for Guardian Ad Litem services at an hourly rate of \$50.00.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Jennifer Wilson, Esquire for Guardian Ad Litem services at an hourly rate of \$50.00.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Martha S. Bowersox for translation services at an hourly rate of \$41.20.
 - The "Purchase of Service Agreement" between Juniata County Children and Youth Services and Josie Souders to provide oral Spanish interpretation and translation of written Spanish materials at an hourly rate of \$41.20.

The motion was unanimously carried.

- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve a budget revision to reallocate unused FFY 2011 County CDBG Admin funds in the amount of \$15,605.19 to the nearly complete Washington Avenue Water Improvements Project. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve the purchase of Juniata/Perry shared 9-1-1 telephone equipment at a total cost of \$239,150.00 as recommended by Allen Weaver, Emergency Management Director. The equipment will be purchases using Wireless Funding. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to approve additional spending authority for the Probation and Parole Department through the end of the fiscal year. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by O'Neal and seconded by Gray to approve payment of checks #44960 - #45087 in the amount of \$372,207.72. The motion was unanimously carried.

At the conclusion of business, Commissioner Gray thanked Zimmerman and O'Neal for their valuable service and accomplishments as Commissioners. O'Neal emphasized what an honor it has been for her to serve. Chairman Zimmerman echoed the statements of O'Neal.

There being nothing further, it was moved by Gray and seconded by O'Neal to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. Salary Board – No business scheduled.

III. Retirement Board – No business scheduled.

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Submitted for Approval
S. James Bahorik, County Administrator