

Minutes of Montour County Commissioners Meeting – September 23, 2008

Formally approved at October 14, 2008 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present, Ray Gerringer, Sheriff; Clair Heath, Deputy Sheriff; Walt Peters, EMA Director; Chris Krepich, PressEnterprise.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Finn. The meeting was opened in prayer by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn called for public comment. There was none.

Under correspondence, receipt of a letter from PPL offering a free recycling kit for fluorescent light bulbs to local governments to encourage recycling of CFLs was noted. Mr. Ward said he could contact PPL to investigate the program.

Mr. Ward said a letter was received from Anthony Township Supervisors asking for help on ambulance service in the township. Mr. Ward said he will contact the township to let them know under township code that the township could set up an agreement with service providers outlining the township's specific requirements.

Mr. Finn noted receipt of another letter from Anthony Township Supervisors for a zoning exemption request relating to taxes on a property scheduled for demolition. Mr. Finn directed the Solicitor to look into the matter.

A third piece of correspondence was also received from Anthony Township Supervisors requesting a zoning change. Mr. Ward moved to direct the Solicitor and Planning Director to start looking into the request. Mr. Finn seconded. Mr. Ward said the potential cost of such a change concerned him. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under old business, as advertised, this was the time and place to open bids for repairs to the Prison chimney. The Chief Clerk reported one bid was received – Joe Davis Masonry in the amount of \$10,750.00. Mr. Gerst moved to accept the bid. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

As advertised, this was the time and place to open bids for sale of a generator. The Chief Clerk reported the following bids were received: H.H. Knoebel Sons, \$5,001.00; Brewer Equipment Company, \$1,365.00; and Keith T. Kmetz Excavating, \$577.79. Mr. Gerst moved to accept the high bid. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Housing Authority of Montour County to administer \$200,000.00 in DCED and County Act 137 funds for the CORE Communities Grant Program through June 30, 2009. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to adopt a courier system for deliveries to and from Woodbine Lane offices to the Courthouse using Transit vehicles as a way to cut down on mileage costs and employee time spent out of the office. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the purchase of two 2009 Ford Escapes at \$16,352.00 off state contract to be used by Children & Youth Services and Assessment. Mr. Finn noted 80% of the cost of the C&Y vehicle will be paid by the state while less than \$3,000.00 will come from General Fund for the Assessment vehicle, with the remainder to be paid for by a grant the County received through the Taxpayers Relief Act. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to direct the Chief Clerk to advertise the sale of two vehicles – a 1999 Ford Contour and a 1994 Chevrolet Lumina with bids due back by 10:00 a.m. October 14. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to renew a maintenance agreement for the Courthouse x-ray security scanner at a cost of \$4,500.00 effective August 22, 2008, through August 21, 2009. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the hiring of David Herrold as a 911 Dispatcher at an hourly rate of \$9.48 effective September 29. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to draft a letter of support stating the County's support of SEDA-COG's Economic Development Administration activities. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to appoint Frank Dombroski to the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority through December 31, 2010. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to reappoint Mary Simington to the SEDA Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors through July 2011. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to set a Salary Board meeting at noon September 25 to discuss the creation of an Administrative Secretary position for the Sheriff's Office and an IT/Planner-Trainer position. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills General Account, \$56,789.44; Children & Youth, \$41,856.51; Transit, \$58,139.49; Liquid Fuels, \$0; Act 78, \$2,880.55; Domestic Relations, \$327.62; Human & Community, \$1,155.84. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk