A meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Public Safety Building, Uniontown PA.

In attendance-

Commissioner Chairman Vincent A. Vicites

Commissioner Dave Lohr

Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink

Chief Clerk Amy Revak

Solicitor John Cupp

A prayer was recited by Rev. Jason Lamer, followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Vicites welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Proclamations

Commissioner Zimmerlink read the proclamation for BPW Business & Professional Women Equal Pay Day- April 12, 2016 after various BPW representatives were welcomed and spoke about the need to have equal pay for women.

Commissioner Lohr read the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month- May 2016.

Commissioner Vicites read the 20th Anniversary of the Fayette County 911 Center- 2016 proclamation. Guy Napolillo of the 911 Center thanked the commissioners for the proclamation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to acknowledge the following proclamations:

BPW Business & Professional Women Equal Pay Day- April 12, 2016

Mental Health Awareness Month- May 2016

20th Anniversary of the Fayette County 911 Center- 2016

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Bob Schiffbauer, South Union Township Supervisor, spoke about the importance of the Sheepskin Trail and participation of the peer study. He said the trail was put back when $1.5 million was available and not obtained. He spoke about the trail and how it is supposed to go through Fayette County, adding that hopefully the trail will move forward. He urged the commissioners to participate in the peer group study, to determine how to proceed with construction of the Sheepskin Trail. Annie Quinn, the executive director of the Jacobs Creek Water Association, spoke about a DCNR application and talked about the importance of Greenlick Lake for tourism in the future. She said the county match would be $7,000.

Fayette County Community Action Agency

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the annual Magic and Mistletoe fundraising event to be held at the Fayette County Courthouse on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Adult Probation Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to seek funding for the 2016 Pretrial Drug and Alcohol Initiative Fiscal Year 2015/2016 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The county is eligible to receive up to $236,000 over a two year project period. The Fayette County Drug & Alcohol Commission will be a sub-contractor on the project, if awarded.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the following for a real estate tax exemption as they have been qualified as a 100% disabled veterans by the Veterans Administration of Pennsylvania.

Russel E. Tikey – 2348 Indian Head Rd. – Champion PA 31-20-0004 Effective 1/1/2015

Cinda Hardin – 47 Sylvanus Ave – Uniontown PA 25-43-0084 Effective 7/1/2016

William Eugene Stewart -200 Denney Rd. - Uniontown PA 22-21-0164-05 Effective 7/1/2016

Linda L. Whipkey - 31 East Church St. – Fairchance PA 14-31-0126 Effective retroactive 7/1/2011

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to enter into an agreement with Franklin John Realty for an appraisal report on parcels 38-04-0180 & 38-04-0188, located in Uniontown City and owned by Thomas Yezbak. Cost of the appraisal report $1,120.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Behavioral Health Administration

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve agreements and modifications:

	Contract Value	Period
HealthChoices Amendment #5 - 2016		
Department of Human Services/Fayette County	N/A	2016
Modification Agreement #1 2015-2016		
Allegheny Intermediate Unit	$736,692	7/1/15-6/30/16
Connellsville Counseling & Psychological Services	$14,000	7/1/15-6/30/16
Pathways of Southwestern PA	$175,000	7/1/15-6/30/16

Professional Services Agreement 2015-2016

Open Minds	$80 per hour -research assistants	01/1/16-6/30/16
	$130 per hour -researchers	
	$160 per hour -consultants	
	$300 per hour -senior consultants	
	$400 per hour -senior associates	

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children and Youth Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve a **FY2016** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services, and **Avanco International, Inc.,** 11325 Random Hills Road, Suite 350, Fairfax, VA 22030. The cost of the AFCARS Upgrade – Phase I is shared by fifty-five CAPS counties. The cost has been proportionally allocated across counties based on the number of users in each county compared to the total number of CAPS users. The total cost of the AFCARS Upgrade – Phase I for all counties is $45,000. The cost of the AFCARS Upgrade – **Phase I to Client is a fixed price of $864.94**. Client working with the other 54 Pennsylvania CAPS counties has requested the development of the CAPS Version 12 Upgrade which is fully comprised of the AFCARS Phase I Upgrade Project. The CAPS Version 12 Upgrade will be completed during the period of March through June of 2016. The AFCARS Upgrade Phases are based on the State AFCARS Improvement Plan (AIP) which is a result of the AFCARS Assessment Review (AAR) completed during the week of June 23, 2014 by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF). AFCARS Upgrades are comprised of four six-month phases of development.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve a **FY2015-16** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services & **Glenn & Esther Green**, 923 Newell Road, Fayette City, PA 15438. Glenn & Esther are Fayette County Children & Youth Foster Parents who will be receiving mileage expenses at **$.54 per mile.**

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the appointment of a county resident, **Randy R. Raymond, Jr**., to a 3-year term on the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. The **term shall expire on April 30, 2019**. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously, at the March 15, 2016 monthly meeting, to recommend his appointment to the commissioners at the April meeting.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Controller

Chief Deputy Controller Rob Chuey presented the financial condition of the county.

Office of the Controller

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

SCOTT T. ABRAHAM
Controller

Phone (724) 430-1217
Fax (724) 430-1366

FUND: **GENERAL FUND**

DATE: 21-Apr-16

CASH:

Checking Account	United Bank		$3,008,429.00

Funds Owed to General Fund

Arc Payments Due		
Intermediate Punishment Fund-.3yrs	$ 40,651.26	
Offenders Supervision Fund-3yrs	$ 87,758.28	
Central Service Payments		
C-17 Fund-3yrs	$ 12,490.00	
Offenders Sprvsn-4yr	$ 56,740.00	
Intermediate Punishment-4yrs	$ 29,053.00	
		$ 226,692.54

Funds General Fund Owes

Tax Anticipation Note	$ 7,000,000.00	
		$ 7,000,000.00

Budget Year	**Net Position**	-$3,764,878.46

		Year to Date
Total 2016 Revenues	$	7,035,361.84
Total 2016 Expenditures	$	8,376,579.56
Total 2015 Expenditures paid in 2016	$	1,732,635.11

Capital Reserve Fund Balance	**Fund 51**	$	222,184.92
Bond Fund Balance	**Fund 53**	$	50,694.65
Act 13 Marcellus Shale Balance	**Fund 13**	Balance in Bank	$1,969,556.89
		Rec'd in 2016	$0.00

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Courts

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the Pitney Bowes contracts between the County of Fayette and Pitney Bowes. Leases are for a 5 year term and are billed quarterly at $135 each quarter each machine. The Court was able to receive the same cost as the last 2 sets of leases with no increase.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to continue the parking contract with Threshold Housing Development Inc, month to month starting on January 1, 2016 and continuing month to month until one of said parties wants to cancel contract at a price of $100 a month.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the contracts with the current constables working at the booking center for the year of 2016 and future years until one of said parties wants to void said contract, at $15.50 an hour (no change from last year). The constables are:

a. Mark Pasquale
b. Philip Michael
c. Robert Geary
d. Todd Brothers
e. Rob Kelley
f. Kim Renze

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to terminate the cleaning contracts with Kristin Kolosky as of February 28, 2016 for Central Court 14-0-00 and for MDJ Dennis office 14-2-02.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Emergency Management Agency

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the date change for James Bittner, EMA Planning/Training officer to attend an ICS 300-400 Train-the-Trainer class at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. James was approved to attend February 22-26 and was unable to get into class, new class dates are May 2-6, 2016. Cost for travel and meal ticket, training and lodging is free.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve Guy Napolillo, EMA Assistant Director/9-1-1 Coordinator to attend the National Homeland Security Conference in Tampa Bay, Florida June 27-June 30 representing Fayette County and Region 13 TTF. No expense to county.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve Designation of Agent Resolution naming Roy Shipley, EMA Director as Applicant Agent for Fayette County for the Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm FEMA - 4267-DR., incident period January 22-23, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Office of Human and Community Services/FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the Consolidated Operating (Shared Ride, PWD, WTW, Fixed Route) & Consolidated Capital Application for FY 16-17 to be electronically submitted to PennDOT.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the application of 5307 formula funding through FTA for FY 16-17 to be used for fixed route operations and capital.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise the public hearing/public participation plan of projects for May 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the FACT Transit Center.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to enter into an agreement with PennDOT Bureau of Transportation for the construction of CNG fueling station and retrofitting FACT garages to be CNG compliant. No cost to County/FACT. Timeline to begin is 2019. After 20 years the fueling station belongs to the County.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to enter into an Environmental Liability Acknowledgement agreement with Trillium Transportation Fuels to put the liability of any undisclosed environmental findings on the County which will be reimbursable through PennDOT through the CNG/FACT agreement.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the hire of Joseph Ambrose Jr. as a staff specialist at the pay rate of $14.61/hr., effective April 25, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Vicites said they had interviewed several people for the position, and he felt he was the most qualified with legal and government experience with 10 years, and good computer skills. After the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said they are still in the restructuring phase of their commissioner's office as well as other offices, and the commissioners received a number of applicants and resumes for this particular position and the commissioners interviewed four individuals and of the applicants and one of the things they have agreed they are going to do an upcoming salary board to address job descriptions and titles in the commissioner's office that was done by the prior board and make them more conducive to the work that is done and will be done in the commissioner's office, one being the change in title from a staff specialist and what it should be and changing parts of the job descriptions to better fits and all three commissioners agreed to that. Commissioner Vicites said those have to be constantly reviewed, as they are a work in progress. He said they can tweak it and get it up to speed for coming years.

FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the hire of Harley Voytovich, Mechanic Tech D, SEIU Grade 3 at $10.08/hr. or $19,656 annually, effective April 25, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the hire of Stanley Horvath Jr. as Part-Time Bus Driver, SEIU Pay Grade 8 at SR - $11.86 per hour effective April 4, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to accept the retirement notice of both Wanda Bryte, Accountant, effective June 3, 2016 and Sally Fosbrink, Transportation Information Specialist, effective June 2, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the motion, Commissioner Vicites said they are longtime employees and they wish them well in their retirement.

Human Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the March 28, 2016 resignation of Denise Stepanik, Director of Human Resources.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the agreement with LeechTishman reducing the hourly rate of Attorney Amanda Porter to $135.00/hr. during the HR Director transition and providing on site HR assistance.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to table the agreement for the HR Director/HR Legal Services during the restructuring of the Human Resource Dept.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

FCBHA

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the hire of Robyn R. Marmie, County Caseworker 2 at $17.96/hr. ($35,022.00 annually), effective May 9, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the hire of Shawn E. Murray, County Caseworker 2 at $17.96/hr. ($35,022.00 annually), effective May 9, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning & Zoning

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to accept the retirement notice of David Bukovan, Chief Zoning Officer effective April 1, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Defender

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the resignation of Kali Richardson, Account Clerk I.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink said "Commissioner Lohr and Amy (Revak) were talking about that they both had different dates so you were supposed to get a date for us." Commissioner Vicites asked if we had a date. Chief Clerk Revak said she had two dates of April 5 and March 31. She said April 5 was the date on the agenda meeting agenda and March 31 was the date that she was told was the actual date by Mr. Whiteko. Commissioner Zimmerlink said, "so what happened between the time, we discussed this at the agenda meeting, one date was placed on the agenda and then we all received an e-mail that had a different date and last Tuesday, it was determined that Commissioner Lohr and Amy would determine which date was correct, did either of you? Commissioner Lohr said no. Commissioner Vicites said he thinks there was some e-mails on that. Commissioner Zimmerlink said, "there was, it's just a matter of leaving Tuesday's agenda meeting and from last Tuesday to this Thursday getting the correct date, by staff." Commissioner Vicites said, can we get an answer on this? Commissioner Zimmerlink said, "apparently no one did." Commissioner Vicites said, do you want me to call Jeff (Whiteko)?, how we going to handle this, I have his number here. Commissioner Zimmerlink said "the way to handle it is to get the information from Tuesday to Thursday. Commissioner Vicites said, "I agree." Commissioner Zimmerlink said "let's make sure we do that please" and made a motion to ratify the resignation

without a date. After the motion and before a vote, Commissioner Vicites said "we have to get these dates in the future and make this as accurate as possible."

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to hire Heather Dusi, Department Clerk I, SEIU, Pay Grade 3, $10.08 hr./($19,656.00 annually), effective April 25, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to hearing a second to the motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked why there was a hesitation, saying if there was a hesitation, they should be talking about "these things." Commissioner Vicites said he normally waits for the other two commissioners to motion and second and Commissioner Zimmerlink said others have made motions.

Information Technology

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the March 21, 2016 modification of the Microsoft Enterprise 6.6 Agreement/CDWG which changed the hosting location from on-site to a Microsoft site and reduced the 3-year annual payment from $59,506.78 to $46,316.30.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the March 21, 2016 agreement with Advent Communications for the installation of data switches in the amount of $15,986.00.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning and Zoning

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for preparation of a Master Site Plan for Jacobs Creek Park. Total estimated project cost is $50,000 requiring a 50% match, of which $7,000 will be paid by the county.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites said this is an important project.

Prison

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve a second extension to the current contract with PrimeCare Medical through September 30, 2016, under the same terms and conditions.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to table awarding RFP 16-01 for comprehensive medical services at the county jail.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites said prior to a motion that they are working on a transition for the psychiatric services at the prison and they aren't at the point to approve that.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise a Request for Proposals from vendors to provide inmate food services for five years effective September 19, 2016.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Works

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to award Bid No.16-01 to Ritenour and Sons of South Connellsville for Demolition and Removal of the boiler house smokestack for a cost of $39,000 without asbestos or $89,000 with asbestos.

Commissioner Lohr abstain

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed 2-0-1

After the motion, Commissioner Lohr explained that he abstained because Ritenour's are his distant relatives. Commissioner Vicites said it is an important project, the smokestack has to come down and it will be taken down ASAP.

Tax Claim

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the following repository bids opened April 5, 2016, subject to all conditions being met.

Accepted Bids

Bidder Name	Parcel Number	Twp./Mun/City	Amount
Clyde Goodman	05-15-0052	Connellsville City	$312.00
Jason Early	38-13-0694	Uniontown City	$168.55
Kenneth J Soles	30-18-0008	Redstone Township	$450.00
Khaled Khan	38-18-0008	Uniontown City	$355.00
Leonard A Tucker Sr	38-12-0318	Uniontown City	$860.00
J&R Ventures Inc	23-04-0026	Newell Borough	$450.00

Michael Maleta	03-07-0014	Brownsville Township	$188.00
Michael Maleta	03-070-0011	Brownsville Township	$236.00

Total $ 3,019.55

Rejected Bids

Michael Marinick	38-13-0694	Uniontown City	$167.50	Outbid
Weston Milligan	30-35-0104	Redstone Twp	$428.75	Didn't mark Sealed bid
Weston Milligan	05-07-0142	Connellsville City	$298.72	Didn't mark Sealed bid

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve Bernard John to Perform 7 title searches for the Upset 2011 Distribution purposes. The cost will be $55.00 per title search plus any cost for lien letters if needed. Two other telephone quotes were obtained at a higher rate.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to grant approval for the county to complete an application with DCNR for a peer review grant for the Sheepskin Trail, funding is $10,000 from DCNR with a $1,000 county match.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Vicites said a source for the county match is Act 13 money. Commissioner Zimmerlink said if it is an allowable source, if not, they have other funding. Commissioner Vicites said this is important to see which option is best to move the Sheepskin Trail forward. He said he just wants to get it built. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the peer review does more than recommend, with Commissioner Vicites saying it was recommended by DCNR, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said it wasn't recommended by DCNR, but they won't tell you to form an authority. Commissioner Vicites said he wants it done to see about the feasibility to form an authority.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve the February 18, 2016 commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the February 25, 2016 commissioners meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the March 17, 2016 commissioner meeting minutes.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the request of Rolling Thunder, Inc., Chapter 5 for a POW/MIA Commemorative Chair to be placed in the courthouse. The Chair remains perpetually unoccupied as a solemn reminder of the brave service members still waiting to be brought home.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Vicites said they would get together to discuss logistics after the meeting, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said not after the meeting because they all want to be there. Commissioner Vicites said they can get a date at least, so they can all get together.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to make application to GSA to acquire the Uniontown US Army Reserve Center located on McClellandtown Road, Uniontown.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to table allocations of Act 13 funds.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Commissioner Lohr and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the following transfers.

3/4/16 to 3/31/16

Department	Cost Center	Debit	Credit
Controller			

Health insurance	01413351560	$14,388.10	
Contract consulting	01413353005		$14.388.10
Coroner			
Contingency	01417952910	$1,580.73	
Autopsy	01419353180		$1,580.73
District Justices			
Travel	01418600053300	$250.00	
Materials/supplies	01418630252000		$250.00
Travel	01418630253300	$120.00	
Materials/supplies	01418630252000		$120.00
Equipment	01418600052300	$250.00	
Materials/supplies	01418630252000		$250.00
Bonds	01418653530	$100.00	
Materials/supplies	01418652000		$100.00
*Materials/supplies	01418652000	$200.00	
*Bonds	01418653530		$200.00
Commissioners			
*Contingency	01417952910	$3.30	
*Life insurance IT	01411251580		$3.30
Treasurer			
*State reimbursement	01413933200	$432.82	
*Materials/supplies	01413952000		$432.82
*2016 budget			

Total Debits	$17,324.95	Total Credits	$17,324.95

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

<u>Public Announcements</u>

Commissioner Zimmerlink said the three commissioners held an executive session with counsel regarding legal matters on April 8 and April 16.

Public Comments

Evelyn Hovanec said she has been away for a while but she was pleased to hear about the Sheepskin Trail, adding that those people have been patient beyond belief. She said for 20 years they have been trying to get someone to something good for the county. She spoke about tourism and its importance to the county. She said she believes Act 13 money can be used. She spoke about the Army Reserve Center building and using it for prison needs. She said she wanted to see a detailed plan about the prison and should involve the voting public. Commissioner Vicites said they have to make application for the Army Reserve Center and use as a prison would be at no cost. Ms. Hovanec said someone called her about the skating rink in Leisenring, adding it is a huge and sturdy building and is available for $5 million. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked what building and Ms. Hovanec said the Ice Mine. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she knows Commissioner Lohr received something, adding that he gave it to Commissioner Vicites and she didn't have it and if he could give it to her as well.

Commissioner Lohr said he met with the bank a couple weeks ago and they would like to come in and present it to all three of them. He said they don't have anything to hide. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if he had an extra copy to give to her since he didn't give it to her. Commissioner Lohr said they just contacted him the day before and were asking for a time for all three of them, "just yesterday." Commissioner Zimmerlink said she would like to have the same you two have so she can read it. Commissioner Vicites said he certainly wasn't hiding anything because he shared it with her. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she happened to see it. Ms. Hovanec spoke about the need for additional buildings for the jail. Commissioner Vicites talked about the distance to the Ice Mine compared to the distance to the Army Reserve Center. Clarence Fisher, president of Rolling Thunder, thanked the commissioners for allowing them to have the POW/MIA commemorative chair in the courthouse. Geraldine Mazza said at the end of last year there were several contracts signed and she asked if they were approved by the solicitors. She said she is very upset with the contract that was signed.

Commissioner Vicites said they were done in the prior administration and a lot of proprietary in nature and it is difficult to revoke. He said you would run the risk of litigation if they are revoked. Mrs. Mazza said one more lawsuit against the county wouldn't be noticed. Commissioner Vicites said this administration should have done the contracts. Mrs. Mazza spoke about her disappointment with the contracts and also about an editorial that ran in the Herald-Standard. She said she was "appalled by it." Emma Jane Davis of Dawson said she has walked 100 miles on the trail so far this year. She also spoke about the eagles on the trail and how many people she has met from other areas. Commissioner Vicites said he has always been committed to building

the trail. Commissioner Zimmerlink said when she became commissioner in 2004 the Sheepskin Trail project has already begun and she said she would continue on with it. She said since that time they have been committed to the trail and it was because of a lack of funding that it hasn't been completed. She said it is a long drawn out process. She said Act 13 monies can be all used for trails, it depends on what they are doing on the trail.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said the comment about the contracts, Mrs. Mazzas and others know what happened because they were here. She said they don't' know if they got the best price or company for those contracts. She said she believes something can be done but if it will be done depends on her fellow commissioners. She said she will continue to pursue it, adding that they have had headaches in the first three months, yes, and they certainly can do something, it is a matter of moving along with it. She said with respect to the armory and city jail, yes, over a year ago they did pursue the acquisition of the Uniontown City Jail. She said it was done more than eight years ago and the prison board wasn't interested at that time. She said she broached it a year ago and was to put it on the agenda last month, but it wasn't on this month's agenda. She said even though it doesn't have a roof, it is the location. She talked about having an opportunity to get a piece of property close to the courthouse for future uses, they should look at it. She said they will move forward on that, their plates have been a little bit full and Commissioner Lohr will have the opportunity to review it and they will move ahead.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said the prior city council said they would give title to the county at no cost and would be at the cost of the county to renovate. She said they have a plan, not it writing, but a couple of ideas and suggestions. She spoke about the armory and the process to acquire it, adding they are keeping their options open. Commissioner Vicites said the Sheepskin Trail is important. He said when he was a commissioner before, money was not available. However, now CDBG money can be used. He said Act 13 and the gambling money are also available. He gave some details about the Army Reserve Center. He said he will be prepared to vote on the old city jail when it is on the agenda. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they are also looking at the Yezbak property, which is close to the jail. Commissioner Vicites said the Army Reserve Center is already off the tax rolls. Commissioner Zimmerlink said there is no cost and infrastructure is already in place. Ms. Hovanec said the reserve center is perfect for a prison. She said they could use the building for the women and the other for the men. She said she has studied this for years. Commissioner Vicites said the Army Reserve center is absolutely free. Commissioner Zimmerlink said there may be ancillary expenses. Commissioner Vicites said he is talking about the building cost.

Commissioner Vicites said the building is built to federal standards, adding it is like a fortress. Commissioner Lohr said he visited SCI Fayette and they are in favor of it. He

spoke about the programs at SCI Fayette. He said we need to look at putting our workforce back into society. He said there are currently 2500 jobs not filled. He said when inmates walk out, they should have GEDs at least. He said they need to set aside the small picture and look at the big picture. He said he is all in favor of having the armory, adding there is a storage problem in the county. He said there are a lot of issues, and they have to do the best for the county. Mrs. Mazza said people can't be rehabilitated if they don't' want to be. Commissioner Lohr said there are ways around that. Commissioner Vicites said they need to get a handle on the demographics at the prison.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Lohr yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously