

Thursday, September 24, 2009 – 10:00 am

A Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday September 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m in the Public Service Building, Uniontown, Pa.

Present;

Commissioner Vince Zapotosky, Chairman
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink
Warren Hughes, County Manager/Acting Chief Clerk
Joseph Ferens, County Solicitor

- Meeting called to order
- Silent Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Zapotosky stated 1st item on the agenda needs to be amended.

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to amend the agenda to advertise for bid, the printing of the November 3, 2009 election ballots.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Matthew Deem from Fayette County Drug and Alcohol commented he was representing Joseph Augustine and explained, Red Ribbon Week Campaign is celebrated locally and nationally to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse from October 23rd to the 31st of October.

Mr. Matthew Uram, Senior Employment Specialist, for Area Agency on Aging, thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Employee Older Workers Week, September 20th through September 26th. Mr. Uram said he was proud to have with him Ophelia Martin, who is a participant in a Tunnel 5 program which is a federally funded program through the older Americans Act of 1965.

Ms. Ophelia Martin stated she is with the Area Agency on Aging and working at Drug and Alcohol. She explained it helped improve her income and also gives her an opportunity to interact with the operations of Drug and Alcohol.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Marilyn Cellurale commented on the Historical Overlay and how it is a detriment to the economic development of Fayette County. She also wanted to make the Commissioners and Public aware that from the time of the public hearing held on August 26th, 2009 until today's meeting; changes were made to the ordinance. Mrs. Cellurale asked the Commissioners, who authorized the changes and why weren't they reviewed by the public?

Commissioner Zapotosky and **Commissioner Vicites** both stated they have reservations and concerns on the issue.

Commissioner Vicites said he cannot adopt this issue without a clearer understanding.

Evelyn Hovanec stated she agrees how the current Historical Ordinance reads.

Ron Gallo asked the Commissioners, who made the changes on the ZA-09-1 Zoning?

Commissioner Zapotosky commented he questioned Carolyn Yeagle from EPD on the text of the ordinance, Environmental Planning and Design is who authorized the historical text. He stated Mrs. Yeagle informed me she was running late for another meeting and would get back to me. But at this time, I have not yet received answers to your questions.

Evelyn Hovanec commented there are no changes on the ZA-09-1 Zoning; those are the issues we agreed to.

Sara Rosiek, Director of Planning and Zoning, stated she received an e-mail of the draft on 8-26-09; unfortunately I was not able to open the attachment. After receiving several e-mails, 9-17-09 is when I was able to open the attachment.

Commissioner Zapotosky asked Miss Rosiek, where there language changes from the previous draft that was presented at the Public Hearing? Her response was yes. Commissioner Zapotosky questioned Miss Rosiek, who made the changes? Miss Rosiek stated it was Carolyn Yeagle who made the changes based on the comments at the Public Rezoning Hearing. Commissioner Zapotosky informed Miss Rosiek that any formal changes would have to have been adopted by either the Steering Committee that was formed by the Planning Commission or the Board of Commissioners and during the public meeting there was no motion or direction to adopt or authorized any change of language.

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated the overlay has gone before the Planning Commission on two occasions, at Public Hearing and at the Planning Commission. On both occasions there were recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for rezoning to adopt the ordinance and when the recommendations were made they also included some changes. She added, when it came before the Rezoning Hearing Board, which we do not make motions; they are made at Commissioners meetings to also change the language from Historic property to Historic Resource. She also stated the other changes that are highlighted in the document were discussed at the public rezoning hearing.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated the changes that were made have become an official part of this document; any other changes that have been made were

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officially done by the Planning Commissioner or the Steering Committee or by the Board of Commissioners prior to the public hearing. Also documents should not have been amended unless authorized by the governing bodies.

Mr. Gallo commented on the Historic areas which he felt are important to Fayette County, though they are not good paying jobs. Historic preservation only creates minimum wage jobs with no benefits. He stated every Historic project could be torn down if it would bring good paying jobs to our County. We need to worry about the future of our children. He added that our children are moving out of the county or state to find good paying jobs, this needs to be changed.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated we have to find a balance where we can coexist and be able to grow as a County to create these jobs and also maintain our Historical Treasures that we have.

Commissioner Vicites stated any changes to the document need to be decided on by the Board of Commissioners.

Tanya Cellurale commented on the Historical Ordinance and explained that there were three drafts of the ordinance which were made on May 14th, June 26th, and August 26th, 2009 and have been stricken at this point, one being the project of the wind mills, the individuals that have interest in this project they have no clue what the verbiage is being used at this time. She commented about Joey Cellurale needing to go against the Historical situation since 1995 because he has a business beside the Meeson House. She said, Mr. Cellurale has been through many issues concerning the Planning and Zoning Office because of the Historical Ordinance.

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated she thanks all visitors that come into Fayette County because they do bring in tourist dollars, not only on the Hotel tax but also the attractions, Historic, non historic and recreational.

Commissioners Zapotosky, Vicites and Zimmerlink presented the individuals from Fayette County Drug & Alcohol a proclamation and proclaimed October 23rd through October 31st, 2009 Red Ribbon Celebration Week, also presented was a proclamation to Employ Older Workers Week, September 20th through September 26th, 2009.

Commissioner Vicites read a proclamation that recognized National Transit Week which was September 21st through September 25th, 2009 and marks the occasion of the week to encourage individuals to use public transportation in order to save money to protect the environment and improve the quality of life for all Fayette County Citizens.

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to award Proclamations/Awards to Fayette County Drug and Alcohol, Senior Employment Specialist for Area Agency on Aging, and National Try Transit Week

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve the transfer of 2.59 acres of property (Lot 20 in Plat No.8 of the County Home Subdivision) at the Fayette County Business Park in South Union Township for development of the Fayette County Fact Transit Facility.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	no

Motion passed 2-1

Commissioner Vicites stated this project is necessary for the Redevelopment Authority to deed the land back over to the County so we can begin the project of building a facility for Fact Transportation Transfer Station, which the monies came from the Economic Stimulus Funds roughly \$900,000.00 and it will enhance the services of Fact in the future and also provide a local transportation network here in Fayette County Business Park.

Veterans Affairs

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to advertise for bid to purchase flags and markers for Veterans Graves.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Children & Youth Services

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the following Purchase of Service Agreements, between the County of Fayette, Fayette County Children & Youth Services and Attorneys appointed by the court to represent children in dependency proceedings during FY2009-10. The rate for all attorneys listed below is \$65.00 per hour.

Attorney

Mariah Balling-Peck
111 East Main Street

Per Diem

\$65.00 per Hour

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Uniontown, PA 15401

Benjamin Goodwin \$65.00 per Hour
92 East Main Street
Suite 20
Uniontown, PA 15401

Michelle Kelley \$65.00 per Hour
92 East Main Street
Suite 24
Uniontown, PA 15401

Karen Kiefer \$65.00 per Hour
1005 Loucks Avenue
Scottdale, PA 15683

John A. Kopas, III \$65.00 per Hour
75-77 West Church Street
Fairchance, PA 15436

Kimberly Kovach \$65.00 per Hour
23 Morgantown Street
Uniontown, PA 15401

Patrick McDaniel \$65.00 per Hour
50 East Main Street
Uniontown, PA 15401

Brian Salisbury \$65.00 per Hour
4 North Beeson Blvd.
Uniontown, PA 15401

Beverly Jean Ullein \$65.00 per Hour
6 Beaumont Drive
Lemont Furnace, PA 15456

Fact/Human & Community Services

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to advertise Request for Proposals for building and design of bus storage garage. (This is a federal earmark)

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Vicites yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated we have not heard if there will be a county match.

Commissioner Vicites stated March of each year we go to Washington, DC to lobby for these types of earmarks which will help extend the bus garage.

Planning & Zoning and Community Development

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated the next 2 motions are an overlay which means that the county Zoning Ordinance is not being changed by approving these motions and are not changes for the entire Zoning Ordinance, they are both overlays. She said an overlay is where you have an existing Zoning Ordinance that is about 100 to 200 pages and this overlay for the Mon Fayette Expressway Interchanges as well as the Historical Resource encompasses and acknowledges two which are Historical Resource & the interchanges that blends in with the existing County Zoning Ordinance. She said the zoning ordinance was amended and adopted back in September of 2006 and the Board of Commissioners agreed to insert a place holder/card which was called the Historic Resource Overlay for the purpose of both Overlays that were developed by the consultant EPD and went through the process.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated the Mon Fayette Express is an Interchange Overlay, though the Historic Resource Overlay has a much broader impact that would affect all of Fayette County with the exception of municipalities that have their own zoning.

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to **Table** ZA-09-1 Amendment to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance which creates the Historic Resource Overlay.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated he made the motion based on questions pending as well as the fact of the final draft was not released until September 17th, 2009 and being the final version should be on display for the public's review for at least 30 days.

Commissioner Vicites stated some of the funds came from the county though a majority of the funding for the overlay came from a grant which is the National Road Heritage Park.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	no

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Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink, to **TABLE** ZA 09-2 Amendment, to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance, which creates the Mon Fayette Expressway Overlay.

(Motion died for the lack of a seconded)

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve, ZA 09-2 Amendment to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance, which creates the Mon Fayette Expressway Overlay.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and second by Commissioner Zimmerlink to **Deny** RZ 09-5 Real Investments, North Union Township, request for an extension of B-1 General Business on property zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to **Deny** RZ-09-6 Victor and Patty Piatti, North Union Township, request for an extension of R-2 Medium Density Residential on property currently zoned General Business

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve RZ-09-7 Frank Ewing, Menallen Township, and request for a change of zone from M-1 Light Industrial to R-2 Medium Density Residential.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Behavioral Health Administration

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following agreements and modifications.

<u>Fee-For-Service Agreement 2009-2010</u>	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
Transitional Employment Consultants	\$60/hr Max \$500	7/1/09-6/30/2010
<u>Contract Agreements 2009-2010</u>		
Alliance for Behavioral & Developmental Disabilities	\$129,534	7/1/09-6/30/2010
Allegheny Intermediate Unit	\$554,692	7/1/09-6/30/2010
City Mission-Living Stones, Inc.	\$73,464	7/1/09-6/30/2010
Fayette County Adult Probation Office	\$28,491	7/1/09-6/30/2010
Rehab Care, Inc.	\$74,000	7/1/09-6/30/2010
<u>Modification Agreement #1 2009-2010</u>		
Laurel House, Inc.	\$883,184	7/1/09-6/30/2010
<u>Fee-For-Service Agreement 2008-2009</u>		
Jeffery S.Garito, MA, BCBA	\$50/hr Max \$1,800	6/5/09-6/30/2009
<u>Fee-For-Service Modification Agreement #1 2008-2009</u>		
Fayette Emergency Medical Services	\$5,136	7/1/08-6/30/2009
<u>Modification Agreement #2 2008-2009 (Base)</u>		
Crosskeys Human Services, Inc.	\$1,136,825	7/1/08-6/30/2009
<u>Administrative Entity & Waiver Provider Mod #2 2008-2009 (Federal)</u>		
Northwestern Human Services of PA	\$267,601	7/1/08-6/30/2009
<u>Health Choices Agreement 2009</u>		
Value Behavioral Health PA	ASO Renewal	2009

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Vicites yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to award Bid Number 09-10 to Tri Star Motors, 930 Route 22 West, Blairsville, PA for the leasing of a 2010 Ford Explorer XLT for Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration at a monthly cost of Four Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (**\$466.84**) for thirty-six (36) months, with a total cost of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (**\$16,806.24**) for the lease period with 18,000 miles per year allowance.

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Commissioner Vicites yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

EMA

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and second by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) grant for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$5,234.00

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Vicites yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve an agreement between County of Allegheny (Regional 13 TTF) and Fayette County for staff funding to conduct planning and training exercises. Grant amount is \$46,000.00 per year for a total not to exceed \$92,000 under the agreement.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Vicites yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Election Bureau

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to advertise for bid the printing of the November 3, 2009 election ballots.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Vicites yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Children & Youth Services

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to rescind the hiring of Bridgette A. Davis as County Caseworker I effective September 8, 2009 due to applicants' subsequent refusal of position.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to accept the resignation due to the retirement of the Chief Clerk, Judith Bodkin effective September 23, 2009.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

FCBHA

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the volunteer internship of Heather Hercik, Medical Records Major from Laurel Business Institute, effective September 28, 2009.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

Moved by Commission Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the volunteer internship of Tiffany Guthrie, Business Administration Major from Laurel Business Institute, effective September 25, 2009.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Veterans Affairs

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the volunteer internship of Taisha Mantenuiti, Office Administration Major from Laurel Business Institute, effective September 25, 2009.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioners

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and second by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve the minutes for August 27th, 2009 Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink no

Motion passed 2-1

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the following transfers:

**TRANSFERS
8-20-09 to 9-17-09
2009 Budget**

OFFICE	LINE ITEM	DEBIT	CREDIT
Prison/Building & Grounds			
Utilities	014174 53600	\$25,000.00	
Utilities	014232 53600		\$25,000.00
Adult Probation			
Travel	014236 53300	\$3,000.00	
Drug Testing	014236 53191		\$3,000.00
Courts			
Jury Fees	014184 53170	\$5,000.00	
Ct. Appointed Atty	014184 53141		\$5,000.00
District Attorney			
Professional Services	014194 53100	\$500.00	
Association Dues	014194 54200		\$500.00
	Total Debits	\$33,500.00	
	Total Credits		\$33,500.00

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
 Commissioner Vicites yes
 Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to authorize the payment from the County's General Fund unappropriated line item in the amount of \$3741.93 to the City of Uniontown Sewage System for account number 95-2018-00-0 with the remaining balance to be appropriately budgeted for the 2010 General Fund out of the jail budget at \$1000.00 per month with a note that it does not include the current billing, until payment is made in full of the outstanding balance of \$15,741.93 acknowledging that there will be continuation of accrued interest and penalty.

Commissioner Zapotosky commented, Warren Hughes, County Manager ,had a discussion with officials, Mayor Ed Fike, and a Representative from the water authority, we purposed \$3741.93 down and resume payments in January 2010 of

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\$1000.00 per month in addition to the current billing cycle. He said it has not been finally approved by either entity yet, the representative from the sewage authority was not authorized to approve the agreement; however she felt comfortable that it was an offer that the sewage company would accept.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to authorize the Tourism Alliance Group to develop a concept for a Public Education Television Program for Fayette County including but not limited to tourism and government

Commissioner Zapotosky explained he spoke with Wesley Ellis from the Herald Standard concerning the Public Educational Government.

Mr. Ellis stated FCC has allotted the ability for a Municipality to franchise a cable company to create a channel for the purpose of a Public Educational Government.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to accept the resignation of Donald Miller from the Workforce Investment Board.

Commissioner Zapotosky thanked Mr. Miller for his service on the WIB Board.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve agreement between Susquehanna Group advisors and the County of Fayette to provide budgeting assistance with the Fayette County 2010 Budget for a cost of \$150.00 per hour with a cap of \$5,500.00 or prior approval to

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exceed moneys that will be coming out of unappropriate line item of the General Fund.

Commissioner Zimmerlink commented Susquehanna Group did have an agreement with the county for the 2009 budget though in this incidence it was not budgeted so it would have to be stated that it be taken from the unappropriate line item ,also she stated we should budget it for year 2010. Commissioner Zimmerlink added we need to wean ourselves from this type of outside services.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to host a meeting of municipal officials and the general public to discuss the importance of the Complete Count Committee which is regarding 2010 US Census.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Vicites commented he will coordinate the Census meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to **Table** a costar agreement between Secure US and the County of Fayette for the purchase of Security equipment, utilizing the \$50,000.00 grant given to us by Representative Bill DeWeese.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated the previous item needs to be Tabled based on additional discussion with Secure US.

Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Vicites yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

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Public Announcements:

The Commissioners would like to thank Donald Miller for his service as a board member to the Westmoreland Fayette County Workforce Investment Board as he is resigning.

The Westmoreland Fayette County Workforce Investment Board currently has a vacancy. The Board of Commissioners will be accepting resumes and letters of interest for those individuals who wish to interview for this board. Please send Letters of Interest and resumes by October 14th, 2009 to Kathy Winkler at 61 East Main Street, Uniontown PA or email to kwinkler@fayettepa.org

Public Comments:

Donald Coleman, Vietnam Veteran thanked all Veterans for attending the meeting to support him. He stated he felt Fayette County has a problem keeping a Veterans Director in the office and needs to be addressed. Mr. Coleman explained different issues he was informed about, one being a possible problem in the office. He asked the Commissioners why the posting for the Directors position hasn't been posted until now.

Commissioner Zapotosky explained to Mr. Coleman one reason being the potential short fall of the revenue, 1/3 of the Counties budget is state dollars; some of those dollars have not been received since July 1, 2009, so we were uncertain what the allocations would be to certain agencies, also there had to be a freeze on hiring in all offices.

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated she felt the job could have been posted in August being the job pays a little over \$30,000.00 a year, so if it would have been posted, the position might have been filled in September and the monies are in the budget until December 2009.

Commissioner Vicites said we had to make sure our dollars were stretched as far as we could, being there were several agencies that were almost out of funds, so a contingency plan had to be developed to manage the crises until we knew the budget would be passed.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated the job description needed to be looked at which Dominick Carnicella, Human Resource Director, pulled descriptions from several counties to see if it needed tweaked possibly to attract potential better candidates.

Mr. Coleman commented he had taken flyers to be placed in the Veterans Affairs Office and later found out they had not been put up. He stated that was disrespect towards all Veterans in the country.

Commissioner Zimmerlink explained to Mr. Coleman there is a policy that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2005 that does address the bulletin boards, distribution of employee brochures and flyers, as well as non employee individuals need to get approval from the Commissioners to display any type of advertisement.

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Commissioners Zapotosky, Vicites, and Zimmerlink agreed the flyers should have been displayed.

Commissioner Vicites commented he has always gone along with the recommendation with the Liaison Committee, listens to their concerns, and any type of issue we addressed. He stated Veterans have been my top priority.

Commissioner Zapotosky expressed he wants and will be a part of the hiring of a Veterans Affairs Director.

Mr. Coleman announced there will be a rally held by the Veterans, Friday the 25th in front of the Court House.

Mr. Floyd Coddington expressed there were issues with Madonna Nicklow and he stated he feels the security of the files in the VA Office needs to be updated.

Commissioner Zimmerlink commented a detective investigated the issue and spoke with Warren Hughes Building and Grounds Director, they discussed rekeying` the lock, also placing a camera in the area.

Clarence Branguard stated he had been a Veteran for 21 years and read an article in the newspaper about a problem in the VA Office. He said he participated in over half of the last 6 selections and feels the problem is inconsistency which means choosing the correct candidate for the position and the final decision should not be made by an elected official.

Chris Decker a 22 year Army retiree stated he was a Veterans Employment Representative and worked with Madonna Nicklow. Mr. Decker said she was very accommodating, corporative and he feels she would be very capable of being the new Director, though a new committee does need to be formed and he would gladly volunteer to be on that committee and try to find out what the problem is.

Madonna Nicklow, Veterans Service Officer explained why Sharon and she had been written up and spoke directly to Floyd Coddington and told him she never had problems while working with him. She apologized to Mr. Coleman for the removal the flyers and she said she has always taken care of the Veterans and always will.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated everyone in this room wants to see the VA Office move forward, we may have some doubts and questions but our hearts are driven to serve those who served in a manner that is befitting. He stated we the Commissioners will work with each and every one of you to see what needs to be corrected.

Commissioner Vicites stated he will make this Veteran`s Office the best office across the state of Pennsylvania.

John Cofchin, Uniontown resident Veteran, spoke about the priorities which are that Veterans deserve respect. He stated he felt they are not getting it at this time in Fayette County.

Mr. Mazza stated he was a WW II Veteran, first he wanted to wish Judy Bodkin a happy retirement. He also stated he feels there is meddling going on in the VA Office and he commented also about Mr. Floyd Coddington`s past issues while employed with the County. He added Madonna Nicklow was very helpful to him whenever he went into the office.

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Darrell Smith a Vietnam Veteran explained he has been in the VA system for quite some time, as a Veteran, we have to stick up for each other and not have to hide anymore. He stated the Veterans can start their own organization if needed.

Mr. Ken White, husband of Rosemary White, former VA Director, explained that when she accepted the Directors position he knew she was highly qualified for the job, and she wanted to be part of the team, not just a boss. He said for the first year she was very happy with her position, and she commented to him she had the greatest crew and everything ran smoothly. Mr. White added to this day she will say Madonna is very caring for the Veterans and knows her trade. He explained at one time there was a conflict of personality. He stated his wife felt everyone in the office was equal, but at one time she felt undermined and that Madonna was working against her and not with her, at that time.

Bob Junk updated the Commissioners on the relationship of the Counties Strategic Plan and there will be 15 communities meeting concerning many issues.

Dr. Susan Sickles announced she had a letter to bring to the Commissioners attention that was presented after the last Commissioners Meeting that read at the Fayette County Township Supervisors Associations Meeting, a discussion was held at our TSA meeting with regards to the request that was made by a resident of Fayette County to change the Ordinance of Agricultural Zoning. She stated the TSA believed that at this time that there is nothing wrong with the ordinance as it stands and a request was made that nothing needed to be changed.

Commissioner Zapotosky stated the letter is not a County Document that was never adopted by the Commissioners and it is not a legal document.

Dr. Sickles again asked the County Commissioners to make a motion to look into the Agriculture Zoning Ordinances of Fayette County; she said she feels they are inappropriate towards farmers.

William ? stated he served in the US Navy in 1965 until 1969, and Veterans need to be top priority in Fayette County and in the United States of America. He said we need to get together and solve the problems regardless of what they are.

Sara Sickles inquired about the grandfathering issue prior to 1968.

Commissioner Vicites stated there are certain things that need to be accomplished before labeled as grandfathered.

Commissioner Zimmerlink commented she agreed with Commissioner Vicites concerning the grandfathered statement.

Mr. Coleman thanked Bob Foltz for allowing the Veterans to make their comments on WMBS Radio Station.

Commissioner Zapotosky announced there will be a Veterans Rally in front of the Court House tomorrow which is Friday, September 25th, 2009.

Madonna Nicklow invited all Veterans to the VA Office and she assured them all the files are safe and secure.

Ron Gallo thanked the Veterans for attending and caring for one another. He stated the Veterans are a unique group of individuals who deserve our utmost respect.

Mrs. Durinzi thanked the Veterans for the service they offered our country. She also stated she attended today because of the Fayette County Library System and

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to thank our Educational Commissioners who have given funds for the library this year.

Commissioner Vicites stated the Veterans Office has been improved from the past and he has always worked with the Liaison Committee and will continue to do so to help and solve the problems we are facing.

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and second by Commissioner Zapotosky to adjourn.

Commissioner Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vicites	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously