

A Special Meeting of Fayette County was held Wednesday April 29, 2009 in the Conference Room of the County Commissioners Office, Uniontown Pa.

Present:

Commissioner Vince Zapotosky, Chairman  
Commissioner Vincent Vicites, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink, Secretary  
Judy M. Bodkin, Chief Clerk  
Warren Hughes, County Manager  
Joe Ferens, County Solicitor  
Bobby Danko, County Treasurer

- 1 Meeting called to Order
- 2 Silent Prayer
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance

**Commissioner Zapotosky** announced to the Public, this a Special Meeting to discuss the depository of the County Funds, some responses to RFQO9-01, providing banking services for the County of Fayette.

**Public Comment on Agenda Item:**

**Kristy Litavec** Branch Manager of National City in Uniontown, PA. stated National City has been the Counties Depository for 39 years, she asked to consider delaying the vote so we may submit a proposal to continue our banking relationship.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked Mrs. Litavec at the time the RQ was posted, you did not bid based on the transition of National City and the merger with PNC Bank at that time. Her reply was they did not bid as National City.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** stated subsequently it was determined that because of PNC having a branch office present in this area that National City was not able to fall under the auspice of that merger.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** commented National City will become First Niagara and that will take effect in September.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked Chief Clerk Judy Bodkin if the posting was made Public and correctly advertised.

**Commissioner Vicites** stated as far as putting out for advertisement on the RFP procedure we followed all our policies.

**Mrs. Bodkin** stated there were 6 sent out and we received 2 responses, which were sent from Centra Bank and First National Bank.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked National City, if they would have chosen to submit a bid, would the responses remain the same from September since you will be First Niagara.

**Mr. Thomas Fontana** Senior Vice President said the new CEO from First Niagara met with us last week and said they are very interested in helping the County and he commented it's going to be very favorable though I can't be specific at this point but within a week or two we will be getting the information back.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked if they would have decided as National City to submit a response to the RFQ and there were certain items that needed to be responded to, and would they have been under the terms, conditions, and requirements of National City being the change that will take place in September. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked how we would know if First Niagara would have had those same terms conditions and requirements. She stated if you submitted a bid and was awarded it today, there is no guarantee that in September if First Niagara would honor the term & conditions because of the Bank change. He stated he was 90 % sure the agreements will be honored; they know they will lose the relationships if not.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said she knows transition would occur.

**Robert Danko** Fayette County Treasurer commented we have been with National City for years, it changed hands several times, and he complemented them for their help over the years. Mr. Danko stated my concern was it was advertised in the newspaper and you didn't reply where Centra came up and laid it out on the table. He said serving as County Treasurer I have to do what's best for the Dollar. National City asked the County if they could wait until they have an opportunity to provide the information to the County so it can be looked over.

**Commissioner Vicites** said he thought Centras interviews went well and that the proposal was structured better overall for the County, and that is how I came to a conclusion.

**Moved** by Robert Danko County Treasurer and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to award RFQO9-01 providing banking depository services for the County of Fayette to Centra Bank.

Commissioner Vince Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vincent Vicites	yes
Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink	no
Treasurer Robert Danko	yes

Motion Passed 3-1

Public Comment: None

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by County Treasurer Robert Danko to Adjourn.

Commissioner Vince Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Vincent Vicites	yes
Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink	yes
Treasurer Robert Danko	yes

Motion Passed Unanimously