

**Monday, January 7, 2008 1:15 pm**

A Special Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 1:15 pm in the Conference Room at the Public Service Building, Uniontown, PA.

Present: Commissioner Vince Zapotosky, Chairman  
Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink, Secretary  
Judy M. Bodkin, Chief Clerk  
Warren Hughes, County Manager  
Joseph Ferens, County Solicitor

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

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated the need to Amend the Agenda because the Commissioners just received a resignation letter from Mark Morrison who serves as a board member to the airport authority.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and second by Commissioner Zapotosky to Amend the Agenda to add – Consider accepting the resignation of Mark Morrison as Board Member of the Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board which Term expires December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Public Comment on Agenda Items: None
- Commissioners Office

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and second by Commissioner Zapotosky to hire Kathy Winkler as Administrative Assistant under the Commissioners Unit at \$10.69 per hour (\$20,845.50) Pay Grade 9 effective January 8, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County Housing Authority

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and second by Commissioner Zapotosky to accept the resignation of William Radcliffe effective December 31, 2007 from the Fayette County Housing Authority which term expires December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to accept the resignation of Mark Morrison as Board Member of the Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board which Term expires December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Children & Youth Services

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Deborah Cooper to a 3-year term of the Advisory Board of Children & Youth Services ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Mental Health & Mental Retardation

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Joseph Ambrose. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Tom George Category At Large for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

Motion passed 2-0

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Sherry Blatt. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Jim Pepper. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Angela M. Zimmerlink as Commissioner Representative to the Mental Health Mental Retardation Board for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated she has served a Commissioner Representative for the last 4 years and would like to see another Commissioner serve instead but will take this year.

Motion passed 2-0

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Phil Michaels Category Community Group for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Jim Pepper Category At Large for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites abstain  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

- Fayette County Transportation Executive Committee

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Dan Martin to fill the unexpired term of Dale Coughenour, deceased, whose term expires December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites        nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed 2-1

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Gwen Ridgley for a term ending March 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites        aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Robert Natalie. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Fred Exley for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites        nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Commissioner Vicites stated Mr. Exley serves on a parent board of SPHS. Commissioner Zimmerlink stated that the information received by all three commissioners indicated that there would be no conflict or other issues.

Motion passed 2-1

- Pittsburgh Regional Alliance

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and second by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Vince Zapotosky for a 1-year term ending December 31 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites        aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Emergency Medical Services Board

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to reappoint Rick Adobato for a 1-year term to expire December 31 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County Airport Authority

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Jessie Wallace. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Fred Davis for a 5-year term ending the first Monday in January 2013

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink    aye

Motion passed 2-1

Commissioner Zapotosky said Fred Davis is a qualified person with aviation experience.

Commissioner Vicites praised the work of Jesse Wallace saying no one has worked harder and that he should have been reappointed.

- Fayette County Housing Authority

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated there is a vacancy on the board left by William Radcliffe who resigned and will not be completing the last year of the five-year term. She also indicated there were two seats vacant adding that she would be willing to serve out the last year of the term left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Radcliffe.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Angela Zimmerlink to fill the unexpired term of William Radcliff ending December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky     aye  
Commissioner Vicites         nay

Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Commissioner Vicites stated elected officials should not serve on municipal authorities and that he would never serve on a municipal authority.

Commissioner Zimmerlink reminded Commissioner Vicites that he voted for Jim Bitonti five years ago to serve on the housing authority and he was an elected official being the Mayor of Belle Vernon. She added that if there was a conflict or other issue she was certain that those opposing would have by now filed complaints with HUD and the Ethics Commission.

Motion passed 2-1

**Moved** by Commissioner Zaptosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Ernest DeBlasio for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2011

Commissioner Zaptosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

Motion passed 2-0

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Jim Bitonti. Motion failed for lack of a second. Commissioner Vicites said Jim Bitonti did a good job and was ethical and moral in his votes. Commissioner Zaptosky stated he did not initially support commissioners serving on boards but with the recent developments he would support the appointment because here presence is required. He stated he could not support Jim Bitonti citing a conflict of interest.

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Harry Joseph. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zaptosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Harry Fike for a 5-year term ending December 31, 2012

Commissioner Zaptosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

- Fayette County Industrial Development

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zaptosky to TABLE the appointing of a board member to the Fayette County Industrial Development pending the response to a letter written for information pertaining to the board

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

- North Fayette County Municipal Authority

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Robert Yatsko. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Palmer Sabatine. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Barbara Fetsko for a 5 year term ending the first Monday in January 2013

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Phil Mahoney for a 4 year term to expire the first Monday in January 2012

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

- Agricultural Land Preservation Board

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to reappoint Jeff Rider, Industrial Non-Agricultural Representative for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to reappoint Mike Reskovic, Farmer Representative for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Ed Rinkhoff, Farmer Representative for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint William Orbash, Citizen at Large for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County Conservation District

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to reappoint Vince Vicites, Commissioner Representative for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated Commissioner Vicites has served for the past several years and would like to see a change next year adding that she would be interested in serving

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint Frank Mutnansky, Farmer Representative, for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2011

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye

Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint William Geary, Public Member, for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2011

Commissioner Zepotosky aye

Commissioner Vicites aye

Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint John Cupp as a Public Member. County Manager Warren Hughes indicated there were no other openings. Commissioner Zimmerlink referred him to his letter but Mr. Hughes said it was misinterpreted. Commissioner Zimmerlink said had she known that she would have Moved for Mr. Cupp rather than Mr. Geary because he has served on the board for a period of time. Commissioner Vicites said he would not support Mr. Cupp because he is a county solicitor.

- Fayette County Health Center

**Moved** by Commissioner Zepotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Cheryl Terravecchia to fill the unexpired term of Dale Coughenour, deceased, whose term ends December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zepotosky aye

Commissioner Vicites aye

Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zepotosky to reappoint Mike Costa for a 3-year term ending the first Monday in January 2013

Commissioner Zepotosky aye

Commissioner Vicites aye

Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County Planning Commission

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zepotosky to appoint Evelyn

Hovanec for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2011

Commissioner Zapotosky    aye  
Commissioner Vicites        nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink   aye

Motion passed 2-1

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to reappoint Lou Agostini for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2011

Commissioner Zapotosky    aye  
Commissioner Vicites        aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink   abstain

Motion passed 2-0

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to reappoint Larry Franks for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2011

Commissioner Zapotosky    aye  
Commissioner Vicites        aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink   aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Regional Trail Corp

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Tom Sankovich

Commissioner Zapotosky    aye  
Commissioner Vicites        aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink   nay

Motion passed 2-1

Commissioner Zimmerlink suggested this be TABLED pending a response from the current board member and the organization saying they had not yet responded to her. Commissioner Vicites said this should not have then been put on the Agenda but Commissioner Zimmerlink said to do so brings everyone the information.

Moved by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to rescind the prior

Motion and to TABLE the appointment to the Regional Trail Corp. pending information

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

- Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to reappoint A.J. Boni. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Bob Schiffbauer, Citizen Representative for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Ron Romeo. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint William Piper for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed 2-1

- Workforce Investment Board

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to appoint Ron Romeo, Business Category, for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Dr.

Emmanuel Osagie, Education Category, for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to reappoint Ed Yankovich, Labor Representative, for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County UCC Appeals Boards

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to TABLE the appointment in order to clarify dates

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Jim Griffin to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Mark Morrison which expires December 31, 2008

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

**Moved** by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Jim Killinger, Regular Member, for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2010

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Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites nay  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye  
Motion passed 2-1

Commissioner Vicites said Jim Burns should have been reappointed because he was pro-business.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said that she knows of no one in Fayette County who would say they are not pro-business adding that the role of the board member is to follow the Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Vicites said there was still an alternate member seat to be filled. Commissioner Zimmerlink suggested waiting because the Zoning Ordinance states there can be one and no more than three alternates and currently there are two alternates.

- Public Comment

Geraldine Mazza asked for an explanation of what was said to have occurred in the Controllers Office on Friday January 4, 2008. Commissioner Zapotosky said that the former Controller had removed a computer from his office. He said the computer was returned and the PA State Police are reviewing to determine if there was any tampering of the computer. Controller Sean Lally from the audience stated that he was made aware of the issue and that he will do what is necessary to see to it that the matter is resolved and appropriate action taken.

Delinda Young commented on the need for Fayette County to use a dual voting system for the elections similar to Lancaster County. She said the Eslate has no paper trail but that the Escan opti-scan has a paper trail component. She said she emailed both Commissioner Zapotosky and Commissioner Vicites information after hearing Commissioner Zimmerlink comment on the issue during a recent talk show appearance.

Commissioner Zimmerlink corrected Delinda Young in her assertions saying that she believed Fayette County would not opt to change the voting systems for this election.

Commissioner Vicites asked Delinda Young several questions and said he would look further into it and that the County needed to move forward since the election is earlier this year.

Commissioner Zapotosky said he would also look into the matter.

**Moved** by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Zapotosky aye  
Commissioner Vicites aye  
Commissioner Zimmerlink aye

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy M. Bodkin, Chief Clerk