

A meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 in the Public Service Building, Uniontown, Pa.

**In attendance-**

Commission Chairman Alfred Ambrosini  
Commissioner Vincent Zaposky  
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink  
Chief Clerk Amy Revak  
Assistant County Solicitor John Cupp

Chairman Ambrosini called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said there are three proclamations and awards. He asked if anyone was present for the "Through With Chew Week/Great American Spit Out Day." Commissioner Ambrosini read the proclamation. A representative at the meeting to accept the proclamation said that by urging adults to quit using spit tobacco they hope to influence youth in Fayette County that chewing can be deadly. He said posters and campaign buttons are available to be worn during the campaign week. He said there is a button of quit chewing and a cow, and it says "udderly dangerous" on it. He said they are on billboards throughout Fayette County and they want to get the word across because we live in a rural area. He then presented buttons and posters. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he could put them on the desk for any members of the public who wants to take them. Commissioner Ambrosini said he would do the Dignity and Respect Month last because there is nobody there for that.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said there is an award he would like to present to Chief Clerk Revak, and he asked her to step forward. He said the award was presented for Chief Clerk Revak at the last CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) meeting. He said it was presented by PCoRP, the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool, and it is the PCoRP Claims Reporting Award to Amy Revak for Outstanding Claims Reporting on Behalf of Fayette County November 2013. He said why this is important is because whenever we have a claim for a lawsuit filed against the county it is the Chief Clerk's responsibility to notify PCoRP, our insurance carrier, in a very timely manner because they only have so much time they have to respond for this so the less time they have to respond the more it puts the county at risk for not being prepared to protect itself against any of the various suits. He said this is especially poignant since Mrs. Revak is the newest county clerk in the state and she received this award as doing her job more proficiently than all the other county clerks in the state so that was an achievement that you should be proud of, and asked if she wanted to say a few words.

**Chief Clerk Revak** said she didn't know that they gave awards for this but she does that part of her job as she does every other part of her job by trying to respond as quickly as she possibly can and do the best job that she can. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she wanted to add that this is the second time that the county has received this award. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked when Chief Clerk Revak started, about a year ago? Chief Clerk Revak replied May 14, 2012. Commissioner Zimmerlink said prior to that the individual who was responsible for doing the same job that Amy is doing was Holly Sumey and so in 2008, 2009 at that same PCoRP presentation in Hershey, the county received the award. She said that was in 2008, 2009 when Holly Sumey was the first one in our little realm where we had gone through some situations with Chief Clerks and changes in our staff and Holly Sumey was assigned for that duty and she also did that which is good because that from 2008 to 2012 and from 2012 until the present that Fayette County will continue to have our claims reported in a timely manner. She said in addition to that Fayette County also has received dividend checks. She said PCoRP has said that the risk pool is in a strong financial situation and so they have issued checks, dividend checks back to the counties. She said what does that mean? It means that the insurance program is in a strong financial situation and so we are glad that even though it was not a lot of money, they have to distribute it through a number of counties so we're glad that Fayette County also received that check. She said we have to continue to do what we are doing, which is to report it in a timely manner.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** read the Dignity and Respect Month proclamation.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink for the following Proclamations and Awards:

Through with Chew Week Feb. 16-22, 2014 /Great American Spit Out Day, Thursday, February 20, 2014

PCoRP Claims Reporting Award to Chief Clerk Amy Revak for Outstanding Claims Reporting on Behalf of Fayette County November 2013

Dignity and Respect Month January 2014

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said that before they continue, in the event that he is forced to leave the meeting, his father is not doing very well, he's on life support right now and he wants to be with his family if at all possible so he hopes that he has their understanding. Commissioner Ambrosini said they will try to get through the meeting fairly quickly. Commissioner Zapotosky asked everyone to keep him in their prayers if they don't mind.

## **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Kathryn Jones** said it was her third time at the podium. She said she would be repetitive because they don't seem to want to answer any of her concerns. She said it was regarding the prison. Commissioner Ambrosini said before she started he wanted to say a few words. He said there are some new people and he wanted to reiterate the process. He said public comment now on the agenda items or after the meeting on anything they want to talk about, they can speak up to five minutes and they should address their comments to the board of commissioners, there will be no debate to any of the audience members, and they also ask that there be no personal attacks, we will not tolerate that. Mrs. Jones said she has been at three meetings and she hasn't seen anything like that occur. She asked what it was about. Commissioner Ambrosini said he has stated in the past and apparently she wasn't at any of those meetings where he stated the process. Mrs. Jones said she has been at the last three meetings and there has never been a debate, personal attacks or anything of the sort. She asked what this is about, is he trying to intimidate me before I speak? She said if anybody cares to continue their public comments, if they are longer than 10 minutes, we will be happy to film them in the hall and put them on You Tube.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said that is fine, they can do whatever they like outside this room. He asked which agenda item she is addressing. Mrs. Jones said the Fayette County Prison in general. She said if they want her to pick and speak on each individual item she would be more than happy to. Commissioner Ambrosini said the only item they have in regard to the Fayette County Jail is the bank loan. He said if she wants to speak about the bank line, fine, but if not he would ask that she keep her comments until the end of the meeting and make general comments. Commissioner Zimmerlink said there is more than one item regarding the jail and Commissioner Ambrosini asked which one she was addressing. Mrs. Jones said, "Oh, for God sakes, give me an agenda." Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is on an agenda item which pertains to the jail and there are three items, fine, speak. She said she doesn't have a problem with it and they are spending way too much time arguing over that. Mrs. Jones said she doesn't appreciate being interrupted every time she starts to speak.

**Mrs. Jones** said in September of 2013 she met in this very room with Commissioner Zapotosky, Commissioner Ambrosini and Warden Brian Miller to bring their attention to the medical negligence taking place at the Fayette County Prison. She said she gave Brian Miller the month of October to respond, which he was ordered to do by Mr. Zapotosky and Mr. Ambrosini. She said he did not and the November meeting she addressed medical negligence within the prison and again, no official response. She said in December she was more specific with her allegations and the allegations were more serious and again, no official response. She said at the end of the month they had another suicide. She asked what they are going to do about the administration of the prison, adding that they are Hell-bent on building a new one, selling our neighbors, renting our neighbors and she asked what they are going to do to address these

concerns that if they had been addressed in September a young man might still be alive today.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said obviously we cannot discuss an ongoing investigation. Mrs. Jones said it wasn't an investigation five months prior. She said they had five months, four months, excuse me. She said they had four months to deal with it and they did not. Commissioner Zapotosky said he has spoken to Warden Miller on several occasions. Mrs. Jones asked why he still has a job. Commissioner Zapotosky said he has spoken to Warden Miller on numerous occasions, most recently two weeks ago after speaking with Mr. Jones and discussing a matter regarding a former inmate. He said he is still awaiting Mr. Miller's response to my request. Mrs. Jones said she has been waiting since October. Commissioner Zapotosky said Mr. Miller was at the agenda meeting and he had left before the jail had come up at the agenda meeting where he was going to broach the request that was made so he does intend on following up very firmly and aggressively on that request because it was a serious matter that was discussed. He said he can't get into any other details because there are HIPPA violations that he would be concerned about because of what the allegations were.

**Mrs. Jones** said the allegations that the gentleman was dead when he was cut down. Commissioner Zapotosky said this wasn't regarding the suicide ma'am, this was regarding another inmate and the use of a medication that caused a reaction after separation from the jail, that is what he is referring to. Mrs. Jones said she wonders how often that does happen. She said she is expecting from this body her concerns to be addressed in writing, and she wants everybody to sign off on it. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked what she was asking, and Mrs. Jones said she was asking what they are doing to address the events in the prison that cause addicts and put them out on our streets. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that she said overall jail administration which encompasses the report from the DOC. Mrs. Jones said she is still waiting to see the November prison board to be online. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is still waiting for the response from the Warden that she specifically asked numerous times and the most recent was the November prison board meeting where he indicated that the DOC was on site and he would be responding to the report and she specifically instructed him to provide me with the responses from the DOC and before he send his response back to them to review that with me. She said that was in November and it is now January 21.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said it takes more than one commissioner, more than one prison board member to hold anyone responsible. She said she has asked for it and has not received it, and she is absolutely right. Mrs. Jones asked who is holding her up from getting what she needs. Commissioner Zimmerlink said one commissioner and one prison board, and she asked at the prison board meeting that the information be presented to the prison board and to her, OK, that was in November. She said they didn't have a December meeting and thus far they haven't had a January meeting and those matters can be handled and reviewed and prior and without having a prison board meeting. Commissioner Zapotosky said it should be a matter of priority for the agenda for the January prison board meeting and ask for accountability. Mrs. Jones asked if it

was tomorrow or next Wednesday, and Commissioner Zapotosky said it is the last. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the other thing that she specifically asked for is that a special meeting be held in executive session. She said you need more than one, you need a majority. She said she asked the sheriff to call for an executive session to discuss overall jail administration but you need more than one to call a meeting, you need a majority. She said so you ask who is holding it up, the other board members are holding it up. Mrs. Jones said "every last one of them." Commissioner Zimmerlink said she sent the e-mail to the prison board members and to the sheriff. She said the sheriff is the chairman of the prison board.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said she asked that he call an executive session to discuss overall jail administration and the issues that had just happened. She said you need more than one to agree to hold a meeting, you need the majority. She said no other prison board member responded. Commissioner Zapotosky said he called the sheriff after the request was made and the sheriff's response to him was that pending the investigation he felt it would be in the best interest to wait until the investigation by the Uniontown Police Department, was completed so they wouldn't be infringing on the investigation, adding that he was just telling what the sheriff told him. Commissioner Zimmerlink said her reason and request for the meeting had nothing to do with reviewing the reports from the state police or the Uniontown police. She said it was for jail administration. Mrs. Jones said medical negligence is medical negligence. Commissioner Zapotosky said he assures her it is a great concern. He said the first suicide Mr. Stevens, Cade Stevens was his name, 25 years of age, which he did go over and watch the video, it was an abomination.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said again, he is not going to push the political buck on one or two or three other members of this board or the prison board, it is going to take us all working collectively to do the right thing. Mrs. Jones said she didn't think Commissioner Zimmerlink was passing the buck and Commissioner Zapotosky said he is at the prison once a month. Commissioner Ambrosini asked Mrs. Jones to provide her concerns in writing to the commissioners, they will address them. Mrs. Jones said she did that in September right in this room, Mr. Ambrosini and he did nothing. He said she didn't give them anything in writing and he is asking her to provide all her concerns in writing, adding that her time is up. Commissioner Zapotosky said she asked him several months ago to meet after the meeting and they met and the inquiry that was addressed was resolved regarding the one inmate. Mrs. Jones said regarding the illegal medication of the inmate. Commissioner Zapotosky said he is talking about the incarceration, the whole nine yards. He said he isn't a doctor and he doesn't want to discuss because of HIPPA laws he won't discuss the particulars surrounding that matter. He said he asked Warden Miller to address that and he hasn't gotten a response.

**Mrs. Jones** said that is in six months and we pay this man a salary to do a job and in six months you haven't gotten an answer to your inquiry. "Why is this man still getting a check from us? Why? Why Mr. Ambrosini, why is he still collecting a paycheck?" she asked. Commissioner Ambrosini said he is an employee of the county and they are not going to get into personnel matters. Mrs. Jones replied, naturally, we are not going to

get into anything are we? Marybeth Homistek said she had a couple of agenda questions. She said she was born and raised in the city of Uniontown, pay taxes here a lot and moved to Fairchance a year and a half ago. She said she grew up in the area, her mother, her brother, everybody is here, but consider ratifying the cost to rezone the women's annex for \$550 and above that, to create a web site to disseminate information about the new Fayette County Prison and approving a \$10 million loan to enhance that annex. She said her questions for Mr. Ambrosini are that he signed a check dated Dec. 12, 2013 for \$550 and yet that is on today's agenda to get approved. She asked how that could happen, was Commissioner Zimmerlink and Commissioner Zapotosky aware that the check was written Dec. 12, 2013, and Clerk Revak did you know that and did you let Commissioner Zimmerlink know.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said the answer to that question is that we went through the standard invoice procedure and it was signed by two commissioners and it would have been ratified in December except that he fell ill and wasn't able to attend the December meeting which is why it is on this agenda. Ms. Homistek said her second question is for Commissioner Ambrosini, when did he come in possession of the Crabtree diagram of the women's annex dated Dec. 4. She asked when he possessed a copy of the architectural plans for the women's prison. She asked if he had that in December. She said it was dated December 4, and it is project number 2738. Commissioner Ambrosini said he has not seen a copy of the details of the specifications for the female annex. Ms. Homistek said if he hasn't looked at them she has a copy and there are so many errors in that she thought that he would have provided these to the commissioners. She said these are his plans and he has the wrong address. She said it says 23 West Church Street building, proposed 23 West Church Street building. Maximum number of beds, 54, total number 74. She said and yet they have it on here to get money to fund this.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he isn't sure what version she was looking at. Ms. Homistek said she is looking at the various that K2 Engineering gave her two weeks ago that they have on file and it is dated by Crabtree Dec. 4. She said she is sure there have been no modifications since this, and in this it has two incorrect addresses and all the square footage is incorrect, there is three different square footages and she would have hoped that the three of them would have looked at this before they go ahead and borrow \$10 million more to build this and he doesn't even have the right address, 23 West Church Street is the Central School building, so are you going to put the floating women's annex at 23 West Church Street and not Iowa Street? She said her third question is regarding that loan, there was a letter written by Karen Sharpe in Friday's paper, a longtime employee for 25 years and they painted over the asbestos ceiling tiles in that building after 42 inches of water flooded in 1972 twice. She asked if those asbestos tiles are still in there, has anyone checked? She said they will have to do abatement. She asked if he was aware of the errors in there.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said since he hasn't seen it, of course no. Ms. Homistek asked if he should have seen it if they are going to get money. She said nothing makes sense. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if she could ask a question, adding that then

she would make a comment. She said she first learned of the zoning application that was signed by the chairman and a check that was issued by the county in the amount of \$550 by reading a legal notice in the newspaper that there would be a zoning hearing and that the county became an applicant. Ms. Homistek asked if she asked for copies. Commissioner Zimmerlink said hold on, that is when she first learned of that and she started to look internally to see how this transpired, and to answer her question, if she has those documents, she said there was a check, was there an application that was prepared and attached to that, because she said she was told that Commissioner Ambrosini signed the application on behalf of the county, adding "I don't know."

**Ms. Homistek** said the applicant's signature is right here, and asked if she could step to the podium because she doesn't know signatures, but this is. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is Al Ambrosini's signature and Ms. Homistek said it is dated December 12. She said the copies should have been given to the hearing board last Thursday which never happened. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that it says attached to these documents is the drawing, so everything was attached. Ms. Homistek said this document has to be somewhere other than K2 Engineering. Commissioner Zimmerlink said somebody had to give K2 Engineering that document, somebody had to walk into the office with the application, sign it and take a check in so we all know what occurred. Ms. Homistek said if she can get this so easily, why couldn't anyone else? Commissioner Zimmerlink said when she read in a newspaper that there was going to be a hearing she did specifically ask, as a matter of fact it was on January the 10<sup>th</sup>, she sent an e-mail to Commissioner Ambrosini, Commissioner Zapotosky, Ken Burkley, interim solicitor, John Cupp, county solicitor, Kathy Winkler, Nicole Young and Amy Revak.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said she specifically asked them to provide her with eight documents. She said those documents were the Crabtree modifications and any documents relating to Iowa Street modifications. She said that was January 11, no sorry that was January 10. She said today is the 21<sup>st</sup> and she has not received any response, let alone a document from my fellow two commissioners, from the interim county solicitor that has been paid \$72,000 in the year and a half that he has been here, nothing from John Cupp, our county solicitor, nothing from Kathy Winkler, Nicole Young or Amy Revak, not even a courtesy response that says I don't have it, and we all know that at least one person has a document because his signature is on it and it, so that answers your question. Ms. Homistek said they are all located in the same room. Commissioner Zimmerlink said maybe they will put it on the new county web site. Ms. Homistek said today's Herald-Standard, she hopes they have all seen it, saying she didn't get a copy to bring, but it has a picture of and she doesn't remember the headline but it refers to the flooding in 2003.

**Ms. Homistek** said she has a photo of 2011 Iowa Street under water that was taken from an amateur photographer, clearly it is a big photo that she has in her possession showing 32 Iowa Street under water, November 2011. She said it is an active flood zone. She said the Uniontown paper had it all highlighted, it's a flood zone, why would you want to put women in a flooded building that has old asbestos and has been

flooded at least eight times? Commissioner Zimmerlink said when Iowa Street started to get a little bit of traction because we hadn't approved that site yet, but when it started to get a little traction, that is when she started to ask for the documents, she said she has asked them and you can put it in writing but you shouldn't have to, and not only, there have been numerous individuals who have called or sent e-mails or letters to the three commissioners, adding there are a number of them, informing them of some of the problems. She said that is where this is going now and why that hasn't been revealed yet. Ms. Homistek said there is a mystery truck, at least there was two days ago, parked outside Iowa Street. She said as though ready to unload what is in there or to get to work on it and it is parked between two signs that say no parking, two hour limit.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said they can't do anything about that, because she has seen them park there. Ms. Homistek said something needs to stop. Geraldine Mazza said under the commissioners, the same three topics she was talking about. She asked if they were going to go ahead and spend money on Iowa Street even though you know that you cannot possibly put a prison in there? Commissioner Ambrosini said he doesn't know that. He asked if she knows that and Mrs. Mazza replied, yes, she knows you can't put a prison in there. She said everybody in the county knows you can't put a women's detention center in there and yet they are going ahead and spending money like there is no tomorrow, taxpayer's money and it is all for nothing. She said the only thing he has done since he has been a commissioner is try to run this county into bankruptcy because you are spending money and spending money and spending money for no good reason. She asked why they need a second web site. She said we have a Fayette county web site and they can put any information they want the public to have. She said it is very, very little because he doesn't want the public to know what he is doing. Commissioner Ambrosini said they is why they want to develop the web site.

**Mrs. Mazza** said they can put information on the county web site, they don't need to create another one and spend more money. She said when he ran for office he promised jobs and the only jobs he has brought to the county is the ones he has created for his friends because she doesn't know of anyone job he created. She said there is no need to pay this zoning because eventually they will abandon Iowa Street, you have to. She said when the newspaper tells you it is wrong, there is truth in that because the newspaper sticks up for you nomatter what you do. She said that is all she has to say, it is disgusting.

**Charles Bittner** said he was in jail in Fayette County from February 22 to Dec. 23 of last year. He said he knows about the health care system there, there is none. He said unless you have knowledge of people in the cell, in the jail, in the system above you, you don't get nothing. He said if you go in there with an attitude because you are dope sick or withdrawals from narcotics, drugs, you give the nurse an attitude, that's it, they have attitude back and they don't want to help you. He said he has an incident when he was in jail. He said he had symptoms of a stroke and he didn't get to see the doctor until Tuesday and this was a Thursday. He said the whole day it was all brushed aside, oh we will get to you, we will get to you, I will tell the nurse. He said the COs and the nurse both spun him, all day long. He said finally at midnight after med count at 9 o'clock, 10

o'clock that night, the nurse on duty that night came in and said, oh, I hear you have problems. He said he told her he had been having problems all day.

**Mr. Bittner** said the nurse then told him that they would get him to see the doctor on Tuesday. He said this was on Thursday. He said he has had three mini-strokes in his life and he knows what the symptoms are. He said he has had three minor heart attacks and he knows what those symptoms are. He says when he has symptoms of something like that, he isn't making it up. He said he did 21 years in the service, United States Army, never sick one day in his life, never called off nothing, but then he comes in here and gets treated like an animal. He said to begin with, he has no rights over there, and he was in jail for child support. He said two six months consecutively or unless he can find a job. He said how are you going to find a job when you are in jail? He said he knows that, you council members should know that, you commissioners know that, even child support knows that, domestic relations knows that. He said he has people out there trying to find him jobs, no answers, can't help me. He said finally they got Commissioner Zapotosky with the veterans who finally helped me enough to get out before his February 27 sentence was over.

**Mr. Bittner** said he was put on psych meds because of the stroke symptoms on that next Tuesday when I saw the doctor. He said he never had mental problems and never been on psych meds in his whole life. He said he got out on December 23 and they gave him a five day supply of this psych me and he ran out on the 28<sup>th</sup>. He said he has withdrawals and he had to go to the hospital to get a referral to go see Chestnut Ridge to get his prescription renewed so he can wean off of them. He said he doesn't need them but he was put on them, for what reason he doesn't know. He said he asked the doctor and he couldn't tell him. He said he got rented out to two other jails while he was incarcerated. He said he went to Greene County for 15 days and then he went to Bedford County for five months. He said in Bedford County their psychiatrist took them into his office and called him in the nurse's office and asked specifically on a videoconference why I was on psych meds and I told him the reason why. He asked if I was depressed or had suicide thoughts, I said no, and I gave him my reason and he said they would have to check into that. He said he is still waiting for the checking.

**Mr. Bittner** said now he is out and there is a big problem with the medication and the health care system over there. He said Brian Miller, the warden, never me the man except the day he got called up to his office for a conference. He said he didn't even know he was in jail and the veterans didn't know he was in jail. He said it was amazing how people didn't know he was in there and he knows for a fact that on the streets of Fayette County people know who he is just because of his family members and all the people that helped him protest what he was in there for. He said his religion was brought up into this too which he wasn't real happy with either. He said that is another meeting, they will discuss that later because it isn't on the agenda. He said like he said, mats, the prison knows, Oh my god there is a state inspection, they pull mats out of closets, brand new mats, pull them out and put them in the cells so when the inspectors come in, OK, everybody is good. He said as soon as they leave, he gives it a day, maybe a half a day, all them mats are gone back into the closet.

**Mr. Bittner** said there are people sleeping on steel, on hard boats and on the floor when they get overcrowded because they run out of mats, they run out of beds, they run out of cots. He said he knows for a fact, he was there. He said he was down at intake most of his time when he was in Fayette County. He said there were 17 people in an open bay you cannot do nothing in. He said it's a fire hazard, it's a safety hazard. He said he was there the night the man hung himself, which he said they can't talk about because the investigation is still going on. He said he was there, he knows what he is saying is true. He asked what are you all going to do about it. Commissioner Ambrosini said he agrees that the facility is grossly too small. Mr. Bittner said they can't do renovations to it because it is a historical building because it is hooked up to the courthouse. Commissioner Ambrosini it is just too small and it is not designed to today's standards. Mr. Bittner said he isn't denying that they need a new facility.

**Mr. Bittner** said if they put a new facility in, what's to say the new facility will be run any better than this one is? Commissioner Ambrosini said there will be a lot of things that will change. Mr. Bittner said if he has to go back to prison, he would like to know what is going to change. He said if he doesn't get his child support paid, he is going back. He said he can't find a job because he has a felony on his record. He said anywhere in this town, if anyone knows of anyone hiring felons? He said he has job services out there working for him trying to find him a job and guess what? That's how many offers for a job I have, none. And he is a veteran. He said no wonder no one wants to come back to this hometown shit. He said he will be quiet now because he is starting to curse. He said he wants an answer, what are they going to do about it? What are you going to do to change it? He said when we get a new facility and we get state inmates in there, that is going to change over there. He said what is going to happen? He wants to know. He said what is going to help the health care because if he goes back and gets put on psych meds again, that ain't going to happen.

**Mr. Bittner** said a refusal is a denial and is against the rules and regulations. He said he will be disruptive and they will throw him in the hole. Commissioner Ambrosini said he wanted to tell him a few things that they are doing. He said obviously they are working on building a new facility so they do have the proper space, the proper counseling rooms, things of that nature. He said the other thing they are doing is developing new programs with the behavioral health, even with CYS, Drug and Alcohol. He said one of the things he is excited about is working with Penn State to develop internships where Penn State can get significant research grants, and Penn State already has two programs that lend themselves very nicely to our new facility, one is criminal justice and one is their psychology program. He said as a result of their being able to win some grants, significant research grants, and in combination with the intern program that we are going to develop, they could come into our facility and develop much better ways to help people such as yourself to assess exactly what you need and then to help you with options in terms of maybe going out and getting employment and not in your case, apparently, but other cases. He said they do have 20 percent of the inmates with psychological problems.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said there is a need for behavioral health programs to help those people so they can understand what their problems are and when they do get released they don't fall into the same trap and come back in. He said therefore we can reduce the recidivism and hopefully make productive citizens out of that, but the Penn State program is going to be a significant addition to what they can do not in terms of developing those programs. Mr. Bittner asked what they are going to do now. He said there are no counselors over there, all they do is say, OK you are classified and if you know anybody like Lou over there, very good counselors, don't get me wrong, but if you need a job over there, guess who you need to see, and then they get picked, personally picked by different people, who gets jobs, who don't get jobs. He said he has sleep apnea and he has to sleep with a sleep machine at night and he asked for a job and they told him he was a medical risk and they can't have him over there. He said they said they couldn't give him a job but when he went to Bedford they gave him a cell block cleaner. He said he had a job there and he can't get a job in his own county.

**Mr. Bittner** said he had to go to another county to get a job just to get commissary money because he is indigent. He said there are a lot of people over there that need a lot more help, not when the new prison is built, but right now. What about those people right now over there, he asked. He said what about the kid who hung himself, if he would have gotten attention when he said he needed help and he gave a little attitude and he got ignored, what about that? Commissioner Ambrosini said he can't speak to that. Mr. Bittner said of course you can't because it is an ongoing investigation. He said what about the other people over there who need help right now with counseling and drug and alcohol. He said what the drug and alcohol counseling over there is other inmates telling you how to make it, how to sell it and where to get it. He said that is what is happening over there and there is no stopping it. Commissioner Ambrosini said he didn't think that any jail you go to in the state of Pennsylvania, you are always going to have inmates giving you advice. Mr. Bittner said most of the time they know more about what is going on in there than the lawyers do out here.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said they have programs currently but we need to embark on a continuous improvement methodology in Fayette County. Mr. Bittner said it needs to be made known over there that they have it and who is in charge of it because no one over there knows it unless it is Brian Miller and his staff, they all know because it is written right here on a piece of paper for them. He said the inmates have no information about it. He said if you ask the counselors about it, they have no information on it. He said all the hierarchy has all the information that was handed to them and no process going through. He said you can't have it over there now if you want to get the new prison built because you want to put all these new programs in effect. He asked why Penn State isn't over there now doing it? Commissioner Ambrosini said there is no space to do it. Mr. Bittner said the chaplain is only used so many days a week for church, they use it for storage. He said they use it for commissary, what do you mean there ain't no storage, they have conference rooms upstairs. He said they have break rooms for the guards.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he is sure he hasn't had the chance to see the facility, with Mr. Bittner saying he spent 10 months and a day there, I haven't seen the facility? Commissioner Ambrosini said in its entirety because they have office space in what was originally closet space. Mr. Bittner said you have an interview room half the size of that table right there. He said you put two people in there and they talk. Commissioner Zimmerlink said all these problems that we have no space, isn't it something that all of a sudden that CYS and Fayette County Behavioral Health, they all started to say they have no space when, July of 2012 whenever it was said we are going to form a prison working group and let's look at building a new jail. She asked why, all the people who wanted the programs who work here, how come nobody said anything about lack of space or they couldn't do their job or provide any of these programs prior to July of 2012? Mr. Bittner said because it is all quiet and all under blanket up there and you can't go against the system up there.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said she knows the answer to the question. Commissioner Ambrosini asked Mr. Bittner to sit down and said he would make some additional comments. Commissioner Zapotosky said to Mr. Bittner that he spent time there, and asked if he felt the facility was inadequate. Mr. Bittner said yes, they are overstuffed over there. He said every day you get more prisoners and that is why we are doing the rental program, so other counties can make money and get their jails up and running. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if there is more than one solution to the problem. Mr. Bittner said you have to stop people from committing crimes and Commissioner Zimmerlink said there is more than one solution to the problem. Commissioner Zapotosky said they can't do anything about that. Mr. Bittner said there was a guy in there for an unpaid garbage bill, a \$600 garbage bill and you have people over there sitting in jail. Commissioner Zapotosky said they don't have control over that. Mr. Bittner said in answer to a way to change things, quit picking up the petty stuff. He said there are 11 cells on each block except for the basement and two people in the cell and there are four levels.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he wanted to address some of the things that Mr. Bittner talked about. He said first of all, this problem didn't start in December of 2012 or July of 2012, it started decades before. He said you can go back and look at newspaper articles and he can tell you in 1992 Paul Sunyak wrote an article in the Herald Standard that referred to the alarming increases in the population of the prison. He said in the article he stated that six out of the last seven, and keep in mind this article was written in 1992, he stated that six out of the last seven years they had broken records of the population increase and in 1992 the record was broken twice. He said the population increase has always been going up. He said he doesn't think anybody is going to argue and it isn't just in Fayette County, it's a trend across the state that prison populations are increasing especially in the female side, that is even increasing at a higher rate than the male population, simply because there are a lot of females that get put in the county jails. He said these are small crimes, but they are crimes enough to put them in jail, retail theft, drug use and DUIs, multiple DUIs.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said throughout the 1990s in Fayette County the commissioners at that time saw that trend. He said there were many reports that were done and there were many studies that were done, LR Kimball did one in the early 2000s, 2002 and they all say the same thing, all the reports, all the studies say the same thing and it says that the population is going to continue to increase and you are going to need to do something about it. He said there was a band aid put on when a men's annex that incidentally was built in the flood plain that is at a lower elevation than the Iowa Street property. He said he didn't hear anybody complain about that. Ms. Homistek asked if it ever flooded and they were taken from that building elsewhere. Commissioner Ambrosini said it never flooded. He said all these studies say the same thing, that we need to build a new facility. He said there were some studies that were done that said we could build a new facility behind the courthouse and unfortunately we have sub-surface stabilization problem because it is a flood plain and any time you go vertical it is much more expensive because you have elevators. Mr. Bittner said he was an engineering for the Army, he knows.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said then he knows that if you have to put in elevators, you have to put in structural steel to support the multiple floors that is much more expensive than doing a single level. He said what they are doing is looking at solving this problem as effectively and efficiently as we can. He said that requires a single level. Mr. Bittner said he heard the new prison would be four levels, two for upstate and two for county inmates. He said that is what he was told when he was in the jail. Commissioner Ambrosini said they are building a single level with the housing units having a mezzanine level that is as high as you are going to go. He said it will be about a 98,000 square foot facility. He said that is as efficient as you are going to go, in fact this facility will not cost any more money than what we are spending today because we are spending money so inefficiently. He said we are sending inmates, as you well know, all across the western half of the state, as far away as Centre County, State College and we are currently housing inmates in Centre County, Butler, Beaver, Indiana County, Cambria County, Greene County. He said he learned recently that Greene County has expanded their facilities twice over the last several years and they call those two expansions Fayette One and Fayette Two.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said we are not only paying for their expansion, our taxpayers are paying for other counties expanding their prisons and in addition we are paying their correction's officers to watch Fayette County's inmates. He said if we are going to spend taxpayer's money, why don't we keep in here in Fayette County? Commissioner Zimmerlink said many times things are said and put in the newspaper as if it is gospel, so anything that is just said you need to confirm, number one, and number two, number two, as far as Kimball architects, they did present the commissioners with a 120 bed vertical for \$6.7 million. She said she just thought she heard that it can't be done. Commissioner Ambrosini said if you have enough money anything can be done. Commissioner Zimmerlink said yea, if you keep borrowing it, at \$10 million. She said \$6.7 million for a 120-bed facility, vertical. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is 11 o'clock, how many other people, this is public comment, so let the public speak and we'll keep quiet.

**Evelyn Hovanec** said she listens to words and she hears a lot of words but what she hasn't seen is due diligence in your actions. She said it bothers her and somebody had to spend two days in the library digging around and spend her own money and I finally said that you have to stop it, you are going to go broke looking for all this information like she has on the annex. She said none of that had to be spent and none of that time should have been wasted and we should not have had to deal with that because that is the job of the county commissioners who are saying, "we are going to do this." She said there is a whole list of things that should be accomplished before you say you are going to do this. She said none of them were accomplished. She said when you have to have a person off the street go and spend her money and her time to find out that place had flooded since the 1950s, there is something wrong. She said they never should have built it there to start with and she still thinks there was a scandal back then because why the state got that she will never know.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he wasn't sure he understood, was she talking about Iowa Street, or the men's annex. Mrs. Hovanec and Commissioner Zimmerlink said, the proposed annex. Mrs. Hovanec said that is a microcosm of the disaster they have created with the big prison. She said the big prison is a waste. They don't need a prison. She said she has spent enough time teaching to know that buildings do not make an education, buildings do not take care of therapy, buildings do not take care of the handicapped, buildings do not do anything, it is what happens inside that building. She said you need space, everybody needs space. She said there are cheaper ways to get space. She said they don't have to go around the county, you have 23 sites and every time you find one somebody says, no you can't go there, or you can afford to go there because it costs too much because it doesn't have sewage. She said to stop looking outside of the boroughs and the cities because nobody has sewage out there and many of them have no water lines out there. She said Fayette is a rural county. She said she talked with one of their people. Why in heaven's name are you going out and putting this stuff in the paper and then it collapses?

**Mrs. Hovanec** said she spent two days talking with people on the phone since she put her phone number in the newspaper. She said there is no support out there for what she is hearing, for a brand new prison. She said there is certainly support for doing something about the lack of space, the problems in that prison including the medical care, and if we are going to spend money, let's spend a reasonable sum of money and keep it here where it belongs because you are not going to get what you need any other place without spending money, money can buy you anything. She said how much can the county afford. She said the first project was going to cost someplace close to \$60 million if you floated the bond so somebody finally said don't float the bond. She said she didn't think they could have floated the bond given the debt we have and what you wanted to spend. She said now Plan B is we are going to borrow \$10 million every month apparently because we borrowed 950, \$9.5 million one month, \$10 million the next month, but she thinks that will stop. She said next year we will get another \$10 million and next year we will get another \$10 million and another \$10 million. She said she doesn't know how long that will go on because she doesn't have the information.

**Mrs. Hovanec** said no one shares that with us, we just pay the bills. She said she will tell them right now that they can solve their problems for under \$10 million. She said it doesn't cost what they want to pay. She said they want a new building that is every engineers dream. "I want to build a big place, I it to be beautiful and I want it to have my name," she said. She said to her, this is the kind of thing that we cannot afford. She said this has nothing to do with personal people, this is not personal. She said this is about the future of Fayette County and the lack of thinking about what this county can afford and how people are going to be able to pay for it. She said in the end the money isn't coming from the federal government or the state government and even if it does, it is still your tax money. She said we don't need a Taj Mahal, adding that she told them this before, she went to high school at a stable, but it had marble floors. She said now basically, she is saying to them that prison is a historic site, it is too small, it is outdated but that doesn't mean you go and build a Taj Mahal someplace out in farmland. She said all she is saying is we are taking the wrong approach.

**Mrs. Hovanec** said she is asking please reconsider what you are doing and the way you are doing it, it is not working and it has become almost hilarious so some people, so please stop it. She said let's end this, let's postpone this, let's sit down and talk about this, let's look at what are the various options and let's do it from the bottom up. Mrs. Jones said they need their own prison working group, which Mrs. Hovanec agreed. Commissioner Ambrosini said he would ask seriously, adding that they have contracted some very professional people that is in the business of designing. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hovanec then answered that they are in the business of building things and Crabtree has built 20-some throughout the state. Commissioner Ambrosini then said please, Evelyn, and he is perfectly serious about this, if she can provide a plan, and that is what he hasn't seen yet. Mrs. Hovanec said they have plans and they are better than the one they have. She said there is a repository over there and nobody reads anything. Commissioner Ambrosini said seriously, he hasn't' seen an economic evaluation, what buildings are you planning to use?

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said you are telling us that we are doing it wrong. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she wouldn't ask a citizen to do an economic plan and analytical. Mrs. Hovanec said she hasn't seen an economic plan. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Evelyn, hold on here, they hired the Sleighter Crabtree for \$20-some thousand. They told everyone to wait, to be patient, don't ask any questions, OK. She said many people came here and asked questions, what was said, don't worry about the processes and procedures, be patient, give us time, we're gonna give you all the information you need, OK. She said July of 2012 to September of 2013, so everyone was patient, OK. She said then that information came out and some of it is flawed. She said Crabtree, what did it say? That the sewage was included, that the cost of sewage was included at the fairgrounds, now come on. She said OK, these are the experts. Mrs. Hovanec said even she knew better. Commissioner Zimmerlink said for any commissioner here or any member of the prison working group to ask your or any other citizen to come up with statistics and information, that's not right, that's not your job to do it, it's our job to do it.

**Mrs. Hovanec** said that was her point, and she isn't getting it. Commissioner Zimmerlink said in October she made a motion asking that everything be tabled so they can look at other options and did I get a second? She said there are some people in here that say that Zimmerlink should do more, you can't do more, you need two up here. She said for the prison board, there are five of us and one can't do it. She said she could have had a second and they could have possibly explored it back in October but for the commissioner chair to ask you to come up with a plan and statistics and information, that's ridiculous. Commissioner Ambrosini said she sat there and said she had a plan. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it wouldn't be as comprehensive and from July of 2012 until September, my goodness. Commissioner Ambrosini said they can certainly review her plan whether it is comprehensive or not. Mrs. Hovanec said he ignored the motion and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she asked that they explore other options. She said let's not talk about Zimmerlink's other options, you have to go to the citizens. She said they should not be put on the spot for you as the citizens to provide documentation and analytical stuff.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said the Crabtree study came up with three different solutions. Mrs. Hovanec said none of which were appropriate. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is her opinion but, with Mrs. Hovanec saying it is her opinion and the opinion of many people in the county who know this. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is fine. Mrs. Hovanec said and you know better, you know better than the people who are going to pay the bills. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Crabtree looked at three options build new, build on site or don't build. She said those are not exploring alternatives and options. Commissioner Ambrosini said they can explore 1,000 options but the fact is that it is not only Crabtree Rohrbaugh that provided a clear assessment of the direction we needed to go in the most economical way but we have had studies decades ago that all say the same thing and all predicted that we would be in the situation that we are in today. Mrs. Hovanec said they predict weather too. Commissioner Ambrosini said lets be professional here, Evelyn. Mrs. Hovanec said she knows what they do. Commissioner Ambrosini said the projections were 10 years ago turned out to be true and it actually happened. Mrs. Hovanec said yes, because we are picking up everybody off the street. Mrs. Mazza said people who don't belong in jail, they belong in halfway houses.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he isn't going to address the court system, they do an excellent job, they do what they are supposed to do to protect you citizens. Mrs. Jones said he was lying and Mr. Bittner said there are people in jail that don't need to be there. Commissioner Ambrosini said everybody who comes through our prison doors, it's a mistake. Mr. Bittner said he has been there he knows it, everybody is innocent when they're in jail. He said he knows that, he has heard it. He added that there are a lot of innocent people in there that are still in there. He said there are more criminals out on the street right now and in offices, adding that he knows that for a fact. Commissioner Ambrosini asked Marybeth to let Mr. Cofchin speak and Ralph Mazza replied that he has been holding his hand up for five minutes. Mr. Mazza said pardon me, but he thinks we have lost the whole message. He said he heard a complaint about the treatment he

was getting and the mismanagement of the prison. He said the man didn't get medical care for a condition for Thursday through Tuesday.

**Mr. Mazza** said Mr. Ambrosini very cleverly twisted it to the building. He said buildings don't manage, people manage. He said evidently what they did was, there is no management at this prison, no proper management anyway. He said if you have a man who needs medical attention or anybody who needs medical attention sit from a Thursday to a Tuesday. What would you have done if the man would have had a stroke and died? He said there would have been another lawsuit. He said they hired a guy for years to give a report on lawsuits and he doesn't see him or hear from him or nothing, we have heard nothing and here is a man who could very well have sued the county, and Mrs. Jones replied, still will. Mr. Mazza said the man complained about the treatment he got and you somehow twisted it to a building. He said it isn't the building, it is the people that are important, both in and out of the prison. He said they don't have any regard for people out of prison. Commissioner Ambrosini said they can't treat people if they have them in other facilities across the state.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** asked if they are suggesting that they send our counselors to other. Mr. Mazza asked what that has to do with this problem. Mrs. Mazza said he was in Fayette County and Commissioner Ambrosini said he was in other facilities also and Mrs. Mazza said he got treatment. Mr. Mazza asked Mr. Bittner where he was at the time and Mr. Bittner said Fayette County. Mr. Mazza said they has mismanagement in Fayette County is what they had. Mr. Bittner said the week after the doctor visit he was sent to Greene County because he was supposed to see the doctor about his medication and that morning they woke him after breakfast and said, pack your stuff, you are leaving. He said he went to Greene County for 15 days, why, "I got swept under the carpet, they moved me out of the county so it's OK," he said. Mr. Mazza said his condition was ignored. Mr. Bittner said he got moved to Bedford for five months and Mrs. Hovanec said then he is really out of the way. Mr. Mazza said the thing that aggravates him the most is as a veteran it irritates him that they treat a veteran that way.

**Ms. Homistek** said Mr. Ambrosini is quoted as saying that you will allow Penn State interns who are majoring in criminal justice and psych to help. She said he is willing to risk their safety, those college students, putting them in the jail where they could be attacked or assaulted? Mr. Bittner said they would be shackled. Ms. Homistek said they want to use students as therapists at the prison, that's insane. John Cofchin said he wasn't there because he isn't opposed to everything as was quoted recently by you. He said he is very pro problem solving in a cost effective, efficient manner. He said they shouldn't be confused and he thinks either one of both of you gentlemen should address the fact that they would entertain other, look at alternatives, is that true, did you say that? Commissioner Ambrosini said sure, we have been doing this the whole process. He said just to add to that, he has asked in his letter of January 13, 2012 he asked citizens to be involved too, he said he didn't limit it to county employees. He said it was in the newspaper.

**Mr. Cofchin** said when he listens to him, he reminds him of those signs from back in the old days that say all roads lead to Kennywood. He said it is kind of like all your roads lead to new prison. He said he had a Freudian slip right off the bat when he started talking about that when he said they are going to examine all the options and when we build the new prison you are going to be so surprised by the efficiencies and the money we are going to save and that's fine. He said his conclusion was that they violated the first rule of engineering which is when you have a problem, you don't start out with a solution and then try to build a lot of facts and pile up a lot of numbers just to support it, so you kind of violated. Commissioner Ambrosini said they did that and it might be by his opinion that they didn't and that is fine. Mr. Cofchin said it isn't his opinion because he said it himself, he said when we build the prison. Commissioner Zimmerlink said in the e-mail that he sent it actually says, and it is almost verbatim, it says let me go out on a limb and say we will be building a new prison, adding that it did say that in there. Commissioner Ambrosini said he would go out on a limb and say they may have to build a new prison, he didn't say we will.

**Mr. Cofchin** said they won't quibble over that. He said in his conversations with people who are concerned about this, many folks believe that Option One, that is existing facility plus, he knows that he thinks vertical is a problem but as an engineer he should know that is not the case. Commissioner Ambrosini said it isn't a problem at all, it just costs money. Mr. Cofchin said there are projects that weigh a zillion tons and they haven't sunk into the ground at all. Commissioner Ambrosini said they could build a 20 story building there, the problem is it is too expensive per inmate. Mr. Cofchin regarding Option One, they need to dust off the Kimball report and they need to explore the fact that they are not going to be developing new infrastructure in an as yet unnamed place and you don't even know where this place is going to be yet. He said they don't have to dig a pipeline from here to who knows where for the sewage plant so the opinion is they can realize a lot of savings by using county properties, existing county properties, infrastructure development compared to planned preference. He said they think that because it will require less money they will be able to borrow at a shorter duration and therefore save significant money in the debt service so let's put our money where your mouth is, you said that you would examine alternatives, let's get a motion to examine some alternatives.

**William Jones** said just listening to everything that has been said his comment is going to be very, very basic. He said he is upset about some of the things that are coming from him specifically. He said he too is a veteran and one of the things he learned early on, he served nine years in the Air Force and left as a Staff Sergeant. He said when he was a young airman one of the things that the old Chief Master Sergeant had taught him, he took him under his wing and liked him for some reason, and taught him something called the six Ps. He said what that means is prior planning prevents piss-poor performance. He said that is something that has stayed with him all these years and he isn't hearing any of this here. He said he isn't hearing prior planning, at least not legitimate planning and it is leading to piss-poor performance. He said it is all very basic to him and whether you want to build a new prison or not, you need to decide which direction you are going to go. He said once they decide that they need to decide how

they will accomplish this. He said they have to be involved because it is coming out of their pocket as far as a referendum is concerned so again, like he said a moment ago, prior planning prevents piss-poor performance and that is something he has lived with all these years and that is all he has to say.

**Ms. Homistek** said since they are going to vote on the funding for the 32 Iowa Street, would they like to see the photo where it flooded Nov. 23, 2011? She said this one wasn't in the Herald-Standard today, today had some from 2003, she believes, this is the most recent flooding of Iowa Street and this shows Iowa Street under water in 2011. Terry Kriss said he would start at the top, consider an RFQ to create a web site. He said he agrees with the Mazza's adding that he didn't know which one of those fine people said that, why would you waste money to do another web site when you have one up and running already? He said he doesn't know how up to speed their web site is now. Commissioner Ambrosini said the current web site doesn't talk about the prison. Mr. Kriss asked if it is up to speed on everything else in the county right now? He said let's forget about the prison, is it up to speed, your web site on everything the county has to offer. Commissioner Zapotosky said no. Mr. Kriss said there shouldn't be a reason for that, you have an IT Department, you have chief clerks, you have lots of employees but nobody can sit down and put some information. He asked when the last time was that the web site was added to or corrected, how long ago.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said actually she was the one who put the web site up and put the general pages up and then met with every department head on a monthly basis to make sure they were current and there is an e-mail from the two commissioners from the past administration and it says that Zimmerlink is no longer responsible and that all any changes and updates to the web site is to be done by the IT Department from that point on. Mr. Kriss asked what date that was and Commissioner Zimmerlink said that was somewhere between 2008 and 2012. Mr. Kriss said there are multi years that nobody, he said he has a web site and you add, you delete, you take away, you don't leave them sit dormant for four years and now AI, you want to say let's create another one. He said if you can't keep up to speed with what you have now, why would you create another one if you have employees that can't add to it now or go through.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said not only that but Commissioner Ambrosini did direct and from what she understands, it was only one commissioner who directed it, maybe another did as well, to update the web page regarding the board appointments and it is incorrect and that was several months ago so it isn't so much putting a website up, it is accurate and up to date information. Mr. Kriss said so it is wasted time and wasted money, use what you got and save us some money, we all know that web sites are important. He said let's go to 2, consider ratifying the cost for \$550, again why would you waste \$550 on something when you have been proven it is a total loser of a site. He said it is a total no win situation, why do you want to flush \$550 more down the commode on that subject? He said that AI was either lied to immensely on that building or he was naïve about it. He said all the good people who did free investigative work for you were not part of your prison working group. He said they took time out of their own schedule and lives and did basic work, but it took time. He said he should be thanking

these people for that and not demeaning them. He said he hasn't listened to one cry from the public on this subject, none and he had some very educated people talk. He said don't ask Evelyn for a damn proposal, that's not her profession in life, she's given you wonderful ideas, many of these people have, including me.

**Mr. Kriss** said he came there the first time and he offered his view of the Greensburg prison as a site and he didn't need to be ridiculed in the paper by Jim Killinger for bringing up an idea and that is what everybody did. He said you call us obstructionists because we have a different viewpoint. He said they are not against, you, you or her, we are against our money being pissed away, and that is exactly what it is being and it is becoming nothing. He said Iowa Street, forget Iowa Street, it's a loser. He said look at the names it's been called, stilted women's annex, you see the proof, move along, you made a mistake, you got a bad recommendation, don't flush \$550 more down the drain. He said let's go to three, \$10 million to borrow money for a new prison. He said if Al would have said from the start that we need \$10 million to put an annex on that building, I think you not have had one bit of opposition. He said when they want to start putting \$30, \$50 million, you are dreaming, you won't rehabilitate people in a building. He said building's don't do that, it can be done right now.

**Mr. Kriss** said you think if you build a new building you will solve all the problems in the world, it is never going to happen. He said there are other ways to spend our money more efficiently and these people have proven it. Commissioner Ambrosini said they hasn't proven it. He said he has heard a lot of ideas and heard a lot of opinions, but he hasn't seen any documents or proof. Mr. Kriss said look at what Crabtree has given you for \$24,000. He said they don't know their facts on the buildings they are building, they wanted to give you a parking garage for the thing, they don't have no proof or not facts, they are just throwing things at the wall because they were paid \$24,000 to provide a service for you. He said there are wonderful people in this community with good ideas who are willing to share them with you and do them for free. He said they don't want hit over the head, they don't want ridiculed and they don't want lied to. He said on that note, when he came there, he asked the architectural team leader Killinger is that site going to be at the county airport and he looked at me and said no. He said the next day it was on that list. Commissioner Ambrosini said they have a lot of sites and Mr. Kriss said he was specifically lied to on a question in this room.

**Mr. Kriss** said he asked Commissioner Ambrosini and he didn't want to answer and Killinger finally coughed it out and said no. He said he doesn't like being lied to. Commissioner Ambrosini said let's make this point perfectly clear, it isn't going to be on the airport. Mr. Kriss said that day he lied to him and it was on the list the next day. He said he goes out, he has a short fuse, he is arrogant with people. Commissioner Ambrosini said he isn't going to tolerate personal attacks. Mr. Kriss said he has tried to strong arm supervisors in this community by putting the jail where he wants, he is a loose cannon running around doing what he wants. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is your opinion. Mr. Kriss said he lied to him. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is your opinion, he doesn't see where he did. Mr. Kriss said he asked a direct question and he said it wasn't going to be on the airport. He said the next day in the paper he was

reading Patty Yauger's story and there it is right there, on the airport. He said he doesn't need to be lied to and everything is either half-truths, lies or BS and we are trying to give you facts to help you to go along with you but you are fighting us.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said if you look at all the sites that were published in the paper, the airport site is still. Mr. Kriss said it wasn't the day he asked him to his face, he lied to me. Commissioner Ambrosini said that property on the back side of the airport was on the list almost from Day One. Mr. Kriss asked why he didn't say that and Commissioner Ambrosini said you asked him if he was going to build it on the airport and he said no. Mr. Kriss said he asked if the airport was on the list and he said no. He said you are blowing it off to me and it is lying to my face. He said listen to all these good people who are trying to help you. He said listen to the people in this community, listen to the people who supported you who cared about you and put you in that seat because so far you have not done that.

**Beverly Beal** asked if she could talk about the appointments and Commissioner Zimmerlink said yes, that is on the agenda. She said one time she did ask how they think people that is put on boards should do. She asked what is their opinion, when they appoint people on Fayette County Housing, Health Center, what do you expect out of them, that's what she wants to know. She asked Mrs. Zimmerlink, who reiterated, What do I expect as a commissioner when I make a motion to put someone on a board and sometimes get a second and gets through, what are you asking? Mrs. Beal said what do you expect? Commissioner Zimmerlink said she expects the duly appointed board member to understand the goal and mission of that particular authority or board and to carry out what the goal and mission is and to speak on behalf of the county or behalf of the citizenry on behalf of the county commissioners, to think independently, to do their homework before they go to a meeting, and if they don't get the information, there are some board members who don't get the information, they need to do everything they can do get the information and to be fully knowledgeable about the item that they are being prepared to vote on.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said they should attend as many meetings, adding that sometimes you can't attend some, to attend as many meetings as you possibly can. Mrs. Beal and hope they do the right thing, and not jobs behind the scene or whatever. She said she is on the Fayette County Housing Board, which she is very proud of that board, and the reason she wanted on the board is because it is the whole community you are looking at. She said you are looking at housing for people that don't have. She asked how can you justify a person getting a position, the month before that anybody was interviewed she made a statement by the paper that she already knew who was going to be hired so she said why do you even put these people for interviews because you already know who you are getting. She asked if that was in the paper because their chairman looked at the newspaper person and said, "don't put that in the paper." Mrs. Beal said the following meeting to the point they were going to interview she said she did not go because she already knew who was going to get it. She said it didn't matter that 14 people put in for the interview.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked who she was referring to and Commissioner Zimmerlink said the interview for the executive director of the housing authority. She said then you get a bill that it was done in November before anybody even knew or was interviewed. She asked if these are the kinds of people they are appointing to the boards. Commissioner Zimmerlink said yes. Mrs. Beal said she isn't the best person in the world but at least she tries to be honest. She said she hasn't found too many honest people in this world on boards because things are done behind the scenes and she is tired of it. She said when the board picks appointments today, she hopes to God that they pick good people that are going to sit on them boards and act intelligent. She said when you start a meeting at 9 o'clock and you say it is going to be at nine, you can verify it, she said she sat there until 25 after or 9:30 and it is all a big joke, no professionalism at all. She said she knows people want her off that board and guess what? She said she is going to be sitting there. She said there is going to be a lot more coming out over this, she can tell them. Mrs. Mazza said they are having coffee and donuts when Mrs. Beal is sitting in the conference room.

**Mrs. Beal** said it is sad when you do things like that because there were 14 people she understands that put in. She said you have the chairman and the secretary giving points to whomever came in. She said if you know in November who you are going to hire, why would you even interview. She said just put the person in, that is what she said at the meeting and she did not even put it in the paper. Commissioner Ambrosini asked if they interviewed all 14 people and Mrs. Beal said she didn't interview anybody because it came down to two. Commissioner Ambrosini said she is a board member, isn't that her responsibility? Mrs. Beal said that is her responsibility but why would she go and interview when she knows who the person was who was getting it, now you tell me Mrs. Zimmerlink. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Commissioner Ambrosini knew she didn't interview because he asked George Onesko during the interview, and Mrs. Beal said she could care less.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he did not know how many people she interviewed. Mrs. Beal asked how many he interviewed for these boards. Commissioner Ambrosini said he interviewed or he had his personal assistant sit it, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is not his personal assistant, she is your administrative assistant but he acts like she is his personal assistant. Commissioner Ambrosini said she is his administrative assistant. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she did sit in on a few for Commissioner Ambrosini and Mrs. Beal said it is disgusting. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she did sit in on a few for Commissioner Ambrosini but she doesn't vote. She said she did what she was asked to do and she asked some questions on his behalf and she did a good job in doing that. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she was asked to do that but the point is and your question was who interviewed, the three commissioners are doing the appointments today, she said she interviewed all of them, Commissioner Ambrosini had his assistant, the administrative county-paid assistant interview some, she sat in as (Commissioner Zimmerlink) interviewed. She said Commissioner Ambrosini interviewed a few, she can give the number, and Commissioner Zapotosky did not interview any, but they will be making the appointments later.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said he reviewed their backgrounds, and we know who they are. He said he would be honest, he was having medical problems and he isn't going to lie about it. Mrs. Beal said she wanted to say one thing, on the day of the interview of the two that she knew who was getting it, her granddaughter had to go to Children's Hospital, three years old, for a seizure. She said that is why she wasn't there. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that she said they had already pre-picked them so why should she go. Mrs. Beal said it was already picked.

**Behavioral Health Administration:**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve the following agreements and modifications as listed.

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<b><u>HealthChoices Agreement – 2012 Funds</u></b>		
Crosskeys Human Services, Inc.	\$60,000	2013-2014
<b><u>Professional Services</u></b>		
Carol Over	\$85.00/hr.	2013-2014
<b><u>Modification Agreement #2 2012-2013</u></b>		
accessAbilities, Inc.	\$54,700	7/1/12-6/30/13
<b><u>Modification Agreements #3 2012-2013</u></b>		
Fayette Resources, Inc.	\$476,503	7/1/12-6/30/13
Pathways of Southwestern PA	\$140,715	7/1/12-6/30/13
<b><u>Modification Agreement #1 2013-2014</u></b>		
Goodwill of Southwestern PA	\$581,577	7/1/13-6/30/14
<b><u>Modification Agreement #2 2013-2014</u></b>		
City Mission Living Stones, Inc.	\$80,751	7/1/13-6/30/14

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
 Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
 Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve the lease purchase option on a 2011 Ford Explorer leased through Ford Motor Credit Company for \$18,231.60 for Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration to replace a vehicle that is being retired.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
 Commissioner Zapotosky yes

Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise for bids for the lease of one 2014 Ford Escape (or equivalent model) for Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration to replace a vehicle that is nearing lease end.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise for bids for the lease or purchase of a new telephone system for Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration to replace an aging system.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Children & Youth Services**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify a **FY2012-13** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **CRC Health Group (dba) White Deer Run**, 360 White Deer Run Road, Allenwood, PA 17810, for residential placement services for adolescent sex offenders on an as needed basis. The rate is as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00	
Cert # 414760	Cove Prep
Adolescent Sex Offender Program	\$255.00 per day

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify a **FY2012-13** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of

Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **Western PA Child Care LLC**, 12 Dakota Drive, Emlenton, PA 16373, for residential and secure residential treatment services for adolescents on an as needed basis. The rate is as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00	
Cert # 444170	
Secure Treatment Program	\$ 308.03 per day
Cert # 444180	
Intensive Open Residential Treatment	\$ 257.55 per day

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the **FY2013-14** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **CRC Health Group (dba) White Deer Run**, 360 White Deer Run Road, Allenwood, PA 17810, for residential placement services for adolescent sex offenders on an as needed basis. The rate is as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00	
Cert # 414760	Cove Prep
Adolescent Sex Offender Program	\$255.00 per day

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve a **FY2013-14** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette through Fayette County Children and Youth Services / Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **Twin Pines Family Services, LLC**, 613 Bute Road, Uniontown, PA 15401 for group home placement/shelter services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing	\$ 250.00
Cert 444430 - Foster Family Care	
Class AA	\$ 55.00
Class BB	\$ 60.00
Class CC	\$ 60.00
Class DD	\$ 60.00
Class EE	\$ 60.00

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink to table a motion to accept the RFQ 13-05 of Sleighter Engineering for the addition of the CYS building.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said there were more than one, according to Gina D'Auria, the executive director of CYS, she said that on Friday she said there were more than one engineering firms and she and her staff selected Sleighter Engineering. She said she wanted to table it so the commissioners would have an opportunity to review the rating process for this RFQ. Commissioner Zapotosky said the other firms that bid were Allegheny County firms and were double in the cost. Commissioner Zimmerlink said this is an RFQ and she doesn't know what the cost is and she said that she didn't negotiate their fee yet. She said this is, here hesitation is not just for cost, but for the RFQ and she doesn't have a cost, she said that on Friday, she doesn't have any fees. Commissioner Zapotosky said he thinks that she had mentioned that they were double their design budgets. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she made a motion to table. Commissioner Ambrosini said not only their design budgets, but the cost of the total project. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she made a motion to table.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he thinks that she provided them enough information. Commissioner Zimmerlink said no she didn't because she specifically asked her some of the information and she had to call her and talk to her until a quarter till five on Friday. Commissioner Zapotosky said he is satisfied and he believes she provided them with ample information. He said the building needs to be done, they are cramped for space, there are filing cabinets all over the place there, it needs, unfortunately it was designed improperly, that is the problem. He said it wasn't designed properly and it needs the space. He said they have hired additional staff working on adoptions, dependency cases, again he is well familiar with this. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they are not discussing whether or not the addition is needed or not, it is to award the request for proposals to Sleighter Engineering. Commissioner Zapotosky said he understands and to continue the delay would be to continue a delay in the final outcome, which is the completion of the addition which is desperately needed and has been needed for the next two years. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Sleighter has to come back because they have to negotiate the fee and approve it. Commissioner Zapotosky said then obviously they can nip it in the bud at that time.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said for right now let's continue with the progression and if subsequently we see that we are not satisfied then we can stop it from going. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she moves to table. Commissioner Ambrosini asked for a second to the motion and the motion died when it didn't receive a second.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to accept the RFQ 13-05 of Sleighter Engineering for the addition of the CYS building.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**In making** the motion, Commissioner Zapotosky said it is an important motion. Commissioner Zimmerlink said this isn't building it and Commissioner Zapotosky said it is the start of the process that needs to be initiated. Commissioner Zimmerlink said this is awarding it to a particular firm. She said he made the motion. Prior to making a second, Commissioner Ambrosini said in addition, they are renting space outside. Mr. Cofchin said everything is hurry, hurry, hurry. Commissioner Ambrosini said they aren't hurrying, it is just getting it done. Commissioner Zapotosky said it has been a two-year problem. Mrs. Mazza said they do everything ass-backwards, with Commissioner Ambrosini saying, Mrs. Mazza please.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to approve a **FY2013-14** Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Fayette through Fayette County Children and Youth Services and **Adams and Adams, Attorneys at Law**, 55 E. Church Street, Suite 101, Uniontown, PA 15401 for four parking spaces located at said address. The parking spaces are numbers 21, 38, 39 and 41. The rate is Twenty-Five Dollars per parking spot for a total of One Hundred Dollars per month.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**In making** the motion, Commissioner Zapotosky said our employees are parking there and getting ticketed, thus the need to rent the spaces. A couple of audience members asked about the parking garage, and Commissioner Zapotosky said it is more expensive than paying the rent.

### **Controller**

Controller Sean Lally presented the following financial condition of the county.

# Office of the Controller

Fayette County, Pennsylvania

**SEAN P. LALLY**  
Controller



Phone (724) 430-1217  
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FUND:	GENERAL FUND		
DATE:	21-Jan-14		
CASH:	Checking Account	United Bank	\$8,273,395.97
<b>Funds Owed to General Fund</b>			
	Temporary Loans		
	Victim Witness Fund	\$ 30,000.00	
	Children and Youth Fund	\$ 1,250,000.00	
	911 Project Fund	\$ 160,000.00	
	Due to General Fund		
	Ferry Insurance Policy	\$ 12,260.00	
			\$ 1,452,260.00
	Arc Payments Due		
	Intermediate Punishment Fund-3yrs	\$ 40,651.26	
	Offenders Supervision Fund-3yrs	\$ 87,758.28	
	Domestic Relations	\$ 94,110.66	
	Victim Witness	\$ 4,271.61	
	Records Improvement	\$ 2,325.32	
	Fredericktown Ferry	\$ 5,054.04	
			\$ 234,171.17
	Central Service Payments		
	C-17 Fund-2yrs	\$ 9,005.00	
	Offenders Sprvsn-3yr	\$ 39,369.00	
	Intermediate Punishment-3yrs	\$ 19,532.00	
	Victim Witness Fund	\$ 10,780.00	
			\$ 78,686.00
	<b>Funds General Fund Owes</b>		
	Loan From Marcellus Shale	\$ 1,000,000.00	
	Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 9,500,000.00	
			\$ 10,500,000.00
<b>Budget Year</b>	<b>Net Position</b>		<b>-\$461,486.86</b>
			<b>Year to Date</b>
Total 2014 Revenues			\$302,083.17
Total 2014 Expenditures			\$ 2,065,783.46
Total 2013 Expenditures paid in 2014			\$ 955,556.43
Capital Reserve Fund Balance			\$ 38,729.51
Bond Fund Balance			\$ 209,076.24

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked Controller Lally if the temporary loan to CYS is a recent allocation and Controller Lally replied yes.

### **Coroner**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise an RFP for body transportation services for the Coroner's office for the County of Fayette.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Courts**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve a lease agreement between the county of Fayette and the city of Uniontown for 2 years at 80 North Beeson Avenue, Uniontown for the temporary central court location with rent being \$1,500 a month.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** making a motion, she verified with Tammy Lambie that there were lease renewal options. Ms. Lambie said after the vote that she was going to give Mr. Bittner her office number because the courts do have a very good veterans program and mental health program that has just started up and they have a very good veteran's associate that is working with them. She said she is going to give him her office number. Commissioner Zapotosky said he called her that one Friday at about 3:45 p.m. regarding his discussion with Mr. (Richard) Zidek and he did speak with her about the individual in question. Ms. Lambie said she would have him speak with someone in Allegheny County because they are copying their program with services that we don't have available with our veteran's programs. She said she will give him her number and hopefully they can assist a little bit more. She said the commissioners are taking the brunt of putting people in jail and the commissioners can not put anybody in jail, it is the courts. She said the courts do not put anybody in jail until it is the last resort.

**Ms. Lambie** said all of the judges are very diligent on keeping people out of the jail unless it is necessary. Commissioner Zimmerlink said but as the court administrator, since she brought the subject up, she has to admit that because she has said it and she has numerous documentation from the court administrators office of others of having

individuals not being released properly in a timely manner and those being released that should not have been released. She said there is no doubt a jail administration problem and Ms. Lambie said she has agreed with that also.

## **Human Resource Department**

### **CYS**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to ratify the resignation of Caseworker II, David Hixon effective December 20, 2013.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **FACT**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the resignation of Part-Time Bus Driver, Johnathan Pearce, effective December 20, 2013.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the hire of Dale Gregg, Kenneth Lowry and David Yauger, each as Part- Time Bus Driver at \$11.40/hr. effective January 6, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **FCBHA**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to approve the 2014 Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Compensation Plan for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The annual pay increase increment will be approximately three percent (3%). The Longevity

Increment will continue to be a movement of one step (approximately three percent (3%) on the approved salary schedule.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

**Motion passed 2-1**

**Information Technology**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the 350-hour volunteer Communications and Technology internship of CAL U student, James Zackal, effective January 21, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Prison**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the 120-hour volunteer internship of Seton Hill criminal justice/technology major Tyler Sanders, effective Jan. 21, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Tax Assessment**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the resignation of Assessor II, Sharon Basinger, effective January 2, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Tax Claim**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the transfer of Patricia Tegge from the FACT Transportation Information Specialist position to the Tax Claim Accounts Clerk I position at SEIU Pay Grade 3, Step A \$10.00/hr. (\$19,500 annually) effective January 22, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Office of Human and Community Services/FACT:**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve FACT's Title VI Program for FTA.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve submission of FTA Certifications and Assurances for FFY 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to advertise a bid for interior renovations for the call center at the FACT Transit Center at the Joseph A. Hardy/Connellsville Airport/Route 119.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** a vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said it the Transit Center isn't located at the airport, it is on Route 119. Commissioner Ambrosini said it is actually on airport property. Commissioner Zapotosky said they can make it the Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport/Route 119.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise a bid for parking lot upgrades at the FACT Transit Center at the Joseph A. Hardy/ Connellsville Airport/Route 119.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to purchase three 12+2 passenger Ford buses from Rohrer Bus on State Contract #4400008420 for total cost of \$187,317.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Planning and Zoning**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for Adult Probation to enable the county's Adult Probation office to undertake a performance review of professional services. Grant amount requested is \$5,000.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioners**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve the November 19, 2013 regular commissioner meeting minutes, the December 17, 2013 regular commissioner meeting minutes, the December 20, 2013 special commissioner meeting minutes for the 2014 TRAN note and the December 30, 2013 special commissioner meeting minutes for adoption of the 2014 general fund budget.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to advertise an RFQ to create a web site to disseminate information about the new Fayette County Justice and Rehabilitation Center and women's annex.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**After the** vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said, again, we do have a county web site, we have the framework already set up, it would be adding some additional pages and then putting the information on and we shouldn't be spending the extra money. She said the money for this, to do an RFQ and to have this done, no money has been budgeted in the 2014 budget. Commissioner Ambrosini said actually that is incorrect, it has been budgeted. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked where? She said that was never discussed at any of the budget meetings and she said she was at all of them. Commissioner Ambrosini said she was not. Commissioner Zapotosky said the only purpose of him pushing making the motion is to understand what the capabilities of this web site can be, what would be advantageous to the community. He said it doesn't mean that we are going to do it. He said his purpose for advancing it is as they all discussed, this project has a great impact on the community. Mrs. Hovanec said she is listening to this thinking, my God there goes more that we don't have to spend. Commissioner Ambrosini gavelled and said they are not in comment section, it's not a debate here, they are trying to get through the business of the county.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said if he sees that the proposal and the discussion with whomever presents is not adequate, he will not support the item. Mr. Kriss said one dollar spent is too many and Commissioner Ambrosini said please. Commissioner Zapotosky said this doesn't spend anything, this just, with Mr. Kriss saying it will Vince. Commissioner Ambrosini said lets' have some order here. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it will spend money with the advertisement and Commissioner Zapotosky said he stands corrected. Commissioner Zimmerlink said this is an RFQ and whoever responds, you have to negotiate what the fee is going to be so she said she would hope that it comes back for a vote but that remains to be seen.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to ratify the cost of rezoning the women's annex at Iowa Street for \$550.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**Prior to** a motion, members of the audience shouted out to save their money and Commissioner Zimmerlink said it has already been paid and it is a ratification.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** asked for a motion to approve the acquisition of a \$10 million tax-exempt loan for the Fayette County Justice and Rehabilitation Center, the CYS building addition and the women's annex renovation.

**Prior to** a motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink said the item on the agenda called for the acquisition of a \$10 million tax exempt loan, which means that you are approving acquiring a \$10 million loan. She said it appears that information has already, you first have to advertise, you have to seek some proposals from banks, what this says is to approve the acquisition of the \$10 loan, so there's. Commissioner Ambrosini asked Controller Lally to elaborate. Controller Lally said what the county is trying to do is actually secure a tax-exempt loan for the purposes of erecting a prison. He said this is an alternative to floating a bond in the amount of say, \$30 million, hypothetically. He said in the floating of a bond you will incur anywhere from \$550,000 to \$800,000 in fees just to take it to market. He said on top of those fees you have to pay counsel and you also have to ensure the bond if there is any default in the event the county would do something like that. He said all total, to float a bond you are looking at about a million dollars in costs.

**Controller Lally** said this methodology of financing takes out \$10 million maximum increments over a 30-year amortized life. He said it is like a HELOC which is a home equity line of credit, you actually incur no expenses until money is spent. He said the money sits in escrow collecting a ridiculous nominal rate of interest of about a half of a percent, that way the debt service is incremented into successive annual budgets instead of doing a lump sum distribution of \$30 million. He said the net effects of taking a \$30 million loan at 4 1/2 percent assuming that's our rate, is that we would be losing 4 percent annually for paying \$1.2 million in costs for two consecutive years while the new prison is being constructed. He said that turns out to be \$2.4 million in taxpayers' dollars. He said the overall general function of this that the interest is only used as it is incurred and the interest rate, because it is a tax-free loan is lower than what it would be in the regular market. He said they have had quotes anywhere from 2.7 to 3.8 depending on what time they are moving in and out of the market. He said that is the positive effects of doing this in increments instead of taking one lump sum distribution.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the point is that they are still going to have to have, the county will have to borrow \$30 million because that is the amount that Crabtree stated is needed to build the new jail. She said it sounds good that they are only borrowing \$10 million today, but if the cost of the project as per the expert Crabtree had indicated in his study, is \$30 million, you would still have to borrow another \$20 million. Controller Lally said he clearly indicated that, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she isn't arguing with him with that. Controller Lally said the fact of cost savings that will be developed by taking \$10 million increments over a one-time distribution and if anybody is paying any attention, they have to also factor in the impetus for interest rates to rise,

the federal government has stopped buying bonds, they are reducing the amounts to where they are no longer going to stimulate the economy, and interest rates will rise.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said there hasn't been a cost analysis, what is before us is acquiring a \$10 million tax exempt loan and there is nothing on this paper or has been brought to the board about issuing a bond, but if you do want to determine whether or not the savings is for the \$10 million tax exempt loan vs. a bond, she would prefer that information come from those who are very knowledgeable about it which would be someone other than in our county office, and that hasn't been stated other than maybe about a five minute discussion from someone from Susquehanna who came at an agenda meeting and suggested that we might want to do a tax exempt loan for our TRAN note, there hasn't been any discussions, any meetings, and if there have been she would like to know where they were. She said the second thing is, it says again, acquisition of a \$10 million tax loan, what is the process that is going to occur, what is the process that is being presented to us today, presented to me as a county commissioner, who needs to either vote for this or against it.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked what is the process in securing or seeking from a number of banks this \$10 million tax exempt loan, what's the process. Controller Lally said the process is identical to that of floating a bond. He said a representative will go forth to the market, present what Fayette County is looking to do, the banks will give responses with the best rate of interest, we will get the best bank. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked who is that representative, and Controller Lally said that representative is more than likely going to be Susquehanna Group being that they are contracted with the county. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she has a definite problem with Susquehanna doing this because each one of us commissioners received information from a local bank that says that Susquehanna Group, Sam Lynch, did not contact them and was left out of the bid process for the \$9.5 million loan. She said for her to receive a telephone call from a local bank that says that bank was not called upon by Susquehanna Group to determine whether or not they could issue that \$9.5 million is very disturbing because the information that Sam Lynch was given by our Chief Clerk was more than three banks.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said they were not all called so she definitely has a problem that she has to pick up a phone and on the other end one of the banks is saying that they did not get an opportunity to send in, an opportunity to bid or to present a proposal for the \$9.5 million and when that individual asked Mr. Lynch they said we were in a hurry, sorry and we didn't think that you could handle it. She said she has a definite problem with Susquehanna doing in on our behalf, at least by themselves. Commissioner Zapotosky said he would think that, and he would agree with her that if Susquehanna is going to take the initiative they should also provide us with a detailed list of whom they are soliciting for the loan and he thinks that is doable, is it not, Mr. Lally? Commissioner Zimmerlink said that she and Commissioner Zapotosky directed them to do that before this occurred and they did not do it. She said they did it here at a meeting and Commissioner Zapotosky said he remembered. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she has absolutely no faith in the group.

**Controller Lally** asked if they provided us with the best rate of interest and Commissioner Zimmerlink said how would you know if that bank was not given an opportunity to respond. Controller Lally asked if the bank provided any written documentation and Commissioner Zimmerlink said “you guys and your written documentation, he called me on the phone and said. Commissioner Zapotosky said are you talking about Mr. McMullen, again he would like to see Susquehanna’s list if this does advance. Mrs. Hovanec said comment to the commissioners, the commissioners are in charge, not Susquehanna, we pay Susquehanna too much money to start with and now they are making our decisions for us. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they are not making the decision Evelyn, they presented information and the commissioners are the ones who make the final decision, by a vote 2-1, it rests with us. Controller Lally said every time it is a proposal that Mrs. Hovanec isn’t familiar with it becomes selective information and it is being manipulated, what is being manipulated Evelyn? Mrs. Hovanec said one company gave you what they thought was right, what about the others?

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the others were not contacted. Controller Lally said if there a proposal for a \$10 million loan and all the other people was contacted, it would still be wrong. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the point is that it was not given to the other bank. Mr. Kriss said that is the point and Controller Lally said, what is the point Mr. Kriss? He said everybody has an answer. Mr. Cofchin asked if Controller Lally could elaborate on the tax exempt, it is tax exempt to them and not the borrower, right. Controller Lally said that is right. Mr. Cofchin said they thrown the tax exempt out there but it really is not tax exempt. Controller Lally said what the tax exempt status means is that the bank can go through the arbitrage with less risk, therefore passing that savings on to the Fayette County residents. Mr. Cofchin then asked if he could elaborate on the terms of the loan, that would be interest rate, duration of loan, is it a fixed rate, is it a floating rate. Controller Lally said it is a fixed rate, amortized over 30 years, the rates can vary, he has had quotes from 2.8 percent to 3.8 percent. He said he hasn’t exceeded 4 percent in any of the market searches he has looked at for this particular type of a loan.

**Mr. Cofchin** said would that be contingent upon when they decide to borrow the money. Controller Lally said it is like any loan that you may get, when you go to a mortgage broker they may say that you need to sign today to lock in these rates for a period of time, that’s the same way that these loans work, there is a period of time that they can guarantee that you will receive the rate they quoted, after that time elapses the rate goes to the market. He said positive it could go higher, negative it could go higher. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the repayment terms, other than saying that it is 30 years over the life of the loan. She asked what the repayment terms are on the part of the county, what are they? Controller Lally said the repayment terms on the loan will be contingent and start when the first payment is made, only on the portion that is used.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said for arguments sake, say that \$5 million is taken, when does that \$5 million have to be paid back is it a payment on an annual basis. Controller Lally said it in an annualized payment and Commissioner Zimmerlink said so every year

the county would be paying at the end of the year, what 12 months out of the year? Controller Lally said that would depend on the terms of the contract but logic would predicate that you would pay after tax revenue was received. Commissioner Zimmerlink said so this is not approving acquisition of the loan, this here is approving and seeking some proposals from banks and then it would come back to the commissioners for review, is that correct or is this already been taken, negotiated already with a bank? Controller Lally said there is nothing that has been negotiated to his knowledge. This is a request for proposals for the \$10 million loan. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it doesn't say that, it says approving the acquisition. She said it is approving acquiring a \$10 million loan. Ms. Homistek said the loan includes money for the women's annex, at what address will it be built? 23 East Church Street? She said they haven't reviewed it yet but they want money for the annex. Commissioner Ambrosini said they plan to build a women's annex. Ms. Homistek asked in a flooded building?

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said she has a question and that is how much of this \$10 million loan would be used for the women's annex. Commissioner Ambrosini said they will know that when contractor's bid, they have a competitive bid process. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he publicly said at one time it would be \$100,000 and the other time he said \$300,000. She asked where he got those figures. Commissioner Ambrosini said those are engineering estimates based on reviews of the building conditions, what had the items that had to be put into the building to qualify for a temporary detention center. Commissioner Zimmerlink said engineering estimates from whom? Commissioner Ambrosini said from Crabtree. Commissioner Zimmerlink said, from Crabtree, where are those, was that a verbal, as that in writing, where is that? Commissioner Ambrosini said that is part of their... Commissioner Zimmerlink said how do you know it is \$100,000 to \$300,000, who told you that, is it in a document or what? She said she hasn't seen it, has he seen it? Commissioner Ambrosini said those are engineering estimates that were told to him verbally. Commissioner Zimmerlink said, verbally? Commissioner Ambrosini said yes. He said they won't know until..

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said they don't even technically have a site. Commissioner Zimmerlink said hold on, wait a second, I'm going to help you guys out here but come on now, OK. She said Marybeth you have a document that I don't have signed and approved, are there plans to that? She said she doesn't need them, just answer the question, are there plans to that document? She said are there drawings or something, she doesn't know what is so funny, but she is asking a question. Ms. Homistek said the document to which she is referring is the public owner notification and then there is Sleighter Engineering heading to Mr. Jim Knapp of K2, and Commissioner Zimmerlink asked where she got the drawings for the renovations to the women's annex, at 32 Iowa Street or 23 Church Street, whichever. Ms. Homistek said the existing 23 East Church Street building, proposed 23 East Church Street building. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked where she got those. Ms. Homistek said she personally paid for these at K2 Engineering and she picked them up last Monday. Commissioner Zimmerlink said so those are the renovation drawings. Ms. Homistek said dated December 4.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** asked if those are the renovations and Ms. Homistek said yes they are. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked from whom and Ms. Homistek said from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if it had anywhere in there how much it would cost, so he drew the renovations but there is nothing on there that says how much the renovations are going to be? Ms. Homistek said no, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said thank you. Ms. Homistek said it has bunk beds and it doesn't even reference the streets. She said it has barbed wire fence, the number of toilets, the number of soap dispensers, he is going to make it of course ADA approved but no cost in here whatsoever and they are going to reuse ceiling tiles which they are going to take down which they are going to take down to fix, they are going to use existing ceiling tiles over there even though they have been painted over asbestos. She said this was December 4 project number 27398 dated December 4 and they have two incorrect addresses to where this is going to be. She said according to Sleighter Engineering the lease to renovate the detention facility the bids will be at the end of January, construction bids will be in mid-January of 2014.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said right, but the architect though, he drew the plans OK, he gave the plans to someone here who then sent them down with a \$550 check, so you are just saying that nothing is written that says how much it is. Ms. Homistek said it is dated Dec. 11, received, Commissioner Al Ambrosini, Brian Miller warden, Craig Zimmerman, project manager, Crabtree Rohrbaugh. She said it is dated December 11, they all got copies of this and this, December 11 from Mr. Jim Knapp, all of this was enclosed. Commissioner Zimmerlink said thank you and Ms. Homistek said December 7 and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she got it, that's fine, thank you. Commissioner Ambrosini said he would propose that they modify this resolution to include competitively bidding and acquisition of a \$10 million tax-exempt loan. Commissioner Zimmerlink said no, you can't do acquisition. Commissioner Ambrosini said they already know what the amount is, solicitor could you? Solicitor Cupp said why don't you say consider approval to advertise and RFP for \$10 million tax-exempt loan for the Fayette County Justice and Rehabilitation Center?

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to advertise an RFP for a \$10 million tax-exempt loan for the Fayette County Justice and Rehabilitation Center, the CYS building addition and the women's annex renovation.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

#### **Motion passed 2-1**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to advertise an RFQ for Fayette County solicitors' positions.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes

Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

**Motion passed 2-1**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve a contract with Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services for 2014 for \$50,000 to provide legal services at hearings scheduled through CYS for clients of CYS.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to advertise an RFP for disposition of the Fredericktown Ferry.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to enter into a contract with Susquehanna Group Advisors Inc. for 2014 for \$35,000 for accounting assistance to the Controller's office and \$15,000 for budget assistance for developing the 2015 general fund budget for a total of \$50,000.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

**Motion passed 2-1**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to reschedule the commissioners meetings set for Tuesday, May 20, 2014 (Primary Election Day) and Tuesday, November 11, 2014 (Veteran's Day) for Thursday, May 15 and Wednesday, November 12, respectively.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to ratify the following transfers:

Department	Cost Center	Debit	Credit
	12/12/13 to 1/13/14		
<b>EMA</b>			
Contract services	4342911153005	\$5,203.85	
ARC payment	4342911055000		\$5,203.85
Utilities	39429153600	\$6,005.00	
Indirect services	39429156000		\$6,005.00
Telephone	4342911153200	\$10,615	
Telephone	4342911053200		\$9,515
Contract services consulting	4342911053005		\$1,000
Materials/supplies	4342911052000		\$100
<b>Prison</b>			
Training/conference	01423253350	\$4,000	
Indigent	01423254003		\$4,000
Medical services	01423253020	\$12,500	
Food	01423252290	\$12,500	
Materials/supplies	01423252000		\$25,000
Day Reporting	01423254001	\$18,000	
Food	01423252290		\$15,000
Inmate welfare expenses	01423252740		\$3,000
<b>Courts</b>			
Salaries full time	01418451400	\$12,000	
Jury fees	01418453170		\$12,000
<b>District Attorney</b>			
Special investigator	01419451402	\$1,000	
Travel	01419453300		\$1,000
Special investigator	01419451402	\$500	
Materials/supplies	01419452000		\$500
<b>Commissioners</b>			
Contingency	01417952910	\$10.06	
ROD copier	01415352200		\$10.06
Contingency	01417952910	\$2,074.80	
Jury commissioner postage	01418553250		\$1,400
Copier court security	01418952200		\$14.05
Copier Controller	01413352200		\$19.47
Copier ROD	01415352200		\$63.47
Copier public defender	01415252200		\$92.07
Copier conservation	01461052200		\$218.46
Copier elections	01412052200		\$218.32
Copier planning and zoning	01417152200		\$48.96
<b>Election Bureau</b>			
Postage	01412053250	\$230.66	
Telephone	01412053200		\$230.66

<b>Veteran's Affairs</b>			
Materials/supplies	01429452000	\$135	
Postage	01429453250		\$135
Auto leasing	01429453560025	\$222.50	
Vet outreach	01429452535		\$222.50
<b>Adult Probation</b>			
Travel	01423653300	\$500	
Software management	01423652100		\$500
Travel	01423653300	\$500	
Equipment	01423653300		\$500
Drug testing	01423653191	\$1,500	
Equipment	01423653300		\$1,500
Training/conference	01423653350	\$1,000	
Equipment	01423653300		\$1,000
Materials/supplies	01423652000	\$2,000	
Contract service computers	01423653010		\$2,000
<b>Public Works</b>			
Contract services maintenance	01455053011	\$2,015	
R&M Maintenance	01417453730		\$2,015
Professional staff	01437051300	\$1,710	
Travel	01437053300		\$1,710
Contract services maintenance	01455053011	\$200	
Telephone	01417453200		\$200
<b>Magisterial district judges</b>			
Cleaning staff	01418651460	\$1,100	
Utilities	01418653600		\$1,100
Salaries	01418651400	\$2,000	
Telephone	01418653200		\$2,000
<b>Coroner</b>			
Transport	01419352638	\$1,000	
Telephone	01419353200		\$1,000
<b>Sheriff</b>			
Materials/supplies	01419752000	\$400	
Postage	01419753250		\$400
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$98,921.87</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$98,921.87</b>

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

### **Motion passed 2-0**

**Prior to** the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said she was abstaining because there was still some outstanding information she was awaiting.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said the next items are for board appointments and they would go down through item by item.

### **Fayette County Airport Authority**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to approve a motion to appoint Joseph Maher to the Fayette County Airport Authority, for a five (5) year term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2019.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**After the** vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said that appointments expire the first Monday in January, 2019. She said a non-tenant is leaving the board and she would prefer to place a non-tenant in his place and they did have two non-tenants. Commissioner Ambrosini said there is a motion and second and it has been voted on. Commissioner Zimmerlink said yeah, I made a comment.

### **Fayette County Health Center Authority:**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Darrell Abel to the Fayette County Health Center Authority for a five (5) year term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2019.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

### **Motion passed 2-0**

**After Commissioner** Zapotosky made the motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked who, and Commissioner Ambrosini said he is already on the board, with Commissioner Zapotosky confirming his is already on the board. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he wasn't on the list, and she asked Kathy Winkler about it. Commissioner Zapotosky said he called him and asked to be reappointed. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he wasn't on the list nor did he come in, he wasn't scheduled for an interview. Commissioner Zapotosky said he told him he wanted to be back on. Commissioner Zimmerlink said make the motion and the second, what is his name? Commissioner Zapotosky said Darrell Abel and Mrs. Winkler said he has been on there. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that isn't the question, it isn't whether or not he has been on there, he wasn't called in for an interview. Mrs. Winkler said he wasn't able to attend and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she doesn't even have a letter from him, she has nothing, nobody has given her anything on this individual. During the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said she had to abstain.

Commissioner Zapotosky said he apologized, adding that could be his error because he did call him and he may not have informed Kathy properly so he apologized.

### **Fayette County Housing Authority**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Jolene Hough to the Fayette County Housing Authority for a five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2018. She said all these dates on here are incorrect and she said to Solicitor Cupp that she asked him to check them and he said he didn't have anything to check them with, that's the problem. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that she said the bylaws all state term ending 12/31 and authorities are the first Monday. She said her motion is to appoint Jolene Hough to a term to the Fayette County Housing Authority for a term to expire 12/31 2018. She said she interviewed very well. Commissioner Ambrosini said the motion died after it didn't receive a second.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Ernest DeBlasio to the Fayette County Housing Authority for a five (5) year term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2019.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**Prior to** making a motion, Commissioner Zapotosky said he has Jolene in there, but for the board she currently serves on.

### **North Fayette Municipal Authority**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Barbara Fetsko to the North Fayette Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2019. Ms. Homistek said "good luck" and Commissioner Zapotosky asked the audience to reserve some of the comments. Ms. Homistek said it is a farce and Commissioner Ambrosini asked them to let them go through the process. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked them to save it for public comment. The motion died when it didn't receive a second.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Vincent A. Weaver to the North Fayette Municipal Authority for a five (5) year term to expire the first Monday in January, 2019.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

**Motion passed 2-1**

**Agricultural Land Preservation Board**

**Commissioner Ambrosini** asked for motions for appointments to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board and Commissioner Zimmerlink said nobody came in to interview for this board and Commissioner Zapotosky said it is a “cluster blank.” He said there is Ed Rinkoff and a woman whose last name he can’t pronounce. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked Mrs. Winkler if any of the individuals came in for an interview, were any scheduled, the answer is no. Mrs. Winkler said there were a few that sent in letters. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Kathy, here’s the list. She said there is no one on the Agricultural Land Preservation Board listed on this. Mrs. Winkler said that was for the interviews, she sent in a letter Friday that she wanted to be reappointed and she put it in everybody’s mailbox. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the statement was though that no one was scheduled on this list, no one sought to be appointed or reappointed for the Agricultural Land Preservation Board so how you are going to appoint. Commissioner Ambrosini said Ed Rinkoff came in and interviewed. Mrs. Winkler said Mary Ann Uroloich is here. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Ed Rinkoff came in and asked about the, he was nominated for the Conservation District not the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Commissioner Ambrosini said why don’t they just table.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to table making the following appointments to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board pending additional inquiry.

Consider a motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a Citizen at Large Representative to the Land Preservation Board for a three (3) year term which expires January, 2017

Consider a motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a farmer representative to the Land Preservation board for a three (3) year term which expires January, 2017

Consider a motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a farmer representative to the Land Preservation board for a three (3) year term which expires January, 2017

Consider a motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a Non Agricultural Representative to the Land Preservation Board for a 3 year term which expires January, 2017

Consider a motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a Commercial/Industrial Contractor Representative to the Land Preservation board for a three (3) year term which expires January, 2017

Commissioner Ambrosini yes

Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

#### **Fayette County Transportation**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Chris Sparks to represent of persons w/ Disabilities position for an Executive Committee for a 2-year term which will expire December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

### **Motion passed 2-0**

**After a** motion was made, Commissioner Zimmerlink said the information on the website that Commissioner Ambrosini had his administrative assistant update, that term isn't even expired. She said that it says Christopher Sparks and it doesn't expire, but if you guys want to do it. She said the dates are wrong also, it's not January, it is December 31. She said these things does, they do matter. Commissioner Ambrosini said he would ask Kathy and the Chief Clerk, is that an error. Mrs. Winkler said that is correct. Commissioner Zimmerlink said his term isn't up, according to the information here. Mrs. Winkler said Lori Groover Smith called her and said that his term is up. Mr. Kriss said since there are on the board appointments, can he ask a question if there is a process in which someone has to turn in by a certain date. Commissioner Zimmerlink said yes, but the process is not followed. Mr. Kriss said yes, because when this gal just said somebody sent me an e-mail or a phone call on Friday, when was the process supposed to end?

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said it said it in the newspaper, it gave the date, but she doesn't know. Mr. Kriss asked Commissioner Ambrosini what the cutoff date was. Commissioner Ambrosini said whatever was advertised in the paper. Mr. Kriss asked Commissioner Zapotosky what the cutoff date is if he wanted to be on one of their boards. Mrs. Winkler said it was two weeks prior. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the date is determined and it is written in the newspaper but letters of interest have been accepted, with Commissioner Zapotosky adding "after the deadline." Commissioner Zimmerlink said they have been accepted after. Mr. Kriss said a phone call on the Friday because they are automatically looking to be appointed, there is no fairness to the public in that story. He said if there is a cutoff date and I don't send in my application, I shouldn't be allowed to call on Friday and ask. He said what is good for one is good for all. Commissioner Zapotosky said a lot of individuals assume, and he said he is just talking about his experience, that the agency in which they are the board of has sent their interest to be reappointed and in some cases that does happen. He said he used the restroom and he didn't know what they were talking about when he

walked in but in some cases, say hypothetically the Fayette County Health Center, that Dan Visnauskis had sent their name in to be reappointed, and often that does happen but in some cases it doesn't.

**Mr. Kriss** said it should happen but not to automatically expect, because I am sitting in the seat now I am going to be reappointed. He said there is something going on when he was gone, they are voting on someone whose term isn't even expired. Commissioner Zimmerlink said according to the information on the county website that was updated by... Commissioner Zapotosky said are we talking about Mr. Sparks? Mrs. Winkler said Lori called me and said he was expired. Commissioner Zapotosky asked when she told her that. Mrs. Winkler said she talked to him on the phone and he was supposed to come but he had a doctor's appointment and an hour after his appointment and he was afraid he wasn't going to make it back to Greensburg. Mr. Kriss said if the cutoff date is the end of the year, don't be telling me on the 20<sup>th</sup> that you want to do this because maybe there are a lot of other people that couldn't make that date. Mrs. Winkler said that is all the letters that she got, she got 43 letters total. Commissioner Zapotosky said trust me, it is an undertaking to handle these appointments, it's not easy he understands that. Mr. Kriss asked how many interviews in total were there and Mrs. Winkler said 43. Mr. Kriss asked how many Commissioner Zapotosky attended.

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said, not one sir. He said he has a fracture in his back, his knee, if he can get a doctor to operate, and his father has been ill. Mr. Kriss said he had a lot of personal problems. He said last year it was kind of the same story, you didn't interview. Commissioner Zapotosky said he looks at the letters of interest and he knows most of these people. Mr. Kriss said person to person is the way to look at anybody and judge but you answered my question. He asked Commissioner Ambrosini how many interviews he attended. Commissioner Ambrosini said he attended about half and his administrative assistant attended some, with him again saying about half. Mr. Kriss asked Angela how many she attended. Commissioner Zimmerlink said all of them. Mr. Kriss said if people want to come in off the street and offer their services and if you don't show up to look at them but she shows up for all of them, there is a problem with the mix there, you are not showing people the respect they deserve to come in and offer their services if you don't want to and you only have time for half, even is good for all of us.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he wasn't out playing golf and Mr. Kriss said "we know that," with Commissioner Ambrosini adding it is winter time for one thing, he was conducting. Mr. Kriss said Al, you should be there, you should be there to hear every one of these people and their ideas, their dreams and what they are willing to contribute, it doesn't tell you that on a piece of paper like conversation. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they chose the dates for the interviews, as per an e-mail they chose the dates. Commissioner Ambrosini then moved ahead by seconding the motion based on the information from Lori Groover Smith who is the head of FACT to reappoint Chris. After the vote was taken, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked where Commissioner Ambrosini got the information to tell Nicole Young to change the information on the web site. Commissioner Ambrosini said because the dates don't make sense and

Commissioner Zimmerlink said she knows, they just put on the wrong date. She said this is the date, this is the website. Commissioner Ambrosini said that date came from Lori Groover Smith, he would assume. Mrs. Winkler said she didn't say anything about the date, she was just telling her about the reappointment. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked- that is expired or what? Mrs. Winkler said that it wasn't placed on the agenda, the first agenda, I think she had to do the agendas five or six times. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if Lori Groover Smith state that his term had expired and Mrs. Winkler said yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said there has been a vote.

### **Fayette County Conservation District**

**Prior to** a motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked Chief Clerk Revak if we have anyone for the public representative, adding that she sent out the letters, were there any letters from nominating organizations for a public representative. Chief Clerk Revak said it was previously stated that there were not. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it was previously stated at a prior meeting but we could have gotten something yesterday, did we get any additional letters? Chief Clerk Revak said no additional letters were received. Commissioner Zimmerlink said you cannot make a motion on that, you have no nomination letters for a public representative as of today, correct? And we have to receive one for that particular category from a nominating committee? Mrs. Winkler said we actually have two. Commissioner Zimmerlink said not for the public representative, she just said we only have them for the farm rep, all right? Commissioner Zimmerlink said we already know that for the farmer representative and the other ones they must be nominated through a nominating committee. Chief Clerk Revak said the farm representative does, but the Commissioner representative does not. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she knows that the Commissioner representative does not, but does it have to be for the public. Commissioner Zapotosky said no. Chief Clerk Revak said it does, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said it does, so we don't have one so we can't act on it, not for the public representative, so that one needs to be tabled.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to table a motion to appoint a public representative to the Fayette County Conservation District Board for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** a vote, Commissioner Zapotosky said due to a lack of a letter pursuant to the guidelines, it has to be tabled. Solicitor Cupp said you have to have a letter from a group.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** asked for a motion for a Commissioner representative and Commissioner Zimmerlink said all of these are to expire December 31.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Al Ambrosini as Commissioner Representative to the Fayette County Conservation District Board for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

**Motion passed 2-1**

**Prior to** making a second, Commissioner Ambrosini asked if he would get a second from Commissioner Zimmerlink and she said he wasn't going to get a second from her.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Paul Diamond as a Farm Representative to the Fayette County Conservation District Board for a one (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Daniel B. Komarinski as a Farm Representative to the Fayette County Conservation District Board of remaining term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Emergency Medical Services Board EMSI**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Richard P. Adobato to the Emergency Medical Services Board for a term one (1) year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

## **Motion passed unanimously**

### **Fayette County Planning Commission**

**Prior to** a motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink said they have two appointments on the agenda and only one person interviewed.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Consider a motion to appoint Edward Andria to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

## **Motion passed 2-1**

**After the** motion was made, Mr. Kriss said "lifetime appointment." Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is why the letters need to go out. Mr. Kriss again said lifetime appointment, 25 or 30 years.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Consider a motion to appoint Kevin A. Lowry to the Fayette County Planning Commission for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

## **Motion passed 2-0**

**After making** a motion, Commissioner Zapotosky said he has an outstanding background from what he read. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she interviewed him and plus his letter and he never said that he was interested in the planning commission. She said his letter plus his interview with me he said he was interested in the airport authority. Commissioner Zapotosky said he just read his background and he thought his background fit well for the planning commission as well, that is the only reason, he has a very extensive background in planning and development. Commissioner Zimmerlink said where do you see that? Here it is and there is nothing in there about that. She said he was a project manager for construction projects, heavy equipment, backhoe, excavator, anyway. Commissioner Ambrosini said that he indicated that he is available and willing to serve on one of the Fayette County boards. He said he was most interested in the airport authority but he was interested in other boards.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said he sat right across from her in the conference room and the only thing he talked about, no one else was in the room, Nicole were you there?

He didn't say the planning commission, he said the airport. Commissioner Ambrosini said he said he was mostly interested in the airport and he said one of the Fayette County boards. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if he talked to him about the planning commission? Commissioner Zapotosky said no and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she was asking Commissioner Ambrosini and he said no. Mr. Kriss asked if Commissioner Ambrosini interviewed that man and Commissioner Ambrosini said he isn't sure, let me check. Mrs. Hovanec said she could make comments about the planning commission and Commissioner Zimmerlink said no, we are in the middle of a business meeting, she can do it after.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said he believes his administrative assistant interviewed and Commissioner Zimmerlink said no, she was in the room with him. Mr. Kriss asked Commissioner Zimmerlink if Commissioner Ambrosini was in the room and she said not that she recalled. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the reason she wasn't was because Commissioner Ambrosini had come into the office, not the conference room but the office and she had to bring him up to speed on what was going on, but she interviewed Kevin Lowry. Commissioner Zimmerlink said you would have to ask her if she was in the room because there were 43 people, she said, and he was very much interested in the airport authority. Commissioner Ambrosini said a lot of people are interested in the airport authority and Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is the only board he spoke of when he sat across from her.

### **Behavioral Health Administration**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Philip Michael as Citizen at Large Representative to the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**After the** motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked which position and then said that Commissioner Zapotosky made a motion for Phil Michael for the citizen at large category but Phil Michael is currently in the community representative category. Commissioner Zapotosky said the reason why is because he used to be employed with Goodwill Industries and he no longer works for Goodwill Industries which is why he is now a citizen representative. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she was going by what is on the paper, but you made your motion. She said she believes Phil Michael should be in a different category, per a letter by Lisa Ferris Kusniar for Phil Michael to be on this board. Commissioner Zapotosky said Goodwill was a community group and his employer now, as a constable, isn't a community group, he is more of a law enforcement official.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Joyce Royster as Citizen at Large Representative to the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016.

The motion died when it did not received a second.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Ambrosini and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Veronica Martin as Citizen at Large Representative to the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**After the** vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said she did not come in for an interview and she didn't even see her name from the information that Lisa Ferris Kusniar provided us, her name is not on the list. She said she may not, it's been voted on. Mrs. Winkler said she was here for an interview on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Zimmerlink said no she wasn't, what day? Mrs. Winkler said the 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Zimmerlink said are you saying that she is present or are you saying that she is listed on the list. Mrs. Winkler said she is listed on the list. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is saying that she did not show, and if you look at the list, it says 3:40, and she has no show and she came in for either the health center or the planning office so even if she would have come in, she didn't even ask to be placed on the behavioral health board so, did anyone talk to her, did either of you two talk to her? Commissioner Ambrosini said he can't remember if he talked to her or not but her letter clearly states that she has capabilities to be on this board. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she requested to be on the health center and the planning commission and she didn't ask to be on the behavioral health administration. She said he name was not listed or reviewed by the Fayette County Behavioral Health to determine whether or not she would have any conflict of interest but it has been voted on so let's just move on.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Rev. Terry Saunders as Community Group Representative to the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Ambrosini and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Vincent Zapotosky as Commissioner Representative to the Mental Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Board for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**Prior to** a vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked Commissioner Zapotosky if he would accept the nomination and he said he would. She said according to the information, with Commissioner Zapotosky saying he hasn't been a strong attender, he attended two meetings. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she was going to say another board, with Commissioner Zapotosky saying the Conservation, he is off of that. After the vote, Commissioner Zapotosky said it is an advisory committee, the board itself has no voting capability within the agency in question, it is strictly there to collect input and offer advice, it have no voting ability. Commissioner Zimmerlink said you vote at the meetings, and she served on the board. Commissioner Zapotosky said he knows she did and Commissioner Zimmerlink said these are very important board appointments.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Mary Ann Grlovich as Professional Representative to fill a remaining position to the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Board expiring December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

### **Motion passed 2-0**

After the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said she was abstaining because she didn't come in for the interview either. She said she knows that Kathy is going to say that she is listed at 1:40 on Tuesday, but you sent us an e-mail saying she wasn't coming in because she had the flu. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she didn't interview for the appointment nor was her name taken through the process for the category for the FC Behavioral health so she will abstain.

### **Regional Trail Corporation**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Clarence M. Johnson to the Regional Trail Corporation for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint James Johnson to the Regional Trail Corporation for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016.

The motion died when it did not receive a second.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Michael Edwards to the Regional Trail Corporation for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

**Motion passed 2-1**

**After the** vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink asked Kathy if she received letters asking for him to be reappointed. Mrs. Winkler said if she isn't mistaken, the regional trail.

**Southwestern PA Human Services**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Jolene Hough the Southwestern PA Human Services for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

**Motion passed 2-0**

**After the** vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said she would abstain, adding that Jolene came in and this was one time that Commissioner Ambrosini was present and she told us that, what is so funny? Commissioner Ambrosini said you said the one time, and Commissioner Zimmerlink said that she said one time, not the one time. She said she said that she said the commission didn't need to reappoint to the board and she was

going to give us the information. She said she is still waiting on that information and it should have been tabled.

### **Workforce Investment Board**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Jeffrey N. Myers in the Business Representative of the Workforce Investment Board for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Mikal Zimmerman in the Business Representative of the Workforce Investment Board for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**Prior to** the vote, Commissioner Zapotosky said he spoke with Bill Thompson this morning and they are required to appoint a member of the Department of Labor and Industry and that appointment would fall under that and Commissioner Zimmerlink said no, that's not what the letter said, it's the next one that is the Department of Labor and Industry. She said it shouldn't say welfare, it should say the Department of Labor and Industry, the letter came from Bill Thompson and Donna whatever her last name is. She said the business sector one she was approached by Bill Thompson. Commissioner Zapotosky said Mikal was a liaison with Williams Pipeline or Williams Gas Company, Chevron.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Frank Statsko in the Department of Labor and Industry Representative of the Workforce Investment Board for three (3) term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

## **Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Consider a motion to appoint Andre Walters as a full time member to the zoning hearing for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

### **Motion passed 2-1**

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said after the vote that she interviewed him and he and Nicole were the only two in the room and he works at the Fayette County Housing Authority and we need to have a better range of backgrounds and categories for these zoning hearing boards as well as the planning commission.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the next item is a full time member and Commissioner Ambrosini said he believes that is an error. He said they only have one full time spot open. He said the other two people were appointed in previous years and are still in their term. Commissioner Zimmerlink said according to the website that you had your assistant update it says Neil Brown, full time, expires January of 2014, Doug Clingan full time for January of 2014. Commissioner Ambrosini said Doug Clingan has never attended and Commissioner Zimmerlink said she isn't talking about attendance she is talking about what it says on here as far as positions that are vacant. Commissioner Ambrosini said in reality there is only one alternative position left and commissioner Zapotosky said alternate position. Commissioner Ambrosini said alternate instead of full time, it goes to alternate. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she thinks they will be revisiting this and then they will have a big mix up on resolutions again, whatever, do whatever you want, make your motion. Commissioner Zapotosky said there is a motion to fill the full time slot and Commissioner Ambrosini said lets fill the alternative and table the full time.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Deborah E. Marella as an alternate member to the zoning hearing board for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

### **Motion passed unanimously**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Ambrosini and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to table a motion to appoint a full time member to the zoning hearing for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau**

**Prior to** a motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink said only one person sent in a letter of interest and it was Muriel Nuttall and she interviewed her and she expressed an interest to be reappointed and given that situation, she made a motion to reappoint her.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to appoint Muriel Nuttall to the Fayette County Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau for a 1 year term to expire on December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said is this for the committee or is this for, this is where we may have some confusion. Commissioner Zimmerlink said this is as the commissioner's representative to the Fayette County Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said they are missing the Hotel Tax Grant board members and Commissioner Zimmerlink said there are a few others that are missing on here so they will have to revisit some of those and Commissioner Ambrosini said they will do that next month.

### **Pittsburgh Regional Alliance**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Commissioner Alfred F. Ambrosini as the Fayette County Representative to the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

## **Motion passed 2-1**

**In making** the motion, commissioner Zapotosky said his attendance has been very good.

## **Public Announcements**

**Mrs. Beal** said why not have a group of taxpayers, and Commissioner Ambrosini said that isn't a public announcement. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she can say that on the next one.

## **Public Comments**

**Commissioner Zapotosky** said if they don't mind, he wants to get to the hospital to be with his family as he said earlier. Mr. Mazza said before you leave, what is wrong with John. Commissioner Zapotosky said he is dying, he is on life support. Mr. Mazza said he is sorry. Commissioner Zapotosky said he knows they don't agree all the time but life is life and it is too short to begin with and let's never forget that.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said it is 11 minutes after one and they do have a 1:30 meeting in this room so he will ask. Mrs. Mazza asked if there is a solicitor's report. Commissioner Ambrosini said yes they do and it will be distributed to the commissioner's today for their review. Mrs. Mazza said you just got it? Commissioner Zimmerlink said that on Friday Commissioner Ambrosini said he would have it this week. Mrs. Mazza said in November it would be in December. Commissioner Ambrosini said they have it now so it is a moot point and Mrs. Mazza said it isn't a moot point, we pay this man all this money since when, when was he hired, June of 2012. We paid him all this money, \$4,000 a month and we finally after two years got a report. She asked Commissioner Ambrosini if he is comfortable with paying him, adding that she assume he's gone because his contract is up. Commissioner Ambrosini said his contract is not up, he still is going to help us with the interview process for the solicitor's we are going to interview.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said at Friday's agenda meeting she made a motion to terminate the contract and she didn't garner a second and Commissioner Ambrosini said we need Ken Burkley when he respond to RFQs. She said she doesn't believe they need Mr. Burkley, she knows they don't need Mr. Burkley to help with the interview process, that is her opinion. Mrs. Mazza said all these years Fayette County has been in existence and we didn't have Mr. Burkley to interview them that is your job Mr. Ambrosini. Commissioner Zimmerlink said no, it is all three of their jobs. Mrs. Mazza said she was going to say that and obviously you are not doing your job. She said you keep handing off your job to other people to do. Are you comfortable with him doing this job when he comes to Fayette County and she doesn't know what he does. Commissioner Ambrosini said he is our chief solicitor until we reorganize our solicitor's department and to be quite frank with you Mrs. Mazza, Mr. Burkley is costing us less money than if we would have kept our past chief solicitor. Commissioner Zimmerlink

said that is incorrect and Commissioner Ambrosini disagreed. He said we are paying him \$4,000 a month, there's no other cost. He said our full time solicitor we paid \$4,400 plus health care benefits which was an additional \$17,000 a year.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said a lot of times this information is just said and it is not confirmed. She said it is very easy to look at past budgets and audits to see what the chief solicitor was paid as far as the salary, Joe Ferens and the health benefits. She said a year and a half, we have paid \$72,000 to Ken Burkley. Mrs. Mazza said that is a far cry from Joe Ferens and Commissioner Ambrosini said it is not. Mr. Kriss said full time not part time, you could call on Joe any time and this guy Burkley, he only gets selected when you need him, Joe was an on hands, go to guy. He said you were given much better service with Joe Ferens than you are now. Commissioner Ambrosini said we don't have any full time solicitors, we don't now and we didn't before. Mr. Kriss said whose problem is that? Commissioner Zimmerlink said if you pick up the phone for any of them they will, even though they have their own business, they respond. She said John Cupp and Sheryl Heid if you call them, they get back and so did Joe Ferens, they may not be full time because they have their own practice but if you call them, they get back in a day. Mr. Mazza asked what the chief solicitor used to make.

**Controller Lally** said he believes he was paid \$4,300 a month plus medical benefits, but he was confirming that now. He said he would be a greater cost than what we are currently incurring. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is what the salary is, it sounds better \$4,300 a month and Controller Lally asked if benefits is a tangible cost? Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is talking about his salary. Controller Lally said you can't isolate the events, it is a cost. Mr. Kriss said he is a part time guy from another county and he doesn't understand our problems. He said he was politically picked to come down here, he wasn't chosen from the phone book, Al he was a friend of yours and Mahoney's, he was chosen to come here for that reason, not his expertise and not his care for our county. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is not true. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is his opinion.

**Mr. Kriss** said he is self-employed and if he had to pay that man, he would have been fired. He said Ken Burkley needs to go, he has done nothing. He said hire somebody from our county, Cupp, whomever it may be, let them do their thing and move along. He said quit paying the political friend from Westmoreland County money. Commissioner Ambrosini said they have 12 minutes until the next meeting, and she was going to make it short and sweet. Mrs. Mazza said he lost his job in Westmoreland County and she has been telling them all along we need a Fayette County attorney sitting here and he is a friend of yours, you have created jobs for your friends that is your main goal Al. Commissioner Ambrosini said he never even knew the man before he took this job. Mrs. Mazza said he created jobs for his friends. Commissioner Ambrosini said she was getting personal and there is no place in the meeting for those types of comments. Mrs. Mazza said the meeting is over. She asked if they are considering Iowa Street for a site of the women's prison. Commissioner Ambrosini said yes and Mrs. Mazza said he should go see one of those psychiatrists they are talking about. Commissioner Ambrosini said Mrs. Mazza please. She said the men's annex is in the flood plain and is

lower elevation than the women's'. Commissioner Zimmerlink said let's not make the same mistake twice.

**Ms. Homistek** asked if they got a letter from Karen Sharpe. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she received it and she called. Ms. Homistek asked if Commissioner Ambrosini got the letter and he said he did. Ms. Homistek asked if Commissioner Ambrosini got Julie Toye's e-mail that she sent at 9:28 p.m., you probably haven't opened it yet, regarding the square footage issue. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she read it this morning. Ms. Homistek asked if they signed a lease yet and Commissioner Ambrosini said it is still in negotiations. Ms. Homistek said they are still planning to use Iowa Street even though it will be floating. Commissioner Ambrosini said if they can negotiate an acceptable agreement, they may still use it. Ms. Homistek asked Patty Yauger of the Herald-Standard what the title of the article was and audience members responded, "Prison Plans Sunk."

**Ms. Homistek** said it had a map of the flood zone and pictures. She said that area is a flood zone, there is mold and asbestos in that building. Commissioner Ambrosini said he didn't think that was correct. Ms. Homistek said that plan said if asbestos is found it must be removed. Controller Lally asked when the building was built. Ms. Homistek said 1971 is the cornerstone. Commissioner Ambrosini said he is pretty sure there was no asbestos put in buildings after 1970. Commissioner Ambrosini said he isn't sure she is.. and Mrs. Hovanec said she is qualified, she was the person who was in charge of the building, she knows the building inside and out, the letter is eye opening. She is willing to talk, she called me the other day and she is truly concerned about this because all the information is not out there and it should be out there. She said there is also electrical conduits under the flooring and that flooded before and they had to replace them quite often. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she qualified that, saying it may have changed. Mrs. Hovanec said somebody needs to look into these things and if you look at that place and the pictures show it, it is below the water line, there is no place to put that there, it used to be on a knoll but they dug it to make it handicapped accessible so the lady was talking about they used to bring in their wader boots.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the letter was given to all of us. Mrs. Hovanec said it is a very good letter and Ms. Homistek said they painted over asbestos ceiling tiles. She said she doubt that the kindergarten people removed the asbestos when they opened it up but her other thing is she spent \$50 on all the stuff there to copy, go to Staples, going through microfilm and microfish and she went through Crabtree's plans and they are small print, she had to use a magnifying glass and she saw all the mistaken addresses. She asked why the commissioner's haven't done their research like she has yet you are forging ahead to put it in the flood zone. Commissioner Zimmerlink said because on January 10 she asked for documents. Ms. Homistek said there will be 54 women in bunk beds and the square footage is shorter, shorter, shorter. She said there will be fence and a maximum of 54 women is 27 bunk beds. She said they will put it in a building that she has a picture of in 2011 flooding. She said what is wrong, she has the picture that no one else has that she showed you in 2011. It flooded in 2003, why can't you find another building, what is the obsession with that building one story?

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said they have advertised. She said another one was offered and they can just use the first floor. Commissioner Ambrosini said that building didn't have enough square footage on the first floor. Ms. Homistek said you are going to put \$300,000 in a flood zone, it is laughable. Commissioner Ambrosini said they would have had to do a lot of the same things. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the architectural team leader, Jim Killinger came to meeting and suggested the Iowa Street and we discussed it here and I was adamant that we do a bid. She said they did bid but they were set on a one-story. She said they said they were going to bid but it never said the bid specs would be one story only but this is what always happens, you have resolutions here that are not clear and it is not the Chief Clerks fault, I will give her credit, she puts on here what is said, it is how the resolution is passed. She said many times it is unclear and it leaves it open and they go back and they write it and they designate a one-story. She said how many buildings in Uniontown are a one-story and then we are told that is a requirement. She said she asked Ken Burkley and John Cupp and he said it was not a requirement.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said when you narrow the selection down, now you know what happens. Ms. Homistek asked if the DOC approved that building. Commissioner Zimmerlink said according to the paper, and they print what is said, but we don't know if they approved that building or not because we don't have any documentation to show if they approved or not. Commissioner Ambrosini said first of all, the DOC came to the building and looked at it. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if they approved, adding that they don't approve. Mr. Kriss said they didn't have the information that Ms. Homistek has. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they need the document that DOC says they approved the building because she doesn't know that they approved the building. Commissioner Ambrosini said the DOC met with the architect because they wanted to see and they don't actually give approval, they tell you what we need to do. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he said they approved. She said when DOC was asked to come on site, they will give their recommendations and that is it. She said what is said up here is DOC approves it. She said that will be printed but there is no documentation that they approved it, that is not in their guidelines.

**Mrs. Hovanec** said she wanted to know why this building is something they have to have and Commissioner Ambrosini said they don't have to have it, Evelyn, we have to have a way to save the county money on an interim basis. Mr. Mazza asked how they arrived at \$45,000 more than assessed value? Mrs. Hovanec asked who are the Gallatin Capital partners? Commissioner Zimmerlink said the other thing is there was no discussion on what they would offer, no approval at a meeting or anything. Commissioner Ambrosini said he wasn't sure what Mr. Mazza was asking. Mr. Mazza said it was assessed at \$180,000 and they want \$225,000. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is what it was purchased for. He said it was originally assessed at \$300,000 and Mr. Neubauer appealed it and he isn't sure. Ms. Homistek said it was appealed again. Mr. Mazza said the newspaper said it was assessed at \$180,000. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is what the documents stated. Controller Lally said Marybeth asked why, \$126,491.74 cents every month. Mr. Kriss said, Sean, one thing about your

numbers, when they are incarcerated are they really heavy criminals or they dope smokers. Controller Lally said he isn't a member of the county, his job as controller is to tell you what we spend. Mr. Kriss said if they remove all the non-violent criminals, there wouldn't be overcrowding in this county. He said look at the man who pleaded, child support and they are throwing him in for six months, that ain't right. He said the man made a heartfelt plea and he doesn't like prisoners but he said it all along but there is a guy there who served his country, came to this meeting, spoke like a professional, gave us his experience, and he asked a question, how come nobody is helping nobody now, when there is a new building it will be Xanadu, it's not.

**Commissioner Zimmerlink** said the new building is called the Fayette County Rehabilitation and Justice Center and is not allowed to have the word jail in it. Mr. Kriss said egos have taken over common sense approach. He said it has been going on for years and what has been brought out over the prison, they have awakened a sleeping giant. He said they want to throw their money away on things that are not needed or pertinent to this community. He said we shouldn't worry about deadbeats and losers and you can try to rehabilitate them but the building doesn't matter. He said put the criminals in there and let the dope smokers and the little criminals out of the program. He said the only people who profit are the lawyers. Commissioner Ambrosini said that argument needs to go to the Court of Common Pleas. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the prison board can make recommendations. Mr. Kriss said the prison is falling down, why has it been left to fall down. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it isn't falling down. Mr. Kriss said they aren't doing anything over there, they are letting it run into the ground. Mrs. Mazza said with the high school, they said they had to build new. Mr. Kriss said the hospital. Commissioner Zimmerlink interrupted, saying far be it from her to end public comment, but there is a rezoning legally advertised for 1:30 p.m. so they need to take care of it. She said she isn't rushing anyone off. Commissioner Ambrosini said the meeting is officially adjourned.

## **Adjournment**