

A meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 in the Public Service Building, Uniontown, Pa.

In attendance-

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

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

A silent prayer was observed.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Ambrosini said there were some amendments to the agenda, confirming with Dominick Carnicella, Human Resource director of Felice Associates of Greensburg. Commissioner Zimmerlink then said she wanted to make a comment first. She said she noticed there is a sheriff at the meeting and she wanted to know why there was a sheriff there because it was the first time there was one at a commissioners meeting. Commissioner Ambrosini said actually it is not, with Commissioner Zimmerlink disagreeing. He said the reason is that there was a statement a couple months ago that he wants to make sure the meetings are run in a very professional manner. He said this is the county's business meeting and they want to make sure it is a professionally-run and conducted business meeting. He said he set some rules for comments and those are that everyone who wants to make a public comment can have five minutes to do so, which is plenty of time to make comment. He said the comment period is not a debate, debates can run on and on for hours and this is not the place to do that.

Commissioner Ambrosini said there will not be any personal attacks during the comment period. He said if you want to state facts or opinions fine, but let's not make any personal attacks, there is no place for that in a professional, public meeting, it is the county's business meeting. He said in that view, a lot of other commissioners in other counties have a law enforcement presence at their meetings. He said he thinks it is appropriate and they will not tolerate a circus atmosphere in this meeting. Commissioner Zapotosky said they have always had some law enforcement presence, whether it is down at the entrance where it would take time for that person to get to the room if there was an altercation situation, there is one present. He said in light of what has transpired recently, yesterday in D.C., we should take precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all who are in attendance here as well so he doesn't think that it is anything outside of ensuring public safety, safety of the board, and with the meeting being conducted in a manner in which it is intended to, which is county business.

Commissioner Zapotosky said he doesn't see anything wrong with it. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she wanted to say one thing, addressing Geraldine Mazza, since she brought the issue up and just walked in and saw it, she said all members of the public speaking under public comment certainly should be cognizant of the fact that it is a business meeting and use their time in a limited fashion. She said there are a number of individuals there and they should try to say – and she should take her own advice—try to say what they need to say in the shortest period of time, adding that we are all human so do the best you can. She said the comment period is not a debate as Commissioner Ambrosini had stated, it is called public comment. She said there wouldn't be a debate unless a commissioner engaged that person who was at the podium. She said personal attacks, obviously. She said other counties and a presence of law enforcement and Commissioner Zapotosky just mentioned about public safety, anyone in the room can raise their hand if they walked through that front door and did not go through security so once you get past that door there is not an issue of public safety issues.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said to keep a comment about a circus, it is not a crime to behave in a poor manner, similar to what Commissioner Ambrosini said would be "circus like." She said she would ask that everyone would be professional but they do not need, nor does she approve of having court security and sheriffs in this room. She said the years she has been a county commissioner they have never had any instances of uproaring where you have to take a member of the public--- maybe one of three commissioners--- but certainly not a member of the public. She said that would be her statement. She apologized to Mrs. Mazza for interrupting her, but said she needed to say that since she brought the subject up. Mrs. Mazza said she wanted to ask a question, but she guesses she can't. Commissioner Ambrosini said she can ask in the public comment period at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Ambrosini asked Carnicella to give his amendment request for the agenda. Carnicella asked the commissioners to amend the agenda to add: Consider approving the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Fayette Board of Commissioners and Court Appointed employees represented by United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) for the period of January 1, 2013- December 31, 2015.

Human Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to amend the agenda to add: Consider approving the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Fayette Board of Commissioners and Court Appointed employees represented by United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) for the period of January 1, 2013- December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Carnicella said was the only item that was added to agenda, but there were some items that were listed as TBD at the agenda meeting. Commissioner Zimmerlink said before they move on to public comment on agenda items, she noticed that there is not only one sheriff employee in the front, there is also one in the back.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Wayne Turturice, an attorney from Washington County, said he was at the meeting on behalf of East Bethlehem Township. He said under item number 18 on the agenda regarding disposition of the Fredericktown Ferry, he is there on behalf of his client, chairman of the board Paul Battaglini and Dennis Slagle. He said the Fredericktown Ferry was put in service in 1948 and they have heard of the stoppage of the ferry service and it is now sitting along the bank. He said East Bethlehem Township would like to commemorate the ferry, bring it on to the land and to make it a part of the local history permanently, in perpetuity. He said there are organizations in the town that would be willing to take on that responsibility but they need assistance from the board of commissioners since the board of commissioners owns the ferry. He said Fredericktown, unlike some of the river towns, has been able to hold their own during difficult times. He said that is due in large part to the community built around the river, recreation and family activities in spring, summer and fall, particularly with Greene Cove, Engle's Holiday Harbor and the various businesses that surround East Beth Township and Greene County and Fayette County, so there is a trifecta of interests, Washington, Fayette and Greene.

Mr. Turturice asked that the commissioners consider having discussions with East Beth Township and to give it to East Beth Township for historical preservation. He said they are close to making arrangements to moving, with their agreement, onto the shore. Commissioner Zimmerlink said when she learned of the interest, she made contact with the people he mentioned and asked that they speak with him. She said she provided the name and contact for one of the county solicitors, Mr. Burkley, and then she sent him some highlights, and asked if he was able to do that. Mr. Turturice said he was unable to make contact. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked Solicitor Burkley about acknowledging receipt and asked if he would make arrangements. Solicitor Burkley said the way the e-mail was written, she gave them his contact information for the solicitor to get in touch with him and he had not heard from them and he was going to report that he had not heard from them but they can certainly now communicate and get together.

Mr. Turturice said he agrees, and he had spoken with some folks from Fredericktown regarding this and there was a discussion about a gas station or a museum and he thinks they should include Washington County in the discussions as well. He said Kathy McCollum has been active in establishing the river town program which goes from Fredericktown to Point Marion so if they could set something up with Fayette, Washington, representatives from Fredericktown then they can get ideas of what they can do. Commissioner Zimmerlink said after she was approached about ownership by East Bethlehem Township she contacted the three county commissioners of Washington and informed them that this was a possibility, at least something that would be considered and discussed by the Fayette County commissioners at this meeting and

asked that they contact East Bethlehem Township and the response she got by one of the county commissioners was that it sounds like a good idea. She said it seems they are open to it, but understanding that Fayette County is the owner but they would want to work with Washington County to see what their views are. She said there are some issues she wants to make certain are addressed, and she presented them to Mr. Burkley, but she will go quickly on one or two of them. She said if Fayette County does the transfer to East Bethlehem Township, it would be for \$1, no consideration. She said if that is permitted to be done from municipality to municipality, also that East Bethlehem Township would use the Fredericktown Ferry solely for the purposes of tourism and historic preservation and given that the ferry is secured and still in the water, if this would occur and transfer ownership the ferry would need to be moved from the Fayette County side to the Washington County side because right now it is attached to our county property and to keep it in the water but if it is a matter of dry docking, a conservative cost would be up to \$50,000 and she would think that both counties possibly could share in that cost.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said she would suggest that if Fayette County pays half of that cost, the money would be taken from the liquid fuels account because it is used for those purposes and this would be one of the last. She said in the event East Bethlehem Township would no longer wish ownership that we would first receive prior written consent from the Fayette County commissioners allowing Fayette County to have first option to gain ownership. She said those are some points that she would throw out and since he is there, those are the items she asked Mr. Burkley to review and there were two more. She said another issue is whether or not they are permitted to do this in the first place. She said someone brought to her attention that if only Fayette County monies were used it may not be able to be transferred to another municipality but in this case both county monies were used. She said both of them can check the code on that. She said those are some ideas.

Solicitor Burkley said as a point of information he actually ran into Commissioner Larry Maggi and he brought it up to him and indicated that he had no opinion but it did sound like a good idea but he would want to talk to everybody involved. He said he told Maggi he was waiting to hear from the solicitor from East Bethlehem so obviously he is interested. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that wasn't the commissioner she was referring to so now there are two that said it is a good idea.

Terry Ryan of German Township thanked the commissioners for allowing him to speak. He said as they recall, at the agenda meeting he requested that they place on the agenda a discussion on the feasibility of building this new prison and having regional meetings throughout the county. He said at that time he said it was very important that the meetings be held in the evening so the working men and working women of this county who pay taxes can have an opportunity to attend these meetings. He said at that time he suggested that three meetings be held in the county, one in southern part, one in Uniontown and one in the northern part. He said Mr. Ambrosini said he thought that more than three would be appropriate and maybe more than three meetings would be held. He said it was suggested to him that six regional meetings be held like the zoning hearings and it might be a good idea if they decide to have six or more meetings that

they contact the zoning office and find out where they held their meetings and he thought it was a really good idea to do this. He said he believes that the citizens of the county, be they property owners or voters or residents should have the opportunity to come to those meetings to get information from the commissioners to ask questions so they can get feedback from the residents of this county. He said as he understands the report will be finished on September 25 and available and the bids will be opened a few days after September 25 and then they will interview on October 7. He said the meetings should be held after October 7 after everything is opened up and before any definite decisions are made on the feasibility of this prison. He urged them to discuss it and have the regional meetings and have at least six so every resident of this county will have an opportunity. He said much, much, much, much money is going to be spent and it will probably be paid after we have left this earth and gone to be with our Lord. He said he would ask the commissioners that the meetings be held throughout the county and that they be held in the evening and he would also ask that a Saturday meeting be held.

Commissioner Ambrosini said there was a recommendation by him to have a Saturday meeting and one of the team leaders of the prison working group is there and during the general comments he will ask him to state the recommendations for the meetings, locations and times. He said that will be done in the general comments. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it may need to be done prior to that because an item on the agenda is to vote to set the meeting so when that item comes up under No. 18 that is when the suggestions for the dates and the times needs to be made because there is an item on the agenda to vote. She said it would be irrational to wait until the comment period because that will be after all business has been conducted.

Proclamations

Commissioner Zapotosky read the proclamation for Food Bank/Hunger Action Month. A food bank representative thanked the commissioners, and said there are numerous food drives going on until the end of the year. Commissioner Ambrosini read the proclamation for Infant Mortality Awareness Month. A representative of Healthy Start thanked the commissioners for their proclamation. Commissioner Ambrosini read the proclamation for National Employ Older Workers Week, adding that it was his favorite one. A spokesman said there is a shrinking middle class that is getting smaller and smaller. He added that there will be a lot of young and old and the old will be important in the mentoring of young people. He said he met people today who can contribute experience and professionalism to mentor people to make this world a better place. He said Fayette County has done a good job through organizations like Goodwill and Association of the Blind by hiring seniors and training them. He said people 55 years of age and older are active members of the community. He said in the world we live in there is so much we can learn from our seniors and we need to tap that resource as long as we have it. He said it is experience, dignity, self-respect and self-reliance. He said they need to teach young people how to be successful and he is proud to be involved with Community Action and he enjoys coming to Fayette County. He said we can learn from our seniors about how to get through life without senseless violence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to adopt the following proclamations:

Food Bank/ Hunger Action Month

Infant Mortality Awareness Month

National Employ Older Workers Week

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to adopt a resolution which approves the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application being submitted on behalf of Fayette County and the eight (8) Entitlement Townships of Bullskin, Dunbar, Georges, German, Luzerne, Menallen, North Union, and Redstone.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to the vote, Andrew French of the redevelopment authority said these funds can be used for a variety of community development activities. He said they have met with the entitlement townships as well as some of the smaller communities and held a series of 10 public hearings as a result of the public information process. He said they have identified a number of infrastructure related projects and housing projects that were highlighted in the memo he provided. He said the deadline will be submitted to DCED by the deadline. He said once the funds are received they will implement the projects in the spring of next year. He said in addition to approving the application, they are approving all the plans and policies that DCED and HUD require that are in place to administer the program and they are also approving a cooperation agreement with the county and the redevelopment authority and they will then prepare the applications and submit it on behalf of the county and the townships and once the plans are awarded they will work to implement all the projects

Adult Probation

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to ratify of a Data Quality Support Agreement between the Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and Fayette County.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Assessment Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the following for a real estate tax exemption as they have been deemed 100% disabled veterans by the Veterans Administration of Pennsylvania effective for the 2013 tax year.

David L. Cook 1165 Valley View Drive Scottdale PA 15683-2415 Parcel 39-07-0118

Wayne A Hardin 123 Percy Rd Lemont Furnace PA 15456 Parcel 25-16-0037

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 send six assessors for continuing education class to Somerset County on September 27, 2013, at a cost of \$10.00 per assessor.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Behavioral Health Administration

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve agreements and modifications as listed:

	<u>Contract Value</u>	<u>Period</u>
<u>Modification Agreements #1 2012-2013</u>		
Arc, Fayette	\$419,873	7/1/12-6/30/13
Cheryl McNeil	\$1,500	7/1/12-6/30/13

Modification Agreements #2 2012-2013

Accessibilities	\$53,000	7/1/12-6/30/13
Crosskeys Human Services, Inc.	\$1,201,992	7/1/12-6/30/13
Therapy Connections LLC	\$69,000	7/1/12-6/30/13

Modification Agreement #3 2012-2013

Integrated Care Corporation	\$96,500	7/1/12-6/30/13
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Base Contract Agreement 2013-2014

Allegheny Intermediate Unit	\$554,692	7/1/13-6/30/14
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Modification Agreement #1 2013-2014

City Mission Living Stones, Inc.	\$71,892	7/1/13-6/30/14
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Professional Service Agreements 2013-2014

Collective Impact LLC	\$19,000	7/1/13-6/30/14
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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 & **Keystone Adolescent Center**, 270 Sharon Road, Greenville, PA 16125 for Residential, Shelter, & Foster Care Services on as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00

Residential - Cert #ID

RATE PER DAY

400130 – TM \$130.00

434340 – TF \$140.00

437070 – KF \$163.25

463890 – KM \$153.00

Shelter - Cert #ID

RATE PER DAY

437070 – KF \$163.25

Foster Care - Cert #ID

RATE PER DAY

465860 – Foster Family Care

Class AA \$ 75.00

Class AB \$108.00

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 Agreements between the County of Fayette, through Fayette County Children & Youth Services / Fayette County Juvenile Probation, and **Family Care for Children and Youth, Inc.**, 25 Belford Blvd., Milton, PA 17847 for foster family placement services on an as needed basis. The rate are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00
Foster Family Care – Cert # 310770

Class FA	\$ 64.48
Class FB	\$ 56.42

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 & Youth Services & **Keystone Adolescent Center**, 270 Sharon Road, Greenville, PA 16125 for Residential, Shelter and Foster Care Services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Initial Clothing - \$250.00
Residential - Cert #ID

	RATE PER DAY
400130 – TM	\$130.00
434340 – TF	\$140.00
437070 – KF	\$163.25
463890 – KM	\$153.00

Shelter - Cert #ID

	RATE PER DAY
437070 – KF	\$163.25

Foster Care - Cert #ID

	RATE PER DAY
465860 – Foster Family Care	
Class AA	\$ 75.00
Class AB	\$108.00

Commissioner Ambrosini yes

Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

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Initial Clothing - \$250.00
Foster Family Care – Cert # 310770

Class FA	\$ 65.77
Class FB	\$ 57.55
Class FC	\$ 65.77
Class FD	\$ 34.95
Class FE	\$100.72
Class FV	\$ 65.77
Class FW	\$ 57.55
Class FX	\$ 65.77
Class FY	\$ 34.95
Class FZ	\$100.72
MA	\$ 62.54
MB	\$ 64.54
MC	\$ 67.54
MD	\$ 69.54

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 & Youth Services & **Michelle Kelley, Esq.**, 92 East Main Street, Suite 24, Uniontown, PA 15401. Attorney Kelley was court appointed to represent children in dependency proceedings. The rate for her services is \$65.00 per hour.

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 and **Antoinette Woods, Ph.D., Licensed Professional Counselor, Molchan & Associates**, whose principle place of business is: 253 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, PA 15401 and a mailing address of PO Box 241, New Salem, PA 15468. Antoinette Woods will provide services for psychiatric evaluations, testing, court testimony, court reports and counseling services on an as needed basis. The rates are as follows:

Psychological Evaluation, Testing,	\$125.00/hour
Court Testimony and Court Reports	
Counseling	\$ 75.00/hour

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 **proposal for professional services from Sleighter Engineering** to provide the feasibility study and planning for the addition of the CYS building and modifications to meet the Uniform Construction Code accessibility requirements at a cost of \$2,559.40.

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 **reappointment of David Klink** to a 3-year term on the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. Mr. Klink's current term expires on September 30, 2013. The new term will expire on September 30, 2016. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously, at the August monthly meeting, to recommend his reappointment to the commissioners at the September meeting.

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 **appointment of a county resident, Christina Upole**, to a 3-

year term on the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. The term shall expire on September 30, 2016. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously, at the August monthly meeting, to recommend her appointment to the commissioners at the September meeting.

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 **appointment of a county resident, Jacqueline Fritts**, to a 3-year term on the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. The term shall expire on September 30, 2016. The Advisory Committee voted unanimously, at the August monthly meeting, to recommend her appointment to the commissioners at the September meeting.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

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
Fax (724) 430-1366

FUND:	GENERAL FUND		
	DATE:	17-Sep-13	
CASH:	Checking Account	United Bank	\$8,709,035.43
Funds Owed to General Fund			
	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 Payroll & Health Insurance	\$	25,573.50
	Ferry Insurance Policy	\$	12,260.00
		\$	1,477,833.50
	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
Funds General Fund Owes			
	Tax Anticipation Note	\$	5,000,000.00
Budget Year	Net Position		\$5,499,726.10
			Year to Date
Total 2013 Revenues		\$	23,372,404.38
Total 2013 Expenditures		\$	18,490,206.45
Total 2012 Expenditures paid in 2013		\$	3,287,640.10
Capital Reserve Fund Balance		\$	62,096.83
Bond Fund Balance		\$	209,041.30

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Courts

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify a contract with James V. Natale, Esq. as conflicts counsel, who was appointed as of July 22, 2013 to replace Jeremy Davis, Esq.

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 contract between the Fayette County Booking Center and the Fayette County Drug Task Force to provide coverage at the booking center effective September 23, 2013 at a rate of \$18 hour.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Emergency Management Agency

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve a buyout of a Gold 2011 Ford Taurus SEL which is currently leased through Ford Motor Company by Fayette County Behavioral Health. Total cost \$13,615.00 plus any ancillary cost for tags, title and transfer.

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 Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) Grant in the amount of \$14,506.00 between Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Fayette County (Emergency Management Agency) funds will be used to enhance our hazardous materials response program in the county as outlined on State Act 165.

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 Communications Tower Leases for the following tower sites as part of the radio project:

Crown Castle:

- 1) Uniontown II—Wharton Township
- 2) Connellsville – Bullskin Township
- 3) Waltersburg – Franklin Township
- 4) Flatrock – Henry Clay Township
- 5) Nemaquin – Greene County

Commonwealth of PA

- 1) Ohiopyle Tower --- Stewart Township

SBA

- 1) Centerville Tower -- Centerville Borough

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 lease between Fayette County (Emergency Management) and Fayette County Airport Authority for a one (1) year lease on building # 920 for Non-Aviation use at \$ 260.00 plus 6% sales tax for a Total of \$275.60 per month. Building will be used by Emergency Management to store multiple trailers, light/generators units, water buffalos and other emergency response equipment to keep them out of the weather. Expense to be paid from Act 165 funds.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is with the understanding that this is an allowable use through FAA because there were conditions with aviation and non-aviation use.

She said they received a letter from the airport chair that they agreed to lease the building to EMA but there was no issue and in the event that FAA does raise an issue about non-aviation and aviation uses, they may have to revisit it. Commissioner Ambrosini said the building is a non-aviation building so that should not be a problem.

Juvenile Probation

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve two (2) 2014 Chevrolet Police Impala Sedans (detective/unmarked) for the Juvenile Probation Office for a five (5) year term, with five (5) annual payments in the amount of \$9,866.81, and allow purchase of the vehicles for \$1.00, if desired, at the end of the lease through the Ford Credit Municipal Finance Program.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resource Department

CYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the resignation due to retirement of Caseworker II, Coleen Zielinsky, effective September 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 approve the resignation of Caseworker II, Greg Sawyer, effective September 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 approve the resignation of the following Caseworker I employees, each effective September 20, 2013.

Gretchen Rumbaugh, Josh Wilson, Noelle Winkler

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Election Bureau

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to approve the hire of Colin Boyle as a Department Clerk II at SEIU Pay Grade 4 Step A, \$10.35/hour (\$20,182.50 annually) effective September 23, 2013.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink abstain

Motion passed 2-0

FACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the promotion of Transportation Clerk II, Patricia Tegge, to a Transportation Information Specialist at SEIU Pay Grade 6 Step A, \$11.04/hr. (\$21,528 annually) effective September 3, 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 Dante Bizzozero as the Tech D Serviceperson at SEIU Pay Grade 2 Step A, \$9.69/hr. (\$18,895.50 annually) effective September 3, 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 approve the hire of Sarah Byers as the Transportation Clerk II at SEIU Pay Grade 5 Step A, \$10.70/hr. (\$20,865 annually) effective September 30, 2013.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Human Resources

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the agreement with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide for health insurance coverage for January 1- December 31, 2014.

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 collective bargaining agreement between the County of Fayette Board of Commissioners and Court Appointed employees represented by United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) for the period of January 1, 2013- December 31, 2015.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

In making a motion, Commissioner Zapotosky said it was ratified by the rank and file.

Information Technology

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify the promotion of Part Time IT Assistant, Mike Carr, to Full Time IT Technician at Non-Union Non-Supervisory Pay Grade 10 Step A, \$13.09/ hr. (\$25,528.04 annually) effective September 3, 2013.

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 table the hire of TBD as a Part Time IT Assistant at \$9.50/hr. effective TBD.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to making a motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink said the motion has a line through it. She asked what they did at Tuesday's agenda meeting. Chief Clerk Revak said they voted Tuesday to place it on the agenda. Commissioner Zimmerlink said there is a line through it and they don't put something on the agenda and then put a line through it. She said last Tuesday they voted to place it on the agenda to hire and it said TBD and that is why it is on so there shouldn't be a line through it, what they need to do it table it.

Veterans Affairs

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the hire of Cheryl Thomas as a Per Diem Van Driver at \$60 per day effective September 23, 2013.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Office of Human and Community Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to approve the purchase of an F250 truck from Hondru Ford, state contract No. 4400010690 at a price \$31,951.81.

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 reject all RFQs received for RFQ 13-02 for civil engineering and architecture services.

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 work order agreement with PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation for civil engineering and architecture services at the parking lot and office expansion at no cost.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Planning, Zoning and Community Development

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to table a selecting a company to execute repairs to Coolspring Nebbin Road Bridge No. 7 located in North Union Township (Turkeyfoot Road over Coolspring Run).

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a motion, Chief Clerk Revak said the bids were being opened at 3 p.m. today. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked why it was placed on the agenda. Commissioner Zapotosky said the urgency with Commissioner Zimmerlink asking why it was on the agenda and Chief Clerk Revak saying she didn't think Art Cappella knew what time they were opening the bids. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they needed to table the item.

After the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said in this instance the bids are being opened at 3 p.m. today at PennDOT and there may be a need for the commissioners to make a decision prior to our October 15 regular commissioners meeting and then ratify it. She said she doesn't like doing that because they have public comment and she likes to vote in public but there are instances in county government when they have to do it and this is one of them because of the nature of the bridge repair. She said the commissioners may be able to review it after the bid opening and make the award but it is something that has to be taken care of. Commissioner Zapotosky said he spoke with the supervisors and there is a huge sense of urgency to get that because there is only one access road to that area since that bridge is out and that is a considerable distance for those folks to drive.

Prison

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to ratify approval of a three-year contract for RFP 13-08 to ABL Management of Baton Rouge, La. to provide food service for the Fayette County Prison, for a three year period effective September 20, 2013.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

After the motion, Commissioner Zimmerlink said that Chief Clerk Revak can check with the two solicitors, but the resolution that was typed and signed by two commissioners and you attested it and sent it over, you cannot sign a resolution if you haven't voted on it so when Solicitor Cupp prepared the resolution he did so leaving the date open so rather than having a resolution being signed a letter acknowledging that we are doing this is sufficient. She said they don't want that resolution to become part of the record when it is dated September 4 and we just voted on it. Solicitor Cupp said they should sign one today.

Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve the August 22, 2013 Commissioners regular meeting minutes.

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 seek proposals for all options relative to ownership of the Fredericktown Ferry vessel.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to the motion, Commissioner Ambrosini said they were to discuss all the options. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if there were any other options that the commissioners would like to discuss. Commissioner Ambrosini said the options he would like to consider advertising for any proposal from any one to the county for the Fredericktown

Ferry for whatever purpose so they can look at all potential proposals from anybody who is interested in the ferry. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the other agenda item last Tuesday placed on the agenda was to advertise for sale. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she wanted to make a motion to seek proposals for the ownership of the Fredericktown Ferry. She said that is all they need to do, they don't need to condition it on selling for historic purposes because if we want to consider all options. She asked the solicitors if they need to say anything more than that. Solicitor Burkley said it should include the word "options" as well. He said it is their motion and it could be for sale or otherwise. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the motion should be to seek proposals for options from anyone. Susan Sickle asked if it was the service or the boat and Commissioner Zimmerlink responded the vessel.

Commissioner Ambrosini asked for a motion for appointment to the Airport Authority. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked when the term ended, adding that it was to complete the vacancy left by Fred Davis, when he resigned. Commissioner Ambrosini said the date will be four years and three months from now. He said Mr. Davis was just appointed at the first of this year. Commissioner Zimmerlink said authority's terms expire the first Monday in January, so it would be the first Monday of January in 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink to appoint Mark Shipley to the Fayette County Airport Authority for a term to expire the first Monday in January 2018. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said she interviewed two people, Mark Shipley and Bill Gerke, Tom, or Bill Gerke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to appoint Tom Gerke to the Fayette County Airport Authority for a term to expire the first Monday in January 2018.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

Motion passed 2-1

After the vote, Commissioner Ambrosini said one of the issues with the person that Commissioner Zimmerlink recommended is that they are a tenant on the field and after review with our solicitor it was not recommended to appoint him simply because he is significantly in arrears in fuel payments. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she wished someone would have shared that information with her especially since he found that out and spoke with the solicitor it would have been nice to share that information. She said there are a number of board members who are tenants on the airport authority. She said according to the bylaws, which should be amended and the county commissioners have the jurisdiction according to former solicitor Gretchen Mundorff, as she said at a meeting those bylaws do need to be modified, there is nothing in the bylaws that state the number of tenants or any type of category. She said she mentioned a number of

times that in her opinion those bylaws need to be changed and there should be one tenant and the other four should be citizens having various backgrounds. She said for years there have been a number of tenants and she always felt it wasn't proper so if the reason not to appoint Mark Shipley is that he is a tenant and they agree to that but they need to change the bylaws because you can't just say that you can't because he is a tenant because the bylaws allow it. She said she wished someone would have informed her about arrears but even if they are in arrears that doesn't mean, next time just share the information.

Commissioner Ambrosini asked for a motion to consider setting a minimum of three public meetings in the county commencing at 6 p.m. at various locations after Wednesday, September 25, 2013 and before any decisions are made by the county commissioners on county prison projects. He asked a member of the prison working group, the team leader for the architectural team to recommend what the prison working group had come up with for meetings. Jim Killinger said the architectural team for the prison working group and considering Mr. Ryan's comments, they set four public meetings with the following dates: Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Swimmer Hall at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus from 6 to 8 p.m. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if those are suggestions. Mr. Killinger said they have been set and Commissioner Zimmerlink said they can't be set because the prison working group because they have no authority, it is up to the three county commissioners to set it. She said there was no direction to make the decision and then come here. Commissioner Zapotosky and Commissioner Ambrosini said these are recommendations of tentative meetings. Commissioner Zimmerlink said so he is incorrect, it has not been set. Commissioner Ambrosini said it has not been approved.

Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if they had been set and Mr. Killinger said the correct word is that they have not been approved. He said the dates have been locked in and he asked if that satisfied Commissioner Zimmerlink. She said that satisfies the county code. Mr. Killinger asked if that satisfied her. She said that satisfies the county code and she isn't going to get into an argument. After Mr. Killinger started to tell the date for the second meeting, Commissioner Zapotosky asked him to repeat the first date of Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Swimmer Hall at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mr. Killinger said the second date is Saturday, Sept. 28 at Mountain Fellowship Center along Route 40 in Henry Clay Township from 6 to 8 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Masonic Lodge along Route 982 past the Pleasant Valley Country Club on Route 982 in Bullskin Township from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the American Legion on Route 21 in German Township from 6 to 8 p.m. He said those cover the four areas of the county and he is asking that the commissioner approve those dates and times, adding that the people he contacted have scheduled and locked those dates and times in for them should they be approved. He added that he has copies if anyone needs them. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she can say she won't be available on September 25, for the first one, that is why before the architectural team leader sets those dates and talks to those individuals those dates should be run by commissioners. She said she knows for certain that September 25 is not available for her so if that date is chosen

this commissioner is unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. She said the Sept. 28 and Oct. 3 and 9 dates, she doesn't know, but she will do everything she can if these dates are chosen to be present with the exception of the 25th. She said being one of three commissioners she would like to be present for all four dates in the event a member of the public has something to ask her. She said that date should be change so she can attend. Commissioner Zapotosky said it is difficult to get days when you are scheduling for three people. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they weren't even run by her, with Commissioner Zapotosky saying they weren't run by him either.

Commissioner Zapotosky said he thought one was October 6, which is his son's birthday. He said it is hard to get three people to agree on three dates. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they have been pretty good with being able to agree but in this case it isn't a matter of agreeing because these dates have already been set and locked in. Commissioner Zapotosky said that Mr. Killinger said he had contacted these sites and these were dates that they had available if we would be inclined to approve them. Commissioner Zimmerlink said again, and she knows she sounds like a broken record, run by dates with all three commissioners. She said since Mr. Ryan mentioned about the regional, she asked for his comment.

Mr. Ryan said he originally wanted one in the south, one in Uniontown and one in the north. He said the south should be Albert Gallatin High School, Uniontown High School and Connellsville High School he would anticipate large crowds. He said you don't want meetings where the room holds 100 and 500 attend. He said Mr. Ambrosini said he wanted to have a lot more than three meetings, with Commissioner Zimmerlink saying there are four. Commissioner Zapotosky said all the venues are, adding that Penn State is a venue that can hold 100 people plus, he didn't know about the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion in Masontown holds more than 100 plus; Mountain Fellowship center, he can't say, but there are venues that hold more than 20 people. Commissioner Zimmerlink said also, obviously you have to have a building that holds a large number of people but also it is the location in Fayette County so it makes for the ease for citizens to be present.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said they should have had someone from the planning office provide some suggestions because as Terry Ryan had indicated they had zoning ordinances and they were throughout the county and they had six and they had them narrowed down to make certain all residents were easily accessible. She said Penn State is between Connellsville and Uniontown, Mountain Fellowship is what municipality? Mr. Killinger said it is by the Lone Star restaurant with Commissioner Zapotosky adding it is in Henry Clay Township. She said Masonic Lodge 982, is that Bullskin? Mr. Killinger said yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked how close the lodge is and said there is a voting precinct in the American Legion site. Commissioner Zapotosky said they all have ample space, at least the ones he knows. Controller Lally said the Masonic Lodge has 150 capacity, and they have had up to 200. Commissioner Ambrosini said they are all ADA compliant, with Commissioner Zapotosky adding that is important.

Commissioner Zimmerlink asked when the commissioners meeting is in October, with Commissioner Ambrosini saying it is October 15. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is better than nothing, adding that she is disappointed in the manner of which this was done, but she made a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini for the Fayette County commissioners to host four public meetings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss possible alternatives to the county's current prison overpopulation issue at the following dates and places: Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Swimmer Hall at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus; Saturday, Sept. 28 at Mountain Fellowship Center along Route 40 in Henry Clay Township; Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Masonic Lodge along Route 982 past the Pleasant Valley Country Club on Route 982 in Bullskin Township; Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the American Legion on Route 21 in German Township.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Zapotosky stepped out of the room. Mr. Killinger said after the vote that the dates were selected with the understanding that everyone cannot attend all of them and that is why they were spread out throughout the county, if you can't make one you can come to the other. He said they would like a panel to include the commissioners as well as others but that hasn't been decided as far as who is on the panel or how the meetings are going to be conducted, hopefully by Robert's Rules of Order. Commissioner Zimmerlink said first off, it will be done by the three commissioners. She said secondly, with the motion for those four dates, she would like to see if the September 25 date could be changed to another date at the same location if possible so she can attend all four. She said if they recall, and as put in her motion, it says to consider setting the public meetings after Wednesday, September 25. She said last Tuesday she made the motion to be on the agenda after Wednesday, September 25 and the reason she did that is because she knew she wouldn't be able to attend on September 25 but she would make certain her calendar stayed open for all of the other dates.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said as far as panel for a public meeting, the commissioners are able to conduct the meeting and it will be done by the commissioners. She said they have had, at least two commissioners sitting up there have had public meetings where the individual has come up, asking their question or made a statement and sat down and hopefully they will not need law enforcement and she suggests that they do not need. She said any format or things of that nature would be done by the commissioners and not the prison working group because they are the individuals to conduct the meeting. Commissioner Ambrosini said he would ask the prison working group to recommend a format based on Crabtree Roubaugh Associates being there and the other stakeholders from the prison working group and other areas of the county in terms of a judge possibly and the district attorney's office having a

presence there and other stakeholders in this prison project. Commissioner Zapotosky said he thinks the purpose of these meetings is to provide as much information to demonstrate to the public the need for a facility or potentially in their opinion a need not to have a new facility. He said it is important to have people who have an expertise in the field being able to articulate and disseminate the information that has been gathered over the past several months. He said he isn't an expert on correctional facilities nor does he claim to be.

Commissioner Zapotosky said he will be gathering information as Mr. Ryan will or a lot of the people who will be in attendance. He said not having an expert is doing a disservice to the county so it is important to have that type of person that is going to be speaking at these meetings. He said it is easy to demagogue something just because you don't like it or want it but it is crucial that they have those that had experience in the field understand where they are today as a county regarding our correctional facility, where we will be five years from today with our correctional facility or 10 years from today, what the financial impact would be whether it be a new prison or if we continue with the one we have. He said he would stress that the format be structured, adding that he is putting his two cents in, where the format be structured that people who know the industry are present and able to articulate what their findings were. He said without that they would be doing a disservice to the constituency in this county. He said as Mr. Ryan said earlier it is a project of magnitude.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said there isn't anyone she has ever heard from in the public that said they would not want that. She said obviously, and that is the other reason for her motion to say after Wednesday, September 25 because if you recall the week before when we set the agenda she wanted it to occur after September 25 because that is the date when at 9:30 in the morning we have a prison board meeting and it has been said that Crabtree and Associates and Sleighter Engineering will present their findings to the prison board so obviously you don't have it prior to Wednesday, September 25, hence the reason she said after as well as making certain individuals from those entities are present because you can't ask questions about a prison needs study unless a representative from the group who performed the study is available. She said her question would be if anyone has contacted an individual from Crabtree or Sleighter to see if they are going to be available for these four days. Commissioner Zapotosky said he would hope that they would be and he would trust that they would be. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if it has been done yet.

Mr. Killinger said he contacted them and they will try to be at all four meetings. He said the 25th was picked because he tried to get two or three other places on the mountain to have one meeting up there and they were tied up and Joe Hardy's place was tied up and the Mountain Fellowship Center wanted to try to have it in the morning at noon but it was tied up with weddings and things going on this time of year and it is hard to get a location locked in. He added that these four locations are at no cost to the county. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is glad it was at least run by Crabtree because a representative needs to be present. She added that the dates have been selected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to approve ratification of the following transfers:

TRANSFERS			
2013			
8/14/13 to 8/30/13			
Department	Cost Center	Debit	Credit
District Attorney			
Professional Services	01419453100		\$5,000
Travel	01419453300	\$5,000	
	Total Debit	\$5,000.00	
	Total Credit		\$5,000.00

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

Public Announcements

Public Comments

Ralph Mazza said the business part of the meeting is now completed and now it is public comment. Commissioner Ambrosini said he can discuss any issue that he prefers, although he asks it be professionally conducted. Mr. Mazza said public comment is the time when the public has the right to vent their anger or express their approval or disapproval of anything that this board of commissioners does. He said it has nothing to do with the business portion of this meeting and he personally would like to say that no one or no 10 people are going to bridge his right to speak his mind about what he thinks is going on in this county. He said don't try to do it because they will have to throw him out of there bodily. He said he read Mr. Ambrosini's letter in the paper and it was pretty obvious that he was unaware of what occurred in this county prior to running for commissioner. He said Joe Hardy was a commissioner and Joe Hardy at all the meetings they attended he didn't recall Joe Hardy ever proposing anything about the airport. He said however, if he did want to propose something about the airport he could have anything done that he wished to do.

Mr. Mazza said according to Mr. Ambrosini, Mrs. Zimmerlink was the thorn that stopped anything done at the airport. He said Mr. Hardy had a second vote always, Mr. Vicites voted with Mr. Hardy all the time when Mr. Hardy was a commissioner. He said he had the second vote so anything he wanted to do at the airport he could have done so your article was incorrect. Commissioner Ambrosini said he wasn't following him. Mr. Mazza said in the article, letter to the editor he stated that Mr. Hardy wanted to make improvements at the airport, and was corrected by his wife, Geraldine Mazza that it was

at the prison. Mr. Mazza said he is mixed up and a little excited and angry and he is 88 years old so he has lapses in memory but at the prison he is talking about. He said he could have done anything he wished at the prison because he had the second vote. He didn't need Mrs. Zimmerlink. He said that was an inaccurate statement and he is really surprised and disappointed in him because he doesn't think he understands that the chairman of the board of commissioners is just that, he conducts the meetings. He has no more say or influence as the commissioners are equally endowed with their responsibilities and what they do. He said he isn't a king and he isn't a VIP of a corporation, you are a public servant and you were elected to do the will of the people that you represent, that is what you are supposed to do, not what you want, what the people want you to do. He said of all the commissioners meetings he has attended, this is the most despotic board they have encountered. He said if you are a student of history, you know what happens to despots.

Mr. Mazza said he can't understand why they don't do what the people want done and not what any individual on that board wants done. Commissioner Ambrosini thanked him, adding that he wouldn't make any comments to challenge his memory or what he thinks happened in the past. He said his comments are his comments and he has a right to make any comments he would like. Mrs. Mazza said a couple years ago the citizens in Uniontown Area School District were told that they needed to tear down the high school and rebuild it, and build a new one because the old building was in such horrible condition that nothing could be done with it, with even the architect saying they couldn't do anything with it. She said a small group of people got together and said it was a beautiful building on Fayette Street. She said instead of spending \$50 million on a new high school they got three renovated and beautiful buildings. She said she is telling them this because any building can be renovated. She said she hasn't heard one word about renovating the old prison, she hasn't heard anything except they are going to build a new one. She asked how they can face the taxpayers of Fayette County without looking at all the options. She said they should let them know how much it is going to cost to fix the prison.

Mrs. Mazza said we only owe people in the prison are three meals a day and if they need medical care, give them medical care. She said they don't need all the frills. She said they are there to pay their debt to society. They need proper treatment, a good meal and a place to sleep. She said the Herald-Standard and Fay Penn started a program, Buy Local, and she asked Commissioner Ambrosini is he supports that program. He said he absolutely does. Mrs. Mazza asked why we are sending \$4,000 to Westmoreland County every month. She asked if there are competent attorneys in Fayette County that could be hired to be the solicitor in Fayette County, adding that it is a rhetorical question. She said there was supposed to be a report done about revamping the solicitors in the county so we don't get sued so often. She said she hasn't heard what the result of the report was, adding that she would like to hear what was in that report or is there a report, was it ever done?

Commissioner Ambrosini said the report is being done as we speak. Mrs. Mazza said it is almost two years, asking if the report is taking two years to complete. She said it must be 150,000 or million pages. She said, c'mon Mr. Ambrosini, you know what I am

getting at. She asked if the report will be released when it is done. Commissioner Ambrosini said absolutely. Mrs. Mazza asked when that would be and Commissioner Ambrosini said it should be done by the end of this year. He said it is more than just our new litigation avoidance policies and how we implement that process. He said it is also going to be looking at potentially rearranging the job descriptions of the solicitors, the responsibilities we give our solicitors and how they will interact with the commissioner's office and other entities in the county. He said they want to try to make it as efficient and effective as possible. He said the fact is our biggest cost in terms of liability insurance is legal fees and claims that we have to pay out. He said in the past it has continuously begun to adversely affect our premiums so they have to address that.

Commissioner Ambrosini said they need to find innovative ways to implement processes and procedures so we can reduce those significant costs and hopefully get our premium rates turned around in a downward direction. He said it isn't as simple as going out and hiring a person. He said he doesn't want to make anybody think this is a simple solution to this issue as the solutions to our prison issue are not a simple solution, there are all types of areas that they have to look at to solve our prison issue. He said the fact of the matter is that the majority of the citizens are probably more concerned about the cost of the prison more than anything else. He said those costs will be presented to the community at the various meetings they scheduled. He said the only thing they ask right now is until those costs and if Mrs. Mazza has been reading the paper she knows they are looking at all the options. He said those include renovating the existing facility, building an annex, building a new facility as well as an option of doing absolutely nothing. He said they are looking at the various options and they are going to boil those options down to the costs. He said it will be clear and they will present it in a manner that everybody will understand based on cost what is the clear path that the county should take. He said all he is asking is that they wait to see the facts so everybody has a clear understanding of where we actually are with the prison problem.

Mrs. Mazza said he (Commissioner Ambrosini) has to remember that Fayette County is mostly senior citizens and people on assistance and their pocketbooks are thin right now. She said how they can consider saddling the citizens with a bid debt goes beyond her comprehension. Commissioner Ambrosini said he promises they will try to explain it so every citizen can understand. He said she is right, it will boil down to cost. He said it is the obligation of this board to investigate the various options and to pick the most cost effective path going forward. He said all he is asking her to do is wait to see the facts. Mrs. Mazza said she will wait to see the facts but she would like to see that report from the solicitor. Commissioner Ambrosini said he will hand carry it to her. Mrs. Mazza said it has been two years and that is a long time for a report on a few solicitors. Commissioner Ambrosini said there are a number of problems they haven't even gotten to yet in Fayette County so everything takes time, but they are working in a positive direction to solve a lot of the county's problems.

Mrs. Mazza said she has one more question. She said Commissioner Ambrosini said five minutes, what if she wants to say goes over five minutes. Commissioner Ambrosini said she already has. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they didn't vote on the five

minutes to speak. Commissioner Ambrosini thanked Mrs. Mazza for her comments. Beverly Beal asked why the county commissioners meetings are not televised. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they are videotaped but they are not always televised, saying that people call and ask her the same thing. The videographer said it is put on Herald-Standard You Tube. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is on Herald Standard You Tube so you would have to have a computer to watch it, it is not televised on any television station. She said Fayette TV, channel 77 received hotel tax and the numerous articles and the contentiousness between the current page editor and myself of he said, she said, that was to be used for Fayette TV and was going to be for tourism as well as for county commissioners meetings and everybody tells her that they turn on Channel 77 and there is none so said she us three up here, at least I don't have any pull in what they do, it is a separate entity. She said she would suggest that anyone listening to this, if they get on You Tube, and the newspapers will write it and the individuals share the information to contact Fayette TV, they are located on West Main Street, from what she recalls at the Chamber of Commerce building is, call them and ask them to begin airing the county commissioners meetings as they indicated that they would with the county monies through the hotel tax.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said also, they may want to contact Armstrong Cable since they want regional, Armstrong Cable used to be here and then it was told to her that there was an arrangement, if you will, between two camera individuals that one would show up and then provide the tape for and there would be payment made. She said call Armstrong Cable and ask if they would consider coming here and contact the individual doing the taping and see if some type of arrangements can be made to share the CD. Mrs. Beal said her school board meeting is on every month. Commissioner Zapotosky asked if someone underwrites the cost and Mrs. Beal said she thinks they pay \$70 to \$100 a month. Controller Lally said he remembers something coming across his desk that the Herald Standard or HSTV wanted \$370 per taped session and that was a long time ago. Mrs. Beal said maybe they could get the guy that does the Laurel Highlands School Board meetings because there are a lot of people who would like to see it. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she thinks the citizens should make those calls to Fayette TV, to Herald Standard.com, to Armstrong Cable and ask and those are semi-private entities, not all of them, but obviously Armstrong is. A gentleman in the audience said city council is on every month. Commissioner Zapotosky said he thinks they pay.

Mr. Mazza said he called Armstrong several years ago and asked why they weren't televising the meetings and he was told that they had a deal with HSTV that HSTV would furnish them a tape so they could broadcast. He said he tried to contact recently to see what happened and he listened to 40 minutes of music. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the other thing is that public meetings that will occur on September 25 and afterward, she will make certain that a call is made to those entities to see if they would be present to film. She said she will call Armstrong and Fayette TV, and this individual is here now so. Commissioner Zapotosky said it is Herald Standard You Tube. The cameraman said they link it so like anybody can go in and see anything from the last year. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she tried to look for last month's meeting and she couldn't find it. She said last month's meeting is not on and the cameraman said it will be in the next week or so.

Mr. Ryan said the commissioners take the hotel tax money and allocate it to the TV station. Isn't there any way they couldn't put the pressure on them to film these meetings. He said to the senior citizens and residents of this county so they can see the input at the commissioners meetings so they know what is going on. He said a lot of the senior citizens can't afford a newspaper and most have TV and cable, and he thinks they owe it to the citizens to make a call across the street and say that we give you hotel tax money and don't you think the least you can do is come to our meetings and show it to the citizens of this county. He said he has had people suggest to him that the commissioners don't want on television, the less people know the better. He said that isn't the case and he thinks that a couple phone calls from the commissioners across the road could get them to come here and film the meetings. He said they get the hotel tax money and they spend it on various things and you see the same thing at least 50 times over and over and over and the least they can do is film these meetings for the citizens of this county to know what is going on.

Commissioner Zapotosky said out of respect, as we all know September 11 has passed us by, but we will never forget that very tragic day of American history where over 3,000 lives were lost and it is something we should always remember and pay homage to our first responders who selflessly gave of themselves in order to try to save their fellow man. He said that day brings back memories for him because he was in DC on that day and he knows his mother is here and she was in a state of turmoil. He said let us never forget that day and always hold those close to our heart who gave so much for our fellow man.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously

