

A special meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2013 in the commissioner's meeting room of the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pa.

In attendance-

Commissioner Al Ambrosini
Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Assistant County Solicitor Sheryl Heid

Commissioner Ambrosini called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A silent prayer was observed.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Commissioner Ambrosini said today's meeting is to approve the 2014 general fund budget, with Commissioner Zimmerlink asking for a copy of it, which includes total revenues of \$28,952,633, total expenditures of \$28,713,750, with an excess of \$238,883 at the continued same tax millage of 4.51448. Commissioner Zimmerlink said to Sam Lynch of Susquehanna Group Advisors that that e-mail that he sent Friday night, she got it this morning and the e-mail said that you and Amy would have all the supporting documents. She said this is the budget, what about the Excel spreadsheets that you had in there, showing the revenue and expense side, and where is the debt service fund portion of it? Mr. Lynch provided a paper and said they were the changes that were discussed this past Monday and this is a summary. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked what about the debt service fund page. She said that is important. Mr. Lynch said he had to go down and print that out and he would do that right now. Commissioner Zapotosky said is it this one, it hasn't changed. Commissioner Zimmerlink said this one shows a millage increase. Commissioner Zapotosky said he doesn't have it either. Mr. Lynch said he can print that out. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is important to have the debt service fund budget because it shows the difference between the millage rate and how it is calculated.

Following a brief break, Mr. Lynch returned with the debt service papers. Commissioner Ambrosini asked Mr. Lynch to explain the debt service fund. Mr. Lynch said basically, the debt service fund, the summary that he prepared, is the debt service commitment for 2014 with principal and interest and the revenue portion of it how it is going to be funded with funds from Act 13 and the future of revenue and gambling funds

and the tax mill of .11 and the recommendation of the tax, there is no tax increase, we just juggled a little bit of the general fund and the debt service to make the debt service commitment. He said there is no increase overall of the mill rate. He said it would equate to \$445,135 of tax revenue at a collection rate of .875 percent. He said other funding the covers the general fund will help and this is the debt service to make the commitment of the total debt of \$2,378,739 and we will have revenues to support that of \$2,381,553 with a little surplus of \$2,813. He said this is the debt fund recommendation.

Commissioner Ambrosini asked for a motion for the proposed budget as stated.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to adopt the 2014 general fund budget with a zero tax increase and total revenues of \$28,952,633, total expenditures of \$28,713,750, with an excess of \$238,883 at the continued same tax millage rate of 4.51448.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink no

Motion passed 2-1

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said with a motion and a second, Sam, let's go over a few of these things. She said this budget includes non-union and union salary increases, across the board, including elected officials, is that correct? Mr. Lynch replied yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is 3 percent for non-union? Mr. Lynch replied yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked for the range for the union contract and Mr. Lynch said the average range is 3 percent. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if it included the reclassifications that were voted on by the salary board in June. Mr. Lynch replied yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked what about, now there was some requests for some hiring's and changes in staffing requirements. She said there was a brief conversation that we had with you on the cell phone last Monday and during that conversation there was some documents that was presented that showed what new hires would be funded as well as what existing vacancies were not going to be funded, let me go over those with you. She said under the courts, there is a funding of a court reporter. Mr. Lynch said they are kept at the complement of 10. Commissioner Zimmerlink said in the year 2013 there was a vacant court reporter's position that was not funded, was it funded for 2014? Mr. Lynch said yes.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said the reclass for professional services for attorney Dianne Zerega, there was a request from the courts to change her from professional staff, which would be a flat rate, to having her on as an employee, which would include benefits. Has that been included? Mr. Lynch said yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said under Recorder of Deeds, it is my understanding that one full time employee with benefits, Recorder of Deeds. Mr. Lynch said yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said on the jail, four new lieutenants and four new correction's officers. Mr. Lynch answered yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said under building and grounds, one full time position,

electrician. Commissioner Zapotosky said that was eliminated. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if there is any new position under building and grounds. Mr. Lynch replied no. Commissioner Zimmerlink said there was on one of the papers that he gave them, under planning and zoning, there is an existing position, the staff complement under planning and zoning is two zoning officers and right now one zoning officer is vacant due to a retirement and that retirement occurred earlier this month. Has that position been funded? Commissioner Zimmerlink asked. Mr. Lynch said no.

Mr. Lynch said it is frozen at the point. Commissioner Zimmerlink said frozen, it's not funded. Mr. Lynch said the position is still there, but the funds are not. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she understands, the only people who can eliminate positions off the staff complement is the salary board and that hasn't occurred but there is an individual who retired three or four weeks ago, a zoning officer position and that position is not funded going into 2014. Mr. Lynch said correct. Commissioner Zimmerlink said a position in the Treasurer's office, she doesn't know what the job title was of Nancy Wilson before she was elected for Treasurer, Amy do you know? Chief Clerk Revak responded, second deputy. Commissioner Zimmerlink said Dianne Rossini was Chief Deputy and she is retired, so has the position that is now vacant, or will be vacant in January, has that position been funded under the Treasurer's office. Mr. Lynch said no. Commissioner Zimmerlink said so the deputy position. Mr. Lynch said one of those positions has been frozen and one has been funded. Commissioner Zapotosky said it was Wilson's position that was frozen and Rossini's position is still funded.

Commissioner Zimmerlink asked if any monies have been set aside for the women's annex other than the proposed rent, or not the proposed rent, monies has been set aside in the budget for rent for the new women's annex. She said there is a column here under equipment that it said there was \$50,000 and now there is only \$10,000 in the budget so there was \$40,000 that was requested and needed and Commissioner Ambrosini said during the budget meeting on Dec. 23, I don't think you were on the phone yet, I asked how that monies would be received and he said borrowing money from a bank. She asked since that meeting if he put the money in the general fund, with Mr. Lynch replying that it isn't in the general fund. Commissioner Zimmerlink said under legal fees for our outstanding case, the Munchinski case, you made some reductions on the amount that originally was requested, right? Mr. Lynch said that is correct. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the library contribution was cut, what about \$30,000, according to the paper? Mr. Lynch said yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked how is, OK, for the ARC payment, in the proposed budget, \$1.6 million was put in the line item for the ARC.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said during one of the meetings, Commissioner Zapotosky and I decreased the ARC to \$1 million. She said since that time it has been decreased to zero, is it still at zero. Mr. Lynch said yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is for 2014. She said for 2013 it was budgeted at \$1.7 million to fund the ARC and as of last working day, whatever day that was, Friday, there was no payment of the ARC for 2013 made. She said is there any funds to set aside and available for that ARC payment, which would have been 1.4? Mr. Lynch said no. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that

would be two years of not funding the ARC of 1.4 and 1.7. She said the Act 13 monies, for the Motorola payment, our first payment, the county's first payment on that was last year, 2013. Commissioner Zimmerlink said could you tell me, I know that there were some changes made throughout the year, although the resolution that was passed by the commissioners earlier this year set aside \$845,000 out of Act 13 for the first of the 10 Motorola payments, during the budget time we had agreed and it was in the budget that \$507,000 out of Act 13 monies would be used toward that \$845,000 and \$338,000 out of the debt service. She asked how did it as payment in 2013 for that first payment?

Mr. Lynch said for the first payment of January 1, 2013, you had the benefit of the excess debt service that was in there rolling over of 2013. He said you got the benefit when the refinancing of the 2012 issuance you were able to do the November payment which actually freed up the funds so that actually covered that debt service payment then. He said the \$800,000 that we earmarked from the Act 13 funds of 12 is actually funding the first payment of 2014 which was just made in the last week. Commissioner Zimmerlink said in the budget there is around \$600,000 of Act 13 monies, there is one line item that shows \$600,000. She said then there are three or four line items within the budget that have specific remarks and a quick calculation from what she can see on the computer looked like maybe another \$100,000, does that sound about right Amy or Sam? She said that is \$60,000 in redevelopment authority, some in a conservation, does that sound reasonable? Mr. Lynch said there are funds from year 2013 Act 13 and also for year 2014 utilizing \$200,000 with that and he is also utilizing from the legacy section around \$65,000 and also for the 14 year it's 65 and for the 13 year I will use 15 and earmarked he will utilize to balance portions of it that qualify from those sections.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said approximately how much of the Marcellus shale money for the 2014 year? Mr. Lynch said a total of \$645,000 with everything combined. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is using 2013's monies. She said the balance of 2013, with Mr. Lynch adding, and 2014. Commissioner Zimmerlink asked how much of, adding that we didn't receive our allocation or an indication of how much we will receive, so about how much of the 2014? Mr. Lynch said for the conventional wells, \$200,000 and for the legacy, \$65,000, so \$265,000 for 2014. Commissioner Zimmerlink said for the New World payment, is that, that is a \$500,000 debt roughly payable over five years and we are in our second year of payment. She said last year it was paid from the debt service, is it still in the debt service? She said that is why she wanted the paper. She asked if it is under Capital Innovations. Mr. Lynch responded yes. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it was \$82,000 and he included the maintenance and things of that nature and it was \$109,000. Mr. Lynch said for 2014 the principal is \$96,683 and interest is \$12,683, so it is \$109,366. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that is in the debt service for 2014 and that also whatever our capital leases are, is that coming out of the debt service for 2014 as well? She said any capital leases that the county has, you haven't taken that out?

Mr. Lynch said that is under the general fund. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he had gaming revenue of \$500,000. She said that is what is in the budget but it was not on the paper that they talked about on Monday. She said it had 500 and a millage increase but

it depends on which column you are looking at, she doesn't understand these two columns that is why we called you on the phone. She said the millage increase is not in there but you are taking \$500,000 from gaming revenue for the general fund budget. Mr. Lynch said not the general fund, debt service. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they received a copy of the audit for the year ending 2012 and they have not yet had a meeting to review the specifics of that audit for the year ending 2012 and in that audit it said that the surplus that ended in 2012 due to the millage increase we had a surplus of around \$2 million but that \$2 million was used toward balancing the 2013 budget. She said that is stated in the financial statements. She asked if he has any indication of what the year-end for 2013 surplus, if any would be and if that is being used in any way to help fund the 2014 budget. Mr. Lynch said he would answer it two ways, he said number one, he doesn't have an estimate of what 2013 is going to end up to be and the second part of her question, no he isn't utilizing the funds of 2013 to balance 2014. He said the 2014 budget stands on its own.

Commissioner Zapotosky said if there is a fund balance, we haven't determined that amount yet. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it stands on its own with the addition of using Act 13 monies and the gaming, the proposed revenue. Mr. Lynch said that is all based on the budget that was presented. Commissioner Zimmerlink said, so you don't know what the anticipated, if there will be any surplus at the end of 2013? Mr. Lynch said that he can't answer. Commissioner Ambrosini then called for a vote and it was approved 2-1.

After the vote, Commissioner Zimmerlink said if you look throughout the counties, it is hard for any commissioners to agree on every budgetary line item and that's a given because not every commissioner sitting here at this table or with other counties are going to agree with every budgetary line item. She said there are many times when the commissioners will agree as a whole to pass the budget and that would be the spending plan. She said the last seven of 10 budgets she did pass as a whole with the statements being made that throughout the year "there were expenditures that I did not agree with and I would vote against them, which I did." She said the last three years budget she did not approve because of the statements that she made at those times, which is the expenses and the revenue and the direction with which the county was going with respect to how we were funding our offices. She said that is the reason that again she will have to vote no on the overall budget and that is why she did that.

Public comment

Clerk of Courts Janice Snyder introduced herself and said she met twice in budget meetings with Mr. Lynch and all three commissioners at different times but not all three altogether and she would like to say that this budget stinks. She said she has asked more than once, more than twice to hire additional staff for my office and at times there are agreements reached but they are all redlined. She said in this budget there is an employee being hired when she asked for five praying maybe she would get one, to assess a \$10 fee that was implemented in 1988 and it needs a resolution to be passed to start by accepting this fee. She said one person to assess one \$10 fee. She said my

office, my deputy explained to you Mr. Ambrosini that my office had no choice, we're taking on the dependencies from the juvenile probation office, all their collections. She said that means she is going to now collect, her office, all of the monies, final cost, and restitution. She said she is going to be assessing more than 50 fees but she doesn't get any other people. She asked what happened to the plan to abolish the jury commissioners, to save that salary. She said she believes we are one of three counties in the Commonwealth that still keep jury commissioners. She said then there were those pay raises classifications handed out to the warden and his new staff and lieutenants that were appointed because there was trouble at the jail, people not being let go, people not being transported blah, blah, blah.

Clerk of Courts Snyder said they all got raises and they will still get the three percent in January on top of the reclass. She said Mr. Ambrosini, you couldn't give me any implement to my staff because you thought I needed a study done. She said she has been here for 32 years and he didn't ask anyone else to do a study. She said Mr. Zapotosky and Commissioner Zimmerlink have both visited my office when she asked them, they have seen the conditions. She said come January 1, 3rd when we come back, there is absolutely nowhere to put a new file in that office. She said they will be in the hallway. She said the Bob Carson mentioned there is some room in the federal building, which is three blocks away, are you going to tell the judge to wait while I find, because my staff isn't maintenance, while I walk down to the federal building and get that file that you want judge, because they are not on line. She said she understands there was a snafu again with health insurance, one of many this year and there was an increase in the budgetary because their enrollment date wasn't met again.

Clerk of Courts Snyder said then her biggest question is where is our Controller? She said his office is top heavy with employees making over \$35,000. Himself, a deputy and an accounting manager. She said Mr. Lynch is the budget consultant and he gets a salary for that plus Mr. Lynch is a consultant to Mr. Lally in his office and he gets \$40,000 for that. She said in 2008 and 2009 in salary board minutes that she presented to all of them was that we, the county, would wean ourselves away from Susquehanna because of this \$500,000 New World system once that new accounting manager got trained but he went from \$20,000 to \$40,000. She said she doesn't understand, she is still waiting for her audit from 2012 that Mr. Lally did in February and haven't received it. She said that he told her it is just a draft and he doesn't have to give it to me. She said the tax collectors have not been audited yet this year. She said she doesn't understand, you put here and you put there for the warden. She said God knows we need more personnel at the jail but so do other offices. She said she thinks this whole budget, she got nothing according to employees. She said we will have to see how that goes throughout the year with now eight sitting judges because the three that retired are still here full time every day and they are staffed with tipstaff and stenographers.

Robert "Ted" Pritchard Jr. said he came late and he meant to come late because he wanted to comment. He said that Ms. Snyder was absolutely correct in that her employees are over worked and underpaid and they are treated like slavery. He said when he ran for Prothonotary his platform is to revise the user fees that are non-

statutory. He said that if Ms. Snyder gets together with her non-statutory filings, the user fees and if you look at them and if you raise them you would have enough money for your extra staff. Ms. Snyder interjected, adding that she raises her user fees every year according to the standards that they put out but she also presented to the commissioners that back in 1985 where a county office does not have to present bringing in revenue to cover their staff. She said that is mandated in the county code. She said she doesn't have to bring in, and her office brings in more than \$2 million a year but she doesn't have to by statute. Mr. Pritchard said he knows about the statutes and you have to take the extra step Ms. Snyder. Ms. Snyder said she does it and Mr. Pritchard said he knows she does it.

Mr. Pritchard said he knows she does it diligently and expeditiously do it. He said she tries for her employees but "let me give a fine example, all of you," he said. He said filing a judgment in the prothonotary's office is \$5, which is non-statutory. He said filing a deed in the recorder of deeds office is now \$50. He said he doesn't know what recording a mortgage is in the recorder of deeds office but filing a lien in the prothonotary's office is a few dollars. He said filing a mortgage is probably, and asked Ms. Heid if she knew what it was and she replied no. Mr. Pritchard said it is probably \$35 or \$50. Ms. Snyder said it is \$51.25. She said she refiled hers this year and that is how she knows. Mr. Pritchard said it is \$5 in the prothonotary's office and he ran on that platform and if he made prothonotary, he is here standing and his friends and he calculated and he could bring in an extra revenue of \$3 million a year. He said when attorneys come and file a complaint for a cause of action they pay like \$92 to file that complaint. He asked Ms. Heid to correct him if he is wrong. He said when you go and file a response to that complaint, you are not charged are you? Ms. Heid said yes, we pay to file and answer.

Mr. Pritchard said you file a fee for the complaint but for the answer to the complaint, in other words, if I sue your client, you have 20 or 30 days to answer my complaint. When you file that answer you are not charged a filing fee for are you charged for filing a motion to dismiss, a motion for discovery nor are you required to pay a fee for filing interrogatories. He said it takes the same amount of time to scan those records, to file those records as it does the initial complaint. He said why not charge the attorneys the fees because the attorneys get reimbursed by the insurance companies and by their clients, we need money. He said we can't go to the taxpayers, to the watering trough, to the taxpayers and say we need this money, we have to raise your taxes. He said let the attorneys pay \$5 or pennies on the dollar to file. He said in county government there is nothing free no more and it includes state government. He said there is no job where it is free but here in Fayette County it is. He said you have to take notice and do this. He said they want to take needless loans out, get themselves further in debt, and all you have to do is revise those antiquated fees in the prothonotary's office and you won't need no loans.

Mr. Pritchard said you won't need to raise the taxpayer's money. He said also in the planning office for a building permit, he believes it is only \$20. He said you don't charge to go out and see if they are in compliance with the building code, that is free, Mr.

Eicher does it free and there should be a charge for that. He said Ms. Snyder should be given the staff members that she needs for her office because you may hit a snafu and then his other comment is on the prison. He said in four years you have another inmate suicide and there are a lot of inconsistencies about when he died, Thursday, Saturday, whatever. He said there are eyes on this issue, he has heard it already and he told them before, Mr. Zapotosky was at the meeting at the courtroom when he told them all that political hires are not needed in the prison and he said someone spoke up and said that they are trained for 13 weeks. He said 13 weeks does not cover five years' experience or three years' experience in corrections. He said we need to get our cards straight and we need to get our ducks in line and do the right thing. He said now they have another lawsuit ahead of them.

Mr. Pritchard said they will include past pattern of conduct with the other inmate and he guarantees that the attorney will include in their complaint past pattern, pattern of conduct of neglect, he guarantees. And he said it is going to cost not 100, 200, \$300,000 and he bets the insurance company will give you a rough time in providing coverage. He said they will probably come back and ask if we put safeguards in to prevent this from happening and ask what happened to the safeguards. He said the insurance company will say that they deny coverage on this because of the provision of our insurance policy. He said in every insurance policy if you don't take steps to prevent an intentional act of correction's officers not looking at the inmate, they can deny coverage.

George Hagerty of German Township said every day he has to smell a stench. He said they have had the DER out there and nothing has been done. He said last night it stuck so bad in his backyard at 4:30, you wouldn't believe it. He said he is 85 years old and he has been paying taxes in the county for 25 years and the United States of America. He said he is upset because he has to breathe somebody else's stink from Washington PA or from Pittsburgh or from Philadelphia or from Canada. He said nothing gets done, not one thing. He said yesterday it was bad. He said sometimes it is bad and sometimes it isn't but he thinks that sometimes they put the stink out at night after dark when people are in bed. He said they are in their budget and he doesn't know nothing about it and he doesn't pretend to know anything about it. He said he has questions, he said the three commissioners know about the stink and as a citizen he is entitled to live under the Constitution whether they believe it or not, whether anybody here believes it or not. He said he is entitled to free air and good air. He said they don't know what the new prison would be, and Commissioner Ambrosini said they are online.

Mr. Hagerty asked if they knew that every school district in Fayette County has a mortgage on his house and everyone else's houses. He said the commissioners are all prepared from what he reads in the paper to put another mortgage on his house, which he said he doesn't think is right. He said he doesn't have any mortgage and he has saved a little bit of money and doesn't depend on the county. He said he has done it all his life and he is faced with paying taxes for people who don't work, people who won't go to work and then for a jail for people he doesn't think deserve a dime of his tax money. He said he doesn't believe it in. He said he understands that Pennsylvania has

about \$20 million in debt. Mr. Hagerty said every state in the union is in debt but two. He said the federal government has \$70 million, billion, trillion in debt. He said you people just keep on giving us more debt. He asked where it is going to end, he can't go blowing money every day to put him or others in debt. He asked why they think they are entitled to put him in debt to build a new jail for a bunch of criminals? He said he wants to have some answers for that. He said they don't deserve one damn dime of his money, he didn't tell them to go out there and rob, steal and take drugs. He said there is a sheriff in Fayette County who doesn't do too much, or he hasn't seen do too much.

Commissioner Ambrosini said the public comment period is for comments and they ask that people be brief and do not launch any personal attacks. Mr. Hagerty said how can he mention the sheriff without mentioning the sheriff and he asked but they didn't give him an answer. He said the sheriff at one time could buy leg irons and put on people. He said he doesn't know what that would cost but it would be a lot cheaper than a new jail. He said put a leg iron on some of these people, send them home and let them pay their own doctor bills and let them feed themselves at home instead of me feeding them. He asked if that has been considered by anybody up here except for the sheriff, who "don't want to work." He said it could all be done on computers and computers can follow these people around. He said there is a satellite in the sky that follow him around anywhere he goes in the United States. He said that is what he has been thinking when he is home, he thinks how can you people put me in debt and allow me no say about it, you don't even act like you are paying me any attention and he reads nothing in the newspaper about what is going on in here and this is his first time here for 10 years and it will probably be the last.

Mr. Hagerty said he watched when the other person was talking and they looked like they didn't care what he said. He asked if they care what he said and if they worry about the United States of America. He said we aren't even taking care of our veterans. He said every night he sees on television that our veterans can't get good care. He said some died in Pittsburgh because of disease but we are spending money on jails, on this and that, and he doesn't know that we need it. He said the jail down here maybe could be fixed, he doesn't know. He said everything has been left go for so long in this county for so many years and you think you are going to jump into it with \$60 million and fix it, you're not going to. He said that is all he has got to say, adding that he is just a stupid person and he is 85 years old and he only worked 65 years of his lifetime paying all his bills and taking care of all his responsibilities and doing what he is supposed to do. Commissioner Ambrosini said he appreciates his comments and he stated that part of the argument is that there are some things that have been run somewhat inefficiently and that is what we are trying to do with building a new correctional facility is to make that more efficient than we are currently now and to answer his question we can actually build a new facility and have it cost no more money and maybe even less money than what we are spending today, right now by running everything inefficiently by sending upwards of 35 or 40 percent of our inmates to a half a dozen other county jails around the western half of Pennsylvania as far away as State College.

Commissioner Ambrosini said we have in our current facility, because of the design, we are inefficiently managing the inmates simply because we have too small areas in the facility and we have to have corrections officers for small groups where in a new facility we can watch more, larger groups. Mr. Hagerty asked if he is satisfied putting another mortgage on his house? Commissioner Ambrosini said it isn't going to cost him any more. Mr. Hagerty said don't tell him that, he remembered when they built the school, he remembered when they did this, he remembered when they did that. He said every time they did something taxes went up. He said eventually taxes will go up, they are all counting on this gambling money and the money from the drilling and you can't wait to get your hands on it and you can't wait to spend it. He asked if they ever thought of putting any of it in the bank and holding onto it instead of paying a tax anticipation loan every year and saving the interest on that money. Commissioner Ambrosini said that is a standard procedure for counties. Mr. Hagerty said they are borrowing taxes at the beginning of the year to get the county over the hump. He said it is a simple thing to him, if you don't have it, don't borrow it. He said the Bible says don't be a lender and don't be a borrower.

Mr. Hagerty said he tried to go through that all my life and you read the newspaper about how people put him in debt plus the United States congress and it is sickening, it is plain sickening to anybody with any common sense. He said he wanted to tell the other two commissioners something, this lady isn't wrong 100 percent of the time. He said you people vote against her 100 percent of the time, you give her no credit for even being here, you go out on the street and you talk about her, you even talk about each other and you expect somebody like me to think you people are great. He said do something right for a change, even if it is wrong. He said that is all he has to say and thank you for your time and he won't be back because one time in this office is enough for another 20 years. Commissioner Ambrosini asked for a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Zimmerlink then said she wanted to speak on another subject matter.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said on Monday, December 23 the warden had sent an e-mail to the entire prison board informing us of an attempted suicide at the jail and in his e-mail he indicated that an internal and external investigation would be undertaken. She said that was Monday, Dec. 23 and since that time the warden has not directly or even indirectly spoken with the prison board. She said other than that e-mail, that is the only communication that he has had received from the warden. She said if in the event that the warden has indirectly spoken with the sheriff, who is the chair of the prison board, or the chair of the county commissioners and it hasn't been filtered through yet. She said she understands and agrees that an investigation needs to be undertaken but what she is going to be requesting of the sheriff – again, Monday the 23rd the warden did inform all prison board members of the attempted suicide and that there would be an investigation launched. She said since that time, we have had about a week, yeah, today's Monday, she is going to be asking the sheriff who is the chairman of the prison board, she is calling upon him to set an executive session with the prison board for tomorrow so that the warden may provide the prison board with the information that he has gathered from the attempted suicide to today.

Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is going to ask that be done tomorrow. She said an executive session can be done and she isn't going to go through the county code, and she is going to talk to the sheriff and that is his responsibility. She said the 24 hour notice for an executive session can be had and she thinks it is imperative among the prison board members to sit in a room with the warden and any other appropriate individuals to bring the entire prison board up to speed and date as to the ongoing investigation and so that all prison board members can rest assured that the proper steps have been taken thus far. She said she would say perhaps, check your schedules, but perhaps tomorrow afternoon, that would give the 24 hour notice and to have a meeting in this room. She said she was just letting them know that is what she is going to be asking. Commissioner Zapotosky said he supports the review of this matter in depth. He said he was on the phone all weekend with the warden and he was getting calls from the media and basically had nothing to inform them, thus calling the warden.

Commissioner Zapotosky said based on what we have read and time of death there seems to be some confusion, some problems associated with that, so he had asked in an e-mail Friday that an investigation be conducted and he sent it to the warden and his deputy warden. He said he would support that they thoroughly review this matter to determine that things were done hopefully properly. He said it is a tragedy, regardless of how you feel, a life was lost. He said he does believe an investigation should be conducted. Commissioner Zimmerlink said he did inform them on Monday, which was the 23rd. Commissioner Zapotosky said outside of some comments on the phone, he hasn't heard anything else. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she will be talking with the sheriff and asking him to schedule a meeting for tomorrow as chair of the prison board and hopefully we will have a quorum. Commissioner Zimmerlink said that was all she had to say.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Ambrosini yes
Commissioner Zapotosky yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

Motion passed unanimously