

A Special Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 3:30pm in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Fayette County Court House, Uniontown Pa.

Present:

Commissioner Alfred F. Ambrosini, Chairman
Commissioner Vince Zaptosky, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink, Secretary
Warren Hughes, Acting Chief Clerk & County Manager
Sheryl Heid, County Solicitor

- Meeting called to Order
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: none

Agenda Items:

Moved by Commissioner Zaptosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to approve the hire of Nicole Young as Commissioners Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$11.85/hr (\$23,113) effective January 23, 2012.

Commissioner Ambrosini	yes
Commissioners Zaptosky	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Zaptosky and seconded by Commissioner Ambrosini to adopt the proposed amended budget for the 2012 General Fund.

Commissioner Ambrosini explained the revenue for the 2012 budget is \$20,095,105, expenses \$23,904,790, in and out transfers \$2,020,550, total expenditures \$25, 925,340 with a net balance of \$2,169,765. He added the millage rate will be 4.41448 which is 1millage addition to the present millage.

Commissioner Zaptosky stated after the budget was proposed at the end of the year, there was a deficit that had to be addressed by the Commissioners immediately. The toughest decision for a County Commissioner is to increase the taxes; it was an outcome we had to agree on. He said hopefully this will

help us monitor more efficiently, views of the budget over the next calendar year, also prepare for future years.

Commissioner Zimmerlink explained the budget in the past is a proposed amended budget. She stated the public expects the Commissioners to put a spending plan together which will be in the means of their wallets. She added there is less revenue now coming into the county which means a spending plan needs to be developed. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she feels increasing taxes does not always make up for the expense side; it needs to be balanced where the offices need to lower their adjustments on the expenditures side. She stated an increase of a full 1 mill is not needed which I discussed this with my fellow Commissioners; they want the extra monies available for future years and for other projects. Commissioner Zimmerlink said she is concerned about raising the taxes to a full mill, in addition to balancing the budget there will be too much of a surplus with the economy at this time, and then asking tax payers to except this increase.

She added the Elected Officials did agree to forgo their increase for one year of 3%.

Commissioner Ambrosini	yes
Commissioners Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	no

Motion passed 2-1

Public Comments:

Commissioner Zimmerlink stated the proposed amended budget is available for copy. She asked that the proposed amended budget be placed on the County Website for the public to review.

Moved by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to adjourn meeting.

Commissioner Ambrosini	yes
Commissioners Zapotosky	yes
Commissioner Zimmerlink	yes

Motion passed unanimously