

Thursday, April 27, 2006 10:00 am

A meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, at the Public Service Building, Uniontown, PA.

Present: Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink, Chairwoman
 Commissioner Joseph A. Hardy, III, Vice-Chairman
 Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites, Secretary
 Warren Hughes, County Manager
 Joseph Ferens, County Solicitor

- Meeting called to Order
- Silent Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

- Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging

Leslie Grenfell spoke on the Alzheimers Research Grant.

- Proclamation

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to make the following proclamations:

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| Soroptimist International of Fayette County | April 21, 2006 |
| Equal Pay Day | April 25, 2006 |
| Americanism Day | May 1, 2006 |
| Older Americans Month | May 2006 |
| Mental Health Awareness Month | May 2006 |
| National Letter Carrier Food Drive Day | May 13, 2006 |
| 33 rd National Road Festival | May 19-21, 2006 |

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Redevelopment Authority

Andrew French provided a brief summary of the next two items and county solicitor, Joe Ferens confirmed his review and approval of the Right of Way Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a Right of Way Agreement between the County of Fayette and Columbia Gas for a line relocation project being undertaken at the Fayette County Business Park.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to adopt resolutions that approves two (2) Competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications being submitted on behalf of Fayette County for water system improvement projects in Franklin Township and Springfield Township. This approval will authorize the Commissioners to sign and submit the applications for assistance and will also approve execution of the attached Cooperation Agreements that highlight the Redevelopment Authority's responsibilities for administration of the CDBG funding.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Commissioner Vicites stated that it is very important to fund projects such as these.

- Controller

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the following investments:

March 23, 2006 - \$3,825,000 for 14 days at 4.65% interest with Invest \$6,822.12 and
April 6, 2006 - \$3,875,000 for 14 days at 4.75% interest with Invest \$7,157.99 and
\$4,850,000 for 14 days at 4.88% interest with Invest \$9,078.14

Motion Passed Unanimously

Controller Mark Robert provided a Financial Report of the County through April 26, 2006 noting General Fund owes to Others as (5,000,000.00); Funds Owed to General Fund as \$166,602.70; Net Position of Budget Year 2006 (1,514,542.30); Total 2006 Revenues \$4,750,893.81 and Total 2006 Expenditures \$6,819,595.65.

Controller Mark Roberts also indicated that it appears there will be a \$325,000.00 surplus in the General Fund saying those monies should be set aside for future operating costs for the next year.

- Tax Assessment

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve LERTA, Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, program for the City of Uniontown which grants an exemption of 100% of the valuation of the new construction and improvements to buildings within the downtown business district for a period of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008, however, this approval will be effective April 27, 2006 through December 31, 2008. (The City of Uniontown and the Uniontown School District have approved LERTA) (amended by Resolution dated May 25 2006 to read The City of Uniontown has approved LERTA the Uniontown School District has not yet voted on the issue)

Commissioner Zimmerlink asked the Commissioners to consider that government directed tax subsidized economic development programs have been proven to fail, be ineffective and costly under both the Republican and Democrat administrations. She referred to a statement that Commissioner Vicites made the other day at a candidate forum when talking about property tax reform which was “when everybody pays, everybody pays less” and suggested the same applies here.

Commissioner Vicites replied that when he made that statement he was referring to property tax relief and that LERTA’s throughout Fayette County have a positive impact, helps to create jobs and that in future years it will build the tax base.

Commissioner Hardy said that we should give these people a break and that 3 years comes along fast and it is an incentive to encourage improvements to the buildings.

Commissioner Zimmerlink: Nay
Commissioner Hardy: Aye
Commissioner Vicites: Aye

Motion Passed 2-1

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a revised discount, face & penalty payment period for the Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes for Newell Borough with the new discount period for May 1st to June 30th, the face period for July 1st to August 31st and the penalty period for September 1st to December 31st (due to the death of the elected tax collector and the appointment of a new tax collector).

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Children & Youth Services

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the CYS administrator & one staff member to attend the June annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Children & Youth Administrators Association to be held at Seven Springs.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the reappointment of Cheryl Hasse-Duncan to the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee. Ms. Hasse-Duncan's for a term of 3 years to expire April 30, 2009.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to remove Doug May from the Fayette County Children & Youth Services Advisory Committee whose term expires September of 2007 and the Advisory Committee will recommend another individual to fill the unexpired term which item will be placed on a future Commissioners Meeting Agenda.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Emergency Management

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify the purchase of an Accident & Disability Policy in the amount of \$1,709.88 a 3 year policy for the County's HazMat Team to be paid out of the County's HazMat Account 39.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- MH/MR Program

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve agreements/modifications between the County of Fayette through the Fayette County MH/MR Program as listed:

| <u>Contracts for 2005-2006</u> | <u>Contract Value</u> | <u>Period</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Lifesteps | \$ 8,550 | 7/01/05 – 6/30/06 |
| <u>Fee-For-Service Agreements #1 2005-2006</u> | | |
| Interim Health Care | \$ 245,990 | 7/01/05 – 6/30/06 |
| <u>Modification Agreements #1 2005-2006</u> | | |
| Diversified Human Services, Inc. | \$ 42,950 | 7/01/05 – 6/30/06 |
| Northwestern Human Services of PA | \$ 67,695 | 7/01/05 - 6/30/06 |
| <u>Modification Agreement #2 2005-2006</u> | | |
| Laurel House, Inc. | \$1,263,164 | 7/01/05- 6/30/06 |
| <u>HealthChoices Reinvestments Contracts – 2004</u> | | |
| City Mission (Respite Services) | \$ 30,000 | 2004 Funds |
| Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. (Mobile Medication Services) | \$ 60,000 | 2004 Funds |
| Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. (Mobile Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services) | \$ 300,000 | 2004 Funds |

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Fayette County Mental Health Plan.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve a Change Order Number EC-005 from Bellisario Electric, Inc., 3623 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 for the new MH/MR building in the amount of \$7,158.18. (This change order is a back charge to Bellisario Electric, Inc. for the fees associated with the electrical service agreement that were to be paid by the contractor per the contract documents. Executed copies of the Change Order were

never returned by the contractor, however, the contractor acknowledges the deduction as reflected in his final Application for Payment) AND Change Order Number EC-006 for Bellisario Electric, Inc., 3623 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 for the new MH/MR building, in the amount of \$1,006.68. The change order was necessary to relocate an air conditioning unit and to upgrade wiring associated with other air conditioning units. The additional cost will be paid for using MH/MR funds already budgeted. This will complete all known changes.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Planning, Zoning & Community Development

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to place on the May Commissioners Agenda the adopting of the Fayette County Subdivision and Land Development.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the DCNR Phase I Parks and Recreation Plan for an extension of 18 months. (The contract is forthcoming from the state and the existing contract will be voided to allow the county an effective date of March 2006 through December 31, 2007 to complete Phase I.)

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the request for (4) staff members to attend a seminar on Effective Communication which will be held in Greensburg on May 24, 2006.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to ratify an agreement for professional services with Attorney Ewing Newcomer to serve as substitute solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$65.00 per hour.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to award Bid No. 06-04 – Renovation for resurfacing the tennis courts at the county-owned park known as the German-Masontown Park to the Menghini Co. of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$31,200.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to authorize the advertising of a bid to perform renovation work to the Fayette County Courthouse Mural Rotunda. This work would be funded by a \$61,000 grant awarded through the PA Heritage Parks Program/DCNR. A required match (50/50) will be made by Fayette County Court of Common Pleas.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Human Resource Department

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the following employment actions:

Children and Youth :

promotion for Pam Lessman from County Caseworker II to County Casework Supervisor at \$17.95 per hour (\$35,000.00) effective May 1, 2006.

Tax Assessment

ratifying the 1099 contract for Kim Essig and the County of Fayette for Computer Training Services at \$11.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,000.00 with an anticipated completion date of July 31, 2006.

ratifying the hiring of Theresa Ometz as Administrative Assistant/Computer Network Administrator at \$9.50 per hour (\$18,525.00) effective April 25, 2006.

MH/MR

ratifying the hiring of Barbara Bowers as Caseworker II at \$14.58 per hour (\$28,431.00) effective May 1, 2006.

hiring of Amy Cunningham Clerk Typist II at \$8.47 per hour (\$16,516.50) effective May 1, 2006.

Tax Claim

ratifying the hiring of Cathy Murphy as Accounts Clerk I at \$7.79 per hour (\$15,190.50) effective April 3, 2006.

Office of Human and Community Services

ratifying the promotion of Lori Groover-Smith from Accountant II position to an Accountant III position at an hourly rate of \$15.31 effective April 3, 2006.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Human & Community Services

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to advertise for solicitation of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of Human Service Development Fund (HSDF) and Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Moved by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to authorize for solicitation of Request for Qualifications for public transit services.

Commissioner Zimmerlink: Aye
Commissioner Hardy: Nay
Commissioner Vicites: Aye

Motion Passed 2-1

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to award Bid No. 06-02 Bus Fueling Station to SSC&M Inc. for a total bid price of \$74,295.60 for the FACT Transit Center Complex.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- Commissioners

Moved by Commissioner Hardy and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to approve the Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of March 21/22 2006 and of March 23, 2006.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Public Announcement

Commissioner Zimmerlink provided an update on the Voter Education & Outreach Program for the new voting system. She thanked the media for their public service helping to inform the voters of the county as to the public demonstration schedules and airing the How To Vote video on their station.

Commissioner Vicites reiterated the need for voters to attend the public demonstrations to become informed on the new voting system.

Public Comment

Geraldine Mazza asked the Commissioners to explain the funding that was given to the airport authority and asked whether or not the statements made by Fred Davis, Chair of the airport authority were correct. Commissioner Vicites stated that the county agreed to fund 5% as a county match to an amount given through a federal grant and that 5% would result in a different figure depending on the federal grant given. He also stated that the funding through the county was through the county bond.

A representative from Project Katrina Pittsburgh Regional asked that Fayette County help in directing survivors of Katrina to their office giving a toll free number of 1-800-292-3866.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved:

Attest:

Judith M. Bodkin, Chief Clerk