

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 3, 2012

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, December 3, 2012, 2:03 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse, Carlisle, PA. Present were Commissioners Cross, Hertzler, Eichelberger; Dennis Marion, Chief Clerk; Ed Schorpp, Solicitor; Joanne Burkhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Janet Walter, Paralegal, Solicitor's Office; Heather Ilgenfritz, Commissioners' Office; Controller Alfred Whitcomb; Dana Best, Finance; Bill Finnerty, Alex Smyser, IMTO; Carl Goshorn, Conservation District; Lisa Weaver, Controller's Office; Mick Burkett, Human Resources; Jay Buck Swisher, Congressman Platts' Office; Rick Rovegno, citizen; Mary Jane Zeigler, citizen; Theresa Myers, citizen; Christen Croley, The Sentinel.

Commissioner Cross called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call was taken: Commissioners Cross, Hertzler and Eichelberger were present.

Commissioner Cross asked if there was any public comment. Theresa Myers inquired if the public is aware that all of the Commissioners' public meetings are recorded and/or streamlined. She also inquired who has access to the recordings of the meetings as she understands this is for secretarial purposes. It was also noted that the public is on notice by attending a public meeting and that anything that is said can be used within the meeting minutes.

Mary Jane Zeigler, a member of the MH/IDD Board, stated that the MH/IDD Board Meeting minutes taken at the Board meetings are sanitized and do not give adequate details of the items discussed at the Board meetings. Ms. Zeigler also inquired about Board term limits and that there is a need for set term limits regarding MH/IDD Board appointments. Ms. Zeigler expressed a desire to have a Commissioner at all of the scheduled MH/IDD Board Meetings.

Rick Rovegno spoke about a possible \$250,000 Farmland Preservation allocation and inquired if this amount would be considered in the 2013 Budget. Commissioner Cross stated the 2013 Budget has not been completed as there is ongoing discussion with the County's Departments including the Planning Department about the Budget. Commissioner Hertzler also spoke about the 2013 Budget with regard to Farmland Preservation. Commissioner Hertzler supports Farmland Preservation and if it is not included in the 2013 Budget he hopes to restore the County's contribution to Farmland Preservation at some point in the future. Mr. Rovegno stated that he appreciates the efforts of the Commissioners to keep Cumberland County's taxes as low as possible. Mr. Rovegno stated that if the Commissioners are concerned about tax rates, they should consider whether or not having agricultural land as part of the strategy is of benefit. Mr. Rovegno stated that agricultural land is not a budget driver. It is a major component of what is helping to keep the County's tax rates low. Mr. Rovegno also asked the Board if they felt that farmland positively or negatively impacts the County tax rates. Mr. Rovegno has seen no data that shows a negative tax impact from farmland and asked if the Commissioners know of any such data to please send it to him. Mr. Rovegno is presently serving on the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative. The Collaborative welcomes input and would like to help the Commissioners in any way they can with regard to this matter.

Commissioner Hertzler spoke about the need for legislative action to facilitate additional tax relief for farm properties and all homeowners via the state Legislature's enactment of a revenue-neutral, county

option one percent sales tax with all of the revenue generated designated for homeowner and family farm property tax relief. Under a plan he's unveiled, all homeowners in Cumberland County could benefit by an estimated \$700 reduction in their individual school, county and municipal property taxes while owner-occupied family farms that qualify as both homesteads and farmsteads could receive a property tax reduction of up to \$1,400. A brief discussion ensued.

Mary Jane Zeigler suggested that this issue be placed on a ballot for the taxpayers to decide. She also stated that during this economic time spending this amount of money on farmland preservation should be a decision made by the voters in Cumberland County. A short discussion ensued.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the Minutes of October 11, 25 and 29, 2012. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the Personnel Transactions. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

The Commissioners presented to Buck Swisher on behalf of The Honorable Todd Platts a Certificate of Special Recognition (see attached.)

Heather Ilgenfritz requested acceptance of a Holiday Tree Donation valued at \$65.00 from Gerrit Strathmeyer, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Strathmeyer Christmas Trees for display in the main Courthouse lobby. Commissioner Cross moved to accept the Holiday Tree Donation from Strathmeyer Christmas Trees (see attached press release.) Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the following Contracts/Grants reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting:

- a. Addendum to Tree Vitalize Metros Sub-Grant Agreement between Planning and West Pennsboro Township
- b. Agreements for MH/IDD
 - The Advocacy Alliance – Master Contract/Letter of Agreement
 - International Corporate Training & Marketing, LLC – (Early Intervention)
 - Amendment to Agreement with Building Blocks Therapy, LLC – (Early Intervention)
 - Amendment to Agreement with Keystone Service Systems, Inc. DBA Keystone Children & Family Services – (Early Intervention)
- c. Agreement between Gaudenzia, Inc. and Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission for Intervention and Treatment Services at the Prison
- d. Agreements for Children & Youth Services
 - Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc.
 - Common Sense Adoption Services, Inc.
 - Amendment to Agreement with Family Care Services, Inc.
- e. Contract between Flag Zone, LLC and Veterans Affairs for the Purchase of American Flags to Mark the Graves of Veterans
- f. Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Certifications & Assurances for Federal Transit Administration Assistance Programs

- g. Submission of Budget Modification for STOP Grant to PCCD
- h. Agreement between McNeil & Company, Inc. and Public Safety for the Volunteer Firefighters Association's Insurance Package / Umbrella Policy
- i. Agreement between Capital Blue Cross and Human Resources for Proposed Program Costs
- j. Agreement between the Prison & Justice Benefits, Inc.

Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve Resolution 2012-33 Amending Resolutions 99-41 and 2012-23 Revising Coroner's Fees which were reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting (see attached.) Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve Resolution 2012-34 Re Budget Adjustments which was reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting (see attached.) Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the renewal of Property & Casualty Insurance for 2013 with Travelers Insurance Co. which was reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting (see attached.) Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Change Order EC-13 for the Prison Renovation & Expansion Project which was reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting (see attached.) Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried. There was a brief discussion regarding the contingency fund and the balance of money within the contingency fund.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the Application to Encumber Liquid Fuel Tax Funds for Enck's Mill Bridge in the amount of \$200,000 which was reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the Bid Award for Emergency Repairs to Cumberland County Bridge C-16 – Hertzler Bridge be given to Kevin E. Raker Construction, LLC, the low bidder, for a lump sum bid amount of \$190,000 which was reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the Bid Award for Consultant Services to Evaluate Community Corrections Programs to William Burrell for an amount of \$24,000 which was reviewed at the November 29, 2012 Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Annual Cost Allocation Plan for 2013. Dana Best explained the Plan to the Board for their consideration. There was further discussion regarding the General Fund and the 2013 Budget. Action will be taken at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on December 10, 2012.

Commissioner Hertzler stated the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority has recommended that Dr. Timothy Ebersole be reappointed to the Board for a second five-year term. Commissioner

Hertzler moved for the reappointment of Dr. Timothy Ebersole to the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the following General Disbursement Transfer Authorizations:

a.	11/16/2012	\$2,636,612.72
b.	11/19/2012	\$2,208,329.95
c.	11/19/2012	\$ 522,529.32
d.	11/21/2012	\$ 1,729.82
e.	11/21/2012	\$ 52,048.40
f.	11/23/2012	\$2,215,159.52
g.	11/23/2012	\$ 268,651.58
h.	11/28/2012	\$ 47,963.52
i.	11/30/2012	\$4,514,242.96

Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to accept the reports of Maintenance, Public Defender, Recycling & Waste, Changes of Assessment for October and 2013 Certified Assessments. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Cross reported an Executive Session took place on November 29, 2012, 10:25 a.m. Re Personnel Issues.

Commissioner Cross asked if there was other business to come before the Board. Bill Finnerty presented for the Board's consideration a Capital Project Request in the amount of \$35,820.00 regarding the Pitney Bowes Electronic Certified Mailing Solution. This is for a five-year contract with Pitney Bowes for use of their Electronic Certified Mailing Solution. The return on investment is immediate because \$711.00 will be saved each month. Commissioner Cross moved to approve IMTO's Capital Project Request for the Pitney Bowes Electronic Certified Mailing Solution (see attached). Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Cross said there was a request for an Executive Session regarding Personnel issues. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. and recessed to the Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie J. Mazarella
Administrative Coordinator