

# Clarion County Board of Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2014

Those attending: Carol Clinger Dale Lydic (UMWA) David Dunn Trisha Douglas Donna Reinsel  
Scott Seeley (Press) Chaundra Alderette (Press) Evanne Gareis (Press)

Roll Call: Commissioner Brosius-present Commissioner Campbell-present Commissioner Faller-present

Approval of the Agenda: Correction to the effective date on business item No. 8c. (Correction: 9/1/14 to 6/30/2015)  
On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the agenda as amended, the motion passed without opposition.

Approval of the Minutes: dated September 9, 2014.

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the minutes as presented, the motion passed without opposition

Correspondence:

- A letter dated September 2, 2014, was received from the state Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) sending notification of the awarding of the Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) grant funding of \$6,318 to help fund the county Juvenile Victim/Witness Coordinator.
- Municipal notices:
  - R.A.R Engineering Group, Inc. applying for a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) GP-5 Utility Line Stream Crossing for proposed directional drilling beneath a tributary to Canoe Creek to replace a gas line north of Knox Borough.
  - RETTEW Associates, Inc. applying on behalf of Equitrans, LP for a DEP wetland and waterway general permit for the renewal of the Truittsburg gas storage line which runs through Town Run in Redbank Township.
  - Hillcrest Group environmental consultants on behalf of Clarion Laminates, LLC in Paint Township are renewing its Air Quality Operating Permit with the DEP. There are no changes being proposed to the application or to the emissions as they currently exist.
  - EQT Production Company is applying for a GP-5/Utility Stream Crossings and a GP-8/ temporary road crossings (for oil and gas operations) for the installation of pipeline from an existing well pad to a meter site crossing a tributary of Cherry Run in Toby Township.
  - DEP, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation is preparing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the discharge of storm water into waters during the reclamation of a 10-acre abandoned mine site in Redbank Township.
  - Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) has sent a copy of an application, dated September 10, 2014, to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for approval of the sale, by Shipperville Borough to PAWC, of properties and rights related to the borough's wastewater system and the rights of PAWC to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in the borough and a portion of Elk Township.
- Press Release: Copies of the Clarion County Hazard Mitigation Plan are available for public review at the Commissioner's Office. Comments relative to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan can be emailed to [ddunn@oes.clarion.pa.us](mailto:ddunn@oes.clarion.pa.us) or submitted in writing and mailed to the Office of Emergency Services, 421 Madison Road, Clarion, Attention: David Dunn.

Announcements:

- Work Sessions, Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. in the conference room
- Prison Board, Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. in the conference room
- Northwest County Commissioners Association meeting, Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, in Butler County
- Commissioners/Salary Board meeting, Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. in the conference room

Public Concerns and Comments

There were no public concerns or comments made at this meeting.

Business:

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 11 for 2014, calling for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to:
  - a) Schedule public hearings in the coal fields concerning the Clean Power Plan (CPP)
  - b) Withdraw the proposed rule that states the intention of reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change or revise it to eliminate the economic shocks that will occur to critical coalfield communities.

\* \*Attending: Dale Lydic, representing the United Mines Workers of America (UMWA)

At this time Commissioner Brosius introduce Dale Lydic who is from Indiana County. Lydic stated that at the New Bethlehem Peanut Butter Festival he received 810 signatures on a petition concerning this subject. In Clarion County, according to Lydic, the Mine Workers pension payout this year is \$537,852 and Health expenses have been \$753,853. He thanked the commissioners and ask that they approve and adopt this resolution. He added that something must be done or a large number of jobs will be lost.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to adopt Resolution No. 11 for 2014, as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Brosius read the resolution at this time.

**\*\*\*PASTE A COPY OF RESOLUTION FOR DOCKET BOOK\*\*\***

2. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the county and the state Department of Corrections (DOC) creating the terms under which the DOC will assist the county in establishing a mechanism, compliant with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), for individuals to report allegations of sexual abuses occurring at the county corrections facility.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with DOC as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

3. Approval of an agreement renewal with Open Flow Energy of DuBois for gas service to the county buildings.  
Terms: 11/1/2014, through 10/31/16 with price locked in at: \$3.325/Dt

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the Open Flow Energy renewal as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

4. Approval of a sewer service application to be submitted to Pennsylvania American Water for service to the courthouse annex. No fees are due at this time.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve applying to PAWC for sewer service as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

5. Approval of new two contracts with Infocon Corporation of Ebensburg PA for:

- a) An on-line data processing service to give the ability to directly access Infocon's servers for data entry, inquiry, computations, and reporting for the following offices: Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, Veteran's Affairs, Tax Claim and system inquiry access privileges for Assessment , Geographic Information System (GIS) and Department of Planning & Development

Term: 3 year contract (includes 3 year discount of 4 percent for each application except the image backup). Total fees: \$4,702.17 (discount: \$185.09) Net fees: \$4,517.08

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the new contract with Infocon for the on-line data processing service as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

- b) Assessment Office for Real Estate Property Tax and Occupation/Per Capita Tax Management System Inquiry

Effective: September 23, 2014, as long as needed      Cost: \$200/month

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the new contract with Infocon for tax management system inquiries as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

6. Approval of a new contract with Chase Energy Solutions for services to analyze the county energy use and to complete and submit applications/final reports for eligible energy efficiency rebates on new construction/renovation.

Effective: 9/23/2014      Cost: \$3,300 + 10 percent of rebate after first \$10,000

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the new contract with Chase Energy as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

7. Approval of a new contract with Luton's Plumbing/Heating/Air Conditioning of Clarion for camera services for the location/elevation/condition of existing sewer and floor drainage systems in the courthouse.

Effective: 9/23/2014      Cost: \$1,850

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the new contract with Luton's Plumbing as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

**8. Approval of three new contracts on behalf of Children & Youth Services:**

a) A data sharing agreement with the state Department of Public Welfare (DPW) for access of the Child Welfare Information Solution (CWIS) to establish an electronic data exchange between the state and county.

Term: 1 year effective: 12/27/2014

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the data sharing agreement with DPW as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

b) Avanco International, Inc. for CWIS Phase 1 upgrades

Effective: 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015 Cost: \$15,022.22 Co. match: \$5,047.47

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the contract with Avanco International as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

c) Bethany Christian Services of Central PA located in Lancaster for foster care services

Correction to date: Effective: 9/1/14 to 6/30/~~2014~~ 2015 Cost: \$46.35/day to \$140.54/day Co match: 20 percent

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the contract with Bethany Christian Services as corrected, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

**9. Approval of a grant application to be submitted by the District Attorney for the 2015/16 Victim Services/Rights and Services Act (RASA) grant funding.**

Effective: 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2016

Grant request: \$52,113

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the grant application as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

**10. Approval of a grant application to be submitted to the state Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the 2015 Hazard Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant funding to be used for training and planning for a commodity flow study (volume of hazardous materials being transported over county highways).**

Effective: 10/17/2014 to 9/30/2015 Grant request: \$5,700

PEMA/80 percent: \$4560 Co match/20 percent: \$1,140 (Haz-Mat account)

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the grant application as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

**11. Agreement with the American Cancer Society for the use of the county park in Paint Township to hold the Relay for Life in June 2015. Park use fee: \$640**

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the agreement with the ACS as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

**12. Approval of the General Fund bills dated: September 6<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, totaling \$529,798.24.**

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve paying the general fund bills as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

**13. Approval of the budget transfer(s) for the dates of September 8<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, totaling \$2,200.00.**

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	TOTAL
VOTER REGISTRATION	TRAINING	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$200.00
ASSESSMENT	TRAINING	TRAVEL	\$300.00
DISTRICT 18-3-01	POSTAGE	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$500.00
COURTS	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	HOMICIDE CASES	\$1,200.00
TOTAL			\$2,200.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the budget transfers as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

Other Business:

1. Approval of a letter to Infocon on behalf of the county Assessment Office terminating the contract, effective October 1, 2014, regarding the Real Estate Property Tax, Occupation/Per Capita Tax Management System, and Homestead Services. A contract for this service was awarded to Devnet, Inc.

On a motion made Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to send a letter terminating the Assessment Office contract with Infocon as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

#### Public Questions and Answer Period:

Evanne Gareis asked for further explanation of the service that will be provided by Luton's Plumbing.

Commissioner Faller stated that the architect needs to know the condition of the sewer lines at the courthouse to decide whether to replace or recondition the lines in preparation to connect to PAWC.

Chandra Alderette asked if a summary of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is available. A copy of the plan is available on the county website. David Dunn, County Emergency Planner, stated that the plan includes information and projects for the municipalities. The municipalities must report following the plan and completing projects or risk losing funding. Commissioner Campbell stated that the plan is updated annually.

Scott Seeley asked how much the county saved by locking in on the price through Open Flow. Donna Reinsel answered that the county saved 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent. Seeley also asked what the termination letter to Infocon would change in regards to the data processing. Commissioner Faller stated that the contract was auto-renew since 1984. Infocon was asked to update its contract with the county and offered a 3 year contract with a 4 percent discount. The county is cancelling the data sharing service used by Assessment. This will be done by Devnet, Inc. through the Computer Assessment Management System, but the office still needs access to Infocon for a few month during set up. Seeley asked if the commissioners had any idea how much the energy rebates will be and if the rebates could be over \$10,000. Commissioner Faller answered that the rebates could be that amount. FADS will design the annex and the renovation, but Chase will make suggestion to the architect and do the paper work and submit, for rebate, anything above standard to get building credit for being more energy efficient.

#### Adjournment:

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m., the motion passed without opposition.