

Clarion County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2014

Those present: Carol Clinger Kay Rupert Donna Reinsel Trisha Douglas Steve Allison
Evanne Gareis (press) Scott Seeley (press) Chaundra Alderette (C93 radio) Amerigo Allegretto (press)
Roll Call: Commissioner Brosius-present Commissioner Campbell-present Commissioner Faller-present

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes: dated August 26, 2014

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the minutes dated August 26, 2014, as presented, the motion passed.

Correspondence:

- A letter was received from the state Department of Public Welfare announcing the county Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) allocation for FY 2014-2015 is \$106,439.
- A letter of appreciation dated August 21, 2014, was received from the Clarion Area Cross Country Boosters & the Clarion Area Elementary PTO thanking the park employees for their generous help in preparing for a fund raising event.
- A letter dated August 13, 2014, was received from the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) reporting on an environmental review audit for the counties Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to determine compliance with environmental factors under 24 CFR Part 58, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other related laws and authorities. The audit resulted in 0 findings and 0 concerns.
- Municipal Notices:
 - a) Cornerstone Environmental of Farmington Hills, MI and Republic Services of Imperial, PA have sent notice in regards to a Title V Air Quality Permit renewal applications to the state DEP for County Environmental/Clarion Landfill. The permit for the facility addresses emissions from the landfill operations, the enclosed flare, the backup open flare, and minor air emission sources.
 - b) An Act 14-Notification was received from Gwin, Dobson, & Foreman Consulting Engineers on behalf of Pennsylvania American Water (PAWC) of its intent to apply for a DEP-GP-5 Line Stream Crossing permit for replacing waterlines along SR 68 in Piney Township and Sligo Borough.
 - c) Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co sent notice on behalf of ABECO, Inc. of its renewal of an amended National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit from the DEP to reduce capacity of the Sewage Treatment Plant located at SR 66 North, Off I-80, Exit 60, in Paint Township.
- PennDOT News Release:
Barriers are being installed on the I-80 bridges over Rte 338 for bridge repairs. Lane restrictions remain in place on I-80 Eastbound between Exits 45 and 60 for roadway repairs. Work is expected to be complete in November 2015.
- Clarion County Treasurer's report for August 2014: Balance as of August 31, 2014: \$5,304,374.21

COUNTY NEWS RELEASES:

- 1) Until further notice all walking/hiking/nature trails at the Clarion County Park in Paint Township will be closed to the public.
- 2) Clarion County currently has \$62,518.51 in Act 13 (Marcellus Shale) funding available to any municipality that has a bridge(s) on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list in need of repair.

Announcements:

- Prison Board, Thursday, September 11th, 9 a.m. at the Prison
- Patriots Day Observance, Thursday, September 11th at 6 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Park.
- Clarion County Recycling Day, Saturday, September 13th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Work Session, Tuesday, September 16th, 9 a.m. in Admin conference room
- Peanut Butter Festival, New Bethlehem, September 20th weekend
- Autumn Leaf Festival, Clarion, September 19th through September 28th
- Commissioners/Salary/Retirement Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 23rd, 9 a.m., in the Admin conference room

Public Concerns and Comments: (One person per issue or concern; three-minute limit per person.)

Chaundra Alderette asked the commissioners why the park trails are being closed and for how long.

Commissioner Campbell answered that parts of the trails are on private property and the county is looking a

ways to redesign the trails. Alderette asked for further explanation of how the commissioners discovered this. Commissioner Campbell stated that the land owner contacted them.

Business:

1. Approval of a supplemental reimbursement agreement and a resolution between the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Clarion County, acting as the sponsor for Allegheny Valley Land Trust (AVLT) and the Redbank Valley Trails Association (RVTA), for additional construction funding for the Climax Tunnel Stabilization Project on the Redbank Valley Trail in Porter Township:

- a) Supplemental Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Federal-Aid Reimbursement Agreement No. 103454-A for an additional \$26,000 for project construction funding. An agreement executed on July 10, 2013, totaled \$238,000
Supplemental agreement totals: \$264,000

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

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

- b) Resolution No. 10 of 2014 authorizing the chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign the agreement on behalf of Clarion County.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve Resolution No. 10 for 2014 as presented, the motion passed.

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

2. Accept a revision, dated August 4, 2014, by the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) to its Unemployment Compensation (UC) Trust Agreement/Bylaws. The change offers members the added benefit of remuneration for UC claims that involve litigation beyond the administrative hearing level.

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

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

3. Approval of the Assurance of Compliance/Participation to accompany the Children and Youth Implementation Plan.FY 2014-2015 Children and Youth Needs Based Plan/Budget Estimate and the FY ~~2014-2015~~ 2015-2016.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the assurance of compliance as amended, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval to appoint Vern Smith, (Office of Emergency Services) OES Director/911 Coordinator, to the following board of directors:

- a) EMMCO (Emergency Medical Management Coop) West Board of Directors

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the appointment of Vern Smith to the EMMCO West Board as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

- b) Northwest Central PA Emergency Response Group (NWCPAERG)

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve Vern Smith's appointment to the NWCPAERG as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

5. Approval to begin the nominating process for appointments to the 2015 County Conservation District Board of Directors. Letters requesting nominations will be sent to nine state approved county organizations. The terms of Farmer Director Willis Eshbaugh of Summerville and Farmer Director Joe Lowrie of Corsica will expire December 31st.

Term (4 year): January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2018

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to begin the Conservation nominating/appointment process as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

6. Approval of a grant-in-aid renewal through the Juvenile Court Judges Commission (JCJC) on behalf of Juvenile Probation Office (JPO) to compensate for employee salaries and benefits.

Effective: July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015 Grant allocation: \$111,504

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the grant-in-aid renewal as presented, the motion passed.

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

7. Approval of tax refunds:

- a) \$942.03 to an Elk Township tax payer for taxes paid in 2014

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

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

b) \$400.68 to a Clarion Township tax payer for taxes paid 2009-2014

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

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

8. Approval of requests for the use of County Property:

a) Request submitted by Stop Abuse For Everyone (SAFE) to place a tri-pod with a poem and a basket of flowers in the courthouse hall by the county sheriff's office during the month of October in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the SAFE request as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

b) Request submitted by Clarion University College Conservative Organization to place flags in the county park from September 9th through September 15th in memory of the 9/11 attacks.

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the request to place flags in the park as presented, the motion pass without opposition.

9. Approval of the General Fund bills dated: August 22 through September 5, 2014, totaling \$751,242.77.

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

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

10. Approval of the budget transfer(s) for the dates of August 26 to September 5, 2014, totaling \$2,057.24.

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	TOTAL
CORRECTIONS	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00
TAX COLLECTORS	SALARIES	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$500.00
TREASURER	TRAVEL	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$357.24
VOTER REGISTRATION	TRAVEL	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$200.00
TOTAL			\$2,057.24

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

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

Other Business:

There was no other business conducted at this meeting.

Public Questions and Answer Period:

Steve Allison asked for further explanation of the funding source of the TAP reimbursement for the Climax Tunnel Project and if it is pass-through funding. Commissioner Faller stated that the reimbursement is federally funded and it is a pass-through funding, no county funding is involved.

Scott Seeley questioned the content of the letter sent to the nominating organizations for the Conservation District Board of Directors and asked for the list naming these organizations. Seeley asked for further explanation of the tax refunds. Commissioner Brosius answered that one taxpayer had overpaid taxes that were exempt and the other had overpaid due to inaccurate information in the Assessment Office. He also questioned the budget transfer for county corrections of \$1,000. No answer was given.

Chaundra Alderette asked for a reason for the tax exemption. Commissioner Campbell stated that the Elk Township taxpayer was a disabled veteran and paid taxes that were exempt.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m., the motion passed without opposition.