

Clarion County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2015

Those in attendance: Carol Clinger, Donna Reinsel, Trisha Douglas, Treasurer Snyder, Vern Smith, Steve Allison, Scott Seeley (press) Evan Gareis (press) Ron Wilshire (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 without opposition.

Approval of the Minutes dated February 10, 2015

A correction was made to the minutes regarding the appointment to the election board. Joe Buzard is from Emlenton, Salem Township. On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the minutes dated February 10, 2015, as corrected, the motion passed without opposition.

Correspondence:

- Press Release:
Clarion County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will be promoting the 2015 National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 1-7, encouraging county residents to “Be a Force of Nature” by knowing your risk, taking action, and being an example where you live. County EMA is committed to being a leader for emergency preparedness.
- Municipal Notice:
A letter dated February 11, 2015, was received from PennDOT advising of planned work to remove the bridge over an abandoned railroad line and realignment of SR-2005 in Limestone Township.
- Veteran’s Affairs Director, Judy Zerbe, was honored by the Rimersburg VFW Post #7132 for her outstanding service and support of county veterans at the annual VA picnic in 2014.

Announcements:

- Work Session: Tuesday, March 3rd, 9 a.m. in the admin conference room
- Commissioner/Salary Board meetings: Tuesday, March 10th, 9 a.m. in the conference room
- Prison Board: Thursday, March 12th, 9 a.m. at the prison

Public Concerns and Comments: There were no concerns or comments at this meeting.

Business:

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 7 for 2015 naming the chairman of the Clarion County Board of Commissioners as the certifying officer/signature for the CDBG environmental review records.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 7 for 2015 as presented, the motion passed.

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

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 8 for 2015 putting in place a temporary ban on open outdoor burning FY 2015 on an as needed basis.

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 8 as presented, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of two agreements with EADS Architects, Inc for topographical surveys at the Office of Emergency Services (OES):

- a) For site plan, boundary, and building needs

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the site survey as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Campbell-yes; Commissioner Faller-no

- b) For abandoned well location and possible mitigation

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the survey to located abandoned wells as presented, the motion passed.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Campbell-yes; Commissioner Faller-no
Discussion: According to Commissioner Campbell, because an annex will not be built as planned, we must make plans for the OES Center. Due to the moisture problem and the need for more space, for dispatch and archival county records storage, commissioners are looking at other options. The well is to be located first and if feasible the county will look into a proposed addition to the OES Center.

4. Approval of a grant application being submitted to EMMCO West on behalf of OES/9-1-1 to fund a multi-county communications project for a microwave antenna to be located in Northern Clarion County. Grant allocation: \$49,348

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

5. Approval of tax exoneration for three Madison Township tax payers: 2014 county per capita tax.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the tax exoneration for the Madison Township tax payers as presented, the motion passed.

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

6. Approval of the General Fund bills dated: February 6th through 23rd, 2015, totaling \$681,243.04.

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

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

Other Business:

Commissioner Faller presented a public news release Informing county tax payers that the county tax bills that are due to go out on March 1st will be delayed till the middle of March due to the transition of software from Infocon to DEVNET. Press releases will be sent to all media.

Public Questions and Answer Period:

Ron Wilshire asked if the addition to the OES Center will face Liberty Street and if there will be zoning problems. The addition will have an entry from Madison and have no zoning problems. Wilshire also asked Commissioner Faller why he voted no on the addition. Faller felt that other more cost efficient possibilities had not been investigated.

Scott Seeley asked for further explanation on the mitigation of the wells at the OES Center, the EMMCO West grant, and the reason for the tax exoneration.

Steve Allison questioned the where the press release for the tax notices will be posted and Wilshire questioned the reason for being late.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to adjourn