

**Clarion County Board of Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11, 2016**

Those attending: Carol Clinger; Trisha Douglas; Rose Logue; District Attorney Aaron; Treasurer McConnell; Kristi Ditz; Kay Rupert; Cindy Callihan; Brett Whitling (press); Evanne Gareis (press); Natasha Brenniman (press); Mike Collins (press); Ron Wilshire (press)

Roll Call: Commissioner Tharan-present; Commissioner Brosius-present; Commissioner Heasley-present

Approval of the Agenda: On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the agenda as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

Approval of the Minutes dated July 26, 2016: On a motion made by Commissioner Heasley and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the minutes from last meeting as presented the motion passed without opposition.

There was no correspondence presented at this meeting.

Announcements:

- The preliminary public meeting for FY 2016 CDBG program is on Monday, August 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room. You can contact the Planning Department for more information
- Work session is on August 16 at 9 a.m. in the conference room
- Commissioners, Salary and Retirement board meetings are on August 23 at 9 a.m. in the conference room

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

Business:

**1. Resolution No. 8 of 2016, Fair Housing**

On a motion made by Commissioner Heasley and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve Resolution No. 8 committing to fair housing in Clarion County as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

**2. Contract renewals, on behalf of Children and Youth Services (CYS), from 7/1/16 – 6/30/17 with:**

- a) Joe B. and Bonnie J. Ferguson of Summerville, PA for independent living apartments  
Cost: \$3,290/ month                      County portion: \$345.45/month

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the CYS contract with Fergusons as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

- b) Clarion Vocation Services of Clarion, PA for office cleaning services  
Cost: \$130/week                              County portion: \$26/week

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the contract with CVS as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

- c) Avanco International, Inc. of Fairfax, VA for CAPS provider agreement  
Cost: \$27,925.70                              County portion: \$9,383.04

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the CAPS provider agreement with Avanco International as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

- d) Avanco International, Inc., of Fairfax, VA for CAPS consulting services  
Cost: \$10,000 (max)                              County Portion: \$3,360

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the consulting service contract with Avanco International as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

**3. Contract amendment on behalf of CYS with Pope, Drayer, French, & Heeter P.C. of Clarion, PA for solicitor services**

Term: 7/1/15 – 6/30/16                      Cost: \$46,154.06                      County portion: \$9,230.81

On a motion made by Commissioner Heasley and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the contract amendment for additional solicitor services as presented, the motion passed.

**4. Purchase of a new 12 passenger bus for Clarion County Transportation Department**

Cost: \$59,900.70                              County portion: \$853.70

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the purchase of the passenger bus of county transportation as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

5. 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement on behalf of Clarion County of Emergency Services (OES) with the state Emergency Management Agency and Northwest Central Pennsylvania Emergency Response Group

Term: 9/1/16 – 8/31/19

Grant: \$286,004

On a motion made by Commissioner Heasley and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

6. Permanent relocation of polling location, Clarion Borough First (5.01), to Clarion Area High School

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the permanent relocation of Clarion Borough First as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

7. Growing Greener Account

On a motion made by Commissioner Heasley and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the immediate liquidation of the Growing Greener Account and move to a money market for the short term pending review and move to an investment account for the long term.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

8. Request submitted by the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry (Chamber) for use of Clarion County Courthouse and Veterans Memorial Park

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to approve the use of the Veterans Memorial Park and surrounding county grounds for the ALF as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

9. Treasurer's report: Previous balance of \$5,976,940.83; Receipts of \$1,344,454.92; Expenditures of \$2,062,166.64 leaving a balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup> of \$5,260,491.19.

On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Heasley to accept the treasurer's report as presented, the motion passed without opposition.

10. Approval of the county expenditures bills:

a) General Fund, dated: July 23 – August 5, 2016

Total: \$761,920.98

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

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

b) Human Services, dated July 1 – August 5, 2016

Total: \$14,014.72

On a motion made by Commissioner Heasley and second by Commissioner Brosius to approve the human service bills as presented, the motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tharan-yes; Commissioner Brosius-yes; Commissioner Heasley-yes

Other Business: There was no other business presented at this meeting.

Department Head Questions or Comments: There were no department head questions or comments.

Public Questions and Answer Period:

Evanne Gareis asked for further explanation of the EMA Homeland Security Grant. Randall Stahlman explained how this funding has decreased drastically and helps covers the Task Force expenses.

Commissioner Tharan announced three municipal events in the county: 1) Clarion County Airshow 2) Rimersburg Cookie Days and 3) Hickory Golf at the Foxburg Golf Course

Commissioner Tharan also gave an update on the Human Service Complex, explaining that the West Wing is done, Justice Works, the County Conservation District, and the Human Service Administration is preparing to move its offices to that wing in the building.

Ron Wilshire questioned if there will be enough parking at the complex.

Commissioner Brosius announced the Veterans Picnic to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the county park in Paint Township. He thanked the New Bethlehem American Legion and the VFW for help with this annual event.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Commissioner Tharan and second by Commissioner Heasley to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m., the motion passed without opposition.