

Clarion County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2013

Those present: Donna Reinsel Angi Keller Trisha Douglas Kay Rupert Carol Clinger Steve Allison
Dave Cole Gary Frank Robert Cardamone Josie Schultz Treasurer Tess Snyder
Kelsey Huebert (C93) Scott Seeley (Clarion News) Brandi Stretavski (LV)

Roll Call:

Commissioner Brosius-present Commissioner Campbell-present Commissioner Faller-present

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes: dated April 23, 2013.

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the minutes dated April 23, 2013, the motion passed.

Correspondence:

- ❖ Letters and certificates of appointment, dated April 4, 2013, were received from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Acting upon the nominations approved at the November 27, 2012, meeting and submitted by the Board of Commissioners and by the official action of PEMA on behalf of the state Emergency Management Council, Marcie Emhoff, Director of OES and William Krulac, of McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc, were appointed as members of the Clarion County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- ❖ A letter, dated April 10, 2013, was received from the Clarion University Foundation, Inc. informing the county that the foundation intends to apply for federal assistance on the proposed construction of a 718-bed student housing facility on the Clarion University Campus. Construction for the project will begin on or about May 2013 and will be completed in time to be open to students for the fall semester of 2014.
- ❖ A municipal notice, dated April 10, 2013, was received from SAI Consulting Engineers of Pittsburgh, PA, informing the county that PennDOT District 10-0 is proposing the replacement of the existing Callensburg Bridge No. 1 over the Clarion River in Licking Twp. This project will include roadway approach work, drainage improvements, channel relocation, and guiderail improvements on SR 0058. The purpose of the letter is to inform the municipalities and county of its intent to submit an application to the DEP for a General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities and to request a stormwater management and floodplain consistency letter and land use information from Licking Twp and the Clarion County Department of Planning & Development.
- ❖ A municipal notice, dated April 11, 2013, was received from W.D. Mohny & Associates of Kittanning, PA, advising the county that T.C. Mining is seeking a stage III bond release for Surface Mining Permit No. 16050107 for 15.3 acres at the Rider Mine located at the intersection of SR-0068 and Rider Road in Madison Twp. The release areas have been revegetated in accordance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act as of the spring of 2008.
- ❖ A letter dated April 16, 2013, from the state Department of Public Welfare presenting the county with a revised tentative (FY) 2012-2013 Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) allocation amount of \$679,479, which is a decrease from \$703,769 allocated in December, 2012.
- ❖ A municipal notice dated April 17, 2013, from the EADS Group of Clarion, advising the county that Bryan Huwar and Terry Rapp are filing an application to the DEP for a water quality management part II permit to extend sanitary sewer lines from the Riverhill portion of Paint Twp. to their property along Doe Run Road.
- ❖ A letter was received from the state Office of Child Development and Early Learning informing the County of an adjusted decrease in the Subsidized Child Care Grant in the amount of \$22,000.
- ❖ A municipal notice dated April 18, 2013, was received from Gwin, Dobson, & Foreman Consulting Engineers of Altoona, PA, informing the county of its intent to submit multiple permit applications to the DEP on behalf of Shippenville Borough for the proposed upgrades to the borough's wastewater treatment plant with discharge to the surface waters at Deer Creek.
- ❖ A municipal notice dated April 22, 2013, was received from the Clarion Borough Administrative Office informing the county that construction activity for the 2013 Borough's South 7th Avenue curb ramp/detectable warning installation project is set to begin from and including the George Road Intersection to and including the Barber Street intersection. Major work during daylight hours will include the construction of concrete curb ramps and the installation of detectable warning surfaces at various street and sidewalk intersections. Work is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2013.

- ❖ A municipal notice dated April 25, 2013, was received from GAI Consultants of Canonsburg, PA, on behalf of Columbia Gas Co. of PA, Inc. informing the county of its intent to submit applications to the DEP for the Bartow to Pickard Valley Pipeline replacement project in Perry Twp. The project involves the replacement of natural gas distribution pipeline and the installation of new natural gas distribution pipelines as part of Columbia's maintenance program.
- ❖ An email was received from the Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections, and Legislation informing counties that on May 6, 2013, Governor Corbett signed into law Senate Bill 808 (Act 2013-4), which allows counties to abolish the office of Jury Commissioner. The legislation is different than the previous act in that it provides that the office of Jury Commissioner upon approval of a resolution abolishing it expires at the end of current term. There is no provision in this version of legislation that prohibits a county from passing such a resolution in a year in which jury commissioner is on the ballot.
- ❖ In an effort to streamline public accessibility to the Act 13 reports of the unconventional gas wells in Clarion County, the county boroughs and townships have been given the opportunity to post these municipal reports on the county website. Reports will be made available on the web as they are submitted. Interested parties can view these municipal reports at www.co.clarion.pa.us.
- ❖ Clarion County Treasurer's Report dated April 1 through April 30, 2013. Balance is \$3,282,184.64.

Announcements:

- ❖ Friday, May 17th, Prison Board Meeting at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' conference room.
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 21st, Primary Election Day.**
- ❖ Wednesday, May 22nd, Work Session at 9 a.m.
- ❖ Friday, May 24th, Election Return Board.
- ❖ **Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day, all county offices will be closed.**
- ❖ Tuesday, May 28th, Commissioners/Salary/Retirement Board Meeting at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' conference room.

Public Concerns and Comments:

There were no public concerns or comments at this meeting.

Business:

1. Approval of a proclamation recognizing the important work of Community Action, Inc. in Clarion County and proclaiming May 2013 as Community Action Month.
 - Robert A. Cardamone, Executive Director of Community Action, Inc. will be accepting the proclamation on behalf of Community Action.

At this time Commissioner Brosius read the proclamation proclaiming May as Community Action Month and thanked the organization as he presented it to Robert Cardamone. Commissioner Campbell said that the proclamation covers a broad facet of what Community Action does to take care of the communities in Clarion and Jefferson Counties. Campbell added that many people in these communities have received needed help with the support of Community Action.

2. Approval of a proclamation recognizing the invaluable contributions foster families give to our children and proclaiming May 2013 as Foster Family Month.
 - Kay Rupert, Human Services Director/Children and Youth Administrator will be accepting the proclamation on behalf of Clarion County Foster Families.

At this time Commissioner Brosius read the proclamation proclaiming May as Foster Family Month and thanked the foster families of Clarion County as he presented it to Kay Rupert.

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the proclamations of business items No.1 and No.2 as presented, the motion passed.

3. Approval to advertise the issuing of an invitation to bid for the county's purchase of a vehicle on behalf of the Clarion County Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Program.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the advertising of an invitation to bid for the purchase of a vehicle on behalf of MH/DD as presented, the motion passed with three yes and zero no for approval.

Commissioner Brosius noted that a vehicle has been considered through the Costars state purchase program, but the commissioners would like to give local dealers a chance to bid for this sale.

4. Approval of a new contract on behalf of the County Buildings and Grounds with J.C. Ehrlich Inc. of Corsica for 12 week program concentrating on pigeon control at the Courthouse and OES Building.

- Effective date: May 14, 2013 Cost: \$4,500

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the contracting of Ehrlich for pigeon control as presented, the motion passed.

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

5. Approval of a new contract with J.P.H. Consulting of Brookville for work as a consultant with the architect and the county during the design/bidding process and to coordinate/inspect construction during the courthouse renovation project.

- Effective date: May 14, 2013
Cost: \$25/hr, based on a four-hour day, not to exceed \$100/per day, \$20 travel/day

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the contract with J.P.H. Consulting as presented, the motion passed.

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

6. Approval of a contract renewal with Joshua Anthony of Sligo for mowing the county cemetery in Sligo.

- Effective for the 2013 mowing season Cost: \$40 per each mowing

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the contracting of Joshua Anthony to mow the county cemetery for the 2013 mowing season as presented, the motion passes.

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

7. Approval of a financial assistance grant award to the Clarion County Sewage Association, contingent upon written confirmation from the Sewage Association that municipal payments due from its members who are obligated to contribute have been collected.

- Landfill Trust Fund Grant amount: \$20,000

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the awarding of a financial grant award to the Clarion County Sewage Association as presented providing all municipal members meet their obligation, the motion passed.

Commissioner Campbell said that the association supports fifteen to twenty municipalities. Due to Act 137 the DEP had decreased its support. This has caused a financial hardship for the association and an inability to pay its obligations. The association has asked for help from the municipalities and from the county.

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

8. Approval of proclamations recognizing our four Clarion County Senior Centers and proclaiming May 2013, as Older Americans Month. The commissioners will be visiting each center to present the proclamations.

- 1) Rimersburg Center, May 15th
- 2) Leeper Center, May 22nd
- 3) Clarion Main Street Center, May 23rd
- 4) St. Petersburg Center, May 28th

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the proclamations to be presented on the above dates as presented, the motion passed.

9. Approval of a request submitted by Gary Frank from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for permission to inject the trees in the Veterans Memorial Park with insecticide to protect against the Emerald Ash Borer.

On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the DCNR treatment of the trees in the park as presented, the motion passed.

Gary Frank was present and explained the process of the treatment, which he would like to use as a public demonstration on the day of the treatment. There are 4 large ash trees along the fifth avenue side of the park, one being the largest in the county municipalities. The Emerald Ash Borer will lay small green eggs in the tree and the larvae eat and in time destroy the tree. The application of a restricted use chemical into the trunk of the trees will be performed by licensed personnel from the state Bureau of Forestry on a yet to be determined day in June. This past winter the insect was found in the trees at the Clarion Area Elementary School. The park trees were treated for the ash borer in 2011 and will be treated again in 2015. This treatment is funded by the state and will be no cost to the county. Frank added that there will be spraying for gypsy moths north of the Clarion River and in the parks. The hemlock woolly adelgid has been detected in the hemlock trees in Cook Forest State Park and will be treated by injecting both the ground and the trees.

10. Approval of a request submitted by Carol Insalata on behalf of the Heart for Uganda organization to use the Veterans Memorial Park for a community day event on September 7, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the use of the park by Heart for Uganda as presented, the motion passed.

11. Approval of a request submitted by Janet Shreckengost on behalf of Clarion County's Promise to use the Veterans Memorial Park for its nineteenth annual Celebration in the Park on July 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On a motion made by Commissioner Brosius and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve the use of the park by Clarion County's Promise as presented, the motion passed.

12. Approval of the General Fund bills dated April 20th through May 10, 2013, totaling \$1,222,705.73. On a motion made by Commissioner Faller and second by Commissioner Campbell to approve paying of the general fund bills as presented, the motion passed.
Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

13. Approval of a budget transfer for the dates of April 20th through May 10, 2013, totaling \$100.

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	TOTAL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	DRUG TESTING	LAW LIBRARY	\$100.00
TOTAL			\$100.00

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to approve the budget transfer as presented, the motion passed.
Roll call vote: Commissioner Brosius-yes Commissioner Campbell-yes Commissioner Faller-yes

Other Business:

Commissioner Campbell announced that the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, George Greig, visited the Clarion Farms, owned by the Port family, in Clarion Township. May has been declared as National Beef Month. Campbell added that the beef industry is a significant part of our economy and the Young Ranchers group, the next generation of farmers, is a strong presence in Clarion County.

Public Questions and Answer Period:

- Scott Seeley from the Clarion News asked how the pigeon control at the Courthouse will be done. Commissioner Campbell replied that the owners of certain building in down town will be contacted for permission to use their building as a seeding ground to feed the pigeons with treated food. Commissioner Brosius added that pigeons are a health hazard to the community.
- Steve Allison asked the commissioners if the treatment for the Emerald Ash Borer would have any effect on other insects. Commissioner Campbell said that it would kill native ash borer and anything else, but the chemical was specifically created for the ash borer.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and second by Commissioner Faller to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m., the motion passed.