

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 29, 2012**

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, 2:00 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse, Carlisle, PA. Present were Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler, and Gary Eichelberger; Dennis Marion, Chief Clerk; Joanne Burkhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Ed Schorpp, Solicitor; Janet Walter, Paralegal; Al Whitcomb, Controller; Dana Best, Finance; Silvia Herman, MH/IDD; Bill Finnerty and Alex Smyser, IMTO; Mick Burkett, Human Resources; Heather Ilgenfritz, Commissioners' Office; Matt McLaughlin, The Sentinel; Dan Miller, The Patriot-News; Matt Barcaro, WGAL TV 8.

Commissioner Cross called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call was taken: Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler, and Gary Eichelberger were present.

Commissioner Cross asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the Minutes of April 30, 2012. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Personnel Transactions (see attached). Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the Reduction in Home Support Services for the Office of Aging which was reviewed at the May 24, 2012 Workshop meeting. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried. A brief discussion took place regarding the reduction of services. It was stated that as a result of increasing costs and level funding from the State, the Office of Aging and Community Services is planning to reduce both staff and programs over the next six months. The Home Chore program was already impacted with the elimination of two of the four staff positions during the current fiscal year. The services being eliminated are primarily grocery shopping and laundry services. If there are no other supports available and the elimination of these services would result in the older adult being institutionalized or placed at risk, the services will be continued. There are an estimated 80 to 85 of the 104 consumers currently receiving the service that will be affected. A timetable for the change has not been determined, although it is expected to occur sometime between August and September. Consumers will be given at least two months' notice before service is terminated.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the Five Year County MH Plan 2013-2017 which was reviewed at the May 24, 2012 Workshop meeting. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried. Commissioner Cross expressed the Board's concern of how

the Five Year County MH Plan may be affected by Governor Corbett's proposed State Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Cumberland County continues to be concerned and anxious in knowing how Human Services will be affected. Ms. Herman stated that no new services were added to the Plan and the new priority is being able to sustain at a level possible for services and support and making determinations about decreases to services that would have the least impact.

The Cumberland County Transportation Department requested a Shared Ride Fare increase (see attached) application be approved for the upcoming fiscal year 2012-2013. The Transportation Department has struggled with decreased ridership for the last several years. Although adjustments have been made to their operations, they are still struggling with increased operating expenses as well. The target is for a \$1.00 increase this year with options of \$1.00 next year and \$.50 the following year. The Department will re-evaluate these monetary figures after the first year by accessing the State Budget cuts with regard to ridership. Routes and current scheduling procedures are being reviewed which could potentially reduce costs with little or no adverse effects to the needs of the customer. Commissioner Cross reluctantly moved to approve the Shared Ride Fare Increase which was reviewed at the May 24, 2012 Workshop meeting. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the following contracts/grants which were presented at the May 24, 2012 workshop meeting:

- Agreement between Victoria Weiksner Roadcap and Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to Provide Beautician/Barber Services to Residents
- Agreements for Human Resources:
  - Country Corner Rental Center, Inc.
  - Bill Bayman
- Agreement between Prison and Health & Safety Institute for Training Materials
- Agreement between Commissioners and Comfort Suites
- Agreement between Children & Youth Services and Bethany Home, Inc.
- Agreement between IMTO and SHI for Nessus Network Scanner Professional Feed Renewal
- 2012-13 Drug & Alcohol Agreements with Inpatient Non-Hospital Treatment and Partial Providers:
  - Alternative Counseling Associates
  - Bowling Green Inn, Brandywine
  - Catholic Charities-Evergreen House
  - Clear Brook
  - Clem-Mar House
  - Daystar Center
  - Firetree, Ltd.
  - H.E.A.R., Inc.
  - Penn Foundation for Mental Health, Inc.
  - Gaudenzia, Inc.

- Libertae, Inc.
- Nuestra Clinica
- Pyramid Healthcare
- Samara House of the CYWA
- UHS of PA (Roxbury Treatment Center)
- White Deer Run
- Eagleville Hospital
- Agreement with Commonwealth of PA for Federal-Aid Bridge Project Reimbursement
- Submission of Shared Ride Grant Application to PennDOT

Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler approved Change Order DE-2 for the Prison Renovation & Expansion Project which was reviewed at the May 24, 2012 Workshop meeting. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to authorize Streaming of all Update, Workshop, and regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners and any additional meetings under the jurisdiction of the Board be streamed upon the request of at least two members of the Board and all streamed and archived meetings be retained until the approval of the official minutes of the streamed and archived meetings. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried. Solicitor Schorpp explained that the decision to stream upon the request of at least two Commissioners would have to be passed as a motion in advance at a public meeting, per the Sunshine Act. Commissioner Eichelberger moved to amend the authorization of Streaming of Commissioners' Meetings to include a motion in advance at a public meeting. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to appoint Tracey Vernon to the Blighted Property Reinvestment Board. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the following General Disbursement Transfer Authorizations:

a.	5/14/12	\$	225.00
b.	5/14/12	\$	213.60
c.	5/15/12	\$	687.77
d.	5/16/12	\$	554,321.52
e.	5/16/12	\$	2,276,355.61
f.	5/18/12	\$	3,881,766.44
g.	5/21/12	\$	100.00
h.	5/23/12	\$	14,759.66
i.	5/23/12	\$	6,397.53
j.	5/23/12	\$	62.77
k.	5/25/12	\$	2,688.00
l.	5/25/12	\$	2,025,455.47
m.	5/25/12	\$	274,037.81

Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Eichelberger moved to accept the monthly report from the Recycling & Waste Authority, as well as the Changes of Assessment for May, 2012. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve eliminating 28 General Fund vacant employment positions within the County that have remained vacant for six months or more. After some discussion, the motion was amended to read:

***THAT unless demonstrated to the Board as necessary to maintain, or required by contract or other legal obligation to maintain, all General Fund budgeted vacant employment positions within the County that have remained vacant for six months or more, as of May 29, 2012, and are under the jurisdiction of this Board, be eliminated.***

Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the amended motion and it unanimously carried. There was a brief discussion regarding the motion. The Board discussed the County strategy, categories that vacant positions fall into, operational flow, exemptions, justification to fill positions, over-time, interns, and Family Medical Leave Act and Deployment vacancies.

There being no further business to come before the Board the Commissioners went into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel Issues. The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:40 p.m. and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Cahoon  
Administrative Assistant