

## COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING

January 17, 2013

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 17, 2013, 9:05 a.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse, Carlisle, PA. Present were Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler, Gary Eichelberger; Dennis Marion, Chief Clerk; Ed Schorpp, Solicitor; Janet Walter, Solicitor's Office; Joanne Burkhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Heather Ilgenfritz, Commissioners' Office; Alfred Whitcomb, Mary Brokans, Controller's Office; Melissa Calvanelli, Court Administrator's Office; Ted Wise, Public Safety; Charles Hall, Coroner's Office; Jonelle Darr, Library System; Kirk Stoner, Stephanie Williams, Becky Wisner, Planning Department; Carl Goshorn, Conservation District; Rebekah Finkey, CJP/IP; Bill Finnerty, Robert Barner; IMTO; Ben Laudermilch, Ed LeClear, Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority; Rick Betts, Frank Goshorn, Domestic Relations; Jack Carroll, Drug & Alcohol; Rose Cook, Transportation; Bonnie Mahoney, Robin Weigle, Assessment; John Lopp, Facilities Management; Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County Farmland Preservation Board; Deborah Lupold, Cumberland County Tax Collector's Association; Michael Langan, Hampden Township Tax Collector; Dennis Zerbe, Upper Allen Township Tax Collector; Janet Miller, Camp Hill Borough Tax Collector; Barry Heckard, Mechanicsburg Borough Tax Collector; Rick Rovegno, Mary Jane Zeigler; Christen Croley, The Sentinel; Steve Marroni, The Patriot News.

Chief Clerk Marion led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called the meeting to order.

Chief Clerk Marion asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Cross stated today's Workshop Meeting is Chief Clerk Dennis Marion's last meeting before he leaves County employment for his new position at the State. At this time, there were special comments and presentations made by County employees honoring Chief Clerk Marion.

There was a brief summary provided for the following contracts and grants for the Board's consideration. Action is scheduled to be taken at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Dave Freed discussed the Corrections Development, Inc. – Maintenance & Support of Software for 2013 for the District Attorney's Office - *a renewal*.

Crystal Brallier discussed two Agreements for Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center:

- Padden, Guerrini & Associates, P.C. for Professional Services for the preparation of Medicaid & Medicare Cost Reports - *renewal*.
- MedOp Behavioral Health Associates for Professional Services for Behavioral Health Services for Residents – *renewal*.

Charles Hall presented new software Licensing Agreements for the Coroner's Office:

- Quincy Technology Solutions, Inc. - Software License Terms & Conditions
- The Winvale Group – Evidence Logging Software

*These items will be purchased with Act 122 money.*

Rebekah Finkey spoke about the Submission of Grant Application to PCCD for Centralized DUI Court: *This year's match for this grant comes from the female work release expansion and position benefits.*

Silvia Herman presented Agreements for MH/IDD-*all four are renewal Agreements.*

- Redevelopment Authority of the County of Cumberland for MH Services – Residential.
- Addendum to Agreement with Advanta Therapy, LLC – (Early Intervention) -*decrease in contract due to elimination of their specialized instruction service.*
- Addendum to Agreement with Living Unlimited, Inc. – (Early Intervention) - *decrease in contract for the reduction of the music therapy.*
- Addendum to Agreement with Merle Crawford, MS, OTR/L – (Early Intervention) - *increase because Ms. Crawford is serving more children for occupational therapy services.*

Wendy Hoverter discussed the Agreements for Children & Youth Services:

- Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc. - *2% increase.*
- Amendment to Agreement with Bethany Home, Inc. - *independent living service for adolescents is being added.*
- NHS Pennsylvania is a foster care program. NHS is requesting increases in two foster care programs: *one is a 1.9% increase and the other is a 2.8% increase.*

Stephanie Williams spoke about the Treevitalize Metros Sub-Grant Agreement between Cumberland County and Borough of Lemoyne - *a new Grant with Lemoyne Borough for \$5,000.*

Dana Best spoke about the renewal of the Cumberland County Cost Allocation Plan contract with MAXIMUS, Inc. It is an extension of the previous year's contract for the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan – *same cost as last year.*

Carl Goshorn presented an Agreement between the Cumberland County Conservation District and TeamAg, Inc. for Professional Services to implement Best Management Practices -*\$4,221 and 100% of this funding comes from the Chesapeake Bay Program.*

Ben Laudermilch presented for the Board's consideration, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program Contract. *It is from DCED for \$150,000 for Emergency Solutions Grant Shelter activities.*

John Bitner explained the Grant Agreement between the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection and Vector Control to Accept the 2013 Grant Award for the West Nile Virus Control Program - *100% funding with no County match.*

Kim Bitner discussed the Acceptance of a Gift Card for the Cumberland CARES Program. A donation was received for Cumberland CARES and Giant Gift Cards were purchased with this donation. At the time the Giant Cash For Causes Program was in effect so Giant awarded a \$50.00 gift card to the Office of Aging and Community Services (see attached.)

Pat Slattery discussed Change Order GC-13 for the Prison Renovation & Expansion Phase II Project. This Change Order regarded revisions made to the masonry constructed in the gym –*deduction in the amount of \$19,296.85 (see attached.)*

Dana Best reviewed Resolution No. 2013-2 Re Budget Adjustments (see attached.)

Solicitor Schorpp reviewed Resolution No. 2013-3 Granting Authority to Acting Chief Clerk to Execute Certain Change Orders Re Prison Renovation & Expansion Phase II. The Resolution continues the present procedure with respect to approval of Change Orders in the Prison construction project from Chief Clerk Dennis Marion to Acting Chief Clerk Joanne Burkhart (see attached.)

Kirk Stoner reviewed the PA Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation Certification of County Funds for 2013 Program Year and the estimated State match for this program. Along with this Certification there are Act 13 Marcellus Shale funds available to the County. He noted that the County Planning Commission voted to recommend placing the Act 13@2011 Marcellus Shale funding of \$199,000 into the Land Partnerships Program (see attached.)

Vince DiFilippo, Chairman of the Farmland Preservation Board, stated he was disappointed with the Planning Commission's recommendation. The Farmland Preservation Board sent a memo recently to the Planning Commission recommending that the monies be split between the Farmland Preservation Board and the Land Partnerships Program. Mr. DiFilippo further discussed the County's appropriation of funds for Farmland Preservation.

Commissioner Hertzler spoke about the 2011 Marcellus Shale funds in the amount of \$199,718.62. Half of this funding, which is the unanimous recommendation of the Farmland Preservation Board would total \$99,859.31. Commissioner Hertzler stated that he plans to make a motion to certify this amount at the Board of Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The County would be able to preserve 380 acres of additional Cumberland County farmland in 2013. Commissioner Hertzler also spoke about the

memorandum from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation (see attached.)

Commissioner Eichelberger addressed this issue. His position is that the Land Partnerships Program should be allocated this funding because it addresses more urgent needs and it can help a vast majority of the County's citizens. An ongoing discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cross spoke about farming as an industry. She also discussed how open space creates livable communities and are attractive places to raise families because of the availability of parks, trails, streams and conservation districts. All of these items make Cumberland County a great place to live.

Mr. Stoner spoke about the number of gas wells that are drilled and the present cost of natural gas which may affect 2012 Marcellus Shale funding allocations.

Rick Rovegno, a member of the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative, told the Board of Commissioners that the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative stands ready to complete research needed, including any resources that the Board may like the Conservation Collaborative to use. As a citizen, Mr. Rovegno and his wife are very thankful to the farm families who pay their taxes to Cumberland County because they pay more in taxes than they consume in Cumberland County services.

Deborah Lupold, President of the Cumberland County Tax Collectors' Association and the East Pennsboro Township Tax Collector, presented a letter to the Board on behalf of the Cumberland County Tax Collectors for Discussion on Tax Collectors' Compensation (see attached.) She is asking the Board to consider a raise for all Tax Collectors in the County from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per collected tax bill for the 2014 term.

Mike Langan, Vice-President of the Cumberland County Tax Collector's Association, and Hampden Township Tax Collector, presented some documentation for the Board's review regarding the present tax collector pay basis data. There was further discussion by Mr. Langan regarding the software program used by the County Tax Collectors.

Robin Weigle discussed the software program and the process based on what the Tax Collectors provide to the Assessment Department regarding processing and posting of payments. There was a brief discussion regarding the amount of invoices processed by both the smaller and larger municipalities.

Commissioner Hertzler spoke regarding the Tax Collectors' compensation. The County's required elimination of the Per Capita Tax, which is the result of Cumberland County becoming a Third Class County, would see the Tax Collectors' compensation reduced by an estimated 60%. An adequate compensation should be paid to the Tax Collectors so that the County can continue to attract well-qualified people for these important elected positions. If this matter is approved by the Board, an Ordinance must be enacted and in effect by February 15, 2013. The Ordinance must also be publicized prior to enactment.

John Lopp asked the Board for their consideration regarding Authorizing Advertising for Grass Mowing and Trimming for Cumberland County Properties.

#### Commissioner Liaison Reports:

Commissioner Cross discussed the following:

- Drug & Alcohol – Meeting held last week. The annual report was distributed to the Board.
- Commission For Women – Recommendations were presented for Appointments to the Board. Significant activities planned for March which is Women's History Month.
- Conservation District – will meet next Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Commissioner Cross spoke about a letter the Commissioners received from U.S. Renal Care. They wished to acknowledge Rose Cook and the Transportation Department for their exceptional job of ensuring that U.S. Renal Care patients have transportation to their early 6:00 a.m. dialysis treatment appointments. The letter stated the drivers are always friendly and have a sincere interest in the well-being of their clients (see attached.)

Commissioner Hertzler discussed the following:

- On January 8, 2013 he attended a PennDOT and Federal Highway Administration meeting to discuss Cumberland County's role in the Regional Growth Management Plan.
- The Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board Meeting was held on January 8, 2013. Items discussed – Down Payment and Closing Costs Assistance Program.
- Agriculture Land Preservation Board met on January 9, 2013 and they unanimously recommended one-half of the County's 2011 Marcellus Shale allocation to be applied toward the County certification for the State Farmland Preservation. The Agriculture Land Preservation Officers are: Vince DiFilippo, Chairman, Don Mowery, Vice-Chair and Secretary, Diane Stamy.
- Local Emergency Planning Committee met on January 10, 2013. The Committee reorganized and made recommendations to fill vacancies on the Committee. The next meeting is February 14, 2013.
- Redevelopment and Housing Authority Boards met on January 11, 2013. The Boards reorganized with the same Officers. The Smoking Policy Ban was discussed. Penn State Dickinson School of Law representatives were present regarding ongoing community involvement of the Juris Doctor Program at the Law School.

Commissioner Eichelberger discussed the following:

- Blighted Property Meeting was cancelled.
- Library System will meet January 28, 2013.
- MH/IDD will meet today, January 17, 2013.
- Planning Commission Meeting was this morning. During the Workshop last week, there was a wide-range of discussion on the Land Partnerships Programs. The creation of a non-voting seat at the Planning Commission Meeting for the Economic Development Corporation will help promote the goal regarding Integrated Land Use Transportation and Economic Development.
- Western Cumberland Council of Governments met on January 14, 2013. The Per Capita Tax was discussed and the January reports were distributed. A wide-range of discussion took place. Members of the Municipalities are interested in outreach. Gary Martin asked if the various department representatives can attend the meetings as guest speakers. Western Cumberland Council of Governments is a Forum for local officials from the western part of the County.
- Workforce Investment Board Meeting is next week and he is planning to attend it.
- EDC Executive Committee – Regular meeting was cancelled but the Board Meeting took place this week and Commissioner Hertzler attended.

Commissioner Cross spoke about scheduling an evening Board of Commissioners meeting within the next several months.

Chief Clerk Marion reported there were Executive Sessions held on January 10, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Re Personnel Issues; January 11, 2013, 11:00 a.m. Re Personnel Issues and January 14, 2013, 10:30 a.m., Re Personnel Issues.

Chief Clerk Marion asked if there was other business to come before the Board. Chief Clerk Marion said he appreciates all of the kind words he has received today. He spoke about the rewarding career he has enjoyed with the County. He expressed his appreciation to the present Board of Commissioner and all of the previous Boards he has served. Chief Clerk Marion thanked District Attorney David Freed, his predecessor, other Elected Officials and the members of their office staff. Chief Clerk Marion also thanked the Judges, current and past, who created an atmosphere of cooperation to allow them to establish the Criminal Justice Policy Team. Chief Clerk Marion also thanked all County employees, consumers, families and constituents with whom he has worked.

There being no other Business before the Board, there was a request for an Executive Session Re Personnel issues. The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Mazarella  
Administrative Coordinator