

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 6, 2014

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 2:06 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse, Carlisle, PA. Present were Commissioners Barbara Cross, Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger; Larry Thomas, Chief Clerk; Ed Schorpp, Solicitor; Joanne Burkhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Controller Al Whitcomb; Treasurer John Gross; Janet Walter, Solicitor's Office; Dana Best, Finance; Terry Barley, Office of Aging & Community Services; Karen DeWoody, Scott Sowers, Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; Magisterial District Judge Jessica Brewbaker and Bethany Woodward; Steve Marroni, The Patriot News.

Call to Order: Commissioner Cross called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call was taken: Commissioners Cross, Hertzler and Eichelberger were present.

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

Employee Recognition: The Board of Commissioners recognized Bethany Woodward for her 20 years of service to the County.

Approval of Personnel Transactions: Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the Personnel Transactions (see attached). Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Contacts/Grants: Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the following Contracts/Grants (Reviewed at the January 2, 2014 Workshop Meeting)

- a. Agreements for MH/IDD
 - Contract for Professional Services with Linda K. Shumaker (MH)
 - Renewal of Lease Agreement with Antonia & Rosario Tripoli for property located at 10 W. Main Street, 1st Floor Unit, New Bloomfield, PA
- b. Agreements for the Planning Department
 - Subcontract between the County of Cumberland and Hampden Township for Park, Trails & Greenway Development Under the Cumberland County Land Partnerships Grant Program
 - Submission of Hazard Mitigation Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
 - Agreement between the County of Cumberland and Metropolitan Edison Company for the Encks Mill Bridge Project

Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Capital Project Requests: Commissioner Cross asked for action regarding the following two Capital Project Requests (Reviewed at the January 2, 2014 Workshop Meeting):

- Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the Purchase of a 14 Passenger Bus for the Cumberland County Honor Guard with a \$50,000 Grant by the G.B. Stuart Charitable Foundation. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the Motion and it unanimously carried.
- Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the Purchase of Wheelchair & Accessories Durable Medical Equipment (DME) – for Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

in the amount of \$18,221.32. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Acceptance of Grant: Commissioner Hertzler moved to Accept the Durable Medical Equipment Grant in the amount of \$18,221.32 from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Long-Term Living for the Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Approval of Bid Award: Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Bid Award for Renovations to the Lower Levels of the “C” and “D” Buildings at Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Reviewed at the January 2, 2014 Workshop Meeting) as follows: General – East Coast Contracting, Inc. - \$1,077,700.00; Plumbing – Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. - \$284,400.00; HVAC – Midstate M/E - \$324,900.00; Electrical – Midstate M/E - \$474,900.00. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and the motion carried with Commissioner Eichelberger voting nay.

Commissioner Hertzler shared his comments regarding the Bid Award (see attached).

Commissioner Eichelberger shared his comments regarding the Bid Award. He said a more thorough strategic review needs to be completed before any decision about Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center’s future can be made. It is not a matter of preserving financial viability as it is a matter of a turnaround. In his opinion, the Center is already not viable and the last of the reserves are being drawn down. Commissioner Eichelberger stated he is not willing to support this investment because of significant drawdown of the last remaining reserves. The long-term prospects of the operation will need to be reviewed to make the best decision for the nursing home residents, their families, as well as the taxpayers in the County.

Approval of Reappointments to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:

Commissioner Hertzler moved to approve the following two-year Reappointments to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Scott Wyland and Daniel Flint as Cumberland East Representatives, Brian O’Neill as the Cumberland Central Representative and Al Bienstock as the At Large Cumberland Representative. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried (see attached).

Approval of Reappointment to the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority

(CCIDA): Commissioner Eichelberger moved to approve the three-year Reappointment of Charles Wilson to the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority (CCIDA). Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

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

- a. 12/23/13 \$ 880.51
- b. 12/27/13 \$ 3,006,374.67
- c. 12/27/13 \$ 1,078.71
- d. 1/3/14 \$ 38,325.97
- e. 1/3/14 \$ 1,969,007.39

Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Acceptance of Monthly Reports: Commissioner Cross moved to accept the Monthly Reports: Register of Wills, Veterans Affairs. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Report of Executive Session: Commissioner Cross reported there was an Executive Session held on January 2, 2014, 10:10 a.m. regarding Personnel Issues.

Other Business: Commissioner Cross asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Terry Barley stated that the Office of Aging received a \$25.00 gift certificate donation from a consumer. Mr. Barley asked for the Board's consideration to accept this donation. Commissioner Eichelberger moved to accept the \$25.00 gift certificate donation to the Office of Aging. Commissioner Hertzler seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Finance Meetings Update: Chief Clerk Thomas noted that the January 8, 2014 Finance Meeting has been cancelled. The next Finance Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2014. A list of future topics for future Finance Meetings will be forthcoming to include the Public Financial Management (PFM) recommendations and any other topics impacting the County's budget and financial situation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurie Mazarella
Administrative Coordinator