

November 20, 2008

McKean County Commissioners in special session assembled on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners meeting room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, and Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons. Also present were Dan Hartle, George Petrisek, Sandy Thompson, and Fran DeLancey.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. DeMott, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2008 meeting.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

No public comment.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve payment of the following invoices:

1. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc. - \$12,302.00 – representing a portion of their budget allotment for July 1 through September 30, 2008.
2. Annin Township - \$12,303.00 – representing payment for their 2007 and 2008 Liquid Fuel Project – Liquid Fuel Fund.
3. Norwich Township - \$2,895.00 – representing payment for their 2008 Liquid Fuel Project – Liquid Fuel Fund.
4. YWCA - \$4,178.00 – representing the November payment for the Homeless Assistance Program that they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.
5. Urban Engineers of Erie, Inc. - \$2,812.50 – representing payment for professional services rendered for the Boyer Crossing Bridge Replacement Project for the period ending November 9, 2008 – McKean Boyer Bridge Project Fund.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the following real estate tax exemptions:

1. Port Allegany Area Recreational Authority – Route 155, Turtlepoint – part of Turtlepoint Community Park.

2. Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit Nine – 109 E. Water Street, Smethport, Pa. – Educational Agency.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to issue real estate tax refunds to the following:

1. Danny Frederick - \$122.37 – property was appealed and lowered.
2. Clark & Terri Johnson - \$64.82 – property was appealed and lowered.
3. John Castelli ET AL - \$452.99 – property was appealed and lowered.
4. Crown Communication - \$1,430.23 – property was adjusted due to a court order.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to appoint Dusti Pantuso to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services Board. Her term will begin immediately and will expire on June 30, 2011.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to appoint Blain Puller as a Farmer Director for the McKean County Conservation District Board for a four year term. His term will begin January 1, 2009 and will expire on December 31, 2012.

It was noted that Blain Puller was appointed to replace James McKean on the board as he did not wish to be reappointed.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to reappoint Kerry Fetter as a Public Director for the McKean County Conservation District Board for a four year term. His term will begin January 1, 2009 and will expire on December 31, 2012.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Church, seconded by Mr. DeMott, to reappoint Al Pingie as the Commissioner's representative on the McKean County Conservation District for a one year term. His term will begin January 1, 2009 and will expire on December 31, 2009.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to accept offers from the following people to purchase property from the McKean County Repository for unsold property:

1. Darlene Mealy - \$306.00 – property formerly owned by Janet Bosh at 7 N. Cleveland Street, Hazelhurst, Pa.
2. Randall Neff - \$400.00 – property formerly owned by Fred & Lydia Couch at 506 Biddle Street, Kane, Pa.
3. James Colligan - \$1,500.00 – property formerly owned by William Lupold at 6 Thompson Avenue, Bradford, Pa.
4. John Venezia - \$500.00 – property formerly owned by Todd & Tina Kline at 300 South Avenue, Bradford, Pa.

Mr. Pingie – Mentioned that it was nice to see these properties being placed back on the tax rolls.

Mr. DeMott – Commended Kathy for the good job she has done in getting these properties back on the tax rolls.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to terminate the contract with McKean Care Services, L. P. d/b/a Sena Kean Manor for providing food service for the McKean County Jail.

Mr. Pingie – Does the contract state how many days notification we have to give them for terminating the contract?

Mr. Hartle – It is 60 days from the date of notification.

Mr. DeMott – We do have a verbal agreement between the Sheriff and McKean Care Services that January 15, 2009 would be the last day of service as they have to have a cut off date for ordering food.

Mr. Hartle – I won't put in an effective date in the letter to them – I will just say under that section of the contract “please be advised that this is your notice under the conditions of that paragraph” – that will cover us so we won't be responsible for any more than 60 days.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to rescind the motion that was made to authorize McKean County to participate in the Secure Rural Schools Program rather than electing to take 25 % of the timber sales.

Mr. Pingie – Stated that they were going to participate in the Secure Rural Schools Program rather than electing to take 25 % of the timber sales, but we have changed our minds and we are now going to take 25 % of the timber sales – we have notified the state that we have changed our minds and we needed to take this action to rescind our previous motion.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to elect to receive a share of the State’s 25 % rolling average payment under the Secure Rural Schools Act.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to designate Keith Delacour as Broker of Record for the County’s 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

George Petrisek – What firm is he with?

Mr. DeMott – He is with Edward Jones – they have opened an office in Smethport. We have had a 457 plan available to the employees for years – there aren’t very many of them that participate in the plan – our service agent is currently in Philadelphia so Keith would like to be the Broker of Record and provide local services to county employees that want to take advantage of this program. This is a voluntary plan – it is all employee money – there is no county money involved, but it is a payroll deduction plan that we offer the county employees.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to accept the bid of AES Equipment and Supply Company in the amount of \$26,909.00 for purchasing the coolers, the freezer, and the oven for the McKean County Jail.

The other bids that were received were from Ed’s Bar & Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$29,517.00 which did not include a bid for the oven and from Central Restaurant Products in the amount of \$31,938.76.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Sandy Thompson – Asked the Commissioners if they wanted to make it official about hiring Sue Swanson as their program specialist effective November 17, 2008 – the district operation committee met and conducted interviews in October and recommended that Sue Swanson be hired and the McKean County Conservation Board approved their recommendation at their meeting last night.

Mrs. Church – That position was approved at a previous salary board meeting. We don't have to take action at a Commissioner's meeting to confirm her position.

Mr. Pingie – I congratulated her last night and we are looking forward to bringing her over to meet Joe and Judy.

Mrs. Church – Announced that they are rapping up the interviews for the Recycling Coordinator and the Veterans Affairs Director tomorrow and hope to make a decision before Thanksgiving so they can get started sometime in early December.

Mr. Petrisek – How many people did you interview for each position?

Mrs. Church – We have interviewed 9 people for the Recycling Coordinator's position and we are interviewing 13 people for the Veterans Affairs Director.

Mr. DeMott – We have been impressed with the quality of the applicants for both positions.

Mrs. Church – And the interest in both positions – it is going to be a hard decision for us because we have some very good applicants.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote on the above resolution, DeMott – yes. Pingie – yes. Church – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Chief Clerk