

February 27, 2007

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 5:00 PM at the 911 Center, 17175 Route 6, Smethport, Pa. Present were Commissioners Clifford Lane, Bruce Burdick, and John Egbert, County Administrator, Dick Casey, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons. Also present were Mike Schreiber, Dan Causer, George Petrisek, and Bob Mecca.

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

Mr. Lane – Tonight we will consider a resolution authorizing the County to enter into a provider contract with Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit #9. This contract is one of many that satisfy the County's obligation to provide various human and social services to County residents.

We will consider a resolution to enter into an agreement with Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc. of Port Allegany to provide alcohol and drug abuse counseling services to inmates at the McKean County Prison. These services will support the Prison mission of providing treatment to those inmates in need of professional intervention.

We will also consider a resolution to enter into a project contract with North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission. Under this contract, North Central will provide the County a professional grade global positioning system with software and an antenna for enhanced GPS reception. In return, the County will provide North Central geographic information system digital road centerline data.

We will consider another resolution to supply financial support to the Area Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$45,477.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2007. This amount is an increase of \$492 over last year's contribution. We recognize the need to contribute financial support to make transportation available to County residents.

We will consider a resolution to enter into an agreement with BV Mobile Shredding, Inc. of Bradford to provide document destruction services to County offices, and a resolution to enter into a letter of agreement with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Warren State Hospital. This agreement will facilitate our management of the Community/Hospital Integration Project Program.

Finally, we will consider a resolution to renew an agreement with Erie County for part-time use of a forensic pathologist on an "as needed" basis.

At our February 5th meeting we passed a resolution raising the income level for County per capita tax exemption from \$5,000 per year to \$10,000 per year for

individuals. We have revised the form required to apply for the exemption and the form will be made available to tax collectors this week for those residents who wish to apply for the exemption. We no longer require that the form be notarized.

There will be a public meeting of the Commissioners and the Solid Waste Authority on March 12, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the 911 Center. The purpose of the meeting is to further discuss the legal issues pertaining to the future of the authority.

As a reminder, the regular meeting of the Commissioners in March will be held on the 20th instead of the 27th.

Moved by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Egbert, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2007 meeting.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. Lane – Opened the meeting for public comment.

George Petrisek – What type of service does the IU 9 contract provide?

Mr. Egbert – Early intervention. They had been providing early intervention from birth through age 3 and we needed a provider to do age 3 through age 7 and they are also providing that so they have early intervention from birth to age 7 and I believe it is the only place in the state where those 2 services are combined in one agency. The state has been trying to do this for 10 years and have been unable, because the one service is handled through the Department of Health and the other is through the Department of Public Welfare and they have been struggling with it for years and we submitted our application to do it and they said go for it and we are.

Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Burdick, to approve payment of the following invoices:

1. Northwest Engineering, Inc. - \$11,573.45 – representing payment for professional services rendered for the Boyer Bridge Project for the period ending January 28, 2007 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
2. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc. - \$7,566.00 – representing a portion of their budget allotment for the period of October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.
3. YWCA - \$4,057.00 – representing the February payment for the Homeless Assistance Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Egbert, to issue real estate tax refunds to the following people:

1. Charles & Helen Frederick - \$159.44 – to correct the change in the use of their property from commercial to residential and to correct their acreage.
2. Mark Fichtner - \$43.99 – property was appealed and lowered.
3. Kathy & Harry Martin - \$80.72 – property was combined with another parcel owned by them.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Burdick, to allocate \$125,000 of the County's Liquid Fuel monies to the 22 municipalities for the year 2007 based on population and mileage figures.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Egbert, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 12 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING McKEAN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH SENECA HIGHLANDS INTERMEDIATE UNIT #9

WHEREAS, McKean County has an obligation to provide various human and social services to residents of said county; and

WHEREAS, the delivery of said services is provided to necessary county residents by a variety of service providers through the McKean County Department of Human Services.

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February 2007, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a Provider Contract with the Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit #9, 119 Mechanic Smethport, PA 16749.
2. That any two members of the County Board of Commissioners are hereby

authorized and directed on behalf of the County (i) to execute and deliver such a contract, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the contract and the transactions to be effected under the contract.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. Burdick – Is this contract for just one year?

Mr. Egbert – Yes.

Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Burdick, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE SERVICES

WHEREAS, McKean County operates a prison which houses individuals who are accused or convicted of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the majority of said individuals have alcohol and/or drug abuse issues which require professional intervention; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc. is engaged in the business of providing drug and alcohol counseling services; and

WHEREAS, the McKean County Prison Board and the Warden have indicated a desire to obtain drug and alcohol counseling services for those individuals confined in the McKean County Prison.

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February 2007, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, Inc., 120 Chestnut Street, Port Allegany, PA 16743.
2. That any two members of the County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the County (i) to execute and deliver such a contract, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the contract and the transactions to be effected under the contract.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. Burdick – Is this contract just for one year also?

Mr. Egbert – All of the contracts are for a year.

Moved by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Egbert, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A PROJECT CONTRACT WITH NORTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, McKean County currently partners with North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission (Commission) with respect to Geographic Information System (GIS) data collection; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to receive certain GIS Digital Road Centerline Data from McKean County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will provide to McKean County a professional grade Global Positioning System (GPS), integrated GPS data collection and maintenance software, and external antenna for enhanced GPS reception; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to reduce said proposal to writing.

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February 2007, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a project contract with North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, 651 Montmorenci Road, Ridgway, PA 15853.
2. That any two members of the County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the County (i) to execute and deliver such a contract, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the contract and the transactions to be effected under the contract.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Burdick, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 15 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE AREA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is desirous of continuing the county support of the Area Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to contribute financial support to make transportation available to residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has received a request to supply financial support to the Area Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven dollars (\$45,477.00).

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February 2007, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

That McKean County shall provide financial support to the Area Transportation Authority for the year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in an amount not to exceed Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven dollars (\$45,477.00), said financial support to be made in quarterly payments.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Burdick, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 16 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING McKEAN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BV MOBILE SHREDDING, INC.

WHEREAS, McKean County has a multitude of documents that are confidential in nature, but are outdated and in need of secure destruction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is desirous of providing an opportunity to all county offices to be able to destroy outdated confidential materials pursuant to the legal provisions regarding public and private records; and

WHEREAS, BV Mobile Shredding, Inc., of Bradford, Pennsylvania, offers on site document destruction services including removal of the shredded material in a confidential manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to provide appropriate resources and tools to promote the orderly operation of County Government.

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February, 2007 it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a Confidential Document Destruction Agreement with BV Mobile Shredding, Inc. of 105 Hilton Street, Bradford, PA 16701.
2. That any two members of the County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the County, (i) to execute and deliver such an Agreement, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the Agreement and the transactions to be effected under the Agreement.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Egbert, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 17 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING McKEAN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, McKean County has an obligation to provide various human and social services to residents of said county; and

WHEREAS, McKean County receives funding through a Community/Hospital Integration Project Program known as CHIPP which serves individuals with serious and persistent mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the McKean County CHIPP will be managed by the McKean County Department of Human Services through a team approach including the Administrator, Director of Adult Services (MH/MR Director), the Letter of Agreement Manager, State Hospital Liaison and members of the Base Service Unit; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to reduce to writing the respective obligations of the parties involved herein through a Letter of Agreement signed by McKean County, the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and Warren State Hospital.

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February 2007, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a Letter of Agreement with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and Warren State Hospital.
2. That any two members of the County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the County (i) to execute and deliver such a Letter of Agreement, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the Letter of Agreement and the transactions to be effected under the Letter of Agreement.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Lane – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. Egbert – Pointed out that this contract takes us out of the CHIPPS consortium and we will get our CHIPPS money directly from the state.

Moved by Mr. Burdick, seconded by Mr. Egbert, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 18 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PART TIME USE OF A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the McKean County Coroner has the need for autopsies, post-mortem examinations and the like to be performed from time to time as the result of the obligations of that office; and

WHEREAS, Erie County, Pennsylvania has an agreement with Eric Lee Vey, M.D., a forensic pathologist, to provide said services and is authorized to offer the professional services of the forensic pathologist to McKean County on an “as needed” basis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to enter into a contract for part time use of Dr. Vey to provide forensic pathology services.

NOW THEREFORE, this 27th day of February, 2007, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for part time of a forensic pathologist, Dr. Eric Lee Vey, M.D. with the County of Erie, Pennsylvania.
2. That any two members of the County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the County (i) to execute and deliver such a contract, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry

forth the contract and the transactions to be effected under the contract.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Mr. Lane – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Dan Causer – What is the status of the Boyer Bridge Project?

Mr. Casey – They have completed the fly over of the area – they have completed the hydraulic work and they are working on the development of the plan so they can put out an RFP when it comes time for that – Urban Engineers are reviewing the plan and it is progressing on schedule.

Mr. Causer – Is there money available in the Liquid Fuel account or another account to pay for this project?

Mr. Casey – We have been paying bills to date from the Liquid Fuel Fund and once we execute the loan agreement we have that will provide the bulk of funding for the project and we will pay the debt service from the Liquid Fuel Fund as was previously mentioned.

Mr. Causer – I am on the critical customer care program which I have to renew every year with Penelec. They apparently have a new program now because I am supposed to be guaranteed electricity 24/7 because I am on oxygen lifetime and a couple of weeks ago we had a storm and the power went out about 7 or 8 PM and my wife received a phone call that was a recording telling her to take me directly to the nearest emergency shelter in Eldred, Pa. – I want to know where under the Emergency Management Plan in Eldred that I am supposed to go every time that this happens. Nobody seems to know.

Mr. Egbert - Steve Nelson doesn't know?

Mr. Causer – I doubt it. I asked this same question a year ago and I want to see something in writing because every year I have to go through this and two years ago the power was out for 13 days in a row and my wife had to take me out of the area because of my health problems because nobody had a place where you could go where they have oxygen and heat supply. The last place I knew to go was in 1943 when they rebuilt the cellar of the courthouse and that was the emergency management area and since then I have never seen nothing in writing as to where the designated area is.

Mr. Egbert – We will see if we can find out for you.

Mr. Causer – I have to renew the application every year with Penelec and the recording said to go to your nearest emergency management shelter.

Mr. Lane – And the recording said it was in Eldred?

Mr. Causer – It said in your area and Eldred is where I live. Also, in the paper last week you gentlemen gave a lot of facts and figures and I know there is an old adage “liars figure and figures lie” and reviewing the article it stated you created 25 new positions with an increase of \$1.4 million dollars in salaries which approximately \$770,000 is due to the county for a savings of \$220,000. Personally, to me that is not good business practice. The other thing – about 2 or 3 years ago I asked you about the old county home buildings and Mr. Egbert said they were going to be torn down because they were no good but I see you finally figured out that you could use these buildings and I am glad of it – you have done one real positive thing I believe in that area and that is reusing these old buildings – sure it will cost a few hundred thousand dollars to rework those buildings to put windows and stuff in, but you will be able to use them – they have been there for a hundred years and I am glad you made that decision to reuse them.

Mike Schreiber – Is the service that Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services is providing to the jail new?

Mr. Egbert – It is a new service to the prison, but not to the county. We have Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services for the county through a jointure with Cameron and Elk Counties. Although we were getting substance abuse services for the inmates, we were not getting Alcoholics Anonymous.

Mr. Petrisek – The Boyer Crossing Bridge Project – is that going to be done this year?

Mr. Egbert – Hopefully.

Mr. Casey – That is the goal.

Mr. Petrisek – The allocation of \$125,000 to the municipalities – what was the total from the state?

Mrs. Irons – That was part of our left over money from last year. We haven’t received our allocations from the state for this year – we don’t receive them until June and December. Last year we received a total of \$238,000 from the state. The allocation to each municipality is the same as they received last year. I received an updated report from PennDot as to the road mileage and population for each municipality and there was no change from last year, so the allocation to each municipality is the same amount that they received for 2006.

Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Burdick, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote on the above resolution, Lane – yes. Burdick – yes. Egbert – yes. Three – yeas. No – nays. Carried.

Chief Clerk

