

August 26, 2008

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, August 26, 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, Sandy Thompson, Kerry Fetter, and George Petrisek.

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 July 22, 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. Northwest Engineering, Inc. - \$20,339.51 – representing payment for professional services rendered for the McKean County Bridge Inspection Program for the period ending August 19, 2008 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
2. YWCA - \$8,356.00 – representing the July and August payments for the Homeless Assistance Program they administer for the county – Grants Public Welfare Fund.
3. Lewis Run Borough - \$1,192.00 – representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2008 – Liquid Fuel Fund.
4. Lafayette Township - \$5,489.00 – representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2008 – Liquid Fuel 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 county aid applications for the year 2008.

1. Annin Township - \$6,147.00
2. Hamlin Township - \$3,267.00

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 a real estate tax exemption to the City of Bradford for property they own on 82 N. Bennett Street, Bradford. The property is vacant land and does not produce income and it will be redeveloped in the future.

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 following offers from several individuals for purchasing property from the McKean County Repository for unsold property.

1. Martin Montgomery - \$3,277.00 - House & land - Rt. 6, Smethport, Pa.
2. Richard Middaugh - \$1,625.00 – House & land - 138 S. Main Street, Bradford, Pa.
3. Carl Tanner, Jr. - \$50.00 – Mobile home, 1234 Pierce Brook, Smethport, Pa.
4. G. L. Carlson, Inc. - \$50.00 – Mobile home, 1171 N. Open Brook Road, Turtlepoint, Pa.
5. Otto Township Supervisors - \$250.00 – land at 716 Main Street, Duke Center, Pa.
6. Eric Johnston - \$2,850.00 – Mobile home, 716 Main Street, Duke Center, Pa.
7. Valerie Mark - \$262.00 – Vacant lot, 30 East Avenue, Bradford, Pa.
8. Richard Smith - \$50.00 – Mobile home, 1350 Looker Mt. Trail, Rixford, Pa.
9. Troy Glasgow - \$350.00 – Building, 68 S. Main Street, Port Allegany, Pa.
10. McKean 8 Property Trust - \$511.00 – House & land – 23 Leland Street, Bradford, Pa.
11. OECD - \$250.00 – Land – 22 E. Washington Street, Bradford, Pa.
12. McKean 8 Property Trust - \$251.00 – Commercial building & land, Main Street, Mt. Jewett, Pa.
13. Judith Tierson - \$250.00 – Land – 100 Maplewood Avenue, Bradford, Pa.

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 enter into a maintenance agreement with Karpinski's Office System (KOS) for a copy machine for the Human Resources Department at the cost of \$310.00 for one (1) year.

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 enter into a maintenance agreement with Karpinski's Office System (KOS) for a copy machine for the Children and Youth Services Department at the cost of \$310.00 for one (1) year.

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 enter into a maintenance agreement with Karpinski's Office Systems (KOS) for a fax machine for the Prothonotary's Office at the cost of \$334.80 for one (1) year.

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 enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Welfare for participating in the Contractor Partnership Program (CCP) which affords job opportunities to individuals currently receiving public assistance for the Family Center Grants. The grants are administered through The Guidance Center.

Mr. DeMott – This refers to a requirement as part of our fund application for the Family Center Grant. The requirement is that we make a good faith effort to hire people who are on or have been on public assistance for the new program. I have talked to Lee Sizemore at the Family Center and she is well aware of the requirement and does make an effort to do that.

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 adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 16 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE McKEAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC. AS THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR McKEAN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted and amended the Industrial Development Assistance Law for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth by the rendering of financial assistance to industrial development organizations engaged in promoting the development and expansion of business, industry and commerce in the respective counties of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Industrial Development Assistance Law, only one such industrial development organization shall be designated and qualified in each county to receive such financial assistance in accordance with the provision of said law; and

WHEREAS, to so qualify for such financial assistance an industrial development organization must be designated for that purpose by the Board of County Commissioners of the county which such industrial development organization is to represent; and

WHEREAS, the McKean County Industrial Development Council, Inc., with its principal office at 17137 Route 6, Smethport, PA 16749 has been designated by the Board of Commissioners of the County of McKean to be the industrial development organization to represent said county for the purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law.

NOW THEREFORE, this 26th day of August, 2008, it is hereby **RESOLVED** and enacted as follows:

That the McKean County Industrial Development Council, Inc., is hereby designated as the Industrial Development Organization for the County of McKean to receive the Local Economic Development Assistance Program (LEDA) funds for McKean County, with full power and authority to represent said county in all matters relevant to and for all purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law subject to the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Mr. DeMott – This is an annual appointment that we need to make so they are eligible to receive state and federal funds.

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 adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2008

2004 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROGRAM REVISION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2004, the McKean County Commissioners allocated \$23,003.51 of the 2004 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) program funding to the Hamilton Township Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Emergency Generator Project, and

WHEREAS, the 2004 CDBG Hamilton Township Ludlow (VFD) Emergency Generator Project came in under budget leaving an unexpended balance of \$1,248.99, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Township requested 2007 CDBG funds in the amount of \$10,050 for the Ludlow VFD Thermal Imaging Camera Project, and

WHEREAS, when determining what project to fund from the 2007 CDBG Program, it was determined that all projects would be funded at a 25% reduction in the amount requested, and

WHEREAS, from the 2007 CDBG program, Hamilton Township Ludlow VFD Thermal Imaging Camera Project request of \$10,050 was reduced by \$2,577 and was funded in the amount of \$7,473, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Township has requested that the funds remaining from the 2004 CDBG Hamilton Township Ludlow VFD Emergency Generator Project be used to assist with the 2007 Hamilton Township Ludlow VFD Thermal Imaging Camera Project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McKean County Commissioners to approve this revision of the 2004 McKean County CDBG Program reallocating \$1,248.99 remaining from the Hamilton Township Ludlow VFD Emergency Generator Project to assist with the 2007 Hamilton Township Ludlow VFD Thermal Imaging Camera Project.

RESOLVED this 26th day of August, 2008.

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 enter into a renewal agreement with ESI for an employee assistance program for the county employees. The cost of the agreement is \$5,696.20 and the agreement is effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

Mr. Pingie – Mentioned that this program is not just for problems that an employee may have dealing with their job or financial burdens, or stress. There are a lot of programs under this service that are available to the employees. Judy can probably explain more about it. Judy Rolick and Brenda Goodwill will be holding mandatory classes so that everyone has the opportunity to learn about the different programs.

Mrs. Church – They are going to try to set them up as soon as possible. They are waiting to get some more brochures on the programs so they will have enough for all the employees. They are going to set them up for separate days – one will be held at the courthouse and one will be held at the CYS Building so everyone will have a chance to participate. They cover all kinds of things, not just stressful things or problems relating to work. They can help employees look for grants for student loans, help an employee to quit smoking, or help employees that are interested in wanting to diet, etc. - they will give assistance to the employees as to who they would contact for that kind of help. It is pretty interesting when you sit and listen to the whole program.

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 a letter of support to Life and Independence for Today (LIFT) as they are applying for a grant through the PA Access Grant or Northern Tier Access Grant (NTAG) for making accessible home modifications.

Mr. DeMott – This is a regional program that is head quartered in Elk County – Elk County administers the program and they are asking for a letter of support from us endorsing their grant application.

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 Meadville Land Service, Inc. in the amount of \$12,553.20 for doing the stream restoration project on Walter Bushong’s property at Upper Portage Road, Port Allegany, Pa. contingent upon the property owner’s acceptance and approval and their willingness to pay 15 % of the project either in cash or in kind services.

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 Meadville Land Service, Inc. in the amount of \$4,975.55 for doing the stream restoration project on John Calcagno’s property at 31 Gregory Avenue, Bradford, Pa. contingent upon the property owner’s acceptance and approval and their willingness to pay 15 % of the project either in cash or in kind services.

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 Solveson Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$6,014.50 for doing the stream restoration project on Lawrence Giordano’s property at 1461 South Avenue, Lewis Run, Pa. contingent upon the property owner’s acceptance and approval and their willingness to pay 15 % of the project either in cash or in kind services.

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 Meadville Land Service, Inc. in the amount of \$4,859.30 for doing the stream restoration project on Jeffrey Hendryx, Jr.’s property at 915 West Washington Street, Bradford, Pa. contingent upon the property owner’s acceptance and approval and their willingness to pay 15 % of the project either in cash or in kind services.

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 Solvenson Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$6,606.56 for doing the stream restoration project on Judy Kemick's property at 552 Bolivar Drive, Bradford, Pa. contingent upon the property owner's acceptance and approval and their willingness to pay 15 % of the project either in cash or in kind services.

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 Meadville Land Service, Inc. in the amount of \$8,465.60 for doing the stream restoration project on Ilon Renninger's property at 657 B. Main Street, Duke Center, Pa. contingent upon the property owner's acceptance and approval and their willingness to pay 15 % of the project either in cash or in kind services.

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

Sandy Thompson – Mentioned that they are going to be doing all 12 projects – 9 of them will be funded through the Grower Greener II Program which includes the 3 projects that were approved at your last meeting and the other 3 projects will be funded through DEP Stream Improvement Program. We have contacted all the landowners except one that we haven't been able to reach yet. All of the ones that we contacted have accepted the project for their property.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to accept the quote of Top Notch Tree Service in the amount of \$1,799.98 for removing 2 maple trees from the courthouse property.

Mr. DeMott – These were for the trees that we originally thought belonged to the Borough, but it has been determined that they belong to the county so we have to pay to have them removed.

The other quotes that were received were from Highland Excavation & Tree Service in the amount of \$2,000.00 and from Tom's Tree Service in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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 advertise for the proposed expenditure of the Title III funds that McKean County received for 2008 as follows:

Corydon Township Volunteer Fire Department - \$16,901.76

McKean County Biodynamics, Inc.	\$10,000.00
911	\$25,944.00
McKean County Conservation District	\$26,000.00
McKean County Historical Society	\$20,000.00
Penn State Cooperative Extension Office	\$62,993.00
Allegheny National Forest Vacation Bureau	\$66,773.96
Sheriff's Department Dive & Rescue Team	\$33,765.00
Total	\$262,377.72

Mr. DeMott – The total of \$262,377.72 includes interest earned through April 30, 2008. Our Title III funding requests totaled over \$480,000.00.

Mrs. Irons – There will be more interest earned on the money that will have to be considered in the total allocations.

Mr. DeMott – So we will also have to include in the proposal that the additional interest will be allocated to one of the above organizations.

George Petrisek – Was there any organization that you didn't fund at all?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, we didn't allocate any money to the Kinzua Valley Trail Club – they have received a lot of money and this isn't an indictment of their activities or anything, but they still have unexpended funds from their 2005 funds in the amount of \$3,019.62 that they want to reserve for legal fees, they still have unexpended funds from their 2006 funds in the amount of \$4,165.56, and they still have unexpended funds from their 2007 funds in the amount of \$73,201.50 that they have not invoiced the county for as yet.

Mr. Petrisek – So nobody got the whole amount they requested?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, the 911 Center, the Conservation District, and the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office were the only ones that were allocated the whole amount they requested.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Petrisek – Are you having a work session on Thursday this week?

Mr. DeMott – Yes.

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