

October 26, 2010

McKean County Commissioners in regular session assembled on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners meeting room. Present were Commissioners Joseph DeMott, Al Pingie, and Judy Church, Chief Clerk, Audrey Irons, Solicitor, Dan Hartle. Also present were Angie Tennies, Kurt Barclay, Troy Glasgow, Jean Hendrickson, and Martha Knight.

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

Mr. Pingie – Commented that the Commissioners are very happy with the renovations that are being done in the courthouse – the lights, the windows, the ceilings, the stairs, etc. and hopefully we will see how that will reflect on our bills in the winter time.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meetings.

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

Mr. DeMott – Opened the meeting for public comment.

Mrs. Tennies – Explained that she has been working with Kurt Barclay from North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission who handles the GIS Maintenance Agreement for the county. The maintenance agreement is split between the McKean County 911 Department, the EMA Department, and the McKean County Assessment Office. Since 2004 through the present date the Assessment Office has processed 75 GIS Data requests with total sales of \$141,410 in revenue for the county. We have waived the cost of 19 requests and have only denied one request. We currently have an application for requesting GIS Data and the county currently provides the data at \$25 a tile and we are requesting some changes to that and I will turn this over to Kurt to go over some of our recommendations.

Mr. Barclay - Explained that the county has made a substantial investment in developing the GIS Data and it took a fair amount of time and resources to develop the data layers and the way we wish to utilize those layers are for enhancement of the community, and the business practices within and around McKean County. The person requesting the information can select whatever data they want and the application shows the price for the area they select. We want to stay current and stay fair to the best of our ability so we are asking to see if we can revise that data

request. We are looking at taking the same data request policy and bring it up to date to allow predominately for the option of allowing people to get updates of our data. We are looking at a lot of data requests coming from Angie's Office for the tax assessment side which is predominately due to the oil and gas development and we are looking at the time line – our initial recommendation would be if they have previously purchased the GIS Data for the whole county and request updates we would propose that there be a 2 year window that they could receive the update at a lower rate. If that is okay with the Commissioners, we will go ahead and make the recommendations to the current policy and get them to the Commissioners for your approval at your convenience.

Mrs. Tennes – We also would like to have the Commissioners consider adopting a resolution or ordinance waiving the fees for municipal municipalities or government entities that are requesting the data upon a written request from them and any requests that we receive from outside agencies working for the municipalities would have to ask the municipality(s) to make the request.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to make changes to the GIS Data application to waive the costs for municipalities or other government entities to receive the GIS Data upon written request from them and for outside entities or commercial firms that pay the full amount for the GIS Data to purchase updates of the data within a 2 year window of their initial purchase at the rate of \$1,500.00.

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

Mr. DeMott – With the above resolution being approved, I would entertain a motion to provide the information requested for Hamilton, Sergeant and Wetmore Townships upon receiving written requests from those townships.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the request from Russ Braun, Jones Township Code Enforcement Officer for Hamilton, Sergeant, and Wetmore Township, for receiving a complementary copy of the county's GIS Data for the 3 townships upon receiving written requests from the three municipalities.

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

Mr. DeMott – I would entertain a motion to waive the fee for Alexander Metcalf to receive the GIS Data for use in a study of private forests and private forest landowners in McKean County and across Pennsylvania.

Feels it does fall under the current policy where we are not charging educational institutions for that data and I believe a majority of the counties in the state have already provided that information at no cost to Penn State for that study.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve a request from Alexander Metcalf, Penn State School of Forest Resources, to receive a complementary copy of the county's GIS Data for use in a study of private forests and private forest landowners in McKean County and across Pennsylvania.

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 payment of the following invoices:

1. Area Transportation Authority - \$418,750.00 - representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter advance payment for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program they administer for the county - Grants Public Welfare Fund.
2. Bradford Township - \$10,890.00 - representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2010 - Liquid Fuel Fund.
3. Area Transportation Authority - \$13,172.25 - representing a portion of their budget allotment for October 1 through December 31, 2010.
4. YWCA - \$3,724.00 - representing the October payment for the 2010-2011 Homeless Assistance Program they administer for the county - Grants Public Welfare Fund.
5. Northwest Engineering, Inc. - \$2,057.61 - representing payment for professional services rendered for the Galico Bridge Replacement Project for the period ending October 17, 2010 - Galico Bridge Project Fund.
6. Lewis Run Borough - \$1,191.00 0 representing payment for their completed Liquid Fuel Project for the year 2010 - 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 a county aid application for Hamlin Township in the amount of \$3,263.00 for the year 2010.

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 for purchasing property from the McKean County Repository for unsold property.

1. Wade & Jane Robertson      \$300.00      Vacant lot on 11 Leigh Street, Bradford, Pa.
2. Dennis Vandusen                \$475.00      Vacant lot on 115 W. Corydon Street, Bradford, Pa.
3. Jeffrey Galloway                \$601.00      Mobile Home, 729 Barnum Road Eldred, Pa.
4. Jeffrey Galloway                \$251.00      Mobile Home, 2354 Prentisvale Road, Eldred, 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 subcontract agreement with the YWCA for the Emergency Shelter Grant for the period of August 5, 2010 through August 4, 2012.

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 contract with Vineyard Oil & Gas Company for supplying natural gas to the McKean County Courthouse and the McKean County Jail.

Mr. DeMott – Commented that the county has saved a significant amount of money by buying gas through them for the last few years.

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

Martha Knight – Is this a different supplier from your current one or the same one?

Mr. DeMott – No, it is the same one.

Ms. Knight – And when you say a significant amount of savings compared to what you were paying before?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, or what we would be paying on a commercial rate from the gas company.

Ms. Knight – This is a special rate then?

Mr. DeMott – Yes, what Vineyard does is they market gas that is produced by individual gas production companies – we are actually buying the gas through Vineyard from the people that own gas wells rather than buying it through the gas company and then we are paying a local transmission cost, but the rates that we are purchasing at are significantly lower than commercial.

Ms. Knight – Any way to quantify that?

Mr. DeMott – Ken has documentation on our costs – he really monitors this carefully and if you want some exact numbers, I am sure he could provide them for you.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to accept the proposal from Excel, Inc. for project management services for the new Domestic Relations Building. The proposed services began on October 4, 2010 and will expire on June 3, 2011.

Mr. Pingie – Commented that he is very impressed with the progress and work they have done so far.

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

Ms. Knight – Where are they based?

Mr. DeMott – Eldred – Clark Johnson is the principle and he has been doing a very good job for us to date.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to adopt the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION No. 17 of 2010**  
**2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**  
**PROGRAM REVISION**

WHEREAS, the 2007 McKean County CDBG Program currently has a total of \$49,364.29 in unexpended funds remaining from the Eldred Twp. VFD Brush Fire Truck (\$48,526.59), Rew VFD Generator (\$627.71) and Ludlow VFD Thermal Camera (\$209.99), and

WHEREAS, these activities have been completed and the remaining unexpended funds need to be re-allocated to other activities, and

WHEREAS, the McKean County Commissioners have decided to reallocate these unexpended funds to assist with the following CDBG

activities:

Otto Twp. VFD SCBA Equipment (2009 CDBG)	\$45,317.25
Hamilton Twp. Wildcat Park Restrooms (2007 CDBG)	<u>\$ 4,047.04</u>

TOTAL	\$49,364.29
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WHEREAS, a Revision of the 2007 McKean County CDBG Program is necessary to reallocate these unexpended funds, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McKean County Commissioners to approve this revision of the 2007 McKean County CDBG 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 adopt the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION No. 18 OF 2010**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MACHINE INSPECTORS TO SERVE DURING**  
**THE GENERAL ELECTION-November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, the McKean County Board of Elections is, pursuant to 25 P.S.2641(b), comprised of the county commissioners of such county; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 25 P.S. §2674, the County Board of Elections shall, prior to each primary and election, appoint for each additional voting machine to be used in such district, one qualified registered elector of the county to serve as machine inspector therein for such primary or election.

**WHEREAS**, the list of individuals listed on "Exhibit A" will receive election officer training and are willing to serve in this capacity;

**WHEREAS**, the McKean County Board of Elections, desire to appoint the individuals, listed on "Exhibit A", as Machine Inspectors for the General Election scheduled on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, the McKean County Election Board RESOLVES and enacts as follows:

1. The individuals listed on "Exhibit A" are appointed as Machine Inspectors to serve in

this capacity during the General Election-  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

2. The Director of Elections of McKean County is to provide training necessary for the appointed Machine Inspectors to carry out their duties.

**"EXHIBIT A"**

**MACHINE INSPECTORS**

**General Election-November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**

<b>Annin Township</b>	<b>Cathy Causer</b> , 555 Long Hollow, Turtlepoint
<b>Bradford City-2nd Ward</b>	<b>Susan Niegowski</b> , 285 Congress St., Bradford <b>Joe Palagonia</b> , 149 South Ave., Bradford
<b>Bradford City-3<sup>rd</sup> Ward-2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>	<b>Sally Mangel</b> , 56 Fista Circle, Bradford
<b>Bradford City-4th Ward</b>	<b>Margaret Lent</b> , 162 Williams St., Bradford
<b>Bradford City-6th Ward-1st District</b>	<b>Linda Dent</b> , 23 Glenwood Ave., Bradford
<b>Bradford City-6<sup>th</sup> Ward-2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>	<b>John Baxter</b> , 53 Cornen St., Bradford
<b>Bradford Township-1st District</b>	<b>Donna McCreadie</b> , 2 Creekside Dr., Bradford
<b>Bradford Township-2nd District</b>	<b>Linda Slike</b> , 650 W. Washington St., Bradford <b>Barbara Smead</b> , 925 W. Washington St., Bradford
<b>Eldred Township</b>	<b>Earl Albert Hand</b> , 502 Slack Hollow Rd., Eldred
<b>Foster Township-1<sup>st</sup> District</b>	<b>Maureen Watson</b> , 425 Derrick Rd., Bradford
<b>Foster Township-3rd District</b>	<b>Virgina Hinaman</b> , 92 Tuna Cross Road, Bradford <b>James L. Brown</b> , 66 Derrick Rd., Bradford
<b>Kane Borough-1st Ward</b>	<b>Connie Hall</b> , 211 Cherry

	St., Kane
<b>Kane Borough-3rd Ward</b>	<b>Ron Swanson, 633 Wood St., Kane</b>
<b>Keating Township-1<sup>st</sup> District</b>	<b>Beverly Mulauski, 1308 Water St. Ext., Smethport</b>
<b>Keating Township-2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>	<b>Richard C. Tanner, 2860 E. Valley Rd., Smethport</b>
<b>Liberty Township</b>	<b>Gertrude Whipkey, 183 Pleasant St., Port Allegany</b>
<b>Mount Jewett Borough</b>	<b>Patricia Keesler, 15 Poplar St., Mount Jewett</b>
<b>Port Allegany Borough-1<sup>st</sup> District</b>	<b>Patricia Thompson, 311 E Arnold Ave., Port Allegany</b>
<b>Smethport Borough</b>	<b>Rebecca Funk, 705 W. King St., Smethport</b>
<b>Wetmore Township</b>	<b>Betty Drake, 22 Grandview Rd., Kane Mary Hanold, 188 School St., Kane</b>

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 19 OF 2010

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH SECURING A TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

**WHEREAS**, during the months of January and February of each year the County experiences a negative cash flow due to the fact that revenues from the upcoming year's real property assessment are not yet payable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit Debt Act recognizes this to be an annual occurrence and provides a procedure for the securing of a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to secure a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in an amount not to exceed

\$3.5 million dollars which pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act will be repaid within the current fiscal year.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 the Board of Commissioners of McKean County hereby **RESOLVES** and enacts as follows:

That the Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to commence the procedures necessary to secure a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note for the 2011 fiscal year.

Mr. DeMott - This begins the process that is carried out annually here.

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

Ms. Knight - Can you arbitrage with that or make any money with it in any way?

Mr. Hartle - Not directly. You can avoid not paying interest on something if you take it on a bond in lieu of that payment, but not directly - that is arbitrage.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to enter into agreements with the following service providers for the Department of Human Services.

CYS

The Bradley Center  
Outside In

MH/MR Agreement

YWCA of Bradford

Letter of Agreement & Letter of Understanding

Arc of Crawford County  
Jene Gardner

Service Agreement

The Guidance Center

Resource Family Contract

Jason and Dawn Dupont

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

Mr. Hartle - Mentioned that we are getting the agreements way to late - we have requested that CYS get them to us in a timelier manner to allow for more time to review and approve them.

Moved by Mr. Pingie, seconded by Mrs. Church, to approve the proposed changes to the McKean County Act 167 County-Wide Stormwater Management Plan Phase II.

Mr. DeMott - Explained that the Commissioners passed a Stormwater Management Plan about 3 months ago and that plan needs to be approved by DEP and they did not approve the plan as written - the two main changes the DEP wanted made in the plan that we presented had a 10,000 square foot threshold before the full blown application would be required - DEP requested that we change that to 5,000 square feet and they also had some bookwork requirements and applications forms that would have to be completed on any plan that would be over 2,500 square feet - the Planning Commission reviewed that and they suggested that we propose to the DEP that if we go to the 5,000 square foot threshold that our projects smaller than that - that no submission would be required and DEP agreed to that so this proposal changes the Stormwater Management Plan that we previously adopted and should this be passed it would be approved by DEP and we would have a plan in place.

Mr. Pingie - Commented that they met with the municipalities last night at the 911 Center and explained to them the information that we got back from DEP - explained our efforts to go to the 10,000 square foot threshold, but that DEP has guaranteed us that if we go with the 5,000 square feet they won't require any submission to them for projects under the 5,000 square feet and we explained that to the municipalities and they seem somewhat content with 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 purchase computer virtualization equipment for the county through the state's Costars Program.

Mr. Glasgow - We have been working on this project looking to see how we could replace all our old servers - we haven't made any upgrades for about 5 or 6 years - we have 15 servers that are out of date and we can't get support on them and that includes the backup units that go along with them so about 2 months ago we brought in Synergy to help us come up with a design for the virtual network - it will take up less space, use less cooling, etc. We will be purchasing the equipment through the PA State Costars Contract which will include all the hardware, software, all the licensing.

Synergy will be the company to help install the new system. The total cost of the equipment is \$199,529.70.

Mr. Pingie - What is the life expectancy of the new equipment?

Mrs. Hendrickson - We won't probably have to look at any major updates for 5 to 6 years.

Mr. Glasgow - Another thing we are hoping to get out of this is that we won't be in a position in 8 years where all our equipment is at the end of its life - to maybe look 4 or 5 years down the road and upgrade one of the virtual host and then we can phase one out and so on and do it on a time line instead of having to replace the whole system at one time.

Mr. Pingie - I feel we need to go ahead with the project - we are in a place where we are running out of space and we can't afford to have equipment break down with no back up system in place.

Mrs. Hendrickson - We have some old equipment - when I first came here we didn't have a network and it was just piecing all the servers from the departments and building a network and moving it to another location. We are still running off the old servers - we have one server that has a fan running on it and another one that the hard drive is bad on it and we have already replaced one hard drive so it is going to just slowly crash.

Mr. Glasgow - Mentioned that by having everything stored on a SAN it will allow us to back it up a hundred times easier than what we are doing now. The new system is large enough now to add to - after this project is finished we can look into vitalizing desktops so we don't have to buy full blown county PC's for the offices anymore - we will be able to buy them for a third of the price and run the desktop virtually off the server onto the SAN. It is large enough and it also has a way to upgrade it by adding hard drives instead of buying a whole other network.

Mrs. Hendrickson - It is going to be a lot of money up front, but in the long run it is going to be less expensive because instead of adding vender applications and adding a whole new server now it is just a matter of buying a couple of licenses vs. buying a new server and two licenses so I think in the end it is going to save money.

Mr. DeMott - We should look at seeing if we can assign some of the costs to the reimbursement based departments and maybe we will be able to re-coop some of the money such as from Children and Youth for the equipment that will directly effect them and there is the court system departments and

the 911 Center, etc. where those costs might be reimbursable.

Mr. Glasgow - It will cut down on space over in the 911 server room - we currently have 2 1/2 racks of equipment that take up a whole wall - the new equipment will be placed in 1 floor standing rack.

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 the following two individuals to the McKean County Housing Authority and the McKean County Redevelopment Authority for a five year term on both authorities.

Virginia Fass  
Jon R. Peterson

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

Mr. DeMott - Opened the meeting for public comment.

Ms. Knight - Asked for a copy of the proposed plan to purchase the computer virtualization equipment as you know I wear another hat sometimes.

Mrs. Hendrickson - Gave her a copy, but asked that she not publicize the plan as we don't want everybody in the world to know exactly how our network is laid out.

Ms. Knight - As to what your security features are?

Mrs. Hendrickson - Yes.

Ms. Knight - That is not a problem - I am not sure I would publicize the details of your design, but I am personally interested in that because I am looking at the process and I am seeing that apparently this is something that you have not had in your hands very long and the proposal that this whole thing was going to be brought to you and was being costed out and so forth perhaps through some back channels you were aware of this, but I haven't seen you being aware of this and so my assumption is right now that you are not or you weren't.

Mr. DeMott - We previously approved hiring a consultant for the project.

Ms. Knight - And they would bring the fruit of it back to you and you would have some period of time that you would be looking at that and discussing it and perhaps having in house meetings about it and I think that process would be of

interest to at least some members of the public. The price tag would be of interest and what all it is you are proposing in getting and how long you are strapped into that and what the cost will be would be of interest to the public.

You are talking about how you will allocate the costs for the reimbursement for budgeting purposes and how you see yourself paying for it in house - that makes sense, but I don't see how the cost allocation is necessarily going to be a net savings to the taxpayers.

There are a number of people in the profession that know that on technology that the state bid does not save you money - the state bid is too slow on the turn around.

I do what we call sourcery - costing out and sourcing certain items for part of my living and I have always been able to tell any client that my services whatever you pay for them will save them much more than that by doing hardwork and its not anywhere what it used to be with the wonders of modern costing and source finding - so knowing what your requirements are, having a general system designed for that, knowing what the capacity needs to be, and what your future plans are for your time table, your cycles for upgrades and replacement - that is what you need to have.

In technology the highly prioritized and individualized kinds of services, hardware, software, connectivity that you purchase, physical storage, and how you are going to cool or maintain a temperature range - those things are so individual and so technical that they are not necessarily subject to the form of bidding or the threshold for bidding that apply in many other kinds of purchases you would make - so if you are saying that state bidding is going to save you the cost, the bother, the time, who will bid, and how can we get proposals - the state bid will save you all that which is wonderful and how convenient, but I am not sure that convenience is the main thing that you are looking for here and it is over and done with, but as someone who watches this sort of thing happening in various municipalities and school districts and so forth, I'm sorry, but this is something I am very interested in.

Mr. DeMott - The over riding issue for us is security and we did not want to advertise in the newspaper and publish a list of our equipment and describe how the system is going to be put together in a public manner because of security issues and that is where I agree with you that Costars is not always the least expensive way to go.

Ms. Knight - Not on technology. The specs I am talking about that you would have to advertise or that you would have to use for proposals would not compromise your security

in the least - they do not reveal how you have things secured - you can do that while doing bidding - yes, you want security - it is very important - that is a component and a requirement that you have - it is also true of most employers, most corporations, its true of hospitals and so forth.

I would just say that the decision making process here is something that for this much money and what it is going to do for you and what you are committed to and what it allows you to do down the road as long as it does with this field as it changes as fast as it does - I'm sorry, but McKean County has a long and dismal record of technology decisions and obviously most of that was not on your watch, but it is something that you may have noticed over the years and you may have seen and some of these individuals have certainly had to suffer through some of the results of totally incompetent and idiotic strategies concerning technology - it has been outstanding-among rural counties - unfortunately it is way to common - it is way to common in small government - small government is targeted by companies that can make a bunch of money.

There is an improvement here that I would say is a enormous magnitude of improvement here in what your goals are, what your aims are and what you are trying to cover and what you are trying to keep from having happen - that is very intelligent and very refreshing to see - the county should have had people doing it earlier and should have been looking for any kind of real help that would do it later - just one example of how much this county has progressed in that is when they actually advertised for some equipment when CYS moved out to the old county home building and they bought all new equipment for out there and what did they do - they advertised for it - in the ad whoever wrote the bid specs said the successful bidder will have a landtastic five star rating -a five star rating is a sales rating and it has nothing to do with anything and it was obviously a ploy - for example, say you are taking bids on a new lawn tractor - it can be any make, but it has to be green and have a deer on the side - it was specifically to identify and to eliminate anyone, but a favored vendor in Olean and that's what is was for.

Mr. Pingie - If I'm not mistaken, I listen to this every meeting, I believe you are here to report the news, if you want to take our time and give us your professional opinion, then please let us close the meeting and we will be more than happy to set and listen, but I don't believe this is the place for you to be talking about what business you are in, your opinion as far as what we are doing here, I think you should report the news and I am not trying to be derogatory here so don't misunderstand me, but I think we should conduct these meetings in a professional manner and I

believe that our people have done an extensive amount of work to get where we are at because I don't have any clue about what they are talking about except for what they provide to me as if I were to go buy an air conditioner - other than it blowing air I don't know what kind of motor is in it - whether it has freon, etc., but I would hope that this would be for reporting the news and not for personal opinion.

Ms. Knight - You find my opinion in the story?

Mr. Pingie - I do, but you are supposed to report what goes on here. If you want to give us your personal opinion, then we will sit and talk about it, but unless you want to come in here and talk as a resident, which I don't have a problem with.

Ms. Knight - I am right now.

Mr. Pingie - Then you should announce that. I am not speaking in the capacity of a reporter, I am speaking in the capacity that I am a resident of McKean County and this is what I object to or what I think you people should be looking at. That is all I mean. I am not trying to be offensive.

Ms. Knight - That is what I am doing and that is what I often do under public comments. I don't think you will find that in my straight reporting that my opinion comes in - I do have columns that I write and my opinion is likely to be there, but in straight news, I will report the news as long as I am here which is a reason that I happen to be a citizen here I also am here professionally and now I am doing what I have sometimes done before expressing my concern as a private individual who also has a professional background and professional knowledge which I would hope that would be of use to you and I would have been glad to offer it earlier if I had known that something like this was going to come up today for your decision - if I had known that I would have requested an opportunity to look at it and perhaps give you privately my professional opinion about the decision you were asked to make here. As a citizen I am concerned about this coming to you as it has and there being no other opportunity for public knowledge or input. I'm sorry and I wanted it on the record.

Mr. Pingie - And I know that I will be a target from this point on, but I think that when we are in a meeting you should be reporting the news and then if you say you want to speak as a resident, I don't have a problem with that - I will listen to any resident that is here.

Ms. Knight - That is why I waited for the public comment period.

Mr. Pingie - I guess I look at you as the press and if you want to change that title then I think you need to announce that.

Ms. Knight - I believe I mentioned that I have these concerns because of my other hat or my other profession.

Mr. Pingie - I'm sorry.

Ms. Knight - I did want it on the record because maybe somewhere down the road there will be something that comes up and you will give some thought of as to the timing and the procedure and the process, etc.

Mr. DeMott - This is an accumulation of a couple of years of work. The first I heard of this program was a couple of years ago when Troy was in the Leadership McKean Program - he was networking with IT professionals from other industries in the county and it peaked our interest in that. Jean and Troy have both taken continued education in that - they both have been certified in that field.

Ms. Knight - And I respect that.

Mr. DeMott - And we have had a consulting company working with them and as a layman I really have to take the advice of the professional people that work for us on a daily basis and those that we bring in from time to time so I don't want you to think that it wasn't something that we took our time to look at.

Ms. Knight - It has been in the mill for quite a long time?

Mr. DeMott - I do agree with your statement that these things can be purchased for less money other than using Costars and we have done it over the years with various different type of purchases and not just through Costars but sometimes local bidders can give us a better price, but the over riding concern for us about taking that route whether it is right or wrong is that we were concerned about security and about publicizing exactly how our system works and what the components are and that sort of thing.

Mr. Pingie - I would think that someone with your background could figure out what our security would be and how it would function.

Ms. Knight - The level perhaps, but with just the components of the system would be handled in ways and with actual configuration and settings that are now there - it's going to be the process that you are not advertising, but I certainly do agree that security is a major consideration

and we see that there are many school systems, hospitals, governments, and banks that are incredibly behind on that and incredibly careless that are not even keeping comprised of the current threats. This is disastrous - you read in the paper all the time where this is happening and I am delighted that you are taking the extra steps to make sure that is not happening. It is dangerous, expensive, and illegal. You can have all kind of charges brought against you for letting personal information get out, so I see a lot of progress here - the concern, I will repeat, on technology state bid is behind because they take too long and they are not agile and they do not save you money. On cars and furniture and things they would probably save you a lot of money.

Mrs. Church - Not always. Jean and Troy have put a lot of work in this and they have consulted with us over time as to what stage they are at and we do have a lot of confidence in both of them.

Ms. Knight - I'm sure you should.

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