

MEETING OF THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 11, 2010

Members Present: Brian Bader, Kenneth R. Ammann, John N. Lechner

Pledge of Allegiance:

Others Present: Tom Amundsen, Jeff Greenburg, Tim Hofius, Bob Kochems, John Logan, Bill Madden, Ginny Richardson, Nick Brevetta, Robert Beach, MCAR, Frank Connelly, Mike Donato, Tom Lavorini, City of Sharon, Several other concerned Citizens

Commissioners opened the meeting by thanking the City of Sharon for hosting this evening's meeting, and welcomed those in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Motion to approve February 24, 2010 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to approve March 3, 2010 Chief Clerk's Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to approve February 25, 2010 Commissioners' Meeting minutes.

Moved: Mr. Ammann **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to approve a proclamation to proclaim March to be Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month.

Moved: Mr. Ammann **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to enter into an agreement for additional surveying and design services with Wallace and Pancher, Inc. of Hermitage, Pa. Work to be performed at Munnell Run Farm for the Handicap Accessible walking trail at a cost not to exceed \$2,420.00. The cost of the contract is reimbursable from the DCNR grant which is in place and will expire 12-31-10.

Moved: Mr. Ammann **Seconded: Mr. Lechner**

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to enter into Reimbursement Agreement No. 010K94 between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Mercer County in the amount of \$104,160 for the final design phase of Mercer County Bridge 2809 on Oak Hill Road in Shenango Township. This project is funded 80% state funds / 20% Act 26 funds.

Moved: Mr. Lechner

Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to approve the contract with the Hay Group, Inc. for actuarial services for calendar year 2010 at the cost of \$23,292, payable monthly at \$1,941. This represents an increase of 2.5 percent from 2009. This motion was already approved by the Mercer County Retirement Board.

Moved: Mr. Lechner

Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to appoint District Attorney Robert Kochems to a three year term to the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission Board to expire December 31, 2012.

Moved: Mr. Lechner

Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to approve real estate tax forgiveness for the 2008 Tax year for property located at 2340 Quality Lane, Hermitage, owned by Genesis II Development, LLC and leased to Extreme machine. The amount of the forgiveness will be equal to the County Real Estate taxes plus penalty and interest less Mercer County Tax Claim fees. The property is located in a KOZ zone as previously designated. The request is due to a late filing of the KOZ application by the taxpayer as the result of an internal administrative error. This approval is contingent upon a like approval by the Hermitage School District and the City of Hermitage.

Moved: Mr. Lechner

Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to award FY 2010 Mercer County Act 137 Grant Funding to the Mercer County Housing Authority in the amount of \$100,000.00 in order to enable MCHA to construct two five unit apartment buildings for Senior Citizens. The match will consist of roughly 1.5 Million in public and private funds. This project, which is known as the Hermitage Senior Housing Project, Phase II, will be located at Lamor Road and Keel Ridge Road in the City of Hermitage. Release of the \$100,000.00 in Act 137 funds will be contingent upon approval of the other sources of funding.

Moved: Mr. Lechner

Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Bader

Motion to prepare an Ordinance for the purpose of entering into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lawrence to provide solid waste management and recycling services. The initial term of the agreement is two years, automatically renewable annually, and may be terminated in whole or part by either County with a 90 day written notification.

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve the Personnel action(s) as follows:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	LEVEL/STEP/GRADE
<u>NEW HIRES:</u>			
CHILDREN & YOUTH:			
Ryan Valenly	Caseworker I	3/22/2010	CW I – Entry
DISTRICT ATTORNEY:			
Nicholas Brevetta	Full Time Attorney	3/8/2010	P&A 09-00-01(Entry)
TREASURER’S OFFICE:			
Katie Ann Carbo	Clerical Assistant	3/22/2010	TC&S 04-00-01

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to ratify the attached previously approved expenditures dated February 23 to March 8, 2010.

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to Approve the following Exoneration(s) being granted as listed:

<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>Taxing District</u>	<u>Per Capita Tax</u>	<u>County Per Capita Tax - TBC</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>
Debra K. Schnur	Clark Boro	\$ 65.00		2009
Debra K. Schnur	Clark Boro	\$ 15.00		2009
Bernadette Harry	Hermitage City	\$ 3,415.00		2009
Barbara Elder	Lake Twp	\$ 15.00		2009
	Pymatuning			
Harry Zahniser	Twp	\$ 80.00		2009
	Pymatuning			
Harry Zahniser	Twp	\$ 105.00		2009
Diane M. Thut	Sharon City	\$ 1,565.00		2009
TOTAL		\$ 5,260.00		

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Motion to approve the following refund(s) as listed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>
Mark Myers	W. Salem Twp.	\$ 16.72	2009
Nancy Russo	Hempfield Twp.	\$ 392.44	2009
Joseph T. Morelli	Greenville Boro	\$ 143.36	2007
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Joseph T. Morelli	Greenville Boro	\$ 157.18	2009
Total		<hr/>	
		\$ 853.06	

Moved: Mr. Lechner

Seconded: Mr. Ammann

Vote: Yes Mr. Lechner, Mr. Ammann, Mr. Beader

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: Several individuals thanked the Board for holding their meetings in the evenings as they were unable to attend daytime meetings.

Questions of the Media: Were answered

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Ammann

Seconded: Mr. Lechner

Mercer County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Chief Clerk