

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

January 14, 2020

In

Attendance:

Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Paul Litwin, Solicitor, Bill Gaylord, Chief Clerk.

Press:

Brook Williams, New Age; Warren Howeler, Rocket, Rick Hiduk, Endless Mt. Life Style

Visitors:

Lori Bennett, Sandra Boyle, Kathy Voda, Flo Kellett, Patricia Mead, Treasurer, Bob Roberts, Sheriff, Albert Olive, Jackie Simmons, Jessica Burke, Donald Miller, Burke Center, Erica Rogler, Kristin Smith-Gary, and Bill Chapla, Tunkhannock Dietrich Theater

Rick Wilbur, Chairman opened the Meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Tom Henry moved to approve the December 26, 2019 Meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King moved to reappoint Ron Kukuchka as Board Secretary to the Wyoming County Airport Authority for a 5-year term. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried

Tom Henry moved to hire Lindsey Shepherd, Secretary, Domestic Relations effective January 2, 2020. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry moved to approve Amber Collett, Correctional Officer from Part-Time to Full-Time. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry moved to approve to hire Kelly Ferguson, Children & Youth Case Aid, effective December 27, 2019. This is to fill a vacant Case-Aid position (Reimbursed Position). Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry moved to hire Christina Soloman, Children & Youth Case Aid 2 effective December 23, 2019 to fill a vacant position (Reimbursed position). Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry moved to hire Sara Strohl, Administrative Assistant, Sheriff's Office, effective January 13, 2020. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur moved to approve the pro-rata share of its Real Estate Tax Millage between Tunkhannock School District, Elk Lake School District, and Wyoming County. IN RE: Procter & Gamble Assessment Appeal. Pro-Rata Percentage, Tunkhannock School – 61%, Elk Lake School – 13%, Wyoming County – 26%. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry moved to approve the bills as presented. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Sandra Boyle representing a Pickle Ball Group explained they would like to resurface the three (3) Courts at Riverside Park with the permission of Tunkhannock Boro and was looking for any funding. Lynelle Farber, County Planner explained the Legacy Grant is available for recreation purposes and will have to be submitted by a municipality of 501C3 Organization available Grant of \$5,000.00.

Lynelle Farber, County Planner updated the Commissioners of the Legacy Grant to be used for Recreational projects and the grant is available for business to update the Facades of the building.

Rick Wilbur moved for an Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss Personnel Appeals and Real Estate matters. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur moved to reconvene the Regular meeting at 9:40 a.m. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

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Tom Henry moved to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming that February 2020 is the Month that Wyoming County Reads, "One County, Two Books, Two Movies". We encourage all residents of the County to take advantage of this opportunity to join friends and neighbors in learning more about the intricacies of these acclaimed Novels and movies by reading and discussing the Books, watching and discussing the movies and enriching their lives. Rich Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried. Present for the Proclamation signing were Kristen-Smith Gary, Tunkhannock Library, Erica Rogler, Dietrich Theater and Bill Chapla, Facilitator.

Atty. Paul Litwin reported the Executive Session was held to discuss an offer to purchase the Mill City School offer \$125,000 plus Commission. Rick Wilbur, Chairman explained why the County has an interest in the School and what the County would use it for. Ernie King moved to offer \$125,000 plus Commission for the Mill City School. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried 2 to 1 with Tom Henry voting No.

Bob Roberts, Sheriff gave an update on his office which included Vehicle Maintenance, working on lowering costs and also working to lower costs for office supplies.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Rick Wilbur made the Motion to adjourn. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur, Chairman adjourned the meeting 10:00 a.m.