

Wyoming County Commissioners

Coronavirus Emergency Meeting

March 10, 2020

In

Attendance:

Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Atty. Russell Shurtleff, President Judge, Paul Litwin, Solicitor, (Via Phone), William Gaylord, Chief Clerk.

Press: None

Visitors: None

Rick Wilbur, Chairman called the Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion centered around the start of furlough and on layoff of the Department Staff.

President Judge Russell Shurtleff gave an update on Staffing for his Departments.

District Justice – One Administrative Secretary per week, rotating days.
Juvenile Probation – Two Officers; one Secretary rotating per week.
Adult Probation – Will continue working on rotating shifts per week (No Overtime)
Domestic Relations – Will be able to furlough or layoff three employees – two management employees will continue to work.
Judge Shurtleff – Will remain the same as is, rotating staff as needed.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Current Lease Policy will continue through April 17, 2020.

The Commissioners will be meeting with Elected Officers and Department Heads to discuss further plans.

Ernie King made the Motion to sign the Children & Youth Purchase Service Agreement with The Children's Home of Easton. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made the Motion to sign the Children & Youth Adoption Assistance Agreement. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made the Motion to sign the Cooperation Agreement with TREHAB to apply for and receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Said funds to be used to assist the "non-entitlement" municipalities within the County, to undertake housing and community development projects which primarily benefit person's of low to moderate income. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the Motion to approve the purchase order in the amount of \$6,548.00 for the purchase of microphone system and installation in the Main Courtroom. This is needed to improve the sound system for the upcoming murder trial. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Lynelle Farber, County Planner presented to the Commissioners the list of municipalities that have applied and qualified and recommended they be approved for the Marcellus Legacy Grants. Tom Henry moved to approve each of the municipalities to receive the \$5,000.00 Grant. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried. These are the following that will each received \$5,000.00:

Laceyville Boro	Park & Play Ground Equipment
Overfield Townsjip Parks Committee	Walking Trail
Tunkhannock Primary Center	Play ground equipment
Tunkhannock Boro Riverside Park	Lawn Maintenance Program
Tunkhannock Little League	Pedestrian Safety Improvement
Wyoming County Chamber	Tunkhannock River Day

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Falls Summer Celebration
Exeter Twp
Athletic Field Maintenance
Cristy Mathewson Park Improvements

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Reeves Athletic Assoc
Factoryville Boro
George Hock Memorial Park Kayak and
Canoe Launch

Commissioners Report:

Commissioners attended a Security Committee Meeting and are in process of naming a consultant. The Consultant will be paid by a Grant from our Insurance Company.

Commissioners met with Rep. Karen Boback, PenDot, the Fish and Game Commission and Eaton Township concerning the Road Side Rest Area. Tom Henry gave the background for the Rest Area stating Wyoming County purchased the area in 1952 and gave PenDot an easement to the park. PenDot wants

to abandon the park and return it to the County. Fish and Game Commission will open the Park during the opening of Trout Season and be responsible for the area during fishing season. However the picnic area of the Park will remain closed until the County decides its future. Lori Bennett asked if the Commissioners ever talked to Penn State Ag about the park. The Commissioners answered that at this time no.

Rick Wilbur reported that the Salary Board created two new positions. One is a full-time with benefits to replace the part-time in Elections. The second position will be to manage the \$600,000.00 Grant the DA's office received. This position's salary and benefits will be totally covered by the Grant.

Ernie King reported he attended a meeting at the 911 Center with the National Weather Service from Binghamton, New York. Ernie King stated he was impressed with the work and cooperation between the 911 Center and the National Weather Center.

The Commissioners and the 911 Center met with a company who is interested in adding transmitters to several of our towers. Nothing was decided. Tina Henning, FWM asked if this would increase the transmissions for our 911 Center.

Rick Wilbur discussed a Coronavirus webinar and recommended anyone with questions to access the PA Department of Health website.

The Commissioners stated they met with our IT Department on March 5, 2020 to discuss looking into a member of the Chamber of Commerce to take over our Web designing.

Rick Wilbur reported that on March 9, 2020, Tom Henry was named Executive Director of the Wyoming County Conservation District. Congratulations to Tom on his appointment.

On March 11, 2020, the Commissioners will be having a CDBG Conference call after which they expect to announce that TREHAB will be taking over the CDBG funds and management.

Rick Wilbur announced that we are still waiting to hear from Ace Robbins who has been contracted to fix the shower problem in the Correctional Facility. Rick Wilbur also reported that a new Fire Alarm system for the Correctional Facility has been ordered. Cost \$1,500 to \$2000.

Rick Hiduk, Endless Mountain Life Styles ask the status of the Bridge View Project. It was stated that TREHAB is re-evaluating and trying to decide if this will become a Senior Living Center.

Proclamation proclaiming March 26, 2020 as Colan Cancer Awareness Day (CASUAL Day). Amanda Marchegiani from Northeastern Regional Cancer Institute was here for the reading of the proclamation. Tom Henry made the Motion to proclaim March 26, 2020 as CASUAL Day in Wyoming County. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

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Rick Wilbur made the Motion to have a facebook page for Elections for the promotion of voting as long as it is closely monitored. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners a this time. Tom Henry made the Motion to adjourn. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried

Rick Wilbur, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.40 a.m.