

## **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**November 16, 2023**

(Live streamed and archived)

The Greene County Commissioners meeting was brought to order at 11:00 am by Chairman Mike Belding in the first -floor conference room of the County Office Building. Others in attendance were: Commissioner Betsy McClure, Commissioner Blair Zimmerman, Chief Clerk Jeff Marshall, Human Resources Director Cara Cox, Controller Ami Cree, Treasurer Cory Grandel, Chief Assessor Lou Lewis, Solicitor Gene Grimm, Assistant Chief Clerk Cassidy Chambers and public guest.

**INVOCATION-** Commissioner Blair Zimmerman led the invocation.

**PLEDGE** - John Michniak- Mr. Michniak represents the VFW Post 6303, Greensboro. He served in the Army and is the Vice President of the Greene County Veterans Council.

**MINUTES** -Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the minutes from October 19, 2023, meeting.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a Proclamation for National Parents As Teachers Day recognized on November 8, 2023 (Michael Holloway, Family Center Administrator spoke on behalf of the Family Center) Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a Proclamation for November 2023 as National Adoption Month. (Beth Booker,

Children and Youth Services Administrator spoke on behalf of Children and Youth Services) Vote Unanimous.

### **COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve to adopt the Proposed 2024 General Fund Budget and direct the Chief Clerk to advertise final action on the same for December 14th, 2023 and to make the proposed budget available for public inspection for a period of 20 days during normal working hours in his office and on the County of Greene website. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve to accept and approve the 2024 Greene County Real Property Tax Summary (Certified Totals). Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a Professional Services Proposal from Gibson-Thomas for Greene County Airport Property Site Plan, Environmental, and Land Development Services Proposal in the amount of \$59,500.00. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a request to amend the ARC Grant# PW-20453-IM (Broadband Grant) from December 31, 2023 until December 31, 2024. Windstream expects to complete the project in the Spring to Summer of 2024 and this extension would allow proper closeout of the grant. Vote unanimous.
5. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve an Application for Veterans' Day Expenses from the Jefferson American Legion for an amount of \$200.00. Vote Unanimous.

6. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve to accept the resignation of Eric Marshall, Debbie Stephenson, and Jeff Lash from the Greene County Fair Board effective August 28, 2023. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve to dissolve the existence of the Greene County Fair Board effective November 16, 2023 and ask that any and all past and present records be delivered to the Greene County Controller's Office within the next 10 days. Vote unanimous.
8. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve to authorize the Solicitor and Chief Clerk to transfer 3 properties (05-08-102-B, 05-08-102, and 05-08-300) near the old Carmichaels Water Plant to the Southwestern PA Water Authority for the purpose of a public sale of the parcels with proceeds for the County's parcels coming back to the County. Vote unanimous.
9. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve of lowest responsible bids from Trifecta Team, LLC (\$28,000.00) for abatement and Wheels Mechanical Contracting (\$310,900.00) for plumbing. This is because of rebidding abatement and plumbing scopes for the Silveus Building Renovations. Approval is conditional pending Solicitor, Controller, and Grant Coordinator approvals. Vote unanimous.

## **BRIDGES**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve to mow the field and to provide two loads of gravel (\$500) to Art Lesnett of Center

Township in consideration for allowing bridge repairs to Greene County Bridge #59 from his property. Vote unanimous.

2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the Right of Way Plan for Greene County Bridge 73 located in Morris Township. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the Right of Way Plan for Greene County Bridge 75 located in Morris Township. Vote unanimous.

## **JAIL**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a PCCD Grant Application for Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Grant with a 25% match for the Greene County Jail. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a PCCD Grant Application for COVID Mitigation Grant for the Greene County Jail. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a time extension for Prison Paving Job into Spring of 2024 as long as costs remain the same and contractor deals with any emergent conditions at their cost until the project is completed. Vote unanimous.

## **IT**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a Security Awareness Services Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

and the County of Greene, paid for by a PEMA Grant. Vote unanimous.

2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Intrusion Detection Services between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Greene, paid for by PEMA Grant. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a quote from Connectivity Communications, INC for firewall upgrades at a cost of \$12,992.00. Vote unanimous.

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the reappointment of the following Farmland Board Members:
  - a) William A Cree III, Farmer Member
  - b) Richard Belding, Farmer Member
  - c) James Willis, Farmer MemberVote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve appointing William Cree III as Chairman of the Greene County Farmland Preservation Board. Vote unanimous.

## **CONSERVATION**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the Conservation District Director Nominations,

- a) Greg Hopkins - Farmer Member
  - b) Rebecca Trigger – Public Member
  - c) Mike Belding – Commissioner Representative
- Vote unanimous.

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) July – September 2023 Inventory Utilization Report. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the Human Services Solicitor Contract with Joyce Hatfield-Wise not to exceed \$12,000 (An increase from \$10,000) for January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Vote unanimous.

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the FY22-23 Human Services Block Grant Income and Expenditures Report Certification. Vote unanimous.

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the contract with Adagio Health Inc. for the period of 10/1/2023 -6/30/24 not to exceed \$6,144.50 -for our prevention staff to provide tobacco services on behalf of Adagio. Vote unanimous.

## CYS

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve Adelphoi Village, Inc. – FY23/24, Purchase of Service Agreement – Rates \$76.49 - \$522.49. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve Children’s Home of Reading (CHOR) – FY23/24, Purchase of Service Agreement – Rate \$466.61. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve Speak Write – FY 23/24, Extension – Rates \$.0150 - \$24.95. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve Adoption Connection of PA – FY23/24 – Purchase of Service Agreement – Rates \$73.47 to \$119.34. Vote unanimous.
5. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Chairman Mike Belding the second with Commissioner Blair Zimmerman abstaining to approve BluePrints, Independent Living – FY23/24 – In-Home Purchase of Service Agreement – Rate \$107.50. Vote unanimous.
6. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Chairman Mike Belding the second with Commissioner Blair Zimmerman abstaining to approve BluePrints, Family Reunification – FY23/24 – In-Home Purchase of Service Agreement – Rate \$107.50. Vote unanimous.
7. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Chairman Mike Belding the second with Commissioner Blair Zimmerman abstaining to approve BluePrints, Positive Parenting Program –

FY23/24 – In-Home Purchase of Service Agreement – Rate \$107.50. Vote unanimous.

8. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve The CARE Center, Southwestern PA Human Services (SPHS) – FY23/24 – In-Home Purchase of Service Agreement – Rates \$10.00 to \$385.00. Vote unanimous.

## **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and chairman Mike Belding the second with Commissioner Blair Zimmerman abstaining to approve a Resolution to submit an application to the Statewide Local Share Account Program Grant through the PA Commonwealth Finance Authority. Grant is for \$997,947.30 and would be used for construction of the Carmichaels Library including but not limited to installing the parking lot, pad preparation, vertical construction, and emergency generators. Designate the Chairman of the Board and Chief Clerk as signatories.

## **PLANNING**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a request from Greene ARC/County Recycling at a monthly lease of \$1541 for rental of a forklift through Penn West Lift. Lift they were using broke and is past service life. County will try to apply for recycling grant for permanent replacement in 2024. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the reappointment of Julie Gatrell for a 4-year term on the Planning Commission Board. Vote unanimous.



## **CDBG**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a motion to approve the Exempt Status Determination Form for FY2022 - C76358 Waynesburg Borough ADA Curb Improvements. Vote unanimous.
2. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a motion to approve FY2019 - C73856 Revision Request #2 and Resolution to reduce FY2019 Waynesburg Borough Sewer Line Replacement First and Washington by \$27,623.12 and add the funding to FY2022 Waynesburg Borough ADA Curb Ramps, allowing Waynesburg Borough to complete an additional 5 needed ADA Complaint Ramps. Vote unanimous.
3. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a motion to approve a 3 Year Project Activity Completion Extension Request for FY2019 - C73856 Waynesburg Borough ADA Curb Cuts from 5/29/2023 to 3/29/2024. Vote unanimous.
4. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve a motion to approve Revision Request #1 and Resolution for FY2020CV - C83066 EDWA- Water System Improvement Project, scope of Work changes. Vote unanimous.

## **HOME**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the contract between the County of Greene Whole Home Repair program and Washington Greene County Job Training Agency(WGCJTA) in the amount not

to exceed \$33,000.00. WGCJTA will administer the required Workforce Development component of the Whole Home Repair Grant by recruiting and training Greene County residents as contractors and assist them with obtaining licenses and/or certifications to work on home repair projects throughout the County. Vote unanimous.

## **PROBATION**

1. Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to approve the submission of a PCCD Grant for Adult Probation in the amount of \$29,815. This is a grant the office received annually. Effective date 11-3-2023. Vote unanimous.

## **NOTICES**

1. Derrick Ward on behalf of UGI Appalachia LLC notifies of permit submission for a Joint permit application for Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit a US. Army Corps of Engineers section 404 for Day Road in Richhill Township.
2. EQT Production Company notifies of written request to terminate general permit WMGR123SW048 and release \$483,018 surety bond for Glass Joe AST Facility.
3. EQT Production Company notifies of written request to terminate general permit for WMG123SW038 and release \$796,154. Surety bond for the Christen AST pad.
4. EQT Production Company notifies of written request to terminate general permit for WMGR123SW040 and release the \$527,398. Surety bond for the Magnum AST pad.
5. Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company notifies of intent to submit permit application with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the following projects:

- a) Harvey Mine Permit 30121301.
  - b) Morris Twp, Greene County, off of Hopkins /run Rd and Ross School Road.
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- 6. EQM Gathering notifies of intent to apply for permit with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment.
  - 7. Ascent Consulting and Engineering notifies of amended planning code for Municipalities for direct state agencies to consider comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances for Act 14,67,68, & 127.
  - 8. Act 14,97 P.S. notifies on behalf of EQM Gathering and GAI Consultants Inc. of intent to apply for application for permit for Chapter 105 water obstruction and temporary road crossings in Washington Townships.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Nancy McIntire asked about the progress of recapturing an amount of \$50,000, with Solicitor Gene Grimm responding that he is personally working on it and has hopes of completion by the first of the year.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Commissioner Betsy McClure made the motion and Commissioner Blair Zimmerman the second to adjourn the meeting. Vote unanimous.