

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016

A MEETING OF THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016, AT 6:00 PM.

ATTENDING: COMMISSIONERS GEORGE F. HALCOVAGE, JR.; FRANK J. STAUDENMEIER; AND GARY J. HESS; CONTROLLER CHRISTY JOY; TREASURER LINDA MARCHALK; COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, GARY BENDER; FINANCE DIRECTOR, PAUL BUBER; ASSISTANT COUNTY SOLICITOR, GLENN ROTH; HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/RISK MANAGER, MARTINA CHWASTIAK AND CHIEF CLERK DARLENE LAUGHLIN.

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER HALCOVAGE AND OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

IN RE: REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD

THE CHIEF CLERK STATED THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS TO REPORT.

IN RE: PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31, 2016 AS “RED RIBBON WEEK CAMPAIGN”

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 23-31, 2016 AS “RED RIBBON WEEK” CAMPAIGN.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

AT THIS TIME, THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23-31, 2016 AS “RED RIBBON WEEK CAMPAIGN” WAS READ BY COMMISSIONER HALCOVAGE AND PRESENTED TO DIANE ROWLAND, PREVENTION SERVICES COORDINATOR FOR THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM. THE PROCLAMATION ENCOURAGED ALL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION AND WEAR OR DISPLAY RED RIBBONS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR A DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY.

DIANE THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROCLAMATION AND FOR THEIR SUPPORT WITH THE PROGRAM. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE 50 PARTICIPANTS THIS YEAR, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS. THEY HAVE DISTRIBUTED 9,600 RIBBONS, 11,400 RED RIBBON BADGES, 10,300 BRACELETS, 5,000 INFORMATIONAL CARDS AND STRESS BALLS THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF THIS COUNTY WIDE PROBLEM. SHE ALSO SAID THAT THIS YEAR’S THEME IS “YOLO-BE DRUG FREE! YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE!” SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT RED RIBBON WEEK HAS BEEN CELEBRATED IN THE COUNTY FOR AT LEAST 20 YEARS.

THE COMMISSIONERS THANKED DIANE FOR EVERYTHING AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS WITH THE RISING DRUG PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER HESS THAT THE YOUTH SUMMIT IS A SPIN OFF OF WHAT DIANE HAS BEEN DOING FOR YEARS. HE SAID THAT WE HAVE TO REACH OUT AND GET TO OUR YOUTH EARLY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF GETTING INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

THERE WERE NO REQUESTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT OF TODAY’S MEETING.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2016.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORKSESSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2016.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – FOUR SERVICE AGREEMENTS & CONTRACT ADDENDUM

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017:

OPEN DOOR, READING, PA FOR TRADITIONAL FOSTER CARE AT A PER DIEM OF \$40.50, SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE AT A PER DIEM OF \$72.00, MOTHER/CHILD FOSTER AT A PER DIEM OF \$94.00

THE CHILDREN’S CHOICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA FOR FOSTER LEVEL I AT A PER DIEM OF \$38.50, FOSTER LEVEL III AT A PER DIEM OF \$75.75, ADOPTION/PLACEMENT AT A PER UNIT RATE OF \$4000.

PENNSYLVANIA MENTOR, BROOMALL, PA FOR CRR ROOM AND BOARD AT A PER DIEM OF \$14.69, RESPITE CARE AT A PER DIEM OF \$80.00, EMERGENCY RESPITE CARE AT A PER DIEM OF \$99.00

THE SUMMIT ACADEMY, PITTSBURGH, PA FOR SUMMIT RESIDENTIAL AT A PER DIEM OF \$134.98, DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM AT A PER DIEM OF \$209.00, NEW OUTLOOK D&A AT A PER DIEM OF \$265.00

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT ADDENDUM:

ACCESS SERVICES, ORWIGSBURG, PA FOR SUPERVISED VISITS AT A PER UNIT RATE OF \$25.00

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: TREASURER’S OFFICE - MONTHLY REPORT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TREASURER’S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2016, AS PRESENTED AT THE WORKSESSION:

LINDA L. MARCHALK, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY TREASURER				
SEPTEMBER 2016				
MONTHLY CASH STATEMENT TOTALS				
ACCOUNT	BEG BALANCE	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	END BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	\$28,903,782.29	\$3,489,860.82	-\$4,781,015.89	\$27,612,627.22
OTHER COUNTY	\$15,176,778.56	\$6,195,421.29	-\$3,586,432.96	\$17,785,766.89
COUNTY AGENCIES	\$4,213,307.27	\$1,823,117.05	-\$2,469,725.96	\$3,566,698.36
WORKER COMP	\$281,675.27	\$82.80	-\$54,576.52	\$227,181.55
ALL ACCOUNTS	\$48,435,159.43	\$11,508,406.48	-\$10,886,682.67	\$49,056,883.24

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: GRANT WRITER'S OFFICE – COOPERATION AGREEMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO ENTER TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH COALDALE BOROUGH FOR A DEMOLITION PROJECT LOCATED AT 146 FISHER AVENUE.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES – APPOINTMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPOINT CAROL FETTEROLF, GORDON, PA HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO AN AGING CASE AIDE II POSITION, AFSCME, AT \$12.86 PER HOUR. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27, 2016.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES - RETIREMENT: APPOINTMENT & PROMOTION

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER II, PATTI MOYER, WAYNE TOWNSHIP, PA FROM SAID POSITION. EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 30, 2016.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPOINT MATTHEW COOPER, MOUNT CARMEL, PA TO A FISCAL TECHNICIAN POSITION, NON UNION/NON EXEMPT, AT PAY RANGE 3, STEP 14, AT \$17.844 PER HOUR. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 7, 2016.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF ROXANNE COOK, RINGTOWN, PA FROM A COUNTY CASEWORKER I POSITION TO A COUNTY CASEWORKER II POSITION, PSSU, AT PAY RANGE 35, AT \$18.5882 PER HOUR. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2016.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

IN RE: OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES – TWO RESIGNATIONS

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/RISK MANAGER MARTINA CHWASTIAK INFORMED THE BOARD THAT AGING CARE MANAGER II, KAREN ROCKWELL, BUTLER TOWNSHIP, PA HAS RESIGNED FROM SAID POSITION. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2016.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/RISK MANAGER MARTINA CHWASTIAK INFORMED THE BOARD THAT TAMMY GIBSON, NEW CASTLE TOWNSHIP, PA HAS RESIGNED FROM SAID POSITION. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2016.

IN RE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – WAGE INCREASE

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/RISK MANAGER MARTINA CHWASTIAK INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A WAGE INCREASE WAS GIVEN TO ALICIA CUFF, MAHANAY TOWNSHIP, PA, SECRETARY II, COURT RELATED II, HAS BEEN GIVEN A WAGE INCREASE PER THE UNION CONTRACT. NEW WAGE IS \$13.83 PER HOUR. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 10, 2016.

IN RE: CLERK OF COURTS – WAGE INCREASE

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/RISK MANAGER MARTINA CHWASTIAK INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A WAGE INCREASE WAS GIVEN TO ASHLEY FESSLER, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PA, CLERK II, COURT RELATED II, HAS BEEN GIVEN A WAGE INCREASE PER THE UNION CONTRACT. NEW WAGE IS \$13.06 PER HOUR. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2016.

IN RE: COURT ADMINISTRATION – APPOINTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR/RISK MANAGER MARTINA CHWASTIAK INFORMED THE BOARD THAT AMY EADES, MINERSVILLE, PA HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO A SECRETARY I POSITION, COURT RELATED I, AT \$12.13 PER HOUR. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 7, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE:

*ALL APPOINTMENTS ARE PENDING DRUG TEST AND PHYSICAL.

*ALL ACTIONS INVOLVING SALARY ARE PENDING SALARY BOARD APPROVAL.

NEW BUSINESS:

IN RE: PUBLIC WORKS - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A 2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00 TO ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY TO COVER THE REPAIRS TO THE CONCRETE SIDEWALK NEAR LAUREL BLVD.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: PRISON - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A 2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,503 TO ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY TO COVER TRAVEL EXPENSES (T. PAVALKO), BOB BARKER (SUPPLIES FOR INMATES), WACOR (CAMERAS), CENTRAL LAUNDRY (REPAIRS TO WASHER), LOSCH (SEWER BLOCKAGE), WB MASON (OFFICE SUPPLIES).

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A 2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000 TO ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY TO COVER THE COSTS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FOR RECYCLING TRUCKS – REPLACE A DRIVE PUMP ON ONE TRUCK, REPLACE WINDSHIELD ON ANOTHER TRUCK AND REPLACE FUEL TANK ON A THIRD TRUCK.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: LIQUID FUELS – TWO CHANGE ORDERS

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STAUDENMEIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 AND CHANGE ORDER #4 WITH HEIM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE REPAIRS AT COUNTY BRIDGE #200, MAPLE AVENUE OVER WEST BRANCH OF THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER, NORWEGIAN TOWNSHIP. CHANGE ORDER #3 IS \$11,000 FOR ADDITIONAL RAILROAD INSPECTIONS, AND CHANGE ORDER #4 IS \$475.65 FOR FINAL PAVING QUANTITIES. THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST IS \$742,587.49. THE BRIDGE WAS OPENED IN AUGUST AND THE CHANGE ORDERS ARE FOR THE FINAL INVOICE.

VOTE:

HALCOVAGE—AYE

STAUDENMEIER—AYE

HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

ALSO UNDER NEW BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER HESS EXPRESSED THAT HE STILL WANTS TO FORM AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO HELP FIND A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE OVERCROWDING ISSUE AT THE PRISON. HE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE COMMITTEE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING WAS RECENTLY HELD WITH KEY PLAYERS INCLUDING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ADULT PROBATION OFFICIALS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE SOLICITOR WITH THE COMMON GOAL OF FINDING THE BEST WAYS AND PRACTICES TO HELP KEEP THE INMATE POPULATION DOWN.

COMMISSIONER HALCOVAGE ADDRESSED COMMISSIONER HESS'S CONCERNS AND SAID THAT WE BROUGHT IN TO THE MEETING ANYONE WE FELT WHO WOULD HAVE SOME TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUES AT HAND AND WE AGREED TO CONTINUE MEETING TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE THE RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE TABLE TO DISCUSS THIS AND WE HAVE SCHEDULED OUR NEXT MEETING TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION ONGOING.

HOWEVER, COMMISSIONER HESS SAID THAT HE STILLS WANTS A FORMAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET REGULARLY AND INCLUDE MORE PEOPLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS DISTRICT JUDGES AND COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN AT THE MEETING REGARDING THE COMMITTEE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

ATTEST: _____
CHIEF CLERK