

October 16, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Commissioner Preston Boop, Chairman, John Showers, Vice-Chairman, and John Mathias, Secretary

**GUESTS:** Sharon Koppel, John Mitchell, Jamie Shrawder, Nancy Steckel, Sandy Field, Jim Buck, Doug Shaffer, Warden and Jeff McClintock, Finance Director.

**STAFF:** Diana L. Robinson, Chief Clerk and Sheryl Vrael, Executive Administrative Assistant.

### ACTION MINUTES

#### A. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve the minutes of October 2, 2018. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve payables ending the week of October 12, 2018 in an amount of \$213,890.42. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve application for burial expenses for deceased service persons for Richard Snyder and Richard Waltman. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, Approve Purchase of Service Agreements for Children and Youth and the following agencies:

Family Care for Children and Youth	FY 2018-2019
Concern	FY 2018-2019
KidsPeace	FY 2018-2019
Adelphoi Village	FY 2018-2019
Merakey	FY 2018-2019
Community Specialists Corp. d/b/a The Academy	FY 2018-2019
Summit School Inc. d/b/a Summit Academy	FY 2018-2019
Patrick Johnson	FY 2018-2019
SafeGuards Foster Care	FY 2018-2019

Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve Agreement with Avanco International, Inc. for Children and Youth Agency activities. Agreement has been reviewed by Solicitor. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve the Notice of Intent to request and accept HAVA Grant Funds for the Union County Election Department. The funds eligible to be received are \$39,644.74. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve the agreement for 2019 with the Forensic Pathology Associates (FPA)/Health Network Laboratories for the Coroner's Office for forensic autopsy services fees. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve the Professional and Administrative Service Agreement with SEDA-COG for FFY 2017 CDBG funds in an amount of \$85,110. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Union County Housing Authority for FFY 2017 CDBG funds in an amount of \$70,000 for assistance with the authority projects. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Mifflinburg Borough for FFY 2017 CDBG funds in the amount of \$110,254 for assistance with the Mifflinburg Curbcuts project. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Boop, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve the reappointments for John Showers and Eric Winslow to the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Board for a five-year term, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve Second Amendment to Agreement for Participation in 911 Regional Next Generation System. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to approve the FFY 2018 Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Agreement in an amount of \$80,135. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Mathias, second by Commissioner Showers, to approve the Rapid Response Team Memorandum of Agreement between Union County Emergency Management Agency, William Cameron Engine Company and Northridge Group, Inc. effective October 16, 2018. The funds eligible to be received are \$39,644.74. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Showers, second by Commissioner Mathias, to recess the regularly scheduled meeting to hold the Union County Prison Board meeting. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

## B. OPEN FORUM

Jamie Shrawder introduced herself as the new East Buffalo Township Manager. Jim Buck asked questions on the voting machine situation. Commissioner Showers said the machines go through testing every election, they are holding up well and will get us through until the state certifies the new machines. We have secured our counting room adequately. Jim Buck then asked about the appeal on the assessment of the Miller Center. Commissioner Boop replied by saying that is under the control of the assessment board and not the Commissioners. Jim asked for an update on the Rail Trail Authority. Commissioner Mathias stated that the Authority will be overseeing a DCNR grant given to BVRA to study a possible Route 15 crossing and expansion. Sandy Field asked what Union County has in place to address climate change. Commissioner Boop responded that Union County is engaged in farmland preservation and will continue to support this. Commissioner Showers stated that the County continues to work with the Merrill Lin Conservancy in their growing greener initiatives and we are also heavily invested in recycling efforts. Commissioner Mathias pointed out the County has supported all County properties to become more energy efficient. Jim Buck asked if there would be a possibility to add solar panels to County buildings. Commissioner Boop responded taxes would need to be increased to raise funds to do so as the tax credits have gone away.

Commissioner Boop declared meeting adjourned.

Union County Commissioners

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Chief Clerk

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