

June 16,2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners was held via video conference on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS: Commissioner Preston Boop, Chairman, Jeff Reber, Vice-Chairman and Stacy Richards, Secretary

GUESTS: Becky Perez, Roberta Greene, Shawn Waltman, John Mitchell, Melissa Allen, Eric Scicchitano, Doug Richard, Sarah Bell, Angela Gockley, Lauren Peck, Rich Thomas, Troy Zimmerman, Billy Allred, Rufus Martin, Kristy Dax, Mitzi Gallagher-Long, Teri Provost, Doug Shaffer, Warden, Jeff McClintock, Finance Director.

STAFF: Susan Greene, Chief Clerk, Jonathan DeWald, Solicitor and Sheryl Vrabel, Executive Administrative Assistant.

## ACTION MINUTES

### A. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve the minutes of June 2, 2020. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

### C. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to award bids for Union County Library Renovation Project as follows:

General Construction	Hepco	\$708,836
HVAC Construction	LTS Plumbing & Heating, Inc	\$63,750
PLUMBING Construction	LTS Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$51,133

Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve payables ending the week of June 12, 2020 in an amount of \$243,319.11. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve application for burial expenses for deceased service persons for Walter Jones, Donald Harvey and application for burial expenses for deceased service man's widow for Evelyn Petery, Rose Snook and application for deceased service person's spouse for Gerald Berkheimer and application for headstone for deceased service person's grave for Glenn Miller, Sr., Frank Yurkoski, Gerald Berkheimer, Kenneth Hassenplug, Sr. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber second by Commissioner Richards, to approve Utility Reimbursement Agreement Number 034767 with PPL Electric Utilities as presented by PennDOT in the amount of \$101,828.68 for the relocation of electric utilities due to Union County Bridge #19 replacement project on Walbash Road in West Buffalo Township. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve Reimbursement Agreement Number R20030003 with PennDOT in the amount of \$200,000 as presented for engineering analysis of Union County Bridge #23 on Covered Bridge Road in Hartley Township. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve Liquid Fuels MS-340 Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Tax Funds Revision Number 1 for Big Red Covered Bridge to update the total project cost to \$200,000 and a 5% county cost share as per the PennDOT Reimbursement Agreement. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve appointment of Dennis Hause to the Union County Board of Assessment Appeals for a four (4) year term, January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Boop, to approve Resolution Number 11 for 2020 declaring Union County to be a Second Amendment Dedicated County. Motion carried, Commissioner Reber and Commissioner Boop voted yes, Commissioner Richards voted no.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve CDBG-COVID 2020 grants as recommended by SEDA-COG as follows:

Mifflinburg School District	\$97,552
Union County Housing Authority	\$12,000
Community Action Agency	\$40,000

Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve Resolution Number 12 approving Community Action Agency to be the authorized contract agency for the PHFA CARES RRP application process that will make available \$148,000 to \$415,000 to income-eligible Union County renters once approved. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, 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**

Katie asked if the Commissioners could please discuss broadband in the county and where this stands.

Commissioner Boop discussed broadband options for the unserved and underserved residents in Union County and the ongoing efforts of the Commissioners to get this accomplished.

Eric Scicchitano asked if Commissioners Boop and Reber would state their positions on the Second Amendment Resolution passed today.

Commissioner Reber stated that 12 municipalities supported this and he felt that because of that it made this a county issue. This was our way to tell our state legislators that we support this.

Commissioner Boop stated that we know there is an effort to pass new gun control laws and as we have seen this effort is chipping away at our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights, to me this is a culture thing.

Commissioner Richards stated this Second Amendment resolution gives the impression that individuals can decide on their own whether or not a duly-passed law is obeyable. Our U.S. Constitution legislators and our courts decide our laws. Anyone who disagrees with these laws can use the court system or the legislature to try to change them. Just deciding we don't like them and taking matters into our own hands breeds anarchy and makes us less safe, not more safe. We Commissioners swore an oath when we took office to uphold the Constitution, not obfuscate its authority.

Eric Scicchitano asked to explain the CDBG-COVID grant money.

Commissioner Richards explained that it comes from the federal government and is a special allocation for these particular projects that were approved today.

Commissioner Boop declared meeting adjourned.

Union County Commissioners

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Chief Clerk

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