

January 5, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners was held via video conference on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

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

GUESTS: Carolyn Conner, Becky Perez, Eric Scicchitano, Teri MacBride, Roberta Greene, Sue Auman, Matt Ferrand, Diane Reigle, Treasurer, 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 Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve the minutes of December 29, 2020. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

B. OPEN FORUM

Sue Auman thanked the Commissioners for hosting the new COVID testing site and thanks to Michelle Dietrich for her efforts.

Matt Ferrand asked to be briefed on this mornings Work Session. Commissioner Richards responded that Michelle Dietrich gave an overview of the testing site and vaccine distribution. Matt Ferrand asked if Union County will be getting its own department of health. Commissioner Boop responded that our county is a seventh-class county and has not heard from the state that this would happen.

Teri MacBride asked why the Election Board meeting was canceled. Commissioner Reber responded there was not new information to share at this time.

Eric Scicchitano asked what FFCRA meant for the county. Susan Greene responded the extension means county employees will not have to use their own sick time for COVID related illness, this is a one-time usage that was mandated in 2020 from the federal government and was not renewed for 2021. Eric Scicchitano asked if he could get some employee usage numbers emailed to him.

Becky Perez asked if the Commissioners know the minimum level of community vaccination to protect citizens and do the Commissioners plan to make a statement encouraging the vaccine. Commissioner Boop responded that vaccines are a personal issue and this Commissioner will not make a statement, and we are not qualified to answer to the minimum level of vaccination in the community.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve payables ending the week of December 31, 2020 in an amount of \$163,239.87. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve application for burial expenses for deceased service person for Richard Steese and application for deceased service man's widow for Frances Halvorsen, Freida Swanger, Betty Loudenslager. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve reappointment of Gale Reish to the Union County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve extension to Emergency Paid Sick Leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) to Union County employees until March 31, 2021. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Motion by Commissioner Reber, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve Susan Greene, Chief Clerk Administrator, as a signatory designee for contracting under Section 1800 of the County Code for purposes of carrying into execution the provision of the article and the laws of the Commonwealth on behalf of the Commissioners. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Commissioner Boop recessed the regularly scheduled meeting to hold the Union County Retirement Board meeting.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Boop declared meeting adjourned.

Union County Commissioners

Susan Greene
Chief Clerk

Sheryl Vrabel
Executive Administrative Assistant