

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018:

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met this date in regularly scheduled session at 9:00 a.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom with Chairman Randy L. Phiel presiding. Others in attendance: Commissioners James E. Martin and Marty Karsteter Qually; Albert Penksa, County Manager; John Hartzell, Solicitor; Steve Renner, Controller; Beth Cissel, Deputy Controller; Don Fennimore, Court Administrator; Warren Bladen, DES Director; Melissa Devlin, Finance Director; Phil Swope, Staff Accountant; Sarah Finkey, ACCYS Administrator; Candi Clark, HR Generalist; News Reporter Vanessa Pellechio, *Gettysburg Times* and Chief Clerk Paula V. Neiman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually, to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Proclamations:

- Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adopt and proclaim May 14 – 18, 2018 as **"ADAMS COUNTY BIKE TO WORK WEEK"**. This proclamation was presented to Steve Fehringer and Max Bramel of HABPI.

Motion carried.

- Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually, to adopt and proclaim May 2018 as **"LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH"** in Adams County. This proclamation was presented to Sharon Shaffer, Regional Leader for the Adams County Region for the PA Lyme Resource Network. Ms. Shaffer noted there will be a lecture on the affects of Lyme Disease on May 24th at HACC.

Motion carried.

Presentation:

At this time Chairman Phiel recognized Steve Lyle, Executive Director of the Emergency Health Services Federation (EHSF), who presented ACDES Telecommunicator Samuel Biesecker with a commendation for his role in the successful resuscitation of a Cardiac Arrest patient in Adams County.

Public Comment:

- Will Tallman, 193rd State Representative – Rep. Tallman was present today to express his opposition to the fair districts resolution. He stated there is no such thing as an independent commission and the Commissioners should not get involved. He asked the Board of Commissioners not to consider this resolution.
- Betsy Hower, Republican Committee – Ms. Hower feels the congressional districts should be fair to all. She believes in the constitution as set forth by our forefathers and we should leave the decision to the legislators and that the Board of Commissioners should not consider this resolution.
- Graham Weaver, Gettysburg resident – Mr. Weaver echos the same concerns as Ms. Hower. Leave the districts as they are so we do not lose our local representation. Independent commissions are unconstitutional.
- Steve Niebler, Fair Districts Adams County – Fair districts is all about good government and fairness to all. Mr. Niebler provided an overview of facts and

information as to why an independent commission is important. We encourage you to support the resolution.

- Ed Cheney, Gettysburg Ward 2 – Fair districting is a legislative issue and would require an amendment to the constitution.
- Chad Collie, Orrtanna, PA – Thanked the Commissioners who work together to get things done. The end goal is to have fair voting for all. Fair districting, maybe we should let the registered independents vote in the primary.

Children & Youth Services:

With recommendation from Sarah Finkey, Administrator, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve and sign 2018-2019 Purchase of Services Contracts with the following: Alternative Behavior Consultants; Catholic Charities; Diakon Child Family & Community Ministries; Persues House; York County Youth Development Center; George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania and Pa Child and to approve and sign the 2017-2018 Purchase of Service Contracts with Fellowship Health Resources and Alternative Living Solutions.

Motion carried.

Adams County Department of Emergency Services:

With recommendation from Kimberly Frank, HazMat Coordinator, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually, to approve and sign the 2017-2018 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$1,996.00 for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the Personnel Report as presented:

Children & Youth Services:

Note for matter of record the medical leave of absence for Anna Green, Caseworker 2-Truancy Specialist, effective June 22 through July 30, 2018.

Separation of Employment with permission to post:

- Retirement of Elizabeth Reisinger, Victim Witness Direct Service Advocate, effective August 2, 2018
- Erin Townsend, Janitor/Maintenance Helper, effective May 25, 2018
- Danielle Porter, Caseworker 1 – Family Support, effective May 24, 2018
- Derek Stiles, PTAN Network/System Administrator, effective May 18, 2018

Motion carried.

Commissioners:

Susquehanna Accounting & Consulting:

At the request of Solicitor John Hartzell, and pending final Solicitor Office review, Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually, to retain Susquehanna Accounting and Consulting Solutions, Inc. to perform financial analysis of health insurance claims, costs, agreements, and related matters for the 2016 claim year

Motion carried.

Teamsters Local 776:

At the request of County Manager Albert Penksa, and after review by Assistant Solicitor Molly Mudd, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the Commissioners approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Adams and TEAMSTERS Local 776 regarding the implementation of retroactive pay under the Collective Bargaining Agreement for years 2018-2021.

Motion carried.

Patriot Energy Group:

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually, to accept the proposal for energy services from Patriot Energy Group, subject to the review by the County Solicitor

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2 of 2018 – Legislative and Congressional Districts:

The following discussion was held prior to a vote:

- Commissioner Jim Martin – Fair is not always fair to everyone. This action goes against our constitution and I took an oath to uphold the constitution. We should leave the process that is in place alone. I oppose this resolution.
- Commissioner Marty Qually – I understand, however I took the same oath and nowhere does it say we cannot make change. There are independent commissions already in place within our government.
- Commissioner Randy Phiel – The request before us is for district fairness. We had an open discussion with different opinions and constitutional concerns.

Chairman Phiel asked for a motion. Mr. Martin moved to table action on Resolution No. 2 of 2018 for more detailed discussion and community input for a more thorough understanding. With no second, the motion died.

Mr. Qually moved to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2018 as presented. With no second, the motion died.

Other Business:

No Other Business was brought to the Board at this time.

Adjournment:

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the Commissioner's Meeting at 10:26 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman
Chief Clerk