

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016:**

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: Commissioner Marty Karsteter Qually; John Hartzell, Solicitor; Beth Cissel, Assistant Controller; Albert Penksa, County Manager; Paul Wege, Human Resources; Melissa Devlin, Finance Director; Phil Swope, Staff Accountant; Sara Brensinger, Purchasing Coordinator; Matt Ahearn, Finance Intern; Don Fennimore, Court Administrator; Brian Clark, Warden; Sherri Clayton, Director of Planning; Ellen Dayhoff, Rural Resource Manager; Bicky Redman, Senior Planner/Environmental Services; Bob Jackson, Citizen Representative; News Reporters: Vanessa Pelligrini, *Gettysburg Times*, Chris Capella, *Evening Sun* and Chief Clerk Paula Neiman.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Minutes:**

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel, to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

### **Proclamations:**

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel, to approve the following:

- **“American Red Cross Month”** – March 2016
- **“Land Conservancy of Adams County Month”** – March 10 through April 24, 2016. The proclamation was presented to Norma Calhoun, President of the Land Conservancy.

Motion carried.

### **Public Comment:**

- Vicki Anderson, Hanover, PA commented on Oak Lawn Cemetery. Her step dad and mother bought lots and he will not be able to be buried with his wife. She would like to know what their rights are.
- Mary Myers, East Berlin, PA commented on Oak Lawn Cemetery. She has family members that are buried in Oak Lawn. She wanted to know how the sale went forth.
- Wanda Sponseller, New Oxford, PA commented on Oak Lawn Cemetery. Her husband is buried at Oak Lawn, and other family members have purchased lots. She is asking for help to resolve this issue.

Commissioner Phiel made the following statement: County officials have received numerous inquiries regarding the situation at Oak Lawn Cemetery on Chambersburg Road. The Board of Commissioners has asked the county Veterans Director, Solicitor, Sheriff and District Attorney to review all authorities and remedies to this situation. District Attorney Brian Sinnett has informed the Board that his office is conducting an active investigation. We are also aware that the Cumberland Township Police Department is conducting an investigation and will be coordinating with the Adams County District Attorney's office. The first priority is to assure that burials can continue as soon as possible. We will be using all resources available to us and coordinate with other agencies in attempting to ensure the residents and families of our community are protected and cared for in resolving this unacceptable situation.

**Adams County Adult Correctional Complex**

With recommendation from Warden Brian Clark and Assistant Solicitor Molly Mudd, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel, that the Board of Commissioners enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Patrick J. Zirpoli, LLC to perform a federally mandated Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit.

Motion carried.

**Planning:**

With recommendation from Ellen Dayhoff, Rural Resource Manager, Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel, to approve offer letters for the purchase of the conservation easements and to approve to authorize Commissioner Phiel to sign the Agreement of Sales for the following:

- Fletcher Farm #3, located in Reading Township, 42.77 acres, \$3,000/acre
- Knackstedt Farm, located in Huntington Township, 101.61 acres, \$2,209.50/acre
- MacBeth Farm, located in Menallen Township, 17 acres, \$2,006/acre

Motion carried.

**Personnel Report:**

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel, to approve the following personnel actions:

Separation of Employment:

- Samantha Hogan, Law Clerk (Judge Campbell), effective March 11, 2016
- Kajsa Cook, Tipstaff, effective February 24, 2016
- Jean Sneeringer, Receptionist/Scanner in the Public Defender’s Office, effective March 4, 2016

Motion carried.

**Expenditures:**

Mr. Qually moved, seconded by Mr. Phiel, to approve the following expenditures for the period February 15, 2016 through February 26, 2016:

General Fund	\$ 1,272,424.72
911 Fund	\$ 28,889.79
Children & Youth Services	\$ 129,767.71
HazMat Fund	\$ 413.87
Liquid Fuels	\$ 32,112.81
Human Services Building	\$ 18,503.82
Capital Project	\$ 983.17
Commissary Fund	\$ 5,723.25

Motion carried.

**Planning – Presentation:**

Sherry Clayton, Director and Bicky Redman, Senior Planner/ Environmental Services and Ellen Dayhoff, Rural Resource Manager provided a presentation on the Adams County Park, Recreation and Green Space Grant Program.

**Other Business:**

No other business was brought to the Board at this time.

**Salary Board Meeting:**

The Salary Board Meeting will be held following the Commissioners Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Qually, to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting at 9:11 a.m. this date.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula V. Neiman  
Chief Clerk