

# Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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February 25, 2020

In

Attendance:

Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Paul Litwin, Solicitor, Bill Gaylord, Chief Clerk.

Press:

Brook Williams, New Age; Rick Hiduk, Endless Mt. Life Style, Ben Freda, Rocket Courier, C.J. Marshall, Woodsmith Productions

Visitors:

Jack Hubert, David Broadwell, Representative for Rep. Fred Keller

Rick Wilbur, Chairman opened the Meeting at 9:10 a.m. following the Prison Board Meeting.

Tom Henry moved to approve the February 11, 2020 Meeting minutes. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

The opportunity for Public comment was given at this time by Rick Wilbur, Chairman.

Lynnelle Farber updated the Commissioners on the Marcella Legacy Grant. Lynnelle stated there were 9 applications with deadline being last Friday. They will be reviewing the projects applied.

Jack Hubert, Military Affairs introduced David Broadwell, representative from Congressman Fred Kellers Office was here to inform the Commissioners of a Korean War Metal designed for the Korean War Veterans and this metal is being issued by the South Korean's as a thank you to the U.S. Vets. The Veterans are to have served from 1950-1953 & 1953-1955 and each vet must have been in Korea. To be approved a DD214 Discharge must be presented to receive the Metal.

Rick Wilbur made the Motion for Wyoming County Human Services to fill a position for a County Social Service Aide. This position approved in our State Compliment and approved in our Children and Youth Needs Based Budget. This is a Full-Time State Civil Service Positon with a starting annual salary of \$16,871.40. Human Services would like to post and hire. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made the Motion to approve a Purchase Order Number to be given to the Wyoming County Correctional Facility to purchase a Video Conferencing System at a cost of \$882.00 as a onetime purchase of Computer and Monitor and \$648.90 for software annually. This with help with arraignments and cut down on the Sheriff's Office liability. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the Motion to purchase new mats for Magistrate Plummer's Office and eliminate service contract with a savings of \$800.00 annually. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made the Motion for the Sheriff's Dept. to do a Security Analysis Drill in the fall. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners Report:

Commissioners met with a gentleman from Welsh Cultural Endeavor who has an interest in purchasing Evans Falls School for the purpose of turning it into a Welch themed cultural center.

Ernie represented us at a Wyoming County Emergency Services group which has been inactive for sometime and at this meeting it was voted to disband the group and form a new County wide Fire Chief's group. All money in an account for the Wyoming County Emergency Service Group will be transferred to the Fire Chief's account.

Meeting with Bill Bender, whom is a consultant with Merrill Lynch will do a free evaluation of our investment firms that handle our pension plans.

Ernie King attended the Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday on behalf of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners had their regular Phone Conference with David Gray and his group from DCED.

Tom Henry attended the Wyoming County Drug and Alcohol meeting and was introduced to the new person in charge, Ryan Hogan.

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Commissioners met last Thursday and Friday with all Department Heads. These meetings consisted of interesting and informative discussions.

Tom Henry represented the Commissioners at the opening of Keystone Commons in Factoryville. The stores and restaurant in the Commons are open to the public.

Tom Henry was elected as the new Chairman of the Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Commissioners met with Enterprise Leasing to discuss number of vehicles and leases we have and to get the new Commissioners on board with the savings. This year we have vehicles up for renewal and are offered a five year lease with maintenance included for new ones.

This date the Commissioners are meeting with the Security Task Force that is evaluating Courthouse and ancillary building security measures including fire drills, active shooter, etc. This will come from a \$10,000 grant through the insurance carrier.

Commissioners to attend the Endless Mountains Heritage Region Grant Workshop with information to make all aware of grants available and the type of help available to apply for them. This Workshop information is useful to the County and Municipalities.

Commissioners will have a follow-up meeting with Rep. Karen Boback, Eaton Township Supervisors, Fish Commission and PennDot regarding the rest area on Route 309.

There will be a Salary Board to discuss positions for an individual to be hired to handle a \$600,000.00 Grant received and the second position to change the Elections Dept. part-time employee to full-time position.

Commissioners to meet on Friday at the Communications Center with the National Weather Service to review plans in case of an emergency.

March 2, 2020 is the beginning of Intellectual Disabilities Month with a breakfast is being planned on March 31, 2020 to recognize caregivers and clients. Tom Henry and Rick Wilbur attended last year and it was a wonderful experience.

Rick Wilbur moved for an Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss Personnel reason. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur moved to reconvene the Regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry moved to approve the bills as presented. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry stated the Auditor General audited Magistrate Plummers office with no adverse finding. Commended Plummer's staff.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners a this time. Rick Wilbur made the Motion to adjourn. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried

Rick Wilbur, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.