

January 4, 2022

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Alice Gray, Todd Graybill, and Mark Partner present. Also in attendance in the meeting room was Juniata Sentinel reporter Becky Lock. Participating via WebEx conference call were GIS and Assessment Director Michael J. Hower and one unidentified member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Gray. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On a motion by Partner and a second by Graybill, the Minutes of the December 28, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

There being no public comment, the Commissioners took the following actions:

- The following meetings and events were reported as being attended.

T. Graybill	M. Partner	A. Gray
Swearing-in Ceremony	Swearing-in Ceremony	Swearing-in Ceremony

- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to approve the “Service Agreement Addendum” between Juniata County and Nancy Schrum, Esquire for Public Defender services for fiscal year 2022. The agreement is effective as of January 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to approve the tax exonerations for Lack Township as per the material provided. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Partner and seconded by Graybill to approve the following 2021 allocation request for Liquid Fuel Funds. The motion was unanimously carried.
 - Spruce Hill Township \$1,652.00
- No action was taken regarding the approval of the use of the County Records Improvement Fund to purchase various equipment for Polycom and Zoom usage at a total cost of \$2,894.49 for Magisterial District Court #41-3-01 as requested Tracy L. Powell, Magisterial District Judge. Chairperson Gray announced that alternate funding through a grant would be used to purchase the items.
- It was moved by Partner and seconded by Graybill to approve payment of checks #63421 - #63461 in the amount of \$467,923.16. The motion was unanimously carried.
- The Board reviewed the following December 2021 departmental report:
 - “Assessment Reports” as submitted by the Juniata County Assessment Office.

There being no further business, it was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. Salary Board

County Administrator S. James Bahorik called to order the Salary Board meeting of Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 10:03 am for the purpose of reorganization. Other Salary Board Members present were Commissioners Alice Gray, Todd Graybill, and Mark Partner and County Treasurer Laurie S. Hower. Participating via WebEx conference call were GIS and Assessment Director Michael J. Hower and one unidentified member of the public.

Bahorik called for nominations for a Salary Board Chairman. It was then moved by Partner and seconded by Graybill to nominate Gray for the position. There being no further nominations, Bahorik called for the vote with the motion passing unanimously.

Following the vote, Bahorik turned the meeting over to Chairperson Gray who called for nominations for a Salary Board Vice Chairman. It was then moved by Partner and seconded by Gray to nominate Graybill for the position. There being no further nominations, Gray called for the vote with the motion passing unanimously.

Following the vote for Chairman, Gray called for nominations for a Salary Board Secretary. It was then moved by Graybill and seconded by Gray to nominate Laurie S. Hower for the position. There being no further nominations, Gray called for the vote with the motion passing unanimously.

Chairman Gray, called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 28, 2021 Salary Board meeting. Commissioner Partner moved to approve the minutes and Gray seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously. Laurie S. Hower abstained as she was not in office at that time.

Chairman Gray called for a motion to approve the hiring of Megan K. Fortney as a Juniata County Domestic Relations caseworker effective January 24, 2022. Ms. Fortney replaces Jazelle L. Bryner who transferred to another position. Wages and benefits will be as per the current bargaining unit contract. Vice Chairman Graybill made a motion to approve and Commissioner Partner seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously.

Chairman Gray called for a motion to approve a change in employment status for Aaron R. Miller from Deputy Director of Clean & Green and Parcel Maintenance to the position of Chief Assessor within the Juniata County Assessment Department recommended by Michael J. Hower, GIS and Assessment Department Director, effective January 10, 2022 the wage will remain the same due to the lateral move. Commissioner Partner made a motion to approve and Hower seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously.

Chairperson Gray called for a motion to approve a compensation increase to \$51,320.06 for the Director of Fiscal Management to reflect the addition of duties and education effective January 10, 2022. Commissioner Partner moved to approve, Hower seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously.

Vice Chairman Graybill made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 am, Partner seconded.

Respectfully, Laurie S. Hower

III. Retirement Board

Alice J. Gray, Chairperson

Todd A. Graybill, Vice Chairman

Mark R. Partner, Secretary

Submitted for Approval
S. James Bahorik, County Administrator