

May 2, 2023

The Juniata County Commissioners met on the above date with Commissioners Alice Gray, Todd Graybill, and Mark Partner present. Also attending were County Treasurer Laurie S. Hower, Mifflin-Juniata Human Services Director Allison L Fisher, Juniata Valley Behavioral & Developmental Services (JVBDS) Administrator Kathy Whalen, JVBDS Adult Mental Health Specialist Bob Henry and members of the public Jeff Miller and Donna Wood. Participating via WebEx conference call was Sentinel reporter Jordan Fortson.

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 Graybill and a second by Partner, the Minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

During public comment, Donna Wood requested that the County Commissioners consider forgiving the county's portion of rollback taxes as they pertain to a 3.5-acre parcel on the Richard R. Hess farm. The family wishes to donate the parcel to the Bible Baptist Church in Susquehanna Township.

There being no further public comment, the Board took the following actions:

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

T. Graybill	M. Partner	A. Gray
Human Services Quarterly Conservation District Industrial Development Authority	Human Services Quarterly Seda-Cog Industrial Development Authority	Human Services Quarterly CCAP Visitor's Bureau

- The Board issued Proclamation No. 2023-4 proclaiming May 2023 as “Mental Health Awareness Month”.
- It was moved by Partner and seconded by Graybill to approve the “Sub-Grantee Agreement” between Juniata County and Blue Juniata Grants, LLC. for grant writing services during the period of April 3, 2023 through May 17, 2023 as submitted by Allison L. Fisher, Human Services Director. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Partner and seconded by Graybill to ratify the “Grant of Right-Of-Way” agreement between the Juniata County Board of Commissioners and PPL Electric Utilities as it relates the relocation of power lines as required by the “Emergency Operations Center” renovation project. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to approve the “Certification Statement - County Children & Youth Social Service Programs” for the period of January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 as submitted by the Children & Youth Fiscal Department. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to approve the “Family First Transition Act Invoice – Claim” for the period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 as submitted by the Children & Youth Services Fiscal Department. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to approve the “Purchase of Service Agreement” between Juniata County Children and Youth Services, the Juniata County Probation Department and Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. The term of the contract is July 31, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to appoint Mr. Jeremiah Trout as a Trustee to the SEDA Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees. Mr. Trout's term will expire on April 22, 2026. The motion was unanimously carried.
- The Board acknowledged the resignation of Ronald J. Bell from his position as a part-time employee within the Emergency Management Services Department effective as of the end of business on April 26, 2023.
- It was moved by Partner and seconded by Graybill to approve payment of checks #67933 - #68007 in the amount of \$264,805.86. The motion was unanimously carried.
- It was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to approve the tax exonerations for Walker Township as per the material provided. The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Graybill and seconded by Partner to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. Salary Board

Chairperson Alice Gray called to order the Salary Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:17 am. Other Salary Board Members present were Commissioners Todd Graybill and Mark Partner, and County Treasurer Laurie S. Hower. Also attending were Director of Human Services Allison Fisher, Administrator Juniata Valley Behavioral & Developmental Services Kathy Whalen, Program Specialist Juniata Valley Behavioral & Developmental Services Robert Henry and Member of the Public Jeff Miller. Attending via Webex was The Sentinel Reporter Jordan Fortson.

Chairperson Alice Gray called for a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Graybill made a motion to approve and Commissioner Partner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

Chairperson Alice Gray called for a motion approve a change in employment status for Tammy L. Casey from the position of Office Manager/UPI Coordinator within the Assessment Office to the position of Deputy Register and Recorder at a starting wage of \$36,250.00 effective June 1, 2023 as recommended by Alicia Seigler, Register & Recorder. Mrs. Casey will fill the position being vacated by Pamela G. King. Register & Recorder, Alicia Seigler gave prior approval to this motion. Commissioner Partner made a motion to approve and Treasurer Hower seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

Chairperson Gray called for a motion to adjourn at 10:17 am. Commissioner Graybill made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Partner seconded the motion. Motion approved 4/0.

Respectfully, Laurie S. Hower

III. Retirement Board – No business scheduled.

Alice J. Gray, Chairperson

Todd A. Graybill, Vice Chairman

Mark R. Partner, Secretary

Submitted for Approval
S. James Bahorik, County Administrator