

**Warren County Commissioners Public Meeting**  
**June 23, 2010 9:30 a.m.**  
**Jackson Courtroom**

Vice Chairman Terry L. Hawk called the meeting of the Warren County Commissioners to order with Commissioner John R. Bortz present. Commissioner John E. Eggleston was absent.

**Staff Present:** Pam Matve, Chief Clerk, and Toby Rohlin, Fiscal Director, Dan Glotz, Planning & Zoning Director, and Warden Jerry Britton

**Citizens Present:** Dean Wells (WTO), Mark Silvis (WNAE), Ruth Sitler, Doug Weikel, Joe Scully, and Tim Brunno

**Public Hearings:** Opened at 9:31 a.m.

Doug Weikel with HRG opened the public hearing by giving a brief overview of the Warren County Act 167 Storm water Management Plan that is required by DEP to develop strategies to meet legal water quality requirements under Federal and State laws.

This plan started preparations in 1978 with Warren County paying 25% of the grant from PA DEP. This Plan is a policy document to manage storm water runoff. Dan Glotz of the Planning & Zoning office held several meetings during the development of this plan in which municipalities and the Commissioners attended.

Once the County adopts a resolution accepting this plan, then the municipalities will adopt ordinances within six months of the time DEP approves the plan.

Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. asked to review the rules, and then confirmed that there are no state funds available to the Municipalities for the implementation of this plan. At this time he stated that it is disheartening that this is another unfunded mandate from Harrisburg. It puts forth 75% of the cost of the plan development, but now as we pass this plan, the implementation is now unfunded. It puts extra cost onto the municipalities.

Joe Scully of Glade Twp. Cited section 12 paragraph c of the plan, if the Municipality does not adopt the ordinance, the municipality could lose further funding, i.e.: liquid fuels monies.

Mr. Weikel understands the economic times and explained that there would be no costs to the municipality unless someone wants to build or put in a driveway etc... then this person must apply to the municipality by signing an agreement that they will reimburse the municipality for the engineering costs encoured and until those are paid, the owner will not get their occupancy permit.

Studies done show that a 10 year storm event will cost Warren County 93 million dollars of damages to property and homes.

Commissioner Terry L. Hawk asked why a municipality would not want to adopt this ordinance. Joe Scully replied they feel they are being forced to adopt the ordinance as to not lose further funding.

Dan Glotz stated that his office receives several phone calls because neighbors have done things like put in a new driveway and now they have flood basements. Without this plan in place, there is nothing they can do to help these people. When we send them back to the Municipality supervisors, we are told, we have called them and they won't do anything about it.

Commissioner Terry L. Hawk stated that this final product is the work of all those involved which includes municipalities and the Commissioners.

After no further comments, Commissioner Terry L. Hawk closed the public hearing at 10:13 a.m.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. commented on the remarks of Mr. Holcomb at the last public meeting regarding the computer systems being down. By the time the public meeting was over the computers were fixed and up and running. We are very much aware of the aspect of technology that is in every office of county business.

## **New Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the minutes from June 9, 2010. Motion carried.

**Fiscal Report:** Toby Rohlin reported County operating expenses to be paid total approximately \$92,200; and the Prison Board approved expenses of approximately \$24,500 for a total of approximately \$116,700.

Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve the fiscal report as presented. Motion carried.

**Hotel Tax Ordinance 1-2010:** The Ordinance 1-2010 for the Hotel Tax has been out for twenty day public review with no comments or concerns. This will allow Class I and Class II businesses file either monthly or quarterly.

Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to approve Hotel Tax Ordinance 1-2010. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2947 Storm Water Management Plan:** This ordinance was adopted erroneously at the June 9, 2010 Public meeting and therefore is null and void because the public hearing was not held.

Today after the public hearing and hearing the comments and concerns Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. stated that he was not in favor of adopting this resolution until Commissioner John E. Eggleston was present therefore would like to table this until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to table the adoption of Resolution #2947 Storm water Management Plan until the July 14, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

**Awarding of the Vehicle Sealed Bids:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to award the following vehicles to the highest bidders as listed. Motion carried.

Chicago Motors: \$807 1998 Ford Club Wagon (15 passenger)

Chicago Motors: \$1,707 2001 Ford Econoline Van (15 passenger)

Carl DeVliger \$325 1996 Crown Victoria

Carl DeVliger \$1,665 1999 Chevy Astro Mini Van

**Approving the AFSCME Union Contract for 2010-2011:** After long negotiation talks, an agreement has been made to the contract with the following changes; wage increases at 2.5% for 2010, and 2% for 2011-2013, Retirees will get a \$6,000 Life Insurance policy, medical benefits will be for ten (10) years after retirement or until Medicare eligible, beginning January 1, 2013 all active employees will pay \$20 toward healthcare coverage. And as of the date of ratification, no new hires will have medical benefits after retirement. This contract will run from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve and ratify the new AFSCME Union Contract with changes. Motion carried.

**Drug & Alcohol funds application approval:** Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve the application for reimbursement in the amount of \$155,133 with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Motion carried.

**Department of Human Services:** Each year the Department of Human Services must make a formal request to the County of Warren for county match funds to full fill their operational budget. For their fiscal year 2009-2010 they requested \$924,594. Today they are asking for \$893,783 for their calendar year budget period of 2010-2011.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk, seconded by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr. to approve the request of \$893,783 for the county match funds to fulfill their operational budget of 2010-2011. Motion carried.

## **Children & Youth:**

### **Contract(s):**

### **Citizens Comments/Concerns:**

Mark Silvis asked if the public could access the county's web site to get information on the Storm water Management Plan. Yes, the web site contains the plan.

**Commissioner Comments/Concerns:**

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Commissioner John R. Bortz, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry L. Hawk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Pamela J. Matve  
Chief Clerk

John R. Bortz, Jr. Secretary  
Warren County Commissioner