

On the above date the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened a Salary Board Meeting with the following present: Maryanne Petrilla, Chairman; Thomas P. Cooney, Commissioner; Stephen A. Urban, Commissioner; Walter Griffith, Controller; Douglas Pape, County Manager for Legislation/Chief Clerk; Neil O'Donnell, Solicitor; Andy Check, Director of Human Resources; Al Flora, Chief Public Defender

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

COMMUNICATIONS:.....**Douglas A. Pape**
County Manager/Chief Clerk

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SALARY BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 22, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN, GRIFFITH

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SALARY BOARD ACTION

FOR:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Create: One (1) Alternate Food Service Worker I at an Hourly Rate of \$10.12 effective July 22, 2011.

Commissioner Urban

This is for Hazleton?

Doug Pape

Yes sir.

Controller Griffith

Is there a job description for this position Joe?

Joe DeVizia

I don't have it here.

Commissioner Petrilla

It exists through civil service.

Controller Griffith

It's a new position, correct?

Commissioner Urban

It's a position we use at other senior centers. It's not new.

Controller Griffith

It's not new as a position, it's new to Hazleton.

Commissioner Urban

Rather than giving Hazleton \$110,000. a year we are doing it ourselves, contracting out for the building and we're providing the man power to run the senior center. This is a position needed to serve food to the seniors at lunch.

Controller Griffith

The problem I have is this information is shared with the commissioners but...

Commissioner Petrilla

There is a motion on the table.

Controller Griffith

This is on the question. I am not getting any of the information about these positions being created so it makes it difficult for me to be a voting member of the Salary Board without knowing that.

Joe DeVizia

I will get the information to you. I apologize for not getting it to you sooner.

Commissioner Urban

There have been stories in the paper about us on the Hazleton Senior Center.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN “NAY” GRIFFITH

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Eliminate: One (1) Caseworker 2 at an Annual Salary of \$31,295 effective July 22, 2011.

Create: One (1) Legal Assistant 1 at an Annual Salary of \$25,169 effective July 22, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN, GRIFFITH

PUBLIC DEFENDERS:

Create: One (1) Caseworker II at an Annual Salary of \$28,000 pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Grant Award from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency effective July 20, 2011.

Create: One (1) Deputy Chief Investigator at an Annual Salary of \$30,000 with funding as provided under the terms and conditions of the Grant Award from PCCD effective July 20, 2011.

Controller Griffith

This will cost the county \$20,000 in the second year.

Public Defender Al Flora

Yes, in the second year. I gave you the information Walter.

Commissioner Urban

Where will the \$20,000 come from in the second year?

Public Defender Al Flora

I imagine in the second year, that's the county's match, so it will have to come out of the general fund.

Commissioner Urban

Which position will be funded the second year?

Public Defender Al Flora

Both positions. Steve you're getting \$153,000 from the state. That's the total funding for the positions. There's also in that amount \$1,000 for computers and \$3,000 budgeted for training. This is a two year award. In the second year the county has a \$20,000 match. It may be a little more; I'm just rounding it off.

Joan Pusateri

Keep in mind half will need to be budgeted for 2012 and 2013.

Commissioner Urban

When are you hiring these people?

Public Defender Al Flora

We're doing the interviews now. Under the grant I have to implement the program by September 1st. So I must have the staff on board by that date. We're still interviewing social workers and we pretty much narrowed down the Deputy Chief Investigator position.

Commissioner Urban

So if you don't hire until September 1st you actually have a savings on both these positions.

Public Defender Al Flora

That is correct. I don't want to bring them both on at the last second. I'm going to try and stagger this. The way it's looking right now is the social worker will be brought on last. The Deputy Chief Investigator, we really need that person on board because some of the charges we are getting against some of these kids are extremely serious. We need someone qualified to assist on those investigations. The social worker we are looking at, in light of what she is going to be doing, I can bring her in later in the program. I want to get everything in place by September 1st so you will have the names in time for the August meeting.

Commissioner Urban

So you can whittle down this \$20K a little.

Public Defender Al Flora

That's what I'm trying to do.

It was moved by PD Flora, seconded by Commissioner Cooney

"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN, FLORA "NAY" GRIFFITH

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

It was moved by Controller Griffith, seconded by Commissioner Cooney

"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN, GRIFFITH

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary