

Pennsylvania State Association of County Auditors
48th Annual Convention – Adams County – Wyndham, Gettysburg
October 3-October 7, 2010

Sunday, October 3, 2010

Adams County Auditors, Glenn Hartzel and Barbara Wiekert welcomed the County Auditors to the Wyndham, Gettysburg. Dinner was served at Garibaldi's, a local restaurant with a presentation on President Abraham Lincoln portrayed by Mr. James Getty.

Monday, October 4, 2010

8:45 AM

Glenn Hartzel, President, opened the 48th Annual Convention with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Glenn Hartzel introduced Adams County Commissioner George Weikert. Commissioner Weikert gave a brief history of Adams County.

Secretary Annette Isgan took Roll Call. There were 52 Auditors present, representing 23 counties.

Glenn Hartzel noted that there were some errors in the Association Booklet. He asked that any updates or corrections be given to the Association Secretary.

At this time Glenn Hartzel read the obituary of Sharon Davis. Sharon held the office of Auditor from 1995 until the date of her death. A moment of silence was dedicated to the memory of Sharon Davis.

Glenn Hartzel asked for the reading of the 2009 Convention minutes. Sandra Ritz motioned to waive the reading of the minutes; Phyllis Bard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Tonya Clark presented the Treasurer's Report.

Total Checking Account Beginning Balance:	\$30269.45
Receipts for 2010:	\$30838.30
Total Balance:	\$61107.75
Expenses	(\$24,170.28)
Balance 9/30/2010	\$36937.47

See attached report for account detail.

Ed Rozell motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Phyllis Bard. Motion unanimously carried.

Legislative Report:

John Steele gave the Legislative Report for PSAECO. The bill to abolish the office of Jury Commissioner passed the PA State House of Representatives. The bill has stalled and will need to be reintroduced in January of 2011.

The voice votes at the PSAECO meeting on September 23, 2010. The roll call votes were unanimous to include language to raise the cap fees in ARD cases and for PSAECO to support a raise in payout limits for Bingo and Small Games of Chance. John Steele asked the membership to be kept apprised of any issues with budgets, staffing or Commissioners in any county.

Solicitors Report:

Jeff Shank stated that John Steele and Ann Seaman do a good job of representing the interests of the PSACA with PSAECO. Jeff Shank reported that this has been a quiet legislative session as it pertains to auditors.

Jeff Shank continued the Legislative Report with a summary of Article 9 of the PA Constitution—Local Government: Attached:
The Pa Constitution was last changed in 1968. The PA Bar Association has formed a committee to review the document.

Jeff Shank passed out the Legislative Report: Attached:
The ruling in Pike County was discussed. The opinion was rendered in Feb. 2010. Jeff Shank stated he felt this was a favorable opinion for the Pike County Auditors as it relates to time extensions. The Pike County Commissioners appealed the extension granted by the Court of Common Pleas to the Commonwealth Court. The Commonwealth Court ruled that the Court of Common Pleas had acted properly. The Commonwealth Court directed the rate of pay beyond the budgeted amount be based on the regular rate of pay.

Jeff Shank recommended that when applying for a time extension that these items be considered.

1. The number of accounts that are currently being audited as referenced by the amount of accounts audited in previous years.
2. Did you receive all the information needed to complete your audit in a timely manner?
3. Do you have adequate office space or computers to perform the duties imposed upon you?

The Office of Auditor is constitutionally mandated in the PA Constitution. The commissioners do not have the authority to set the number of days worked. The budget is a tool, not an authority to decrease days.

Jeff Shank is not able to comment on a county budget. There is no enforcement agency for the county code.

There were several other questions specific to individual counties; Jeff recommended those individuals see him after the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee:

Barbara Weikert, Ralph Minnich, Charlotte Wright

The PSACA Treasurer's Report was audited and found to be accurate.

Betty Ripka motioned to accept the Audit of the Treasurers report, seconded by Louise Fedora. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy and Bylaws:

Lynda Painter, Helen Kirk, Judy Shupp and John Steele. There were no changes to the Policy and By-Laws. There are some typographical errors that will be given to the Manuel Committee for correction.

Nomination Committee:

The nomination Committee presented the slate of officers to be elected.

Diana Perry, President

Tonya Clark, President Elect

Executive Board: Charlotte Wright, Phyllis Bard, and Audrey Allen

There were no nominations from the floor. Betty Woodruff motioned to approve the slate as presented by the Nomination Committee. Tom Foran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee Report: Attached:

Ann Seaman motioned to approve the 2011 Budget as presented; Audrey Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Contract:

Glenn Hartzel asked for a motion to continue the Solicitor Contract with Jeff Shank for the sum of \$4000.00. Sandra Ritz motioned to approve the contract with Jeff Shank; Audrey Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Legislative Representatives:

Glenn Hartzel announced the appointment of John Steele and Ann Seaman as PSAECO Legislative Representatives for 2011. He also appointed Elizabeth Mader as an alternate representative.

All corrections to the Manual should be given to Annette Isgan.

Old Business:

None

New Business;

Convention 2011 will be held in Bedford County October 2 2011 thru October 6, 2011. We will be staying at the Best Western. The cost will be \$74/night + tax. The meal package will be approximately \$225. Our formal night will be held at Bedford Springs with a tour.

Convention 2012: Location TBA

The business meeting was adjourned for the day at 10:45AM

William Fonticoba: *PA Auditor General*, Presentation on Auditing Row Offices.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00

Robert Wentzel, *PEMA*, Presentation on 911 funds and reporting

Karen Varga, *Wessel and Company*, Presentation on Fraud and detecting fraud.

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Mary Rogers, *IRS*, IRS Issues of Importance

Battlefield tours

Banquet and installation of newly elected officers

Wednesday October 6, 2010

9:00AM Lisa Myers, CPA, *Boyer and Ritter*- Presentation on Understanding Real Estate and Earned Income Tax (EIT) and the Tax Collection committee

12:00 Lunch

1:00PM Letty Kress, *Chief Deputy Attorney General PA*, Drug Task Force, Asset Forfeiture Report

2:30 Brian Sinnett, *Adams County Asst. District Attorney*- Adams County Drug Task force.

Business meeting continued with no further business and closing Convention by motion by Phyllis Bard, seconded by Audrey Allen. The motion unanimously passed.

Thursday, October 7, 2010

9:00 Breakfast served. Auditors and guests departed for home.