

July 2 - 1968

Planning  
Commission

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE NO. 12

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the County Code, Act of August 9, 1955, P. L. 323, Sections 2009-2011 and the Regional Planning Law, Act No. 611, approved May 29, 1956, as now or hereafter amended, the Governing Body of the Township of Buffalo in cooperation with the Governing Bodies of the Boroughs of Claysville and West Alexander and Townships of Blaine, Donegal, East Finley, Morris, South Franklin and West Finley desires (a) to create a regional planning commission for the region of the aforementioned municipalities to be known as the MCGUFFEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION; (b) to approve the Articles of Agreement; (c) to appoint certain persons as Members of said Planning Commission; and (d) to make an appropriation to said Planning Commission. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the

*Buffalo*

Township Supervisors

as follows:

1. That the Township Supervisors

does hereby authorize

the creation of a regional planning commission to be known as the MCGUFFEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION; and

2. That the following Articles of Agreement concerning said Planning Commission are hereby approved and the same shall govern and control the operations of said Planning Commission.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Dated as of *July 2*.

1968 for the MCGUFFEY AREA

PLANNING COMMISSION.

ARTICLE I. Name and Region.

A. The name of the regional planning commission, created in accordance with the provisions of the County Code, Act of August 9, 1955, P.L. 323, Sections 2009-2-11 and the Regional Planning Law, Act No. 611, approved May 29, 1956, shall be the MCGUFFEY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION, (hereinafter referred to as the "Planning Commission").

B. The region of its jurisdiction shall be the Boroughs of Claysville and West Alexander and the Townships of Blaine, Buffalo, Donegal, East Finley, Morris, South Franklin and West Finley (referred to hereinafter as "participating municipalities").

ARTICLE II. Functions.

A. The Planning Commission shall serve as an advisory agency, with actual authority for carrying out planning proposals continuing to rest in the governing bodies of the participating municipalities. It shall initiate and develop surveys and plans of a regional nature and assist the local planning commissions of the participating municipalities by coordinating the regional aspects of the local planning programs. The Planning Commission shall not assume any existing powers or functions of the planning commissions of the participating municipalities.

B. It shall be the function and duty of the Planning Commission to make a master plan and such surveys and studies as may be essential thereto for the physical development of the region.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

The Planning Commission shall be composed of a total of twenty-seven members. The Governing Body of each participating municipality shall appoint three members, one of whom shall be a member of the Governing Body for such municipality, and the other two, members of the municipal planning commission of such municipality. A majority of the members of the Planning Commission shall hold no other public office or position excepting appointive membership on a municipal or other planning commission. Members of the Planning Commission shall serve without salary but may be paid expenses incurred in the performance of duties.

ARTICLE IV. Terms.

Terms of members from each participating municipality shall be for three years, except that the terms of the members appointed at the time of the creating of the Planning Commission shall be so fixed that one member may be reappointed or replaced at the end of each calendar year from such time. A term shall expire when a replacement is appointed or upon removal by this Governing Body in accordance with these Articles of Agreement. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term. The Governing Body of a participating municipality, may, with or without cause, remove at will any member or members representing their municipality.

ARTICLE V. Officers.

The officers of the Planning Commission shall consist of the following, each elected by the Planning Commission for terms of one year or until their successors are duly elected: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer. No two officers shall represent the same municipality. The Chairman shall hold no other public office or position except that he may be a member of a municipal or other planning commission. All of the above officers are eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE VI. Voting.

A quorum of the Planning Commission shall consist of eleven members, including at least one representative from seven participating municipalities.

ARTICLE VII. Expenditure of Funds.

The Planning Commission may receive and expend for the purposes of its planning work any gifts, grants and appropriations of money from any other source, including Commonwealth, Federal, County or local funds, and may contract with governmental or private agencies or individuals with respect thereto and may appoint such employees and staff as it may deem necessary for its work. In no event, however, may the expenditures of the Planning Commission exceed the amounts agreed upon and duly appropriated by the Governing Bodies of the participating municipalities and any gifts, grants and appropriations of money from any other source.

The Planning Commission shall maintain and keep records of all receipts and disbursements. An annual financial report showing all transactions shall be made and a copy of said report shall be furnished to each member municipality.

ARTICLE VIII. Rules.

The Planning Commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of business not inconsistent with these Articles of Agreement and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, which record shall be a public record.

ARTICLE IX. Financing.

The expenses of the Planning Commission are to be borne respectively by the participating municipalities. The regional costs of the comprehensive plan will be pro-rated on a percentage share as shown on the financing chart on page 7. The local planning costs are also shown on page 7. This financial schedule assumes that the contract will run for three years and that the initial year will be financed totally by the participating municipalities. It is understood that if any municipal boundary changes occur during the life of this agreement, the regional costs of the municipalities involved in the annexation will be reassessed.

ARTICLE X. Term of Agreement.

The term of this agreement shall be for a period of three years from the date hereof and shall continue in force thereafter on a year to year basis under the same terms and conditions; however, any participating municipality shall have the right to withdraw from the Planning Commission at the end of the third year from the date hereof or at the end of any year thereafter by giving three (3) months written notice to the Chairman of the Planning Commission and to the governing bodies of the participating municipalities.

Failure by a participating municipality to appropriate its proportionate share of the costs and expenses of the Planning Commission for each succeeding year in its current budget shall constitute a withdrawal of said municipality and said municipality shall be denied all right of participation on the Planning Commission.

ARTICLE XI. Amendment.

These Articles of Agreement may be amended only with the approval of the amendment by the Governing Body of each participating municipality.

ARTICLE XII. Adoption.

These Articles of Agreement shall become effective only after review and approval by the Governing Body of each participating municipality; and

3. That the following persons be and they are hereby appointed to serve as members representing the Township of Buffalo on said

Planning Commission for the following terms:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Term (Years)</u>
<u>Fornet B. Clarke Clayville Pa. R.D. #1</u>	<u>2 yrs.</u>
<u>Thomas F. Knight Vicks. Pa. R.D. #5</u>	<u>3 yrs.</u>
<u>Charles W. Long Vicks. Pa. R.D. #5</u>	<u>1 yr.</u>

; and

4. There is hereby appropriated to the said Planning Commission the sum of \$475.00 for the year 1968.

Table 1 - TOTAL AND ANNUAL COSTS

Municipality	% Share Of Regional Planning Costs	Regional Planning Costs	Local Planning Costs	Total Costs	1968	Annual Costs 1969	1970
Claysville	9.2	\$ 766.00	\$2,569.00	\$3,335.00	\$556.00	\$463.00	\$463.00
W. Alexander	3.8	316.00	2,569.00	2,885.00	481.00	401.50	402.00
Blaine	5.8	483.00	1,719.00	2,202.00	367.00	306.00	306.00
Buffalo	13.6	1,133.00	1,719.00	2,852.00	475.00	396.00	396.00
Donegal	19.9	1,657.00	1,719.00	3,376.00	562.50	468.00	468.00
East Finley	9.8	816.00	1,719.00	2,535.00	422.50	352.25	352.25
Morris	11.8	983.00	1,719.00	2,702.00	450.50	375.25	375.25
South Franklin	16.7	1,391.00	1,719.00	3,110.00	518.50	432.00	431.50
West Finley	9.4	784.00	1,719.00	2,503.00	417.00	348.00	348.00
Totals	100.0	8,329.00	17,171.00	25,500.00*	4,250.00	3,542.00	3,542.00

\*These costs will be financed in part by a grant from the Federal Government under Section 701, Housing Act of 1954

RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE

of the

, Washington County, Pennsylvania, this

2nd day of July

1968.

Louise T. Barron

By President

ATTEST:

Faust B. Clarke

TITLE Sec. Treas.