

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
December 16, 2019

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

Brenda K. Benner – Chairman
Paul L. Rudy Jr. – Vice-Chairman
Stephen C. Naylor - Secretary
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt - Solicitor

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public: Brenda Albright, Ed Albright Jr., Karen Anderson, Alane Balchernos, Karen Barclay, Harva Owings Baughman, Miriam Briscoe, Frank Campbell, Noah Cline, Mary Colledge, Gary Eby, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jon Geissing, Eliza Grim, Dave Hammar, Barb Hench, Dean Hench, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Kim McMullen, Helen Michiner, Roger Miller, David Misiko, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Bob Ressler, Marty Smith, Michelle Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Bill Wagner, Brenda Watson, Wendy Welfley, Melanie Wertz, Greg Wirth, and Joy Zerance.

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 2019 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz raised concerns with the proposed County budget and the deficit. She commented on the use of reserve funds in past and present budgets. She also stated that Commissioner Rudy should not be voting on the budget.

Karen Anderson stated that Commissioner Rudy should step down from his position immediately. Ms. Anderson commented on actions taken during a previous Salary Board meeting and stated that those actions demonstrate that Commissioner Rudy does not live within the County. She also stated that she has spoken to a representative at the State Ethics Commission and he is interested in investigating this issue. Ms. Anderson also stated that the County should post a request for a new County Solicitor, to get the best representation at the best cost.

Alane Balchernos questioned where Commissioner Rudy lives and why this information is not public.

Karen Anderson questioned a Salary Board vote in which Commissioner Rudy abstained.

A typed statement was submitted by Commissioner Rudy to include in the meeting minutes (attached).

Frank Campbell thanked Commissioner Rudy for his service to the County.

Rich Pluta thanked Commissioner Rudy for his service as well.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor abstained due to not being in attendance previously. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant lists dated December 10, 2019 (\$71,919.11) and December 17, 2019 (\$154,515.38). Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to amend the proposed budget to include the following amendments:

- Line Item 01.4125.750 - \$3,704.00 for the purchase of a new copier for the Probation Department.
 - Line Item 01.4135.110 - \$8,000 to correct employee wages in the Ag Extension Department
- Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adopt the proposed 2020 County budget as amended. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to set the millage rate, to remain the same, at 3.3125 mils. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the sign installation proposal with D.E. Gemmill Inc. at a cost of \$1,071.00. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 In Home Agreement for Children & Youth Services with Valley Youth House at a cost of \$11,580.75/month. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendment for Early Intervention in the total amount of \$143,638 for FY 2019/2020 with United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA Inc. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission 2019/2020 contract addendum with Geisinger Holy Spirit to increase the contract total by \$20,250 for increased student assistance team trainings. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the 2020 SAVIN contract. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ram 2500 pickup truck at Costars pricing of \$28,166.00. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor abstained. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeanne Bender, Part Time Receptionist in the Chief Clerk's Office, effective December 17, 2019. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Colin S. Sheaffer, Part Time Corrections Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective December 4, 2019. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz commented the past actions of the Republican Commissioners and their legacy.

Karen Anderson stated that she would be reporting Commissioner Benner and Commissioner Rudy to the State Ethics Commission. She also asked for an update on the CCAP forensic audit. Ms. Anderson questioned if the final 2018 RKL audit had been completed. She commented on the recent fiscal progress report and prior Chief Fiscal Officer.

Miriam Briscoe questioned if items 7, 8, and 9 on the agenda were pass through funds and what percentage is County funded.

Helen Michiner questioned what actions will be taken on the votes Commissioner Rudy made if he is found to not be a resident of the County.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary