

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
March 26, 2018

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public: Karen Anderson, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Bonnie Delancey, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Rich McEnery, Harva Owings Baughman, Rich Pluta, Larry Reisinger, Robert Ressler, Marty Smith, Randy Waggoner, Melanie Wertz, Greg Wirth

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on March 26, 2018 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Melanie Wertz recorded the meeting.

Public Comment: Commissioner Benner commented that there is nothing recorded in the minutes to reflect a vote for Benecon money being put into a reserved account at Pennian Bank and this was an administrative decision. Also, Commissioner Benner stated she does own some shares in Pennian Bank stock.

Dave Magee commented on the Industrial Development Park and asked if consideration was given for developing townhouses in the site.

Karen Anderson asked about Benecon money in reserves and if Commissioner Benner, Rudy and Naylor were okay with leaving the money in the Pennian Bank at a lower interest rate. Commissioner Benner and Rudy were fine with the decision. Commissioner Naylor was not.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2018. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor abstained. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for the week of March 26, 2018 in the amount of \$109,684.91. An invoice in the amount of \$50.00 for the sheriff's department was removed from the list. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve a Proclamation for National Service Day Recognition for April 4, 2018 at the Central Perry Community Senior Citizens Center recognizing the many volunteers for all of the amazing work that they do in the community. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve a Jag Local Jurisdiction Waivear for the Mental Wellness Awareness Association, Inc. Justice Assistance Grant funds are set aside for local government use. This will support training programs for behavioral health and criminal justice. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 New Contract for Children & Youth and Timothy L. Czekaj, Esquire as a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem for kids at an hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 renewal Contract for Children & Youth and the United Methodist Home for Children at a cost of \$210. Per day. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Children & Youth Contract with Justice Works for the addition of two new programs for Juvenile Probation. One is the BARJ program which is Community Service at an hourly rate of \$60.00 and the second contract is for the VIP program which is an in home program to help chronic non-compliant juvenile delinquents at a rate of \$80.00 per hour. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to transfer the Benecon monies in the amount of 1.3 million dollars from Pennian Bank to PLIGIT for the following reason: Pennian Bank is paying 1.5% interest which produces a yearly interest return of \$19,500 and the PLIGIT term 2.4% (effective date 3/15/2018) pays an annual interest rate of \$31,200. This would be an increase of \$11,700 more than Pennian pays. Motion died for lack of a second.

Employee Status: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the hiring of Nicole Hegeman in the Extension Office as an Office Manager, grade 6 at an hourly rate of \$17.11 hourly effective April 2, 2018. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the letter of termination for Amber Brush, C&Y caseworker effective March 22, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Nothing that required Action.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adopt a policy for public meetings and public comments. Commissioner Rudy would like to have all the public sign in and public comments must be related to the agenda items.

All comments would be addressed to the commissioners and not have discussion among the public.

All comments would be limited to three minutes of discussion.

Commissioner Benner seconded the motion.

Solicitor Bunt asked for public comments.

Dave Magee commented if this occurred new issues would not be discussed and important community issues would not be raised. Rich Pluta, Karen Anderson, Mary Colledge, Melanie Wertz and Larry Reisinger all expressed the same concerns as Mr. Magee. Karen Anderson asked Mr. Rudy if he conferred with his Solicitor before making this motion. Solicitor Bunt asked for a motion for the Commissioners to go into Executive Session for discussion. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to go out of Executive Session and Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was amended to address all questions and comments to the Board of Commissioners and have three minutes during public comment per comment.

Public Comment: Dave Magee commented on the issue with dairy farmers losing their milk production contracts and asked the Commissioners if Seda-COG would be able to offer any assistance to help them get local contracts.

Karen Anderson asked questions to Commissioner Rudy and Commissioner Benner about keeping the Benecon money in the Pennien Bank.

Commissioner Naylor recently attended the County Commissioners Conference in which Perry County received two awards for Insurance Trainings and Loss Prevention. Commissioner Naylor thanked the Chief Clerk, Safety Committee, Marty Smith and the maintenance staff and all the County Employees for helping to keep the insurance costs down for the County. The County has received over \$92,000. in cost

savings to the County and the taxpayers. The Office of Aging also received a plaque for the Senior Centers.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary