

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**March 31, 2014**

**Present at the meeting were**  
**Commissioners:**

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

**Present from the Press:** Sean Sauro, Perry County Times

**Present from the Public:** Allen Metzger, Dave Magee, Dennis Hocker, Tom Bell, Donna Jones, Kim McMullen, Barb Hench, Tom Radel, Brenda Albright, Ed Albright, Carl Nace

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on March 31, 2014 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

**Public Comment:** None.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the warrant list for March 24, 2014 for a total of \$389,126.30 and March 31, 2014 for a total of \$134,211.15. Also, a line item for P.C.T.A. was included in the warrant list for \$7,500 for rent. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Naylor opposed because the \$7,500 check for P.C.T.A. was dispersed before approval on the warrant list.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the annual Perry County Intermediate Punishment Program Grant for covering the cost of a probation officer that administers the program. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Sub recipient Agreement with Landisburg Borough for obtaining funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program for 2011 in the amount of \$79,020.83 for the replacement of old playground equipment with safe, modern equipment including safety surface and fencing in the borough. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve a Solicitor Contract with Nauman Smith, Attorney at Law at the rate of \$270.00 per hour. The motion died for lack of a second. The action was tabled. Commissioner Naylor expressed his opinion regarding a conflict between the Auditors and the Sheriff's office and would like to see the issue resolved by allowing the Auditors their own Solicitor. The Auditors stated that they had unspent funds in their budget in the amount of \$6,700 that they would like to allocate for the cost of a solicitor. Brenda Albright noted that elected officials are required to provide a budget before the new year. When a budget is modified it must get approval from the Board of Commissioners. Sheriff Nace noted that the state police hold the records for the gun permits, his office has no control over information regarding who has access to this information.

Based on the recommendation of Pennoni Associates Inc., Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the quote from Protection Services Inc. to install a new weight limit sign and post at Bridge No. 9 (New Germantown Bridge) in the amount of \$225.83. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:**

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve Kimberly Freed, who is currently the Conference Officer at the Domestic Relations Office to the position of the DRS position of Prothonotary/Deputy Clerk of Courts. She will be going from a grade 9 position to a grade 7, effective April 7, 2014. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to promote Edward Rigg to the position of Conference Officer for the Domestic Relation Office. Mr. Rigg will be promoted from a grade 7 to a grade 9 position, effective April 7, 2014. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Solicitors Report-** Nothing that required Action. The Solicitor recommended that the Commissioners' meet in Executive Session. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the contract regarding a Solicitor for the Auditors. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. After reconvening at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Rudy made a motion for a total expenditure for legal fees for Nauman Smith, Attorneys at Law not to exceed the amount of \$2,000. Prior approval of the Perry County Commissioners shall be required before incurring legal fees in excess of \$2,000. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Naylor abstained because of the \$2,000 limit.

**Open Forum for the Press:** Question were answered regarding the amount budgeted for the Solicitors contract for the Auditors.

Public Comments: Allen Metzger thanked Commissioner Naylor for his assistance in supplying information for a bridge in the Borough of Marysville.

Dennis Hocker asked the Commissioners if they could offer any information regarding Waggoners Bridge.

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

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Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

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Paul Rudy Jr., Secretary