

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
April 13, 2020

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

Brian S. Allen – Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson - Secretary
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt – Solicitor via telephone

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via Phone: Karen Anderson, Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Jason Finnerty, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Sarah Keller, Bob Ressler, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, and Melanie Wertz

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:08 a.m. on April 13, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Commissioner Allen asked that during the moment of silence the Scott Kumler family be remembered. The meeting was conducted via telephone conference and the meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz asked about the philosophy in regards to the grants. She questioned if Penn Strategies passed along all grants to the County, or if the County was targeting certain grants and pursuing them. Ms. Wertz stated that she sits on the County Recreation Committee and they had been working on the recreational plan for the past 10 years that is referenced in Resolution 2020-04 on the agenda and the PCEDA is not helping them on the plan. She also questioned the grant used for the Main Street Redevelopment Project and whether it was the same project being worked on by the PCEDA.

Karen Anderson questioned what multimodal transportation fund grant actually means. She also asked what the grant could be used for. Ms. Anderson also commented on the financial issues in the Fiscal Office over the past three and half years and the Baker Tilley report she had received through a Right to Know request. She stated that the public had been told by former Commissioner Benner that the CCAP audit would go back 4-5 years and it did not.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Fiscal Office, to approve the warrant list dated April 2, 2020 in the amount of \$1,494.19. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant list dated April 14, 2020 in the amount of \$705,748.04. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion, upon the recommendation of the EMA Office, to approve the three-year Uninterruptible Power Supply Maintenance Contract for EMA/911 in the amount of \$3,136/annually. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Perry County Citizen Participation Plan 2020 for CDBG grant funding. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 authorizing Penn Strategies to submit a Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant application to DCNR not to exceed \$500,000. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on Penn Strategies recommendation, to approve Resolution 2020-05 authorizing Penn Strategies to submit a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority not to exceed \$250,000. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation which consolidates what the PCEDA has worked on for all communities that have expressed interest, to approve Resolution 2020-06 regarding submission of a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant application not to exceed \$3,000,000. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to relinquish the Perry County Family Center contract to Tri-County Community Action effective as soon as it can be taken care of through the Attorney General's office. Commissioner Eby also recognized Kristie Gantt for her stepping up during the Family Center crisis and facilitating the transfer to Tri-County which will enable the services to continue for County residents. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the change order for the Courthouse HVAC project for an outdoor pump unit at a cost of \$2,731.48 plus shipping, in order to comply with Borough codes. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion based on the information provided with the understanding that further negotiations on possible reimbursement on the change will occur. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 Chromebooks and Microsoft Office software licenses for the EOC at a cost of \$3,189 utilizing the Records Improvement Fund. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments:

Melanie Wertz stated that she hoped the recreation plan that Jason Finnerty and the committee had been working on will be used in the grant being submitted to DCNR. She commented that many volunteers and hundreds of hours have been spent on the plan and it should really be used. Ms. Wertz also asked what will happen to the furloughed employees' benefits, such as sick leave and health benefits.

Jason Finnerty provided some additional information on the recreation plan and the struggle the subcommittee has had in finding someone to help with grant funding/resources to move the plan forward. He stated that the efforts being undertaken by the PCEDA will help with this struggle.

Melanie Wertz commented on the fact that the project was being worked on prior to the PCEDA.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary