

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
April 14, 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, Kim McMullen, Barb Hench, Donna Jones, Tom Bell, Carl Nace, Mike Hammar, Joseph Davis, Harry Nazzaro, Donna Ellenberger, Rob Wolfe, Jason Finnerty, Amy Davis, Bill Seigel, Linda Hefenfinger, John Hefenfinger, Larry Lauver, Carol Lauver, Melanie Boyer, Sally Tengeres, Ralph L. Rudy Jr., Charles Forest, Patricia Gutheil

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on April 14, 2014 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Public Comment: Public was present to protest allowing auditors viewing original gun permit applications and the cost of obtaining a solicitor. Comments attached.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for April 14, 2014 for a total of \$144,479.68. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Seigel and Amy Davis, Seda-COG gave an overview of the Scope of Services for the Administration of the Perry County 2014 Community Development Block Grant for an estimated total of 41,000. Commissioner Rudy mentioned that at a CCAP conference he heard it is better to apply for one large project instead of several smaller projects because of the cost of the reviews and studies.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion with amendments in place to approve the contract between the County and Barton & Loguidice for a fee proposal to prepare the Municipal Waste Management Plan Update for Perry County for a monthly fee based on the percentage of work completed at a cost of \$53,000. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sally Tengeres, Soil Conservation, informed the public that this is a 10 year mandated plan.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Perry County 2014 Bridge Maintenance Project to Pennoni Associates Inc. for a cost of \$41,691 for engineering services for the 2013 NBIS local bridge inspection program reports for Perry County's twelve owned bridges at a cost of \$43,500. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Employee Status:

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve Steven Stilo Jr. as a part time dispatcher for 911, effective April 21, 2014 at a rate of \$9.25 hourly. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to terminate Justin Weyant, part time correctional officer, prison, effective April 14, 2014. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Weyant missed two mandatory trainings and was not available for work for a thirty day period.

Solicitors Report- Nothing that required Action.

Open Forum for the Press: Question were answered regarding the Solid Waste Plan. Sean also asked for any comments or expectations regarding the new Treasurer.

Public Comments: See attached

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adjourn at 10:40. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

Paul Rudy Jr., Secretary

Public Comments: Commissioner Benner asked that all comments be kept to 2 minutes and asked if each person could identify themselves before speaking.

Linda Hefelfinger commented she read the article in the paper and was attending the meeting to show her support for the sheriff and does not want her name released to the auditors. She noted that Sheriff Nace was the head of enforcement for the County.

John Hefelfinger does not want his name released and does not want to be put on any lists.

Joe Davis feels the auditors do not have the right to know the citizens names that have permits and supports Carl Nace.

Patricia Gutheil says the names of gun owners are entrusted to Sheriff Nace.

Donna Ellenberger supports the sheriff and thinks the commissioners are wasting tax payer dollars by approving a \$2,000 agreement for solicitor's services since they were never needed in the past. Donna asked when they will be up for re- election and have the public remember this. If the auditors' are entitled to legal counsel then the amount should not exceed \$1.

Commissioner Rudy explained that before approving the solicitor's agreement it was for a fee of \$270 per hour with no limit on the amount of time. Commissioner Benner and Rudy made a motion to put a cap not to exceed \$2,000 without the approval of the Board before incurring additional legal fees in excess of the \$2,000. Commissioner Naylor abstained because of the \$2,000 limit.

Melanie Boyer asked the name of the auditor that is requesting this information and why does she need the specific names if the records were available and the figures came out on the audit.

Mike Hammar supports Sheriff Nace and said with his years of experience he should know the law.

Kim McMullen spoke and said she understood why most of the people were upset with the newspaper article. Kim explained the role of auditor is to keep the checks and balances for the county. Up until last year this was public information. The auditors are not public and all information is kept private. They see private documents in all county offices. Since the matter of auditing the original permits they asked to seek legal counsel to resolve the matter.

Sheriff Nace stated that he has been the sheriff for the last twelve years and worked in the office for the last twenty years and has never given out the logs before. He has tried giving the auditors the records with the names redacted and the auditors refused these records.

Harry Nazzaro would like to see the commissioners trying to schedule some evening meetings so more of the working public could attend these meetings.