

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
April 6, 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 via Phone: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public via Phone: Andy Bender, Frank Campbell, Winnie Dorundo, Jason Finnerty, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Joy Zerance.

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 6, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via telephone conference and the meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz, from Newport, questioned if the County paid for the one-page report completed by Baker Tilley regarding the missing funds. She commented on the fact that the report took a year to receive and it did not provide any information.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement with Pixel & Hammer for the website redesign project at a cost of \$3,400. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the input of the Chief Clerk and the County IT subcontractor. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the State Forestry Department and the Emergency Preparedness Director, to approve Resolution 2020-03 regarding a ban on open burning in Perry County through June 1, 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion that effective April 27, 2020 that the County of Perry implement the furloughing of non-essential County employees in accordance with a plan to be developed by the County Commissioners after consultation with the President Judge, row officers, and department heads. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments:

Melanie Wertz, from Newport, asked how many County employees will be furloughed.

Comments from Press: Jim Ryan asked for confirmation that the furlough will be effective on April 27, 2020. He also asked what is included in the website redesign contract. Mr. Ryan also requested clarification on the number of employees that will be furloughed.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary