

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
August 20, 2012

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Kristie Smith, Perry County Times

Present from the Public: Dave Swartz, William Cameron, Todd Brajkovich, Paul Britcher Jr., Darwin Kitner

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on August 20, 2012 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting took place at the Fairgrounds.

Public Comments: Darwin Kitner gave an update on the fair. The vendors have increased in number along with the square footage allowed. This year's featured act is a tiger show which will perform a couple times each evening. Also, there is a traveling Civil War Museum located on the fair grounds that the public will be allowed to view. Darwin stressed that is only because of the wonderful volunteers from the county that take vacations and time off from work that the fair is the success that it is. The Perry County Fair is a "class 1" fair and is compared to the York and Bloomsburg fair. Next year the state budget has allowed them \$18,500, which is up from last year's figure of \$8,000. Some of this money will be used for maintenance.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2012. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to sign the warrant list in the amount of \$99,034.36 for the week of August 20, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Swartz, Director of the co-operative extension office thanked the fair board for all their hard work that they voluntarily put in for this event. Dave informed the board that the local 4-H program is running as strong as ever. The exhibit buildings are full and the animal exhibit barns are at capacity. The enthusiasm Perry County youth show in the fair is great.

Dave also gave a report on the national scene and how it affects the County. The soy bean crop for the year has decreased it annual bushels to the acre from 167 to 123 due to the drought. Also, because of the drought and the high demand for corn there will be a shortfall in part due to the fact that 30% of the corn crop will be used for ethanol and export production. The price for a bushel of corn has increased 50% in a week's time and will impact not only the farmers because of the price for feed; but also the consumers because of the increase in the price of a gallon of milk at the grocery store.

Todd Brajkovich, Director of the soil conservation office, said they are visiting each farmer within the county to review the sediment and erosion control requirements for agricultural environmental regulations. Under Chapter 102, all agricultural plowing and tilling and animal heavy use areas are required to implement agricultural best management practices. 115 farms have been updated since last summer.

Todd gave a report on the PA REAP (Resource Enhancement & Protection Program,PA tax credits) where they assisted 10 farmers with \$250,000 in applications for credits in 2012. Another sign up period is scheduled for the last week in August.

The county no till drill which is rented to county farmers is being exhibited at the fair this week and helps farmers from having to purchase a drill at the cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000, plus helps promote soil and water conservation practices.

Once again, the Perry County Conservation District is involved with the 2012 Tire Recycling Challenge with Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata County to see who can collection the most tires for their County. The date is Saturday, September 15th from 8:00 until noon at the Carroll Township Community Club. Perry County won the Golden Rim award in 2011. The fee is \$1.00 per car/truck tire, \$5.00 for tractor trailer tires and \$10 for large tractor tires.

Based on the recommendation of the Cumberland/Perry Mh/IDD Board, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Helen Michener to the Mh/IDD Board through August 2015 for a three year term. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the grant agreement between the County and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) in the amount of \$8,961.00 for the State Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Act 165 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Program. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of Gary Eby, PCTA Director, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to execute the renewal agreement with Perry Apex Services Unlimited. The purpose of the Agreement outlines the terms for PCTA to act as a sub-contractor for PCTA to provide transportation as needed. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to Adopt Resolution 2012-10. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Real Estate Tax Sale Law, 72 P.S. 5860.101, authorizes the County Commissioners to appoint Palmetto Posting Inc., to post tax claim notices on behalf of the County effective immediately.

Mr. Will Cameron met with the Board to open the following bids for the Maintenance Repairs of 12 County Bridges:

Jay Fulkroad & Sons	\$67,073.68
Kevin Baker Construction	\$104,633.15
Keystruct, Inc.	\$42,808.00
Lobar Associates	\$44,905.95
Red Rock Construction	\$37,065.59

Mr. Cameron, Perry County’s engineer, will review the specifications and make a recommendation to the Board.

Employee Status:

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to accept the retirement of Gary Eby, Director, PCTA, effective January 11, 2012. Commissioner Naylor expressed his gratitude for his commitment to the transportation department and to the county in providing services for the residents of the county. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the resignation of Martin Scheller, p/t law clerk, effective August 17, 2012. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt informed the board of a letter of determination from the Unemployment Compensation Board involving Bradley McNaughton, dispatcher. The last day to file and appeal is August 24, 2012.

Public Comments: None.

Open Forum for the Press: None.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.