

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
December 11, 2017**

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public: Ed Albright, Karen Anderson, Tim Anderson, Larissa Bailey, Miriam Briscoe, Adam Britcher, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Amy Davis, Chris Dudley, Jason Finnerty, Russell Hoover, Audra Hunter, Michelle Jones, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Tonya Magaro, Jeff Mattern, Lori McClullen, Patti McLaughlin, Allen Metzger, Carl Nace, Harva Owings Baughman, Rich Pluta, June Reisinger, Larry Reisinger, Bill Roberts, Martha Roberts, Normetta Rudy, Marty Smith, Randy Waggoner, Melanie Wertz, Michael Worthy

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on December 11, 2017 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Melanie Wertz recorded the meeting.

Public Comment:

Dave Magee addressed the Commissioners regarding expanding parking for the public.

Melanie Wertz asked questions regarding the loan forgiveness for the Economic Development Corporation.

Karen Anderson asked questions regarding insurance money going into the budget from the Benecon Insurance Group and causing a shortfall for funding in years to come.

Miriam Briscoe spoke regarding a voting conflict for the forgiveness of debt for the Corporation.

Mary Colledge asked about having a dumpster for magazines be placed in the County .

Frank Campbell introduced Larissa Bailey, Central Regional Manager for Senator Patrick Toomey.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for the week of December 11, 2017 in the amount of \$214,122.01. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to award the bid to Modern Pump & Equipment for a Water Booster Pump at the Prison in the amount of \$24,995.00. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve Amendment # 11 to the HealthChoices Contract with the Department of Human Services for the five-county Behavioral Health Program. The signing of Amendment #11 is required for Counties to continue participation. The effective date of the Amendment is January 1, 2018. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Agreements with Blain Senior Center and Duncannon Senior Center as Independent Contractors for Senior Community Center Services for older adults for an annual fee of \$19,300. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to reappoint David Rice and Brian Funkhouser to the Perry County Planning Commission for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021 . Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Agreement with Mission Critical Partners for 9-1-1 Consulting Services in the amount of \$62,166.67. Funding will be used from a PEMA grant. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to appoint Solicitor Bunt as temporary Chair to address Resolution 2017-12. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Rudy read a Memorandum of Voting

Conflict for the proposed Resolution in which he would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest according to the State Ethics Commissions advice of counsel for a three member board unless a tie vote occurred. Commissioner Benner made a motion to adopt Resolution 12 to forgive the indebtedness owed by the Perry County Economic Development Corporation to the County of Perry and authorizing all liens or records entered in favor of the County and against the Economic Development Corporation be satisfied of record. Solicitor Bunt called for a second. Commissioner Naylor did not second the motion. Commissioner Rudy then seconded the motion. After discussion by Commissioners Benner and Naylor a vote was called. Commissioner Benner voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Naylor opposed the motion. Due to the tie vote, Commissioner Rudy then voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Benner also stated that a letter was received from PIDA stating if the County removes the lien on the Business Campus , PIDA will not seek any additional monetary recourse from the County.

Employee Status: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the letter of termination for John Aaron, caseworker, C&Y effective December 7, 2017. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Nothing that required Action.

Public Comment: Melanie Wertz noted the fiscal office should be more fiscally responsible with money from Benecon. Commissioner Naylor stated that over 3,067,000 has been returned to the County in savings and that money should not be used to balance the budget.

Karen Anderson would like to see more transparency when decision are made where money is being placed and feels it should be done at public meetings.

Miriam Briscoe commented on local government and transparency.

Brian Peters spoke in support of Commissioner Rudy and the effort he has taken with the Corporation and Business Park.

Treasurer Baughman spoke regarding Benecon money and its use in the general fund.

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

Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary