

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
February 26, 2018**

**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, Miriam Briscoe, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Bonnie Delancey, Jim Fuller, Steve Hile, Hiram Hunsberger, Neil Imes, Harva Owings Baughman, Sarah Keller, Dave Marceiko, Dave Magee, Allen Metzger, Rich Pluta, Mike Rudy, Marty Smith, Marla Steele, Randy Waggoner, Melanie Wertz

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on February 26, 2018 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Melanie Wertz asked to record the minutes.

Public Comment: David Maceiko, Coordinator for the South Central PA Highway Safety which is funded through PennDot presented the Board with an overview of services they offer and highway safety statistics for the County. They speak to various groups and offer in class driver education programs at Greenwood School District.

Allen Metzger asked the Commissioners if they have made any decision regarding the Perry County Veterans Wall Project that is in the process of being placed in Marysville. The Committee has asked the Commissioners for a pledge of \$10,000. for funding for the project. Commissioner Naylor discussed the possibility of Act 13 money being used as was in the past for a park and bridge project.

Miriam Briscoe read an excerpt from a book regarding Integrity and how to silence someone.

Karen Anderson asked about the reserve money received from Benecon, the County’s medical insurance carrier and how the money was invested and if it was put into a bank account with the most interest. Commissioner Naylor responded that it was not. The funds were deposited into an account with Pennian Bank and would have received more interest in a P.L.I.G.I.T. account.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for the week of February 19, 2018 and February 26, 2018 in the amount of \$342,900.02. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bids were opened for the purchase of a vehicle for Soil Conservation. The following bids were received.

Maguire’s Ford	2018 F-250 pick up truck	\$27,042.00
Regester Chevrolet	2018 Silverado 2500	\$29,789.00
Forrer Doge Inc.	2018 Ram 2500	\$25,531.00
Whitmoyer Fleet Sales	2018 F250	\$26,850.00
Whitmoyer Fleet Sales	2018 Chevy Silverado	\$28,550.00
Lawrence Chevrolet	2018 Chevy 2500	\$29,195.80
New Holland Auto Group	2018 Ford F-250	\$28,272.00

Bids will be reviewed by the department and awarded at the next meeting.

Based on the recommendation of the Mh/IDD Board, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the following contracts. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- My Therapy Tree LLC E1170095 Increase \$23,625. Contract Total \$122,082.
- CABHC HC17-0010 New Contract Total \$50,000.
- Pediatric Therapy Specialists E117-0092 Increase \$27,895. Contract Total \$86,480.
- Keon Enterprises LLC ID17-0154 Increase \$4,348. Contract Total \$5,466.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate by John and Joann Wilson (Harrison's Flower Shop) in the amount of \$139,000.00. Settlement will take place on or before April 28, 2018. The Commissioners plan to use this property for additional parking, office space and storage. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Sheriff's Department and the Domestic Relations Section. This allows reimbursement to the County to the Sheriff's Department from the Title IV-D Cooperative Agreement from the Department of Health and Human Services and is retro active to January 1, 2018. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status:

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the promotion and transfer of Sara Fritz from a part time to a full time clerk in the Sheriff's office at an hourly rate of \$14.03 hourly, grade 3 effective February 27, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the hiring of Jamie York, clerk, grade 3, \$14.03 hourly for Central Court, Judges effective February 27, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the hiring of Amber Brush, caseworker 1, Children & Youth, grade 7, \$19.27 hourly effective March 5, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the letter of retirement for Warden David Yeingst, prison effective June 29, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt spoke with Rich Fultz, 911 Director this morning regarding a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project Sources of Funds Application which must be submitted by Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The amount of funding is in the amount of \$2,100,000. and will be used toward the Perry County Public Safety Radio System Upgrade. Mr. Fultz explained that it was previously in the 2017 Capital Budget and was reintroduced for 2018. Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the application along with a \$500. check to the Commonwealth of PA. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Children & Youth asked for approval for a contract with Project Star which is a new placement services contract and is a purchased foster care facility. Solicitor Bunt asked once minor revisions are made to the contract if the commissioners would approve today because of children being placed in the facility this week. Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve this contract effective February 26, 2018 through June 30, 2018. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Dave Magee asked if the Commissioners were going to support the New Bloomfield Fire Company with their funding because of the numerous buildings in the County they service and are not on the County tax rolls. The answer was they will not at this time.

Melanie Wertz voiced concerns regarding she thinks Commissioner Rudy and his involvement with the Economic Development Corporation being a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Rudy responded that he has done everythng legal acting as Commissioner and his involvement with the Economic Development Corporation according to the State Ethics Commission.

Karen Anderson spoke regarding the Keystone Opportunity Zone regarding research she has done and referenced a 2009 performance report that criticized the program.

Frank Campbell and Rich Pluta also spoke regarding the Keystone Opportunity Zone and Frank noted the amount of money the County is losing for Clean & Green and State Forest programs.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary