

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
January 13, 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

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public: Ed Albright Jr., Karen Anderson, Malinda Anderson, Miriam Briscoe, Frank Campbell, Mayor John Cappawana, Mary Colledge, Olivia Coons, Bonnie Delancey, Rich Fultz, Dean Hench, Kirk Hench, Kathy Hoover, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly Weisen, Kim McMullen, John Patterson, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Robert Ressler, Marty Smith, Alyson Thebes, Todd Trostle, Melanie Wertz, and Joy Zerance.

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Dave Magee commented on the budget meeting he attended last week and the comment made on a hotel tax. Mr. Magee stated that the hotel tax is a valuable tool and should be considered.

Karen Anderson questioned why a Commissioner was appointed to the Perry County Economic Development Cooperation (PCEDC), as her understanding was that this organization is a private entity. She also questioned the Commissioner appointment to CREDC, since the previous Commissioners had pulled the County out of this organization due to cost and the lack of benefit to the County. Ms. Anderson also asked if the cost of CREDC was known and if the previous Commissioners had been contacted for information on this organization.

Melanie Wertz voiced concern on paying Commissioners to participate on private boards.

Rich Pluta stated that the PCEDC was established 40 years ago by the County and the bylaws require 2 appointments to the board by the County Commissioners. He stated that traditionally the appointments consisted of one County Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated January 14, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2019 in the amount of \$76,629.72. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant list dated January 14, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$91,529.23. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contract with Substance Abuse Services Inc. (The RASE Project) in the amount of \$150,000 which is the Cumberland County portion only. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Frank Campbell, Mike Lawler, Pattie McLaughlin, and Morgan Tressler to the board of the Perry County Economic Development Authority. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01, appointment Commissioner Brenda Watson as the certifying officer for environmental review as related to the CDBG and HOME programs. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the delegation of signing authority for CDBG and HOME invoices to Commissioner Brian Allen. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the termination of Robert Gano, Part-Time Deputy, in the Sheriff's Office effective January 8, 2020 based on the actions of the Sheriff. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrew Bustin and Donald Brown III, to the position of Part-Time Deputy, in the Sheriff's Office effective January 14, 2020, based on the recommendation of the Sheriff and upon the review of the applications. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion contingent on preemployment background checks. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments: Miriam Briscoe commented on continued support for transparency. She also asked if there was anywhere, she could see qualifications or conflicts of interest as related to the board appointments to the committees that occurred during previous meetings; specifically, agenda items #7 and #8 and the organizations addressed previously during public comments.

Melanie Wertz requested that monetary amounts be included on the agenda.

Malinda Anderson stated that she and John Patterson will no longer be emergency contacts for the borough of New Bloomfield due to the fact they are stepping down from the Borough Council. She stated a letter will be sent to Rich Fultz alerting him and his department.

Karen Anderson asked if Commissioner Allen and Eby would be consulting the former Commissioners regarding issues. Ms. Anderson also commented on the comment made regarding the County involvement in the PCEDC. She stated that this is no longer a County organization and still questions why a Commissioner is involved with the entity.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary