

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**June 25, 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:** None.

**Present from the Public:** Karen Anderson, Miriam Briscoe, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Evelyn D'Elia, Bonnie Delancey, Rich Fultz, Emily Burt-Hetrick, Steve Hile, Sarah Keller, Jim Lucas, Dave Magee, Ann Miller, Kathy Moore, Harva Owings Baughman, Rich Pluta, Robert Ressler, Kristie Smith, Marty Smith, Alyson Thebes, Michelle Thebes, Melanie Wertz, Mark Whitmoyer, Greg Wirth

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on June 25, 2018 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Melanie Wertz recorded the meeting and Jim Lucas videoed the meeting.

**Public Comment:** Karen Anderson commented on articles in the Perry County Times regarding the Office of Aging and noted there were inaccuracies on the part of the commissioners.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 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 June 25, 2018 in the amount of \$131,606.91. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for the Office of Aging for a Wellness Program with Betsy Payne in the amount of \$37.50 per hour. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the invoice for payment No. 3 to Lycoming Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$50,602.23 for Dellville Bridge. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the hiring of Shannyn Trostle as a MH Counselor at the Prison at an hourly rate of \$17.11 effective July 23, 2018. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the hiring of Shayanne Ward and Christopher Stroll, as p/t dispatcher trainees' at an hourly rate of \$11.84 effective July 8, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the promotion of Julie Luciano from a p/t cook to a full time cook at the Prison effective July 1, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Bunt reviewed a contract with Johnson Controls for the replacement of a Pyrotronics panel in the amount of \$6,114.00 in the Veterans Building as a backup safety exit in case of a fire. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Kristie Smith reported that with the help of 14 volunteers and the recycling team 171 vehicles were served bringing in a total of 28,267 pounds of material. 17 townships and Boro's pledged finances toward this event. The next scheduled event is the Conservation District Field Day which will take place on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and weather permitting the Juniata River clean-up will take place on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Melanie Wertz once again spoke regarding her disappointment on the County not having resources to help the Office of Aging.

Karen Anderson questioned expense reports and who authorizes whether these expenditures get approved. Commissioner Benner said the Chief Fiscal Officer approves the expenditures, the Commissioners do not review them.

Mark Whitmoyer asked the question of who approves the hiring of employees, specifically the Warden position. Solicitor Bunt said by law he is not allowed to give a legal opinion because of serving the Prison Board and the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Naylor stated that the Prison Board approved a Warden and Commissioner Naylor and Commissioner Rudy both opposed the candidate recommended. A special Prison Board meeting is advertised for Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Evelyn D' Elia thanked the Conservation District for all they are doing to promote recycling throughout the County.

Ann Miller noted that the program is not working because the County does not do any promotion for a recycling program.

Miriam Briscoe spoke regarding her degrees and experience she would like to submit a letter of intent for the warden position.

Commissioner Naylor urged citizens to contact their Legislators and Representatives regarding the problem with the lack of spraying for Black Flies. Since 2012 the budget has been cut in half to deal with this issue.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

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Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary