

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
March 21, 2011

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

Brenda K. Benner-Chairman
Stephen C. Naylor – Vice-Chairman
John J. Amsler- Secretary
William R. Bunt-Solicitor
Kathy Burkholder

Present from the Press: None.

Present from the Public: Paul Rudy, Robert Peiffer, Emily Visolocky, Matthew Smith, Jeannine Matulevich, Kathy Bentley

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on March 21, 2011 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Public Comments: Emily Vislocky met with the Board to inform them that the week of April 10-16th, is Victim Rights Week. On April 18, a remembrance for the family members of victims of Domestic Violence will be held in the Law Library Conference Room at the Courthouse from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Currently a quilt is on display at the courthouse and another quilt will be started in remembrance of victims.

Kathy Bentley, Perry County Literacy Council asked the Board if they would consider setting up a scholarship program for students that completed the program. The Literacy Council offers several programs for residents such as: Adult Basic Education, Computer Literacy, Family Literacy, Distance Learning Classes, Community GED, Workforce Preparation and GED classes at the County Prison. Their main fundraiser, Race for Reading is coming up on May 7, 2011 at the Marysville Lions Club.

Sue Carbaugh, MH/MR informed the Board that March is Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. In order to acknowledge the strengths of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the contributions they make to our communities, the Cumberland Perry Mental Health and Mental Retardation Office (MH/MR) wishes to change its name to the Cumberland/Perry Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Office (MH/IDD). Based on the recommendation of the Board, Commissioner Amsler made a motion to change the name. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2011. Commissioner Amsler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Amsler made a motion to sign the warrant list in the amount of \$367,549.21. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of the Perry County Farmland Preservation Board, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to set aside \$4,000.00 for the purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement on the William G. and Crista L. Lyons farm located in South West Madison Township. Commissioner Amsler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The farm was preserved at \$164,000.00. \$160,000 was state funded and \$4,000 was the county match.

Based on the recommendation of the Soil Conservation District, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to sign A Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Affiliate Agreement. Commissioner Amsler seconded the motion. Motion carried. This provides the county with liability protection and access to grants. On April 1, 2011, an illegal dump site clean up is scheduled on Lower Bailey Road from 8:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There are 40 or 50 large dumpsites in the county that they would like to tackle. There is an annual fee of \$50.00, which is currently being paid by the Soil Conservation District.

An Electronics Waste Collection and Recycling Services for county residents through the PA Clean Ways of Perry County is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the lot beside Karns Foods in New Bloomfield. Fees and other information are available on the county website or Sally Tengeres, Recycling Coordinator.

Based on the recommendation of the Fiscal Office, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to have Hay Group update the County Summary Plan Description (SPD) for the Retirement Plan because of IRS changes for the County at a cost of \$500. Commissioner Amsler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

For the minutes a letter of resignation was received from Kimberly Baker, Duncannon Borough Tax Collector effective April 1, 2011.

An Administrative Order was received from Judge Kathy A. Morrow, all Perry County Magisterial District Courts will be open to the public from 8:00 through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Employee Status:

Based on the recommendation of Catherine Merwin, DRO Director, Commissioner Amsler made a motion to change the position of Lisa Lowe, Customer Service Representative to a Caseworker, effective March 21, 2011. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Salary Board will be held later.

Solicitors Report: The solicitor had nothing that required Action by the Board. An update on a vote from the prison union members of 12-7, will result with the County moving forward with binding interest arbitration.

The solicitor also updated the Board of a Petition For Appeal from Michael Lapp regarding an unemployment award that recently ruled in the County's favor. Mr. Lapp is appealing the said ruling.

Public Comments: Mr. Peiffer expressed for the minutes he felt the dispensing of medications at the prison is not being done by qualified people.

Open Forum for the Press: None.

Commissioner Amsler made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Kathy Burkholder

John J. Amsler – Secretary