

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
November 25, 2019

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

Brenda K. Benner – Chairman
Paul L. Rudy Jr. – Vice-Chairman
Stephen C. Naylor - Secretary
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public: Brenda Albright, Ed Albright Jr., Karen Anderson, Andy Bender, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Darryl Crouthamel, Nathan Edwards, Jason Finnerty, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Bryan Keller, Sarah Keller, Linda Lawlor, Bill Lyons, Dave Magee, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Bob Ressler, Craig Sheaffer, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Richard Stees, Michelle Thebes, Randy Waggoner, and Melanie Wertz.

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on November 25, 2019 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by Melanie Wertz and the County.

Public Comments: Dave Magee asked if the new Commissioners are able to re-open the County budget and if so how many days they have to complete this task. Mr. Magee also thanked the Commissioners for their service to the County.

Melanie Wertz asked for an explanation regarding the election write-in article that was recently published in the newspaper and also questioned if ballot counting was occurring. She also asked who was participating in the double checking of write-in ballot numbers.

Karen Anderson commented on the agenda items in which individuals were being appointed to the regional and tri-county regional planning commissions and questioned if anyone kept track of how active these members are and if attendance is tracked.

Bryan Keller presented information on the Gun Owners of America Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinances and provided a sample ordinance. He urged the Commissioners to consider this initiative for Perry County.

Andy Bender provided a corrected effective date of December 16, 2019 for the agenda item regarding the appointment of Clay Merris. Mr. Bender reiterated the positive impact that the new, fully grant funded, part time District Attorney position could provide to the County as this new hire would focus on domestic violence and sexual assault cases.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list dated November 26, 2019 in the amount of \$173,412.64. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the warrant list dated November 21, 2019 in the amount of \$25,000. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Naylor made a motion to table the warrant list dated November 21, 2019 in the amount of \$25,000 until further research could be completed. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Child Welfare Education for Leadership (CWEL) Agreement for Children & Youth Services employee, Andrew Ryan. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with CILS Incorporated for the Prison washers and dryers in the amount of \$350 per visit. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the maintenance services agreement renewal with NRG for heating/cooling control services in the Prison and Veteran's Memorial Building in the amount of \$6,680. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the appointment of the following Regional Planning Area Representatives to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Frank Campbell, Nina Fitchet, James Fuller, and Rich Stees. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the appointment of the following individuals to the Perry County Planning Commission: James H. Turner, Tom Graupensperger, Danny Kirk, and Brian Funkhouser. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the equipment purchase for additional radio patch capability in the amount of \$8,000. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Clay Merris, Part Time Assistant District Attorney, in the District Attorney's Office effective December 16, 2019, contingent on continued grant funding for the position through 2020. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments: Ed Albright, representing the New Bloomfield Water Authority, reiterated that the Borough is currently in a drought watch and that the Water Authority is requesting a 5% reduction in water usage by its water customers. He expressed frustration regarding an email Commissioner Naylor sent to County employees. Mr. Albright requested that Commissioner Naylor reverse the email he sent to all employees.

Dave Magee commented on the Federal judge that was recently appointed from the County. He asked if the Commissioners had sent a congratulatory note to her on this accomplishment.

Karen Anderson brought to the Board's attention that the appointments to the Perry County Planning Commission should actually be for the Regional Planning Commission and asked the Board to correct the previous action. She also commented on the warrant item expense that was not researched and urged attendees to review the proposed County budget as the large deficit could result in raised County taxes.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to amend the previous motion and approve the appointment of the following Perry County Planning Commission members to the Regional Planning Commission: James H. Turner, Tom Graupensperger, Danny Kirk, and Brian Funkhouser. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Melanie Wertz questioned what the Promising Practice grant is in the proposed County budget and questioned the amount listed for the grant.

Mary Colledge asked if Commissioner Rudy had brought in a utility bill and commented on information she had received that he no longer lived in Perry County.

Jason Finnerty commented that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission will have an opening for a Commissioner appointment in the new year due to Commissioner Naylor leaving office. He also thanked the Commissioners for their service.

Frank Campbell commented that the newly elected Commissioners were attending a CCAP conference in Hershey.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary