

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**March 22, 2021**

**Present at the meeting were**

**Commissioners:**

Brian S. Allen – Chairman  
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman  
Brenda L. Watson – Secretary  
Bill Bunt – Solicitor  
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

**Present from the Press:** None

**Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone:** Karen Anderson, Mary Ann Brownawell, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Ann Miller, Roger Miller, Wayne Leshner, Rich Pluta, Cindy Roney, Marty Smith, Randy Waggoner, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 22, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via WebEx telephone and video conference. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Announcements/Updates:** Commissioner Eby provided information on the Picture Perry surveys. He reiterated the importance of the surveys and urged citizens to participate. He said that the surveys are available on the County website and suggested completing one survey per week.

Rich Fultz stated that two vaccination clinics had occurred during the past Saturday. He commented that Sadler Health and UPMC had conducted the clinics and approximately 600 individuals were vaccinated. He said that roughly 13%-14% of County residents had some level of vaccination. Mr. Fultz also stated that Sadler Health and UPMC had committed to holding more vaccination clinics in the future. He reminded individuals that the retail pharmacies in the County continue to vaccinate weekly based on vaccine availability. He mentioned that the Area Agency on Aging may have identified a primary care physician's office to help provide vaccines for senior citizens. Mr. Fultz mentioned that additional vaccine clinic information will be provided as it becomes available.

Greg Wirth said that the Pennsylvania Department of Aging had sent out an email providing entities that the County Aging Office could partner with to offer vaccines to older adults. He stated that the project is still in the planning phase, but commented that the Department of Aging had only provided one option in Perry County and it was not strategically located.

**Public Comments:** Wayne Leshner questioned if there was any information available on natural immunity. He commented that the data would be helpful for County planning purposes.

Melanie Wertz stated that Mr. Leshner's question was a good question. She said different sources of information provide different answers on how long antibodies last. Ms. Wertz again reiterated that this would be good information to have.

Karen Anderson commented that trying to find data on natural immunity is somewhat pointless as many individuals that had COVID didn't know they even had the virus. She said that it may be several years until data is available to answer this question.

Ann Miller stated that she did not think information to answer Mr. Leshner's question would be available until statistical analysis could be done and she commented that there is probably not enough data at this time. She provided information on FEMA's Community Vaccination Centers Playbook and said the information is available on the FEMA website. Ms. Miller commented that the playbook states that the costs associated with vaccination would be paid and provided information from the playbook regarding vaccination clinics. She recommended that the playbook be reviewed.

Rich Fultz commented that currently the County is vaccinating more than 250 per day. He said FEMA sponsored clinics are very difficult to set up, but mentioned that he is working on partnering with the Department of State and PEMA, to do a larger clinic. He said this avenue has been pursued, but it is not likely FEMA will come to the County to perform a vaccination event. Mr. Fultz commented that he will continue to work through all possible options for vaccination clinics.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Perry County State Offender Supervision Fund Agreement for FY 2020-2021 renewal. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the Department Head's recommendation. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Small Games of Chance/Bingo License request for credit affidavit, regardless of whether the organization received COVID funding or not. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Treasurer Gibboney asked for clarification on the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Stive Padilla, Part Time Correctional Officer, at the Perry County Prison effective March 6, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Wayne Leshner stated that he and Treasurer Gibboney are friends and thanked him for asking for clarification on the previous motion, as details are important. He questioned what license fee is being refunded and what does this action cost the County. Mr. Leshner asked what the potential impact would be on the County. Treasurer Gibboney provided information on licensing costs and the potential impacts.

Karen Anderson thanked Rich Fultz for being on top of the everchanging COVID information and also thanked Commissioner Eby for information on the recent vaccination event in New Bloomfield. She said that the event was well run and efficient.

Ann Miller again recommended the FEMA playbook. She said that FEMA is a support agency only, but the playbook does provide step by step vaccination plan guidelines. Ms. Miller said the playbook had information on a drive thru event as well, but did say FEMA would not come if there is no place to have a mass vaccination clinic.

Rich Fultz said that several locations have been identified for mass vaccination clinics, and mentioned the County high school gymnasiums.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary