

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
March 29, 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, Alane Balchunas, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Ann Miller, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 29, 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: Rich Fultz stated that he continues to plan for health care agencies to come to the County to administer vaccinations. He commented that approximately 23% of County residents have either been fully or partially vaccinated. Mr. Fultz said he is awaiting responses from UPMC and Sadler Health on vaccination clinics in the County. He said he coordinated with Dauphin and Cumberland County to provide vaccinations and the information is available on the County website. He stated that residents should continue to check with Rite Aid, West Perry Pharmacy, and Weis regarding vaccination appointments in the County.

Commissioner Eby reminded everyone that the rental and utility assistance grant program is in full swing for individuals affected by COVID. He said that information regarding the program is available on the County website. He said utility assistance is only available for property owners.

Commissioner Allen provided a reminder on the Picture Perry surveys and recommended that individuals take them. He reiterated the importance of the surveys and the information they are hoping to gather from the public.

Commissioner Watson stated that the vaccinations for teachers and school staff that recently occurred at the Weis Market Pharmacy was very well organized and she had received positive feedback. Rich Fultz commented that Johnson & Johnson continues to roll out vaccines for educators and support staff. He said last week PEMA conducted a teleconference with emergency management staff to announce that they would not be receiving the allocation of Johnson & Johnson vaccinations they had anticipated for 1B eligible individuals and would be moving back to the regional vaccination approach for this population.

Public Comments: Jason Finnerty provided an update on Picture Perry survey participation. He stated that 615 surveys had been completed and that the community facility survey is the most popular survey. Mr. Finnerty encouraged individuals to complete the surveys and to take a look at all the surveys if possible.

Melanie Wertz provided information on an elderly neighbor that does not understand how to schedule a COVID vaccination appointment. She questioned how she can find out about vaccine clinics in the County before they occur as she is trying to help this individual. Rich Fultz stated that the prior clinics

have happened in a very short time frame and have been for pre-registered individuals. He said he has reached to the health care providers about providing more notice to the public so that it can be publicized. Mr. Fultz recommended reaching out to the Office of Aging to get on their vaccination list. Commissioner Watson also recommended calling Weis Markets as they had available vaccinations.

Greg Wirth stated that the Perry County Area Agency on Aging would be partnering with Perry Physicians. He told Ms. Wertz that her neighbor could also call Perry Physicians to make a vaccination appointment.

Ann Miller commented that she had heard on the news that the Pennsylvania Department of Aging had started to get involved in the vaccination process. She thanked everyone for their comments and information regarding making appointments for the elderly.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List(s): Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2021 warrant lists in the total amount of \$653,049.50. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2020 warrant list dated March 30, 2021 in the amount of \$16,030.80. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Jason Finnerty thanked Jim Ryan and the Perry County Times for publishing information on the Picture Perry surveys.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary