

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
April 5, 2021

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone: Karen Anderson, Alane Balchunas, Frank Campbell, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Michelle Jones, Sarah Keller, Wayne Leshner, Roger Miller, Rich Pluta, Curtis Sanno, Marty Smith, Logan Swartz, Melanie Wertz, Josh Wilson, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 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: Jason Finnerty provided an update on the Picture Perry surveys. He stated that 713 responses had been received to date. Mr. Finnerty also mentioned that the Transportation and Historical & Cultural Resources surveys have the least number of responses and encouraged participation on the two surveys.

Commissioner Eby stated that there would be a milk and bread giveaway on April 10th at Lupfer's Grove from 10:00 a.m. until supplies run out.

Public Comments: Alane Balchunas asked for an explanation of agenda item #7 (Clear Ballot service proposal) at the time it is up for approval.

Melanie Wertz requested an explanation of the Clear Ballot agenda item now, instead of waiting until the meeting business begins.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Perry County Probation/Parole Grant In Aid grant for FY 2020/2021 in the amount of \$37,944. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Spill Agreement with Enviroserve Inc. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Clear Ballot service proposal for the 2021 General Primary Election in the amount of \$26,140. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the rate adjustments with Dean Lusby, Technology Solutions, LLC. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Rich Fultz provided an update on COVID vaccinations in the County. He said there would be several second dose clinics coming up, and was working on scheduling additional vaccination clinics. He stated that over 25% of the County population had received some level of vaccination to date. Mr. Fultz said he was awaiting information from UPMC and the Medicine Shoppe regarding additional clinics. He stated that vaccine clinics will continue based upon supply.

Karen Anderson questioned which Commissioner attends CCAP meetings. She said she was aware that CCAP had gathered information on the legislation affecting future elections and specifically mail-in ballots. Ms. Anderson stated that mail-in ballots helped increase election participation and kept people safe during the last election. She asked if the Commissioners had responded to CCAP about the mail-in ballots and how the previous election went. She said that the CCAP report indicated that almost 100% of Counties felt their election process went well and did not want to see major election changes. She encouraged the Commissioners to stay on top of the mail-in ballot issue.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Eby commented that there were technical issues with the video conference function during the meeting.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary