

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
April 12, 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: Ed Albright, Karen Anderson, Alane Balchunas, Frank Campbell, Brandi Clendenin, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Sarah Keller, Roger Miller, Rich Pluta, Bob Ressler, Cindy Roney, Curtis Sanno, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Logan Swartz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 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 more and more individuals are getting vaccinated. He said that approximately 25% to 30% of people across the Country will not get vaccinated. He also commented that about 38% of County residents have been vaccinated, but did say this percentage may be high as it did not take into account children that are not eligible for the vaccine. Mr. Fultz said retail pharmacies and Perry Physicians continue to administer the vaccine. He provided information on the vaccination clinic scheduled for April 17, 2021 at the New Bloomfield Elementary through Sadler Health. He said the registration information would be available on the County website or the EMA Facebook page. He stated that registration would be required and the clinic was only open to Perry County residents. Mr. Fultz also provided information on a recent pop-up clinic hosted by Penn State Health.

Commissioner Allen stated the pop-up Lebanon VA Medical Center announced that all veterans, regardless of discharge, veteran spouses, widows and caregivers are all eligible for vaccination at their facility. He said the information regarding the announcement will be posted on the County website.

Commissioner Eby stated that Sadler Health will have a vaccination clinic at the Kmart/U-Haul parking lot on April 19th. He said interested individuals should call 717-918-9880 to make an appointment.

Commissioner Eby also provided information on the funeral expense assistance available to families that have lost loved ones due to COVID. He said the benefit is retroactive back to January 2020 and said individuals must call 844-684-6333 to register. He commented that additional information will be on the County website as well as the FEMA website.

Commissioner Eby reminded those registered at multiple sites for a COVID vaccine and have received your vaccines, to cancel your other registrations/appointments.

Public Comments: Cindy Roney commented on a flag hanging at a residence on Main Street New Bloomfield. She stated that the flag has a curse word on it and said it is inappropriate.

Jason Finnerty provided an update on the Picture Perry surveys. He said that 173 surveys have been completed to date and that the last day to respond is May 12th. He also commented that the only

municipality to have no participation was Landisburg Borough. Mr. Finnerty urged residents in that borough to complete at least one survey.

Karen Anderson recommended that Cindy Roney reach out to the New Bloomfield Borough Council regarding the flag issue.

Ed Albright thanked the Area Agency on Aging Office and Rich Fultz for their hard work regarding the COVID vaccinations.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List(s): Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated April 13, 2021 in the amount of \$299,696.13. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists for ERAP payments in the total amount of \$58,968.70. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 PCCD Intermediate Punishment Grant in the amount of \$98,699. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to table the engagement letter from Smith Elliott Kearns & Company (SEK) for auditing services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion tabled.

Solicitor Bunt opened and read the following bids that were received for the Coroner's van:

Forrer Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram – 2020 Chevrolet Express 2500 Van \$31,417

Lawrence Chevrolet – 2019 Certified Pre-Owned Chevrolet Express 2500 Cargo Van \$25,937

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the resignation of Holly Ruby, Full Time Clerk, in the Magisterial District Court effective April 9, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Commissioner Allen stated that beginning April 19th, the Commissioners' meetings would be open to the public in the Extension Office meeting room. He also said that the meeting would continue to be available via video and telephone.

Karen Anderson questioned if masks will be required to attend.

Commissioner Eby commented that individuals interesting in attending the Commissioners' meeting in person should call the Commissioners' Office to reserve a seat to ensure social distancing is maintained.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary