

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

December 20, 2021

### Present at the meeting were

#### Commissioners:

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

#### Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

**Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person:** Ed Albright, Alane Balchunas, Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Brandi Clendenin, Noah Cline, Bonnie Delancey, Jason Finnerty, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Wayne Leshner, Rich Pluta, Bob Ressler, Becky Smiley, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, and Wendy Welfley

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 20, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx telephone/video conference in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Announcements/Updates:** Commissioner Eby commented that the County EMS Kick Off meeting had occurred the previous week and was well attended by County EMS staff. He said much good discussion happened at the meeting and there would be a follow up meeting in January of the new year.

Commissioner Watson said that the Toys for Tots toy handout happened on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Newport American Legion and she and Shannon Hines helped at the event. She thanked employees for donating to the toy drive and said that parents were appreciative of the donations.

Commissioner Watson stated that on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, DAV Chapter 49 recognized Maggie Gouse, Gladys Carns, Shannon Hines, Jim Scott, and the Commissioners for their support of the organization throughout the year.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists dated December 13, December 16, and December 21, totaling \$400,690.64, and noted that \$20,198.87 of the total was ERAP funds. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the 2022 proposed county budget as placed on public display with the following amendments:

- Line Item 4106.313 – adjust amount to \$9,150 for a new server host and licensing for the Assessment Office (increase of \$4,150)
- Line Item 4150.351 – correct liability insurance amount to \$90,000 (increase of \$40,000)
- Line Item 4104.377 – adjust amount to \$119,000 –service contract for Penn Strategies and budget software (increase of \$24,000)

- Line Item 4150.361.01 – adjust amount to \$32,000 due to projected electricity price increase (increase of \$2,000 courthouse)
- Line Item 4150.361.03 – adjust amount to \$18,000 due to projected electricity price increase (increase of \$1,000 VMB)
- Line Item 4121.361 – adjust amount of to \$53,000 due to projected electricity price increase (increase of \$3,000 prison)

Resulting in:

- Total Estimated Expenses of \$22,618,879
- Total Estimated Revenue of \$22,208,185
- \$410,694 Difference

Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-13 which sets the 2022 millage rate on taxable real estate at 4.5625 mills. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Becky Smiley to the Drug and Alcohol Community Advisory Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the opioid litigation participation agreements. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the reappointments of Dana Cotton and Dave Rice to the Perry County Planning Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the proposal from InfoCon Corporation for records storage for the Register & Recorder's Office. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Designation of Agent Resolution and Attachment. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Maxwell, Part Time Corrections Officer at the Perry County Prison effective December 13, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Kimberly Briggs to the position of Full Time Cook at the Perry County Prison effective December 21, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$14.07. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Kimberly Freed, Case Admin Clerk in the Domestic Relations Department, effective January 14, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Wayne Leshar questioned how the budget deficit would be made up. He also questioned what amount of funds are in the County reserves and commented on the large balance. Mr. Leshar asked if the tax increase created the reserve balance. Mr. Leshar asked for a broadband updated and commented that his

business had been shut down for two days the previous week due to internet issues. He stated that if Zito is a part of the broadband project it would be a disaster due to their poor service. Mr. Leshner said he is looking for office space in Mechanicsburg due to the poor broadband service in the County.

**Comments from the Press:** Jim Ryan questioned where the County was with the opioid litigation and which suits the County was a party to.

Commissioner Allen stated that the December 27<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' Meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located in the Veterans Memorial Building in New Bloomfield. He commented that please check the website in case the meeting is cancelled.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary