

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

January 3, 2022

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: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Karen Barclay, Wayne Leshner, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, and Josh Wilson

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2022 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: None

Public Comments: Wayne Leshner stated that he is tracking the lost production in his business due to continued internet problems with Zito. He said he spoke to friends in the County who use Comcast for their service and do not have issues. Mr. Leshner questioned if the solution to the broadband issue could be getting Comcast to come into the area.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List(s): Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated January 4, 2022 in the amount of \$443,287.08 for expenses incurred in 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant list dated January 4, 2022 in the amount of \$112,030.94 for expenses incurred in 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to set the health insurance premium share for non-bargaining unit employees back to 9% effective January 1, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the resignation of Dwight McKell, Caseworker 2 at Children & Youth Services, effective December 17, 2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Megan Fortney, Chief Deputy in the Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts Department, effective January 21, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Randy Waggoner thanked the Commissioners, Chief Clerk, Solicitor, and coworkers for their support over the past several weeks and said the support was much appreciated.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Watson stated that she had a meeting with Zito regarding the issues occurring in the County. She said some issues have been resolved while others remain. Commissioner Watson also commented that she has another meeting later in the month with a consultant to discuss other broadband solutions. She asked residents to be patient as she continues to work on the issues.

Wayne Leshar asked why Zito is the only provider in Bloomfield Centre Township.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary