

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

March 7, 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: Ed Albright, Karen Barclay, Mary Ann Brownawell, Crystal Failor, Jason Finnerty, Jan Gibboney, Stan Good, Michelle Jones, Sarah Keller, Taira Little, Rich Pluta, Craig Sheaffer, Bill Sloss, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Sally Tengeres, and Rob Troxell

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. on March 7, 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' Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: None

Public Comments: Bill Sloss stated the rights of his property, along with his personal property rights and civil rights had been violated. He asked Solicitor Bunt if a permit is issued with conditions, and those conditions are violated, is that a valid permit. Mr. Sloss said water had been illegally deposited on his property for 15 years which violates Pennsylvania law. He said PennDOT, the Planning Commission, and the Conservation District all know about the violation. He said the Commissioners should investigate this issue and come up with a resolution. He stated that the Secretary of Transportation conducted an investigation on this violation and a report was issued to get compliance. He said that by March 30th PennDOT would take action to shut the driveway down. Mr. Sloss commented that the Planning Commission had said they would take action once receiving information from PennDOT, but they have not taken action. He asked Solicitor Bunt if the County was in compliance with PA Act 167 Stormwater. He said Mr. Bunt refused to comment on the law. He stated that based on his research Perry County is not in compliance.

Red Cross Proclamation: Commissioner Eby read, in part, a Proclamation designating March 2022 as Red Cross month. He said twice during the current month, the Red Cross has stepped in to help two families.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to ratify the actions taken at the February 28th meeting held in Marysville. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Zelenkofske Axelrod invoice in the amount of \$13,370. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Commissioner Eby opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid submitted by Zimmerman Farm Services for a no-till drill for the Conservation District. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the agreement with Penn Strategies for grant writing services in the amount of \$6,500 per month. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2021/2022 in the total amount of \$853,663 (attached). Commissioner Eby urged individuals to appeal to the legislators to approve the Governor's mental health budget line item. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Tracy Miller to the position of Dispatcher Trainee in the 911 Center effective March 8, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$11.84. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby encouraged interested individuals to apply for the Dispatcher position or any other open positions within the County.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Jonathan Moore to the position of Dispatcher Trainee in the 911 Center effective March 8, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$11.84. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: None

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary