

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

April 11, 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, Mary Ann Brownawell, Frank Campbell, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Stan Good, Sarah Keller, Dan Kilgore, Kim McMullen, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Sally Tengeres, Rob Troxell, Mark VanOuse, Randy Waggoner, Josh Wilson, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 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: Commissioner Watson stated that Chief Clerk, Shannon Hines received the 2022 Perry County Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Award. She also commented that she had met with Upward Broadband regarding coverage overlap and she had received an updated RFP from them as well. She said she is mostly concerned with the end user and making sure the service gets to the user. Commissioner Watson stated that the cost to complete Phase 1 and 2 of the Upward Broadband proposal is approximately \$5.5 million dollars and the fiber to home project proposed by ZITO will cost approximately \$2 million. She said funding streams are currently being reviewed.

Public Comments: Stan Good stated he is against ZITO doing any project for the County, as he, along with others in his area, lost cable service in July and never got it back. He also commented that he continued to receive invoices for the service he was not receiving. Mr. Good said he did not pay the bills and now they are delinquent which will affect his credit. He said this is an example of poor customer service by ZITO.

Mark VanOuse, from ZITO, said he would like the Mr. Good's contact information so that he can help rectify the issue.

Dan Kilgore said he will have a memo report for the Commissioners next week.

Mark VanOuse questioned where the County is with the proposal his company submitted, as they are anxious to get started on the project. He reiterated that their proposal is for fiber to home service. Mr. VanOuse said there is large funding opportunities coming through the Infrastructure Bill. The cost to the customer was discussed and Mr. VanOuse said that ZITO will offer two tiers of coverage 100 up and 100 down and 1000 megabits up and 1000 down. He said the higher tier costs \$100 per month and ZITO has programs for low-income customers. He commented that ZITO is working to improve their customer service and will continue to improve.

Stan Good said that in the RFP only the County, school districts, and townships are listed for critical service, but he said individual customers are not listed. He said he has had to wait up to 40 minutes when he calls the help desk to get an issue resolved.

Rob Troxell, from Upward Broadband, stated he is looking forward to working with the County and is available to answer any questions.

Sarah Keller congratulated the Chief Clerk for her Chamber Award.

Frank Campbell commented that the Chamber of Commerce Dinner was very successful. He thanked the Commissioners for attending and congratulated the Chief Clerk on her award.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$981,705.66 and commented that approximately \$670,000 are coming from the General Fund and the remaining are pass through funds. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Allen presented a Proclamation for Conservation District Week 2022 to Sally Tengeres, Conservation District Director and declared April 10 – 16, 2022 as Conservation District Week. Commissioner Eby commented on the dedication of the staff and said he would put Perry County's Conservation District up against any other in the Commonwealth. He also stated that the County will challenge any funding cuts to the vital programs provided by the District.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Purchase of Service Agreement for Children & Youth Services. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- A Loving Heart Youth Services, Inc. -- \$422/day – New Contract

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

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 Treasurer's Office Record Disposition. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby, based on the recommendation of Maintenance and Commissioner Allen's oversight, made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1998 Ford E350 Box Truck at a cost of \$6,500. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the First Addendum of Health Services with PrimeCare Medical Inc. for additional LPN services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the proposal from PrimeCare for medication distribution services at the Perry County Prison in the amount of \$110,325.86. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Anna Shenk, Part Time Cook at the Prison, effective April 6, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion and recognized Ms. Shenk's service. All agreed. Motion carried. Commissioner Watson said that the County is in need of part time cooks at the Prison.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Susan Hopkins, Fiscal Technician at the Office of Aging, effective April 24, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion and recognized her dedication. All agreed. Motion carried.

Greg Wirth, Director at the Office of Aging, thanked Susan for her dedicated service to the residents of the County and wished her the best in the future.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the transfer of Debbi Willi to the position of Care Manager II, in the Office of Aging, effective April 24, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$29.23. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Bunt recognized Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk for her Chamber Award and work with the County.

Public Comments: Stan Good said he read over the broadband RFP and asked how he should go about getting his questions answered. He referenced an incorrect date on the document. After discussion, he said he was not aware the RFP's had already been responded to. Mr. Good questioned service standards for individual customers as he did not see anything in the RFP. He reiterated that ZITO has poor customer service.

Mark VanOuse stated that all complaints that have been brought to their attention by the Commissioners has been successfully resolved. He commented that ZITO has been making strides to upgrade their network and respond to customer concerns. He said he cannot fix what he is not aware of.

Stan Good said he filed a complaint with the PA Attorney General Consumer Complaint Office and received a response from the ZITO Consumer Advocate indicating that equipment was on ordered and they would work with him. He said he has been working on the same issue for months with no resolution. Mr. Good said he and his neighbors have no confidence in ZITO Media due to the poor customer service they have received.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Eby provided information on Suicide Prevention Training being held on April 28th at the Annex building. He said there will be two sessions held on the 28th and invited Department Heads and the general public to attend. He commented that additional information can be found on the County website.

Commissioner Eby also provided information on the upcoming Earth Day Celebration to be held on April 23rd from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Clarks Ferry Tavern in Duncannon. He recognized Kristie Smith's efforts to make the event happen.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary