

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 7, 2023

### Present at the meeting were

#### Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen – Chairman  
Larry F. Reisinger – Secretary  
William R. Bunt - Solicitor  
Gladys Carns – Deputy Chief Clerk

#### Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

**Present from the Public in Person or via WebEx:** LuAnn Behrent, Kaye Bitting, Ava Brady, Frank Campbell, Adam Charles, Glenn Clouser, Shariyah Etienne, Holly Feger, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Charles Garner, Sarah Geesaman, Jan Gibboney, George Gochenaour, Erica Grafmyer, Jason Harvey, Douglas Hockenberry, Gerald Johnson, Randy Kessler, Josh Kirk, Nathan Lesh, Bill Lyons, Crista Lyons, Kim McMullen, Robbyn Metz, Nancy Pote, David Pundock, Faith Pundock, Colin Reynolds, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Joseph Stover, Katherine Stover, Randy Waggoner, and Jonette Zeigler

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. on August 7, 2023 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 Reisinger reminded attendees that the Perry County Fair was coming up soon. Also, Commissioner Reisinger reminded everyone that the Commissioners would be holding their public meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Allen further stated that the meeting will focus on the agricultural programs of the County. Commissioner Reisinger commented that Commissioner Brenda Watson and Chief Clerk, Shannon Hines were not in attendance due to attending the CCAP annual conference.

**Public Comments:** George Gochenaour asked where he could find the Articles of In-Corporation for the County of Perry. He questioned the reassessment increasing property value and how the County would use the money. Also, Mr. Gochenaour said the Writ of Mandamus papers he had served to the Commissioners, Chief Clerk, and Solicitor would need to be re-served.

Randy Kessler questioned if he needed to put in a right to know request to get a copy of the Treasurer's report. He further questioned if he would be able to obtain one. He further asked how often do the Commissioners get a financial report to review, does it show account balances, and what is exactly on the reports. He asked how the small businesses found out about the ARPA funds, how did the process work to select those approved for the ARPA funds, and did you deny anyone. Mr. Kessler questioned if the Chamber of Commerce was involved with getting the word out that the funds were available and did the Commissioners as a group approve the funds that were given out. He asked for an explanation as to why the minutes do not reflect the answers to the questions. He asked when the last aerial mapping was done in the county and how often do you do request aerial mapping. Mr. Kessler asked are you in the process of selecting a company to do the feasibility study for the new county building. He questioned what the furniture purchase on the ARPA spreadsheet was used for and where did it go. He questioned why minutes were missing from the county website.

Douglas Hockenberry asked for the next meeting if the Commissioners could find out the exact amount remaining in the ARPA fund account.

Luann Behrent questioned how many months or years has Zelenkofske Axelrod been meeting to get the Fiscal office up to date. She asked what does it mean getting the Fiscal office up to date, what is their hourly rate, and if there is a contract between them and the county.

Erica Grafmyer asked what the guidelines are to get the ARPA funds. She questioned how Tuscarora Township proved that they were out \$70,000. She asked if there were any other townships who applied. She asked if a vote could be taken to change the Commissioners meeting to 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Garman questioned if the Commissioners don't get a Treasurer's report, then how do they know how much money they have to spend.

Robbyn Metz questioned how the reassessment would affect school taxes.

Glenn Clouser asked what is the reason for the reassessment. He questioned why someone enrolled in the Clean and Green program hardly pays any taxes.

Colin Reynolds questioned why the reassessment was not put out to bid due to the large dollar amount. He asked if there were funds available in the infrastructure bank.

Ava Brady questioned why there are a lot of questions but no answers.

Randy Waggoner explained that the County was flown partly in 2022 and finished in the Spring of 2023. He commented on the mis-information concerning Trespassing and No Trespassing measures. He stated that the Data Collectors have been instructed if there is a No Trespass sign at the beginning of a driveway, they take a picture of the sign and move on. If they start up the driveway and there is a No Trespass sign part way up the driveway or even at the house they photograph the sign, then put the door hanger on the house door. Mr. Waggoner further commented, this is done so the homeowner knows who was on their property because of the many cameras currently in use by homeowners. The Data Collectors do not do the inspection, they leave.

Joseph Stover asked if you have a No Trespass sign and no assessment is done, how is the property assessed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Reisinger made a motion approve the minutes from the July 31, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contracts. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the appointment of Casey Kibe to the position of Clerk in the Court Administration Department effective August 14, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$14.03. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the termination of Kile Deibler, Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective August 1, 2023. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the appointment of Nolan Littlewood to the position of Part Time Dispatcher in the 911 Center effective August 8, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$16.13. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Kim McMullen asked how the ARPA funds was advertised. She asked if all three Commissioners voted in favor of Visions to do the reassessment. She questioned Commissioner Allen on how many days do you come into the office a week, how many committees do you serve on, and how often do you attend those meetings. She further asked how many committees he is on compared to the other two Commissioners.

Randy Kessler asked how the Commissioners can run a successful business without a Treasurers report on a regular basis. He questioned if the Chief Tax Assessor, Randy Waggoner was he assigned by the Commissioners, was it his duty to screen and find companies to get the proposals for the reassessment process.

Doug Hockenberry questioned with the reassessment if no one is home do the assessors still go around, measure, and take pictures, etc.

Erica Grafmyer questioned the time that the assessors can start assessing the properties. She asked why other townships were not informed of the ARPA funds. She further asked if a business or township could prove a loss, could they still get ARPA funds.

Gerald Johnson commented that he was concerned with the miscommunication within the County and finances, there has to be a Financier.

Jeff Garman asked why a Right To Know has to be filed, why isn't the information available on the website.

Joseph Stover asked what are the assessors assessing during the reassessment.

Charles Garner questioned for the reassessment inspections what extent do they go to, what are they determining.

Glenn Clouser commented he had to tear down a house in Oliver township. He couldn't get a demolition permit. They didn't have a demolition permit. He said the all townships should have the demolition permits available.

Shariyah Ettiene asked why all the properties can't be assessed by the aerial assessment. She further asked why the assessment is being done now with the real estate market being high for properties.

Colin Reynolds asked to clarify that the infrastructure bank was where you take out a loan and pay it back. It is not free money. He is looking for free money like the ARPA funds to help his Township pay for bridges.

Joseph Stover commented that he would to see more transparencies with the finances of the County, after all it is the taxpayer's money.

**Comments from the Press:** None

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to adjourn at 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Glady Carns, Deputy Chief Clerk

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Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary