

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 29, 2022

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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 in Person or via WebEx: Ed Albright, Andrea Bowersox, Mary Ann Brownawell, Teresa Brush, Brandi Clendenin, Alisa Davidson, Lauren Eichelberger, Crystal Failor, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Pat Gutheil, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Taira Little, Marty Smith, Rob Troxell, and Bill Wagner

Commissioner Eby opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 29, 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: Commissioner Eby announced that Pennsylvania would be getting \$11.3 billion dollars of funding for highway and bridge improvements. He said the Commissioners will be keeping a close eye on the funding to ensure Perry County receives its fair share.

Commissioner Eby also stated that \$100 million dollars for broadband was announced. He commented that 23% of Pennsylvanians will be eligible for affordability for continuity programs. He said the programs are yet to be announced, but Perry County will be active in the programs.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists in the total amount of \$723,354.99, and noted that \$73,464.16 was ERAP funding. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Recognition: Commissioner Eby recognized the following employees for their years of service with the County and presented those in attendance with certificates:

- Bill Wagner – 5 years
- Teresa Brush – 10 years
- Gary Rosenberry – 15 years
- Dylan Hoover – 5 years
- Roger Miller – 30 years

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the FY 2023/2024 Children & Youth Needs Based Plan and Budget with a County commitment of \$1,496,172. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion and noted that the increase in vendor contracts have resulted in the increased County commitment. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Natasha Mingle to the position of Full Time Deputy in the Sheriff's Office effective August 30, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.07. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Commissioner Watson commented that she had recently attend Perry County Council of the Arts events and noted that the events were well attended. She also said that while funding to assist with broadband affordability was recently announced, a low-to-moderate income (LMI) schedule will be followed. Commissioner Watson said that LMI discussions continue at the state level, as LMI schedules are not necessarily the same from county to county. She said affordability to broadband end users is very important to the County and funding to aid this will be pursued.

Dr. Pat Gutheil commented that the Perry County Fair seemed to be well attended and recognized the water system project at the fairgrounds. She also stated that CRT in schools is a major issue and questioned if the Commissioners should be involved with the issue. She said many people are concerned.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Eby stated that there would be no public meeting next week, September 5th, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary