

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
October 24, 2022

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen – Chairman via telephone
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: Karen Barclay, MaryAnn Brownawell, Brandi Clendenin, Crystal Failor, Patricia Gutheil, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Cory Matter, Clay Merris, Michael Pomante, Ben Smith, Wes Smith, Rob Troxell, and Randy Waggoner

Commissioner Eby opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 24, 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 Watson commented on the downtown revitalization clean up days organized by the Perry County Economic Development Authority. She said she attended three of the events and they have been successful thanks to the numerous volunteers and the cooperation of the communities.

Commissioner Allen thanked Paul Wyatt with the Perry County Times for his article on the new location of the Voter Registration Office.

Commissioner Eby stated that the County, in cooperation with the Conservation District, is working on a letter of intent regarding a recycling grant centered around glass crushing. He also commented on a group of citizens with concerns about the homeless in the County. Commissioner Eby said the group is interested in establishing a temporary homeless shelter and they are in the beginning steps of this process. He said the County Commissioners support their efforts to move this project forward.

Public Comments: Sarah Keller reminded attendees of Senator DiSanto's Veterans Appreciation Breakfast. She said the event would be held on November 4, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Scottish Rite Theatre in Harrisburg and veterans may bring one guest. She said anyone interested in more information should call her office or stop in.

Commissioner Eby stated that the Perry County Veterans Day Parade would be held on November 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in Marysville. He encouraged attendance at the event.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List(s): Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists (\$569,799.52), excluding the ERAP warrant list (\$25,410.06), for a total of \$544,389.46. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Commissioner Eby questioned a vendor expense on the ERAP warrant list. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the ERAP warrant list, less the vendor expense of \$1,120 to Cocolamus Creek Disposal, to allow for further investigation on the expense. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to award the bid of the 2018 John Deere 1590 no till drill to Philip L. Knicely for the price of \$28,800. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Ben Smith, from the Soil Conservation District, recommended that the bid be accepted.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the Season of Justice grant terms, conditions, and understandings agreement. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table the proposal from Mike Cleck paving until further discussion on the project could occur. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Stephanie Thebes to the position of Clerk in the Probation Department, effective October 31, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$14.03. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the appointment of Matthew Troutman to the position of Full Time Corrections Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective October 30, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.83. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the termination of Kyle Miller, Office Manager in the Domestic Relations Department, effective October 20, 2022. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Hilary Caldwell to the position of Office Manager in the Probation Department, effective October 25, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$17.11. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Ryan Nace to the position of Part Time Dispatcher in the 911 Center, effective October 25, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$16.13. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: None

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Eby commented that an Election Board meeting would be held at 11:00 a.m.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk, stated that evening Commissioners' meetings would resume in November. She said the following public meetings had been scheduled for 7:00 p.m.:

November 7, 2022 – Blain Fire Hall – 4 W Main Street, Blain, PA 17006

December 5, 2022 – Veterans Memorial Building – 25 W. Main Street, New Bloomfield PA 17068

January 23, 2023 – Buffalo Township Building – 22 Cherry Road, Liverpool PA 17045

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary