

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

October 25, 2021

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen – Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Secretary
William R. Bunt – Solicitor via telephone
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Polly Eby, Dave Magee, Jim Scott, Bill Wallenmeyer, and Tiffany Willow

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 25, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx telephone/video conference at the Shermans Dale Fire Hall. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Jim Scott, Veterans Affairs Director, announced that he will continue to attend the evening Commissioners' meetings in order to be available to veterans that cannot come to his office during regular business hours. He also stated that the Veterans Day Parade would be held on November 6th in Newport beginning at 11:00 a.m. and a meal would follow at the Newport VFW. Mr. Scott also commented on the upcoming Veteran Appreciation Breakfast being held on November 19th at the New Bloomfield VFW. He reminded those that would like to attend do need to register in advance. He said that on November 14th at the American Legion in Newport a Flag Retirement Ceremony would be held and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Watson commented that last week, Jonathan Marks, Deputy Secretary of Elections and Commissions from the Pennsylvania Department of State, honored Election Director, Bonnie Delancey for 50 years of service.

Jim Scott commented on the Toys for Tots Drive. He encouraged participation in the program by Perry County children. Mr. Scott said that if you know of any family in need to please spread the message on the toy drive. He commented that last year only 93 children from Perry County participated in the program. He stated that the toy distribution would be held in Perry County for Perry County children this year at the Newport American Legion. Mr. Scott said donation boxes are located throughout the County and also in County government buildings. He again encouraged everyone to spread the word about the program and commented that anyone with questions about signing up to participate or donate may contact his office.

Commissioner Allen commented on the Bicentennial Celebration that occurred on Sunday at the Lynn Sheaffer Dum Memorial Park. He said it was a great event and recognized the speakers and volunteers that made the event happen.

Public Comments: Dave Magee said that the SEDA-COG grant information for Marysville would be finished soon and provide it to the Commissioners. He asked if flags could still be donated to the Flag Retirement Ceremony and Jim Scott confirmed that flags may still be donated at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Bill Wallenmeyer said he was talking to a couple from California and they said their real estate taxes are fixed for the duration they live in the home and are only raised under certain circumstances such as when the house is sold to new owners. He commented that this was a good way for people to budget, especially for those on fixed incomes. He suggested that this method be investigated for Perry County. Solicitor Bunt stated that County Code does not allow for the tax assessment of a property to be increase due to the sale of the property. He said the legislature would have to change this regulation. Bill Wallenmeyer recommended that the Commissioners start a dialog with Senator DiSanto and Representative Stambaugh on this issue.

Polly Eby said that she was told by a friend that there needs to be a place in Perry County to drop off electronics and old televisions for recycling. Bill Wallenmeyer stated that he had started an electronics recycling program at his employer. He provided information on Poland Metals on 7th Street in Harrisburg and said this is a possible vendor for the County to consider.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Watson 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 amounts of \$561,612.26, \$48,798.86, and \$10,485.53. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Purchase of Service Agreement for Children & Youth Services. He commented that many of the facilities are short staffed and additional vendors need to be added to provide the required services. He also stated that children are being transported farther out of the area to get the needed services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Children's Aid Society in Clearfield County – New Contracts \$78.53

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: None

Comments from the Press: Commissioner Watson stated that additional evening meeting dates/times would be published in the near future.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary