

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
November 13, 2023

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen – Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Vice Chairman
Larry F. Reisinger – Secretary
William R. Bunt – Solicitor via WebEx
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public in Person or via WebEx: Kathy Bauer, Frank Campbell, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Randy Kessler, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Jim Scott, Megan Sellers, and Jonette Zeigler

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 13, 2023 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 Duncannon Borough Building located at 428 N. High Street, Duncannon PA 17020. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Reisinger commented that he had watched a television program about the USS Arizona and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He noted that an individual he worked with previously at AMP was interviewed on the program as he was on radar duty the morning of Pearl Harbor.

Public Comments: Jim Scott, Veterans Affairs Director, reminded attendees that if they have any questions regarding veteran benefits to please see him or call his office.

Randy Kessler asked if any of the ARPA funds had been awarded to applicants yet and if awards would go out before the end of the year. He also questioned if there had been any additional discussion on replacing leased County buildings with a new building.

Megan Sellers welcomed Frank Campbell and Bill Lyons and said she hoped they understood the responsibility they have taken on as elected officials. She commented that she will be providing election information via email including an affidavit from an individual that she has stolen other nation's elections. Ms. Sellers said the continued use of electronic voting equipment is extremely concerning and urged for the removal of these machines. She stated this would decrease election expenditures and increase election integrity. She commented that once the information she sends is reviewed she will be requesting a referendum to remove electronic voting equipment be removed from Perry County and move to hand counting ballots.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposal from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for development of 5-year financial and operational plan in an amount not to exceed \$121,150. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission contract with Family Health Council of Central PA for drug and alcohol housing support services in the amount of \$599,206.50. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Frank Campbell thanked everyone for their support in the recent election. He said he looked forward to working with and for the residents of Perry County.

Randy Kessler stated that ZA is scrutinizing the recent ARPA applications. He said he would like to see them go back through previous applications and for any organization that double dipped, the County should get that money back. He commented that this money could then be added into the \$1 million that will be distributed to the recent applicants for ARPA funding.

Megan Sellers said she has been in contact with the Board of Elections over the past several months and said there is a lack of transparency. She stated that she asked if the election equipment was hooked up to the internet but was told this needed to go through the Board of Elections before answering. She requested that the Commissioners get with the Board of Elections to answer questions and promote transparency.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary