

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
January 8, 2024

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

R. Franklin Campbell – Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Vice-Chairman
William G. Lyons - Secretary
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt – Solicitor via telephone

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Laura Campbell, Dave Carns, Gladys Carns, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Sarah Geesaman, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Dave Hammar, Jason Harvey, Kathy Hoover, Scott Klingenberg, Crista Lyons, Donna McMillen, Darla McNaughton, Clay Merris, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Craig Sheaffer, John Sledzinski, Judy Sledzinski, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Alyson Thebes, Michelle Thebes, Rob Troxell, Randy Waggoner, and Josh Wilson

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to name Solicitor Bunt temporary chair for reorganization purposes. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor Bunt requested nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Watson made a motion to nominate R. Franklin Campbell as Chairman of the Perry County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Solicitor Bunt requested a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Lyons made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. All motions carried.

Solicitor Bunt requested nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lyons made a motion to nominate Brenda L. Watson as Vice-Chairman of the Perry County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Solicitor Bunt requested a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. All motions carried.

Solicitor Bunt requested nominations for Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to nominate William G. Lyons as Secretary of the Perry County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Solicitor Bunt requested a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Watson made a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. All motions carried.

Solicitor Bunt then turned the meeting over to Commissioner Campbell as Chairman.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Campbell thanked Brenda, Gladys, Shannon, and departmental staff for their help bringing him up to speed and answering questions. He said that Commissioner work sessions would be resuming to address short- and long-term goals. He further

stated that meetings have been set up regarding a feasibility study and with ZA. Commissioner Campbell said that the Board will be working and will get results.

Commissioner Watson welcomed Commissioner Campbell and Lyons and said she looks forward to working together and moving projects forward.

Commissioner Lyons thanks everyone for their support over his first week. He also recognized staff for their help transitioning into his new role. He commented that he had attended a Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission meeting and said that staff at the meeting said they were happy to see Perry County finally participating in the Commission meetings.

Commissioner Campbell also thanked Solicitor Bunt for his help. He stated that public comments will be limited to three minutes and encouraged those with specific questions or concerns, that cannot be addressed in three minutes, to reach out and schedule an appointment with the Commissioners to begin discussions.

Public Comments: John Sledzinski congratulated the new Board of Commissioners.

Alyson Thebes, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, stated that her office had been notified at the end of December of an individual in the community impersonating staff from her office. She said that she has been in contact with the State Police and believes it to be an isolated incident. Ms. Thebes encouraged anyone that is contacted by a member of the Aging Office to reach out to her office if they are unsure if the person is a County staff member. She commented that Aging staff have County issued employee badges and business cards.

Marty Smith, Maintenance Director, welcomed the new Commissioners and said he looked forward to working with the them.

Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, welcomed the new Board of Commissioners.

Sheriff Dave Hammar also welcomed the Commissioners and said he looked forward to the next four years.

Jason Finnerty, Perry County Planning Coordinator, welcomed the Commissioners.

Larry Reisinger wished the new Board of Commissioners good luck and a successful four years.

District Attorney Clay Merris welcomed the Commissioners and said he looked forward to working together.

Jim Frank, from Lehman Engineering, congratulated the new Board of Commissioners and said he hopes to continue a good working relationship with them.

Josh Wilson, from ATCS, welcomed the Commissioners.

Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor, welcomed the Board and said it will be a challenging next couple of years.

Warden Harvey, Perry County Prison welcomed the Commissioners.

Rob Troxell, from Upward Broadband, congratulated the Commissioners and said he looks forward to working together.

Dr. Pat Gutheil also congratulated the Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Warrant List: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$1,378,786.70. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Williams Bunt as County Solicitor. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to reappoint Shannon Hines as Chief Clerk. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Gladys Carns as Deputy Chief Clerk. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint the Commissioners to the boards as provided in the attached listing. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made the motion to reappoint Donny Bartch and Thomas Graupensperger to the Perry County Planning Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the below Perry County Economic Development Authority Board changes. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Appointment of Lindsay Hutchinson, Scott Dunkleberger, and Ed Barben
- Reappointment of David Misner
- Accept the resignation of John Gerner and Brenda Watson

Commissioner Campbell stated that if anyone is interested in getting involved in community boards to please reach out to the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement with the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute for the victim notification system. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the PrimeCare Medical Health Services Agreement for a one-year extension for medical services at the Perry County Prison at a cost of \$25,876.78/month. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Service Agreement Addendum with PayTel for inmate telephone and tablet services. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Service Agreement with ZITO for fiber internet service at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging at a cost of \$275/month. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of the following to the position of Part Time Correctional Officer, at the Perry County Prison, effective January 9, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$22.21. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Trent Dudley
- Blas Elguezabal
- Tyler Lieberman

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Tammy Dusharm to the position of Assistant District Attorney, in the District Attorney's Office effective January 15, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$33.65. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. District Attorney Merris said the position was to backfill his former position and had been vacant since October. He said based on Ms. Dusharm's experience she is a good fit for the position.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Gladys Carns, Deputy Chief Clerk in the Chief Clerk's Department, effective February 5, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Shannon Hines said that Gladys has been the friendly face of the Commissioners' Office and she will be very much missed. Solicitor Bunt said that Gladys is a truly wonderful human being and asset to the County. Commissioner Campbell said he has known Gladys for many years and said she has done a good job for the County. Commissioner Watson reiterated that Gladys is a wonderful human being and congratulated her on her next step in life. Commissioner Lyons said Gladys pushed him to run and wished her well.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the retirement of Keith Taylor, Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective January 27, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Bret Thebes, Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective February 13, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Rush to the position of Caseworker 2 in the Children & Youth Services Department effective January 9, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$22.48. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None.

Public Comments: Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, said she will miss Gladys.

Wes Smith, Deputy Director EMA/911, congratulated Gladys on her retirement. He also said he looks forward to working with the Board of Commissioners.

Jason Finnerty, Perry County Planning Coordinator, wished Gladys well.

Larry Reisinger stated that being a grandparent is one of the biggest joys in life and congratulated Gladys on her retirement.

Comments from Press: None.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>BOARD</u>
Lyons	Area Agency on Aging
Watson	CREDC Capital Region Economic Development Corporation
Lyons	Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission Liaison
Watson	HATS Coordinating & Technical Committee
Watson	JMC Board for Reassessment
Lyons	Perry County Farm Land Preservation
Watson	LEPC 911
Lyons	MH/IDD Mental Health/Intellectual Develop/Disabilities
Watson	NACO National Association of Counties
Campbell	Penn State Extension Council
Campbell	Perry Housing Authority
Lyons	PC Soil Conservation District
Campbell	PC Chamber of Commerce
Campbell	PC Economic Development Authority
Campbell	PC Economic Development Corporation

Lyons	PC Family Services Partnership Board/PA Link
Lyons	PC Health Coalition
Watson	PC Planning Commission
Campbell	SEDA-COG Susquehanna Economic Development Assoc. COG
Campbell	SEDA-COG National Gas Cooperative
Campbell	South Central Workforce Investment
Watson	Transportation Authority Advisory Board
Watson	Tri County Regional Planning Commission/Board Member

DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS

Watson	Children & Youth
Watson	Tax Assessment
Watson	911 Center
Lyons	Aging
Lyons	Maintenance
Campbell	Sheriff
Campbell	Veterans Assistance
Campbell	Voter Registration