

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

February 5, 2024

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Aaron Craig, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jan Gibboney, Dr. Patricia Gutheil, Dave Hammar, Jamie Keener, Marty Malone, Robbyn Metz, Rich Pluta, Jeff Potteiger, Dave Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Robert Ressler, John Sledzinski, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Josh Wilson, and Kay Witmer

Commissioner Watson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Watson announced that Commissioner Campbell was ill and would be participating virtually.

Commissioner Campbell stated that a general Commissioners email address had been created (commissioners@perryco.org) and all three Commissioners and Chief Clerk would receive emails that come to that address. He also encouraged individuals to reference the County website homepage for volunteer opportunities. He noted that the listing is under the Community Volunteers Needed post.

Commissioner Lyons commented that he had recently presented to the Perry County Family Partnership Board. He noted that the Commissioners continue to have weekly work sessions to address short-term and long-term goals and will be meeting with the financial consultant. Commissioner Lyons further said that the new County telephone system would be activated in the next couple of weeks. He further commented that he and Commissioner Campbell met with a representative from PA CareerLink and said he could provide contact information to anyone that is interested.

Commissioner Watson thanked the Commissioners and Chief Clerk for attending meetings and keeping the County going while she was off last week. She said prior to her vacation she had attended an EMS Strategic Planning meeting and said a third party has been retained to complete an EMS study of Perry County. She spoke about the funding issues faced by EMS organizations in the County and said the draft EMS report is projected to be provided in March.

Public Comments: Larry Reisinger noted that it was Gladys Carns' last day and wished her well.

Sarah Geesaman, Director of Elections, thanked Commissioner Lyons for assisting her with a polling location set up issue.

Robbyn Metz thanked the Commissioners for creating a general email account. She asked for a status update on monthly financial reports.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve and sign the 2022 through 2025 collective bargaining agreement between the county and Teamsters Local 776. Commissioner Lyons seconded


the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that the document was a consolidated document that incorporated the terms of the 2023 Interest Arbitration Award into the terms of the prior contract. He further said that the consolidated agreement was drafted by the County's special labor counsel and submitted to the union's attorney for approval. Commissioner Campbell stated that the Union's attorney approved the agreement and the County's lawyer provided the Union with a clean copy for signature, but at the last minute, the Union demanded that the County include additional language in the contract that was not specifically part of the arbitration award. He noted that to date, the Union has refused to sign the agreement. Commissioner Watson called for the vote. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Commissioners Residual and Court-Appointed Professional & Non-Professional and Court Related Non-Professionals Collective Bargaining Agreements. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Lyons made a motion to approve the PrimeCare Access to Electronic Health Records Agreement. Commissioners Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None.

Public Comments: John Sledzinski asked to speak with the Commissioners after the meeting.

Marty Smith, Maintenance Director, gave Gladys Carns the thumbs up  .

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk, said Gladys will be missed and she is truly a good person.

Commissioner Watson stated that Gladys is an amazing person who is always positive and helpful and a person to strive to be.

Commissioner Lyons agreed with the comments about Gladys and wished her the best.

Commissioner Campbell said he has known Gladys for many years and worked with her for a short time, but agreed with the prior comments. He said she is a delight to work with.

Comments from Press: None.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary