

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

June 10, 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

**Present from the Press:** Paul Wyatt

**Present from the Public:** Robert Brown, Andrew Burke, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jason Harvey, Amber Martin, Jed Nessinger, Michelle Orris, Nancy Osborn, Rich Pluta, Larry Reisinger, Bob Ressler, Colin Reynolds, Craig Sheaffer, John Sledzinski, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Alyson Thebes, Lucyann Vierling, Randy Waggoner, Ashley Weaver, Kim Wheeler, Christina Zook

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

**Updates/Announcements:** None

**Public Comments:** Jason Finnerty reminded attendees that on the last Monday of the month the PICTURE PERRY amendment public hearing would be held. He said the hearing was advertised in the paper and comments can be made at the hearing or submitted in writing in advance of the hearing.

Jed Nessinger stated that he was concerned about transparency and accountability in government. He said the Commissioners do not have those items going on. Mr. Nessinger commented that the public is not receiving transparent answers and County funds are not being used responsibly. He stated that a reassessment is going on and taxes will most likely go up. He noted that more people are moving into the County which increases revenue and the County should operate on the money it has. Mr. Nessinger stated that Commissioner Watson has a bad attitude and challenged her to resign from her position.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to amend the agenda to include the reappointment of Matthew Campbell to the South Central Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell abstained. Motion carried. Solicitor Bunt noted that the item had been tabled from the previous meeting.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to reappoint Matthew Campbell to the South Central Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell abstained. Motion carried.

Kim Wheeler, Executive Director of SEDA-COG, presented the 2023 Perry County activity report. She stated that SEDA-COG is an eleven county community and economic development organization based in Lewisburg. Ms. Wheeler said that the organization is governed by a Board of Directors made up of County Commissioners and non-County Commissioners. She provided information regarding business services, residential services, and community services. Ms. Wheeler highlighted the 2023 Perry County projects that received program services from the organization.

Amber Martin, from SEDA-COG, provided information on the FY 2024 CDBG project submissions. She provided information on the following submissions: Duncannon Borough (Noye Park Pedestrian Bridge

Rehabilitation), Liverpool Municipal Authority (Well #2 Chlorine Contact Tank Replacement), Loysville Village Municipal Authority (Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation), and Newport Borough (Parking Lot Improvements).

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the bid from W.C. Eshenaur Inc. for #2 fuel oil (\$2.999/gallon). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Lyons said that although his motion was not for the lowest current rate, he noted that the lower bid was a variable rate. He said that he anticipated that fuel oil pricing would increase over the winter months and said a fixed rate was preferable. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the bid from W.C. Eshenaur Inc. for propane and noted they were the lowest bid. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Michelle Orris to the position of Chief Probation Officer in the Probation Department effective June 18, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$31.02. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Charles Stilo to the position of Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk's Department effective June 17, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$12.25. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None

**Post Comments:** Larry Reisinger stated that he had spent year serving on the SEDA-COG Board and said they do a lot for the eleven counties they represent.

Ashley Weaver provided Pennsylvania Constitution article information to Mr. Nessinger.

Marty Smith, Maintenance Director, recognized Wes Smith for being available and responding to a recent hit and run incident at the Rhinesmith Building in the early morning. He said Wes met with Pennsylvania State Police, got photos, and the security footage.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary