

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**December 16, 2024**

**Present at the meeting were  
Commissioners:**

R. Franklin Campbell – Chairman  
William G. Lyons - Secretary  
Angela Schlegel - Deputy Chief Clerk  
William R. Bunt - Solicitor

**Present from the Press:** Paul Wyatt

**Present from the Public:** Tony Campbell, Tara Collier, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Kathy Garman, Taira Little, Darla McNaughton, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Larry Reisinger, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Brian Weidow, Josh Wilson

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County, Paul Wyatt

**Updates/Announcements:** Commissioner Lyons mentioned that last week at the Conservation District Board meeting Mike Clark was honored for his 20 years of service to the board both as the director and the chairman.

Commissioner Lyons & Commissioner Campbell attended a retirement party in Carlisle for Jack Carroll, Drug & Alcohol Coordinator for 44 years of service.

Commissioner Campbell & Commissioner Lyons accompanied Randy Waggoner & Darla McNaughton to give updates on the reassessment to Oliver Township on Monday & Carroll Township Tuesday, Rob Brady with Rob Consulting giving an update on the ongoing EMS study.

**Public Comments:** Tony Campbell questioned agenda items 7, 8, 9 elaborate on what the positions are, what they do, who they report to, qualifications for the job, are they full or part time positions.

Tara Collier stated that she is the recently hired district manager for the Conservation District. She described the following positions:

Ag Resource Specialist will focus on nutrient management for livestock farms, must go through certification.

Watershed Specialist is an education position they coordinate recycling, keeping perry county and pa beautiful, land judging and outreach events.

Resource Specialist oversees ENS chapter 102 dirt and gravel road program, they must go through certification as well.

These are full time positions.

Jeff Garman noted that 17.71 is a marginal amount of money to make to be in control of what farmers put into the soil for food supply and food source for the county. It seems like something you would want to have someone with a college degree.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:**

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Warrant Lists totaling 314,144.08. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Rhinesmith Exterior Door quote from Hershocks in the amount of 3,370.00. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Marty Smith noted that the door has rust and the seal is not sealing. That is part of general maintenance. It is the rear door and is not part of the porch project.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Mitchell Kauffman to the position of Ag Resource Specialist effective 1/2/2025, at an hourly rate of \$17.71. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Erin Ritzman to the position of Watershed Specialist effective 12/17/24 at an hourly rate of \$17.71. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Kyle Fake to the position of Resource Specialist effective 12/17/2024 at an hourly rate of \$17.71. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All Agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Bunt had nothing requiring action at this time.

**Post Comments:** Tony Campbell referred to Roberts Rule of order and said that he was going to apologize but decided not to. He stated that you are hiring 3 new people without qualifications starting at \$17.71 when we will not give raises to 911 to \$17.71. 911 has \$100,000 in their account and next year will have over \$400,000 in their account as surplus. The taxes are not affected by the raise. Commissioners need to revote and increase the 911 to grade 8 or 9 for 600 hours of training. 911 is always short staffed. The Commissioners dropped the ball.

Kathy Garman stated that 911, EMS, Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff as a government that is where you put your money not to directors who sit behind a desk who get a huge raise and the people who are protecting us are pushed aside and minimalized. The Sheriff needing a vehicle and cannot even get that. 911 employees who are on the call until help gets there who are keeping them stable until help can get there, we are not even paying them enough. There needs to be a rethink and retooling where money is spent.

Frank Campbell stated that they are having ongoing conversations regarding the pay. It is not as simple as it may seem. There are ramifications if you do one thing one place.

Rich Fultz said that he 100% disagrees.

Frank Campbell said that there is a grant in for the vehicles.

Larry Reisinger would repeat his comments from last week word for word. Acting on the proposal from last year would make the deficit of 3.1 million go away and could spend less than a third of the 6.9 million for a building.

Marty Smith added that all department heads are important to this county in their own special way. Frank Campbell agreed.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion.

All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Angela Schlegel, Deputy Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary