

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

October 5, 2026

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

R. Franklin Campbell - Chair
Brenda L. Watson – Vice Chair
William G. Lyons - Secretary
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Sarah Geesaman, Justin Lee, Taira Little, Darla McNaughton, Michelle Orris, Bob Ressler, Wes Smith, Scott Stump, Randy Waggoner, Brian Weidow, Robert Woolever

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 28, 2026 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Watson commented that there were many community events over the past weekend. She noted Canal Day in Newport, Fall Fest in Ickesburg, festival at Little Buffalo, and the Farm to Fork Dinner. She said there was great attendance at all of the events.

Commissioner Lyons stated that Greenwood teacher, Nathan Moyer, received a national Habor Freight Award and was surprised with the recognition at a school wide assembly the previous week. He commented that 569 teachers applied and only 25 were selected nationwide. He further said that Mr. Moyer received \$75,000 to use for his classes, as well as a trip to San Francisco for training.

Commissioner Campbell commented that Mr. Moyer's award was a big deal and reiterated that Saturday was a busy community day in Perry County. He stated that the County is blessed to have vibrant FFA chapters and community.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$650,642.22. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the service agreement with HNL Lab Medicine (Forensic Pathology Associates) for autopsy services for the Coroner. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted this was an annual agreement. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Lynn Casey to the Perry County Planning Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that Ms. Casey was from Marysville and was recommended by the Planning Commission. He also thanked her for her willingness to service. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the polling location lease agreement and banquet facilities agreement with Duncannon Emergency Medical Services for use of their building for the November 2026 election. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that voters will be notified

via mailing and signage on Election Day. Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, said that the Penn Township location change was temporary due to mold remediation and was only for the upcoming November election. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of the following as auxiliary appeal board as members: Marsha Snyder, Taira Little, Rich Pluta, and David Rice (alternate). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that the pay rates were the same as last year. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Perry County Area Agency on Aging contracts (below). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Newport Senior Citizens' Center
- Judy Parrish – Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Carrie Rushing, Caseworker at Children & Youth Services, effective October 9, 2026. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that he appreciated Ms. Rushing's service to Perry County and its residents. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the transition of Jeffrey Potteiger to the position of Full-Time Telecommunicator in the 911 Center effective October 6, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$18.46. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell said that Mr. Potteiger had completed training and Wes Smith, EMA/911 Director, commented that Mr. Potteiger was doing well. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Mackenzie Sheaffer to the position of Full-Time Clerk in the Loysville Magisterial District Court Office effective October 6, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$15.56. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: None

Post Comments: Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that mail in and absentee ballots would begin going out that day in the mail. She reminded everyone that the last day to register to vote for the upcoming election, or make changes to your voter record was October 19. She further said that the last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot was October 27 and the Election Office would be open until 5:00 p.m. that day. Ms. Geesaman commented that approximately 2,700 ballots would be mailed out.

Taira Little commented that as part of the Perry County Economic Authority's Downtown Revitalization, a mural was being painted in Blain by artist, Janeen Hershey. She said the mural was on the north side of Blain Market and it would be finished later in the week. She encouraged everyone to visit Blain and further stated that the next mural would be in Marysville.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.