

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met today in their weekly Work Session.

Present at today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman
John B. Trescot
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Heather Adams, District Attorney
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Steven Clements, CIO
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Robert Devonshire, Director
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Christine Gilfillan, Director
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFE HOUSE

Curtis Jantzi, Lancaster City Resident

Gillian McGoldrick, Reporter
LNP

Anna Ramos, Chief Operating Officer
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING

Hilda Sierra-Marrero, Lancaster City Resident

Tim Stuhldreher, Writer and Editor
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Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that the Board of Commissioners did not meet in Executive Session this week.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the February 1, 2022, Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino made the following re-announcement:

- There is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 and no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Commissioner D'Agostino introduced and welcomed the new appointed member of the Board of Commissioners John Trescot.

Commissioner Trescot stated he is glad to be here and he looks forward to working for the County and working with the staff of the County. Commissioner Trescot does not have a political background, but he looks forward to working with his fellow Commissioners to make Lancaster County better over the next two years while he is Commissioner.

Commissioner Parsons welcomed and congratulated Commissioner Trescot on his selection from a large panel of candidates by the Board of Judges. Commissioner Parsons looks forward to working together.

1. Ms. Ramos, Chief Operating Officer, presented an Approval of Separation of Duties for 2021-2022.
2. Ms. Adams, District Attorney, presented a Grant Award with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for Body-Worn Cameras, and Resolution No. 14 of 2022.

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3. Ms. Adams, District Attorney, and Ms. Gilfillan, Director, presented a Grant Application with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for STOP Violence Against Women, and Resolution No. 15 of 2022: Budget Adjustments.
4. Mr. Devonshire, Director, presented Resolution No. 16 of 2022: Budget Adjustments for the 2022 Mosquito-borne Disease Control Grant
5. Ms. Schreiner, Director, and Mr. Devonshire, Director, presented an Agreement with CGL Facilities Management, LLC.
6. Mr. Devonshire, Director presented a Change Order with Jay R. Reynolds, Inc. for the Courthouse project.
7. Mr. Clements, CIO, and Ms. Schreiner, Director, presented an Agreement with TCW-GAV for Audio/Visual Equipment.
8. Commissioner D'Agostino appointed Mr. Roger Rohrer as Chairman of the Agricultural Preserve Board on the recommendation of the Agricultural Preserve Board. Mr. Rohrer is taking over for Jeffrey Frey.
9. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, presented Ordinance No. 151: Lancaster County's Change to Class 2A.

Ms. Pfursich stated the deadline for the County to pass an Ordinance or a Resolution to make the change is February 22, 2022. After receiving feedback from the Board of Commissioners at the previous presentation on this potential change, Ms. Pfursich reached out to elected officials and County departments regarding potential impacts to their departments and operations. Based upon their responses, there were no significant concerns. There does appear to be one significant outstanding concern, and that is the establishment of a Prison Board. Currently, there is no statutory section for a Prison Board under a Class 2A County. This is a huge gap in the law, which is especially significant in light of the fact, that the County has undertaken the historic project of building a new prison, and any potential decisions and votes that might have to come before the Prison Board. Currently, there is House Bill 2143, which would allow the Class 2A County to maintain the current Prison Board structure. It has been passed by the House and was committed to the Senate. This bill is likely to receive a final vote by the Senate and then passed to the Governor for signature shortly thereafter. The Governor has 10 days to sign the bill into law, or to veto it. After 10 days, if the Governor does not do anything, it would then become law. However, there is no guarantee that this bill will be successfully signed into law by February 22, 2022. Ms. Pfursich brought to the Commissioners' attention that there is the opportunity to table this for a few more days to see what happens with House Bill 2143. There is a Commissioners' Work Session scheduled for February 22, 2022. The Board of Commissioners could take a vote at that time and, hopefully, this House Bill would have passed into law within that timeframe.

Commissioner Parsons is supportive of changing to Class 2A, generally, for the reason that when the County goes over 500,000 citizens, it is supposed to become a 2A County. Commissioner Parsons stated that to the average citizen, whether the County stays Class 3 or changes to Class 2A, it is not going to make any difference; however, he does have a concern about the Prison Board, in that they are, potentially, in the midst of the biggest project the County has ever done, which is a new prison. As Ms. Pfursich noted, it is a big gap in the law that it does not have a structure for the Prison Board in the law, and that is somewhat of a concern. If the prison project moves forward, the Board of Commissioners is going to take a number of votes, and the Prison Board is also going to have to take a number of votes on that. Commissioner Parsons' concern is, that if you do not have a legal structure, what they would do is carry on with the current Prison Board structure, but it is strange to not have that in the County Code. Commissioner Parsons would like to see what happens with the House Bill 2143 and whether that does become law, or not.

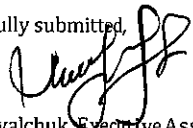
Commissioner Trescot stated he is, generally, in favor of changing to Class 2A, especially if Prison Board can be settled by legislation, and if it does not, then he will be against it.

Commissioner D'Agostino agreed with Commissioners Parsons and Trescot. He is in favor of waiting to see what happens until the February 22, 2022 deadline.

12. There are no changes to the February 9, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda
13. There will be an Election Board Meeting tomorrow, February 9, 2022, right after the Commissioners' Meeting.
14. The Commissioners addressed questions raised by members of the public.
15. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office