

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 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:

Tom Baldrige, President
LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Leigh Bardell, Portfolio Manager
EDC FINANCE CORPORATION

Eliza Booth, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

George Custer, Director of Administration
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Robert Devonshire, Director
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Judy Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Drew Fredericks, Director
YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER

Allyson Gibson, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Programs
LANCASTER CLEAN WATER PARTNERS

Duncan Hopkins, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Dana Hanchin, President and CEO
HDC MIDATLANTIC

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

Carrie Kurtz, Re-entry Coordinator
LANCASTER COUNTY RE-ENTRY COALITION

Mike McKenna, CEO
TENFOLD

Patrick Mulligan, Director
BUDGET SERVICES

Brian Pasquale, Director
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Lisa Riggs, President
LANCASTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING

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**Tim Stuhldreher, Writer and Editor
ONE UNITED LANCASTER**

**Jeff Swinehart, CEO
LANCASTER FARMLAND TRUST**

**Andrew Szalay, Policy Co-Chair
COALITION FOR SUSTAINABLE HOUSING**

**Mike Weaver, Director
COUNTY WIDE COMMUNICATIONS**

**Lon Wible, Executive Director
OFFICE OF AGING**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session yesterday, Monday, April 4, 2022, to discuss Personnel matters, Labor matters, Potential Litigation, and Litigation which is Melinda case, docket number 5:20-CV-02635 and 5:22-CV-00571.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the March 29, 2022, Work Session Minutes.

1. Ms. Bardell, Portfolio Manager, presented Resolution No. 37 of 2022: Next Generation Farm Loan Program with Abner and Linda Zook.
2. Mr. Weaver, Director, presented an Agreement with CDW Government, LLC for hardware and software support services.
3. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, presented a Hazardous Materials Response Team Amended Agreement.
4. Mr. Pasquale, Director, presented an Agreement with Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and purchase a Rapid Intervention Team Kit.
5. Mr. Fredericks, Director, presented an Agreement with Odin Technologies to provide security system maintenance and technical support services.
6. Ms. Schreiner, Director, presented an Agreement with PMA Management Corporation to provide third party claim administrative services.
7. Mr. Knepper, Director, presented Resolution No. 38 of 2022: Agricultural Conservation easement with Parke and Sheila Ranck.
8. Ms. Erb, Executive Director, and Mr. Custer, Director of Administration, presented Amended Agreements.
9. Mr. Wible, Executive Director, presented an Agreement and an Amended Agreement.
10. Mr. Devonshire, Director, presented Temporary Construction Easements to remove the Big Conestoga 4A bridge.

Commissioner Parsons added that anytime they talk about removing a bridge, they have a hearing out in the community to listen to the community about that. The reason this bridge is being removed is because, as they work through their capital improvement plan for bridges, which is to replace or repair all county bridges, part of that plan was also to remove bridges that were unnecessary. This bridge is within sight distance of another bridge, which is a larger main road. Commissioner Parsons stated the community was very receptive; some had some concerns. The nearby landowners wanted to make sure it is done right, and they would not have people turning around in their driveways. Commissioner Parsons appreciated Mr. Devonshire's work with the community on this.
11. Mr. Devonshire, Director, presented a Change Order with Lobar, Inc. for general construction work on the Courthouse remodel project.
12. Mr. Mulligan, Director, presented Resolution No. 39 of 2022: Budget Adjustments for Court Administration for security upgrades at Magisterial District Courts.
13. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, and Mr. Mulligan, Director, presented Resolution No. 36 of 2022: County Department ARPA Requests.
 - Ms. Schreiner, Director, and Mr. Clements, CIO – Contract Amendment with TeleoSoft, Inc. to provide cloud hosting for TeleoSoft Applications.
 - Ms. Schreiner, Director – Agreement with Witmer Public Safety Training Group, Inc. to purchase body armor for the Sheriff's Office.

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Duncan Hopkins, Lancaster City Resident, asked whether the body armor funding is going to be a reoccurring cost every five years, and whether there is a double-standard of what the public can request versus what county offices can request. He stated body armor is a bit of a confusing line item.

Commissioner Parsons explained that every expense the County has, they have documented where in the ARPA guidance it is allowable. Law enforcement expenses, like this, are allowable, that is why they have been clear throughout, that they want to document exactly where it is allowable.

With regard to the request policy, from Commissioner Parsons' perspective, the first thing, is allowable uses for the County; therefore, it makes sense for the County to use any allowable uses that it can. Unlike a lot of other counties of the Commonwealth, the Commissioners put the vast majority of CARES Act out into the community very quickly, which was right and appropriate. A lot of other counties absorbed most of the CARES Act. Commissioner Parsons said that ARPA is different, and they knew it was going to massively cause inflation, which it has. That inflation is causing great difficulty for working class people in Lancaster County and is causing massive disruption to the lives of people who are making \$40,000 a year, or less. At this point, Mr. Hopkins laughed. Commissioner Parsons said, "you can laugh, but I do not think it is funny that people are suffering." From what Commissioner Parsons is hearing from people every day is that people want County taxes to remain low, if possible, because they are seeing that they are having to use their credit card to pay for gas, and they are seeing increases in food and everything else. The Commissioners' first priority is to use ARPA money appropriately and carefully for County expenses, and also, if there are projects that they can do in the County that make sense, last forever and do not have recurring expenses.

With regard to the body armor, Commissioner Parsons explained that they have to be replaced every five years. Five years is outside the scope of ARPA, so presumably, that will have to be replaced after ARPA is finished.

Ms. Schreiner added that the body armor was part of the capital improvement plan, but because of the opportunity to utilize ARPA funds, it was moved over as an ARPA request. It is not for the entire Sheriff's office; it is for the piece that is up for replacement this year currently.

Eliza Booth, Lancaster City Resident, appreciated Commissioner Parsons speak about working people who are struggling, because it is very important that we remember those people. Ms. Booth stated there is a lot of good that can be done with these ARPA funds for working folks who are struggling, and she would like the Board to consider that.

14. Mr. Mulligan, Director, presented Resolution No. 40 of 2022: County Department ARPA Budget Requests.
15. Commissioner D'Agostino presented a Draft Community ARPA Request Policy.

Commissioner D'Agostino stated there was some clarification made to the request policy that was presented last week. There was also an item added for Affordable Housing.

Commissioner Trescot stated this is the first step toward making sure they get input from County residents and County organizations that are looking for funds. Commissioner Trescot considers ARPA Funds a once in a lifetime opportunity to do bigger things in the County than they have done in the past.

The following individuals made comments regarding ARPA Funds:

- Dana Hanchin, President and CEO of HDC MidAtlantic, implored the Commissioners to make a commitment to prioritize affordable housing with a \$10 million set aside, as well as to designate a trusted partner with deep experience and expertise to administer the ARPA funding.
- Andrew Szalay, Policy Co-Chair of Coalition for Sustainable Housing, asked for the Commissioners' support of \$10 million for housing, and recommended that the Lancaster County Housing Redevelopment Authority be designated to administer ARPA funding.
- Carrie Kurtz, Re-entry Coordinator for Lancaster County Re-entry Coalition, asked for the Commissioners' support to solve the problem of housing for individuals re-entering our community from incarceration.
- Mike McKenna, CEO of Tenfold, thanked the Commissioners for inviting partners to have this conversation, and on behalf of Tenfold, he expressed their support of this conversation and the process in whatever way it can be most helpful.
- Lisa Riggs, President of Lancaster County Economic Development Company, asked for \$10 million to support the broadband initiative. She said if this was not set aside, it would foreclose any possible chance to do a broad band project. Commissioner Parsons disagreed that it totally forecloses the possibility and thought that kind of statement was unhelpful.
- Allyson Gibson, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Programs for Lancaster Clean Water Partners, offered feedback and asked questions to understand more about the process with this opportunity.
- Jeff Swinehart, CEO of Lancaster Farmland Trust, asked the Board to take another consideration related to Farmland Preservation and the perspective that it may meet the criteria.
- Tom Baldrige, President of Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, and Industry recommended that as this process continues and as the Commissioners eventually have a product for guidelines, that they have a meeting with the workgroup and with

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the potential applicants, to help them best prepare how to fill out the application, so that they are not guessing as to what some of these things might mean.

The Commissioners addressed questions raised by Tim Stuhldreher, Writer and Editor, as well as Duncan Hopkins, Lancaster City Resident, about the ARPA application process.

16. The following appointment of chair was made to the Lancaster County Health Advisory Council for a one-year term through December 31, 2022.

Ms. Diane Garber

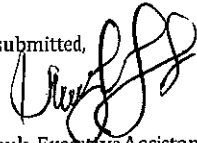
17. March 2, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda – Ms. Moyer, Deputy Chief Clerk, stated Attachment A will be changed from \$300,000 to \$50,000. Also, the TeleoSoft, Inc. signed quote will be changed from \$100,000 to \$87,781. They will also remove the ARPA request until next week. There will also be presented a Proclamation for the National Library Week and a Proclamation for the Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

18. Eliza Booth, Lancaster City Resident, encouraged the Commissioners to hold more than four evening meetings a year, so that more working people in Lancaster County could attend.

19. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office