

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

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

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Dennis P. Stuckey, Vice-Chairman
Craig E. Lehman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
CHIEF CLERK

Lisa Johnson
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Christina Hausner, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Major William Aberts
PRISON

Robert Bini, Director of Transportation
PLANNING COMMISSION

James Cowhey, Executive Director
PLANNING COMMISSION

Beth Eberly, Program Coordinator of Parents as Teachers Program
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Jim Fasnacht, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

K-9 Officer Kenneth Geib
PRISON

Kate Gonick, Inhouse Counsel and Director of Land Protection
LANCASTER CONSERVANCY

Rick Kastner, Executive Director
DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

David Mueller, Director
OFFICE OF JUVENILE PROBATION

Crystal Natan, Executive Director
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY

Vanessa Philbert, Chief Impact Officer
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Cathy Rychalsky, Executive Director
LANCASTER COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB)

Linda Schreiner, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Mike Sload, Deputy Director
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BUDGET SERVICES

Warden Cheryl Steberger
PRISON

Carter Walker, County Government Reporter
LANCASTER NEWSPAPER

Mike Weaver, Director
COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS

Phil Wenger, President and CEO
LANCASTER CONSERVANCY

Randall Wenger, Chief Clerk
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Lon Wible, Executive Director
OFFICE OF AGING

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Parsons announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session yesterday, June 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Litigation, which is the Stedman v. Board of Commissioners case, docket number 0146-2019, Commonwealth Court; also on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Personnel Matters including an EEOC matter, and Litigation, which is the Stedman v. Board of Commissioners case, docket number 0146-2019, Commonwealth Court. They also discussed Labor Negotiations matters.

Commissioner Parsons made the following announcement:

- There is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2019 and there is no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

1. Mr. Wenger, Chief Clerk, presented an Agreement to Purchase or Lease Voting Equipment System and Disposition of the County's Current Voting Equipment and Election Management Equipment.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

The Commissioners commended Mr. Wenger and the Election Office staff on a job well done in dealing with this State mandate.

Commissioner Lehman prefers paying for the voting equipment out of the fund balance, rather than leasing, because it does not take on additional unnecessary expense and because of the County being in such a good financial position right now. He noted that a five-year lease adds a recurring expense which could make it more difficult to get to a structurally balanced budget in future years. Commissioner Lehman stated there are rumors circulating that if State funding is approved to help Counties pay for a new system, it would also be paid for with new debt. Therefore, taxpayers would be hit twice with interest costs if the County also opts to borrow for its new system.

Commissioner Parsons leans towards the payments over multiple years, rather than paying it all upfront, given that this was an unbudgeted expense.

Commissioner Parsons made the following statement regarding the voting machine issue:

- Counties were told in early 2018 that the Governor, through the PA Department of State (DOS), would decertify all current voting machines in 2020 and that Counties must replace them by the 2020 Presidential primary election.
- Because we did not want to use a new system for the first time in a Presidential election year, when voter turnout is extremely high, this meant we had to replace our voting systems by November 2019. This was a very short timeline.
- We met with Kathy Boockvar, who was then Senior Advisor to the Governor on Election Modernization and Jessica Myers, Deputy Policy Director PA Dept of State on 6/28/18. We expressed our concerns and wish that Counties would had been consulted before the sudden decision and pronouncement since we are the ones actually responsible for running elections.
- There was no reason for the process to happen like this. 94% of our voters already use a verifiable paper ballot. There was no security threat with our current system. We have never been told about any legitimate hacking threat or other election security threat to our systems.
- So, this was essentially a political decision - possibly because some people in State Government did not like the results of the 2016 Presidential election in PA. Why else are we scrambling to replace perfectly good and secure voting machines right now, rather than have an orderly planned and budgeted process?
- If you really wanted new systems - the good government way to do it would be to either 1.) tell counties they will need to replace them at the end of life of current system, or in the alternative several years out at least, so they can budget for it. OR 2.) Do what the State did and put a short timeline on it, BUT provide full funding. The Governor will say that he has to work with legislature on funding and it is not his decision alone - BUT he could make it known since it is a crisis of his creation that this is very high priority to cover the full cost this year. I believe even his proposal, which is not necessarily going to pass, spreads out the funding over years. So, it has to be passed each budget year with no guarantee of future funding.
- But Governor and DOS did not do either of those. So, we at the Counties are left to figure out how to pay for it, with the hope that maybe we get some funds from the state.
- I do want to thank Randall, Board of Elections staff, and the current Board of Elections who have handled this challenging process extremely professionally and diligently given the constraints on Lancaster County. I will also note that I think it was good that we set

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criteria for the system we wanted early, and provided lots of time and events for public input on the machines so that it was a very open and transparent process.

Commissioner Stuckey said he wanted to think about this issue overnight.

2. Mr. Weaver, Director, presented an Agreement to Upgrade P25 Radio System on behalf of Lancaster County-Wide Communications.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

3. Ms. Natan, Executive Director, and Mr. Mueller, Director, presented Agreements and Amended Agreements on behalf of the Children and Youth Agency and/or the Office of Juvenile Probation.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

4. Ms. Eberly, Program Coordinator of Parents as Teachers Program, and Ms. Philbert, Chief Impact Officer, presented an Extension to Grant Agreement for Family Center Services on behalf of the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

5. Warden Steberger, Major Aberts, and K-9 Officer Geib, presented an Intergovernmental Agreement for K-9 Searches on behalf of the Prison.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

6. Ms. Rychalsky, Executive Director, presented a WDB Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Separation of Duties of WDB for Program Year 2018-2019.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

7. Mr. Wenger, President and CEO, and Ms. Gonick, Inhouse Counsel and Director of Land Protection, gave a Presentation of Funding Request regarding Acquisition of 23 Acre Addition to the Conservancy's Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve.

The Commissioners are supportive of the 23 acre addition to the Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve and are open to use Act 13 funds to help the Lancaster Conservancy to acquire the land, but they would prefer to handle this during the regular 2020 budgeting process. Commissioner Parsons referred Mr. Wenger and Ms. Gonick to Budget Services with questions about the budget process.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

8. Mr. Knepper, Director, presented an Amendment to Agreement of Sale of Agricultural Conservation Easement.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

9. Mr. Cowhey, Executive Director, and Mr. Bini, Director of Transportation, presented a Subcontract of PennDOT Agreement and Planning Commission Budget Adjustments on behalf of the Planning Commission.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

10. Ms. Schreiner, Senior Buyer, and Mr. Wible, Executive Director, presented Contract Extensions for Home Delivered Meals on behalf of the Office of Aging.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

11. Mr. Fasnacht, Senior Buyer, presented Bid Awards for Road Signs, Sign Posts and Traffic Control Items.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2019.

12. Mr. Kastner, Executive Director, presented an Agreement, Amended Agreements and Rate Increases for Outpatient Services for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

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13. On motion of Commissioner Stuckey, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the following re-appointments were made to the Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency Citizens' Advisory Board for three year term through July 31, 2022, as amended.

Ms. Mary Ann Gerber
12 Circle Road
Millersville, PA 17551

Ms. Ellen Moen Hurston
7 Fox Ridge
Pequea, PA 17565

Ms. Theresa Stauffer
344 Balmer Road
Lititz, PA 17543

Mr. Randall Miller, Esquire
248 Kentshire Drive
Lancaster, PA 17603

Ms. Karen Rice
353 Caraway Drive
Mountville, PA 17554

All are Lancaster County residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

14. On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner Stuckey, the following appointment was made to the Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Services Agency Citizens' Advisory Board for three year term through July 31, 2022, as amended.

Cathy Ginder
742 North Pine Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Lancaster County resident.

Motion passed unanimously.

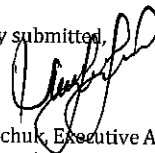
15. Ms. Johnson presented the June 26, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Agenda noting no changes.
16. Mr. Walker, LNP County Government Reporter, asked whether the Commissioners had any comments on the Oregon Village proposal passing in Manheim Township - how it will affect traffic, Places2040 plan, or impact the Amish community.

The Commissioners referred Mr. Walker to Planning Commission office regarding this matter.

17. On motion of Commissioner Stuckey, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office