

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**

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**

**Amy M. Campbell**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

**Jacquelyn Pfursich**  
**FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also present were:

**George Custer, Director of Administration**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**Michael Fitzpatrick**  
**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

**Drew Fredericks, Director**  
**YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER**

**Matt Knepper, Director**  
**AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD**

**Pat Mulligan, Director**  
**BUDGET SERVICES**

**Linda Schreiner, Director**  
**PURCHASING**

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

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that an executive session was held Monday, July 31, 2023 at 10:10 a.m. to discuss labor matters, a personnel matter and a worker's compensation matter.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the July 18, 2023, Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2023, and no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

1. Mr. Fredericks, Director, presented an Agreement with Relias, LLC.

2. Mr. Knepper, Director, presented Resolution No. 54 of 2023: Agreements of Sale for Agricultural Conservation Easements.

Mr. Knepper reported that altogether, this would bring the County's totals to 1,591 farms preserved between the Lancaster Farmland Trust and the Agricultural Preserve Board totaling 119,431 acres. He said the Smucker farm is located in Caernarvon Township and not Colerain Township like is listed on the Resolution.

3. Mr. Custer, Director of Administration, presented Amended, Renewal & New Agreements and Grant Renewal with US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

4. Ms. Shreiner, Director, and Mr. Fitzpatrick, Communications Director, presented an Agreement with Granicus, LLC.

Mr. Fitzpatrick provided an overview of how the new communication system will provide constituents who subscribe with an email newsletter that helps provide them information and helps them interact better with County government. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he talked to municipalities that utilize this system and was told it has made their processes more efficient and they have seen an uptick in subscriber numbers.

Mr. Stuhldreher asked when the new system will be implemented and how the information will get to County residents. Mr. Fitzpatrick said the anticipated start date is October or November and there are specific systems built within the delivery platform

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to help build up the subscriber pool as well as targeted campaigns through social media.

5. Mr. Mulligan, Director, presented Resolution No. 55 of 2023 – Second Tranche of Opioid Settlement Funds.

The Commissioners discussed what the opioid settlement funds will be used for so far but are not sure about funding for the Drug Task Force. Commissioner Parsons said District Attorney Heather Adams will present to commissioners a plan for how the drug task force could use the money in a way that follows the rules set up by the settlement. Commissioner Trescot proposed using about \$100,000 to \$150,000 of the funds to reduce the money that is contributed to the Drug Task Force by the municipalities. Currently, the Drug Task Force is funded half by the municipalities that chose to participate and the other half by the County.

Commissioner Parsons said he said thinks there is a value in those municipalities that voluntarily contribute to the Drug Task Force because they are part of the project and are directly tied to it. He said the municipalities that contribute wanted the County to increase the amount it contributes and that has been done dramatically over the last several years. He said he does not see a reason to reduce the contributions, but the goal is to have a stable funding system each year.

6. Mr. George presented the August 2, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda. Item C will not be listed on tomorrow's agenda and will be revisited at a later time. Resolution No. 54 will be amended to read Caernarvon Township.
7. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office