

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

December 17, 2018

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brenda K. Benner-Chairman
Paul L. Rudy Jr.-Vice-Chairman
Stephen C. Naylor- Secretary
William R. Bunt- Solicitor
Kathy Burkholder- Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public: Ed Albright, Brian Allen, Karen Anderson, Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Gary Eby, Judge Edy, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Steve Hile, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Darla McNaughton, Judge Morrow, Harva Owings Baughman, Rich Pluta, Larry Reisinger, Robert Ressler, Kristie Smith, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Michelle Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Wendy Welfley, Melanie Wertz, Greg Wirth and Christina Zook.

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on December 17, 2018 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Melanie Wertz recorded the meeting.

Public Comment:

Karl Cless asked questions regarding misappropriations of county funds.

Melanie Wertz commented on commissioners not being aware of what is going on with Business Campus One and the Economic Development Authority questions being referred to Frank Campbell.

Karen Anderson asked questions regarding the amended budget.

Dave Magee asked about the status of Howe Township regarding a tax abatement.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the original minutes of December 10, 2018 with a public comment included. Motion died for lack of second. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes presented. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for the week of December 17, 2018 in the amount of \$205,519.94. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the amended 2019 County Budget. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

Changes were:

Reduction of \$11,311. In Expenses

Line Item 01.4104.132-2019 SCHRPP Membership reduced by \$11.00

Line Item 01.4123.377-Sheriff's telesoft software purchase is shared cost with Records Improvement Fund-\$15,800.00

Line Item 01.4126.110-EMA wages increased by \$4,000 for 40 hour director pay

Line Item 01.4126.131-EMA Director requested \$1,000 travel at last public budget meeting

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to establish the current millage rate to remain at 3.3125 mills. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the amended contract with Barbara Wevodau, Public Defender for 2019. Annual salary is \$90,000 and there is an increase in office rent and secretarial

support. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Next Generation 911 Consulting Services Agreement with Mission Critical Partners which provides interconnectivity with Juniata and other outlying counties in the amount of \$27,490.00. 2018 Capital Grant Funding will be used for this. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All Agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the hiring of Jessica Miller, C&Y caseworker II, at an hourly rate of \$22.48 effective December 26, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Joshua Knoll, p/t dispatcher trainee, 911 effective December 10, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to amend the agenda to approve the hiring of Eliza Grim, deputy sheriff. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Rudy made the motion to approve the hiring of Eliza Grim, deputy sheriff, grade 7, \$19.27 hourly effective January 2, 2019. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to amend the agenda for the removal of Commissioner Benner from appointment to the Seda-COG Board of Trustees. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Naylor made a motion to appoint a private sector resident from the County according to the Seda-COG by-laws for a three year term. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Nothing that required action.

Public Comment: Melanie Wertz commented on the lack of information when asking questions regarding the Natural Gas initiative and the Economic Development Authority.

Frank Campbell discussed the difference between the Economic Development Authority and Corporation.

Karen Anderson questioned the validity of voting on a budget that the public has not seen.

Jason Finnerty thanked the Commissioners for their work throughout the year and two work groups tasked with implementing the comprehensive plan. One an economic issues work group and the other is a natural resources and recreation group.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary