

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

January 7, 2019

**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, Brenda Albright, Brian Allen, Karen Anderson, Karen Barclay, Andrew Bender, Miriam Briscoe, Frank Campbell, Karl Cless, Mary Colledge, Gary Eby, Jan Gibbney, Barb Hench, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Kim McMullen, Darla McNaughton, Ann Miller, Robert Nulton, Harva Owings Baughman, Nancy Pote, Bob Ressler, Marty Smith, Sally Tengeres, Michelle Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Wendy Welfley, Melanie Wertz, Greg Wirth and Christina Zook.

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on December 31, 2018 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Melanie Wertz and Karen Anderson recorded the meeting.

**Public Comment:** Commissioner Benner read the following statement: The Commissioners have received numerous inquiries regarding what was reported in the Perry County Times as “misplaced money.” It is the policy of the Perry County Commissioners not to comment on either ongoing investigations or personnel issues. That policy remains in effect. However, the Commissioners want to assure the public that RKL, LLP, a certified public accounting firm, was contacted prior to the issue being raised by the public at the December 17, 2018 Commissioners’ meeting. RKL agreed to provide the County with a proposal to conduct whatever investigation they determined to be appropriate. The County has confirmed that RKL will be submitting its proposal in the near future and it is the intention of the Perry County Commissioners to have the recommended investigation performed.

Commissioner Benner also informed the public she received a letter from Brenda J. Albright informing the board she will not be running for a seventh term as Prothonotary.

Karl Cless asked questions regarding missing funds and why the County Treasurer circumvented the Commissioners by not informing them of her findings and going to the State Police on her own accord.

Karen Anderson had a list of questions which she presented to Commissioner Benner regarding missing funds in the fiscal office.

Melanie Wertz expressed her frustration with not being able to get questions answered by the Board and said this was not a personnel issue regarding missing funds, RKL is just giving advice not investigating. Melanie noted that Government is supposed to be transparent.

Miriam Broscoe read an excerpt on Patriotism.

Frank Campbell reminded the public on an Opioid Roundtable discussion that will be held on January 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Family Life Center sponsored by the Perry County Economic Development Authority in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 31, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Warrant List:** Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for the week of January 7, 2019 for \$78,866.49 for 2019 and \$114,729.27 for invoices through December 31, 2018. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Certification of Completion with HRG for the completion of the Veteran's Memorial Building Roof Replacement Project effective December 13, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve Change Order no. 2 with Spotts Brothers, Inc. in the amount of a decrease of \$4,900.00 for roof decking that was not needed. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the Agricultural Conservation Easements Funds for 2019 in the amount of \$47,865. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. The total county funds appropriated for the 2019 program year are accumulated from the following sources of revenue:

Allocation of 2019 County match funds: \$45,000.

Rollback tax penalties: \$2,865.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-1, amending and restating the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement of the Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative, Inc. for behavioral health services for Medicaid and behavioral health services with Cumberland, Dauphin Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the amended Intergovernmental Cooperation Capital Behavioral Health Agreement (CABHC) which is implementing the Action the Ordinance passed. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of the Cumberland/Perry MH-IDD board, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the provider/Summary of Services contract with the PA Department of Human Services for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for 2018-2019 for an Administrative Operating Agreement. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Articles of Agreement of Seda-COG stipulates that the Board of Commissioners of each County annually certify both a Commissioner Representative and a Second Representative to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Rudy made a motion to appoint Brenda Benner as Commissioner and Larry Reisinger as Second Representative for 2019. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve Larry Reisinger to the SEDA Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees on behalf of Perry County. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. The three-year term will expire on April 28, 2021.

**Employee Status:**

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the hiring of Brandy Hoke as a p/t law clerk for the Judge's Chambers, grade 8, at an hourly rate of \$22.48 effective January 14, 2019. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the hiring of Carrie Rushing as a caseworker 1, Children & Youth, grade 7, at an hourly rate of \$19.27 effective January 21, 2019. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitors Report:** Nothing that required action.

**Public Comment:** Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor stated that there is a 3-year payback regarding GIS software in regards to assessment changes.

Karen Anderson thanked the Board for their continued support in funding the Ag Land Preservation program.

Dave Magee spoke regarding the lack of funding for local fire companies and possibly speaking to legislators to use liquid fuels funding.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

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Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary