

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
March 5, 2012

Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: Luke Roman, Perry County Times

Present from the Public: Thomas Bell, Michele Ritchie Harris, Robert Hench, Rebecca Kaucher, Nathan Briggs, Kelsey Henry, Trudy Kessler, Todd Brajkovich

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on March 5, 2012 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Public Comments: Michele Ritchie Harris, Director, released a statement that the Perry County Office of Aging has been notified that Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) may be impacted by issues related to Act 22, which authorized D.P.W. to expedite actions to balance the budget by fiscal year end. County residents are encouraged to call the Office of Aging at 582-5128 to request a copy of the P4A statement and advocate on behalf of older adults in the county.

Robert I. Hench commented on an Ordinance for the County that was advertised in the local paper enacting a unconventional gas well fee pursuant to Act 13 of 2012. Mr. Hench feels that a fee should be suspended until they receive a notice of what they will be receiving. Commissioner Benner explained that they are protecting the environment by passing said Ordinance.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to sign the warrant list in the amount of \$91,924.54 for the week of March 5, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Bell, 911 Director, informed the Board of a free emergency notification service for the residents and businesses of South Central PA provided by the South Central Task Force, which the county is a member. The South Central Alert will notify residents of emergency incidents or imminent threats to their health and safety (such a severe weather, evacuations, missing persons, boil water advisories, wildfire, road closures, etc.) and other important alerts and community information.

Based on the recommendation of Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to amend the Agreement with Candace D' Agostino to provide training for preventative services. The agreement will increase from \$8,000 to \$14,000. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of Tri-County Planning, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to appoint Commissioner Brenda Benner as the alternate to the Coordinating Committee of HATS. (Harrisburg Area Transit Study). Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A proclamation was presented to Rebecca Kaucher, 4_H Youth and Development Educator, recognizing the Perry County 4-H program with a membership of 934 members led by 72 adult and teen leaders, as they continued the 100 year tradition of 4-H youth development.

Recognition was presented to Warden David Yeingst and the staff at the Perry County Prison for their outstanding inspection results. During the past two inspections with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Corrections, the Perry County Prison has earned the Certificate of Compliance for 100% compliance with Title 37, Chapter 95 (standards for adult detention facilities).

Employee Status: Based on the recommendation of Todd Brajkovich, Soil Conservation Director, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to hire Greg Fuller of Ickesburg, for the Part-Time position of Agriculture Resource Specialist. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Effective March 8, 2012. Starting Salary is \$14.50 hourly.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Scheffey, Aging Care Management Supervisor, effective March 30, 2012. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Solicitor Bunt commended Ms. Scheffey on her work with the Office of Aging and her professionalism on always being on top of elder abuse situations in the county.

Commissioner made a motion to accept the resignation of Rebecca Taylor, law clerk, effective March 7, 2012. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of the Warden, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to promote Adam Briggs from a part time Correctional Officer to a full time Correctional Officer effective March 11, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of the Warden, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to promote Keith Taylor from a part time Correctional Officer to a full time Correctional Officer effective March 11, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of Christina Zook, District Court Administrator, Commissioner Naylor made a motion to appoint Thomas Davis of Duncannon, as a full-time law clerk, effective March 5, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Nothing that required Action.

Open forum for the Press: Reporter Luke Roman asked the question if there are any locations in the county for the potential of drilling. Jason Finnerty, Perry County Planner, has a map in his office showing potential sites.

Public Comments: Robert Hench asked questions regarding appointments for the Veterans Affairs office and the possibility of a Resolution being passed to stop the harassment of public officials when soldiers are serving in Afghanistan. Mr. Hench also raised the question of the Treasurer's office issuing Small Games of Chance Licenses.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

Paul L. Rudy Jr. – Secretary