

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Ray D'Agostino, Vice-Chairman
Craig E. Lehman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacqueline Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Leigh Bardell, Portfolio Manager
EDC FINANCE CORPORATION

Lisa Colon, Controller
CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

Julie Holtry, Deputy Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Kathy Kunkel, Deputy Controller
CONTROLLER' OFFICE

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

Patrick Mulligan, Director
BUDGET SERVICES

Todd Rhoads, Regional Vice President
ENGLE-HAMBRIGHT & DAVIES

Daniel Scully, Interim Director
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Hilda Sierra-Marrero
LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT

John Stygler, Director of Administration
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Parsons announced the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 to discuss a litigation matter in the Kleinbard case docket No. 6142-2021 in the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas.

Commissioner Parsons announced approval of the December 15, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, and the December 22, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That Ray D'Agostino be nominated as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Parsons said it has been the board's tradition in Lancaster County to switch and he is happy to pass the gavel to Commissioner D'Agostino

Commissioner Lehman said it is atypical for someone transitioning off the board to vote on reorganization so out of respect for that fact and to whoever is appointed, he is abstaining.

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Commissioner D'Agostino said it is an honor and a privilege to serve as chairman and thanked Commissioner Parsons for his dedicated leadership and faithful service and said the County is better because of his service.

Commissioner Parsons - Yes
Commissioner D'Agostino - Yes
Commissioner Lehman - Abstain

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That Joshua G. Parsons be nominated as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Parsons - Yes
Commissioner D'Agostino - Yes
Commissioner Lehman - Abstain

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, That effective January 5, 2022, the following officials, and employees have banking authority for each bank account established in the corporate name of the County of Lancaster and on file in the County Controller's Office as of December 31, 2021:

<u>Type of Account:</u>	<u>Bank Account No.:</u>	<u>Authorized Signers on Account:</u>
Regular Account	ending in 9984	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer
Payroll Account	ending in 9856	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer
Employee Retirement System	ending in 1681	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer
Lancaster County Liquid Fuels	ending in 3724	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer
Lancaster County CARES Act	ending in 4164	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
Rental Assistance Program-State	ending in 5956	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
Emergency Rental Assistance Program-2 State	ending in 5965	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

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<u>Type of Account:</u>	<u>Bank Account No.:</u>	<u>Authorized Signers on Account:</u>
American Rescue Plan	ending in 5974	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
Emergency Rental Assistance Program-2 Federal	ending in 7647	Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner Controller Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
Agent for the Commonwealth of PA	ending in 8320	Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Assistant Deputy Treasurer
Lancaster County Tax Collection	ending in 7983	Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Assistant Deputy Treasurer Controller
Health Reimbursement Account	ending in 8927	Controller Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Assistant Deputy Treasurer
Commuter Program Account	ending in 4048	Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Controller
Execution Account	ending in 5185	Treasurer Controller
Clerk of Courts Bail Escrow Account	ending in 0295	Clerk of Courts Chief Deputy Team Leader Bail Deputy Team Leader Bail Deputy
Clerk of Courts Pre-CPCMS Bail Account	ending in 2468	Clerk of Courts Chief Deputy Team Leader Bail Deputy Team Leader Bail Deputy
Clerk of Courts Disbursement Account	ending in 8782	Clerk of Courts Chief Deputy Team Leader Team Leader
Lock Down Account Lancaster County Prison	ending in 5446	Warden Deputy Warden Deputy Warden Fiscal Technician Senior Account Clerk
Inmate Bail Account Lancaster County Prison	ending in 9936	Warden Deputy Warden Deputy Warden Fiscal Technician Senior Account Clerk
Drug Task Force	ending in 4155	Controller District Attorney Detective

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<u>Type of Account:</u>	<u>Bank Account No.:</u>	<u>Authorized Signers on Account:</u>
Sheriff's Office Escrow Account	ending in 6368	Sheriff Chief Deputy Lieutenant Treasurer
PCCD Sheriff Training Account	ending in 6360	Sheriff Chief Deputy Lieutenant Treasurer
Lancaster County Domestic Relations	ending in 0919	Director Deputy Director Controller Treasurer
Children and Youth SSA/SSI Beneficiary Deposits	ending in 8428	Fiscal Officer Deputy Fiscal Officer
Juvenile Probation SS Benefits Account	ending in 0758	Director Deputy Director Controller Treasurer Account Clerk
Office of Aging Local Program Income	ending in 8638	Executive Director Fiscal Director
Office of Aging Cost Share Account	ending in 8612	Executive Director Fiscal Director
Office of Aging Federal Account	ending in 8621	Executive Director Fiscal Director

Ms. Colon said after yesterday's discussion, the Controller's Office added the three Commissioner titles to the accounts that were a concern and now is amended and reflected in the Resolution.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf acting on behalf of the Commissioners' Office, to approve the following:

<u>Agreement with:</u>	Engle-Hambright & Davies, Inc. Lancaster, PA
<u>Purpose:</u>	Annual insurance policy covering excess worker's compensation and fiduciary liability.
<u>Amount/Term:</u>	Excess WC \$136,942 Fiduciary Liability \$ 10,539 January 1, 2022, through January 1, 2023

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2022

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$ 895,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Christ G. and Sarah K. Fisher. The farm is located at 26 Esbenshade Road, Ronks, Paradise Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

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WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 of 2022

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to enter into Agreements of Sale for Agricultural Conservation Easements with the following property owners:

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Kenneth D. Myer Mount Joy Township	Perpetual	\$0.00	\$513,903.00

The Commissioners certify that the Kenneth D. Myer farm consisting of 131.86, of which 131.77 acres are proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Mt. Joy Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Thomas E. and Lindsey A. Nauman Rapho Township	Perpetual	\$0.00	\$313,920.00

The Commissioners certify that the Thomas E. and Lindsey A. Nauman farm consisting of 89.02 acres, of which 87.20 acres are proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Rapho Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Gerald M. and Lorene N. Nolt East Drumore Township	Perpetual	\$0.00	\$315,252.00

The Commissioners certify that the Gerald M. and Lorene N. Nolt farm consisting of 88.36 acres, of which 87.57 acres are proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of East Drumore Township.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, to approve the following:

<u>Amended Agreement With:</u>	Community Services Group (CSG) Mountville, PA
<u>Purpose:</u>	To adjust service line caps to reflect actual utilization, add additional funding for unreimbursed expenses and for one-time salary adjustments for direct staff in several programs. CSG provides community-based vocational rehabilitation services for adults with serious mental illness to include the vocation day program, supportive employment and job loss prevention; intensive case management services to adults and children who experience serious mental illness and emotional disturbances; psychiatric evaluations, medication management, individual therapy and group therapy to individuals who experience serious mental illness; partial hospitalization services and social rehabilitation to adults who experience serious mental illness are provided.
<u>Amount/Term:</u>	\$4,711,114.49 for July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.
<u>Notes:</u>	Increase of \$265,162.49, 8.03% from amended #1 Fiscal Year 2020-2021 contract.

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Human Services Block Grant, the Community Mental Health Block Grant (Federal) and Project Assistance to Transition from Homelessness (Federal and State) funding.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Stygler for his service and expertise. His last day with the County is Friday.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Solicitor's Office, to approve the following:

<u>Agreement With:</u>	David Natan, Esquire Lancaster, PA
<u>Purpose:</u>	To provide legal services pertaining to the Child Protective Services Law for the Children and Youth Agency.
<u>Amount:</u>	Attorney Rate: \$135.00/hour
<u>Term:</u>	January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022, with possible one year term extensions upon written agreement of the parties.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 of 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER
ADOPTING THE RED ROSE TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION RELATED TO EXTENDING RRTA'S TERM OF EXISTENCE**

WHEREAS, the Red Rose Transit Authority ("RRTA") is formed under the provisions of the Act of May 2, 1945, P.L. 382, known as the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, and amendments thereto, as shown by its Certificate of Incorporation dated November 28, 1973, and approved and filed in the Office of the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 28, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of existence of RRTA is fifty years, effective November 28, 1973; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, RRTA passed a Resolution to Amend the Articles of Incorporation to extend its term of existence by fifty (50) years from the date of approval of the Articles of Amendment by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Municipality Authorities Act, in order for the Amendment to become effective, the County must approve and adopt such Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the RRTA has requested that the County approve and adopt, by way of Resolution, the Amendment extending the RRTA's term of existence by fifty (50) years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that the RRTA Resolution to Amend the Articles of Incorporation passed by RRTA on July 21, 2021, be approved and adopted as described in the RRTA's Resolution attached hereto and incorporated as "Exhibit A."

Ms. Sierra-Marrero said she appreciates the Red Rose Transit Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Craig E. Lehman

January 5, 2022

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is honored to present this Letter of Commendation to you in celebration and recognition of your many years of distinguished public service as Commissioner of the County of Lancaster.

You first worked for the Pennsylvania General Assembly serving as a Research Analyst from 1991-1992 and then as a Budget Analyst for the House Appropriations Committee from 1992-2007. In 1997, you were elected to serve on Lancaster City Council where you also served as Chair of the Community Development and Planning Committee and the Finance Committee. You were elected to serve as Lancaster City

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Controller in 2005. In 2007, you were elected to serve on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; being re-elected in 2011 \ and 2015. As County Commissioner, you served as President of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) in 2015 and Board Chair in 2016 & 2020. Locally, you have served on the EDC Finance Board from 2008-2020, the Lancaster County Conservation District Board from 2008-2020 and the Lancaster Clean Water Partners Steering Committee.

Lancaster County is fortunate to have benefited from the countless contributions that you have made over these many years. Your focus on solving problems for the citizens of Lancaster County is appreciated.

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It is with appreciation and respect that this Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Lancaster County, congratulate you on your many years of distinguished public service. Best wishes for continued success in your future endeavors.

Commissioner D'Agostino thanked Commissioner Lehman for his many years of exemplary, dedicated public service to the County and the city and said before he was a Commissioner, he always found him to be a good listener and responsive and stated what he believed in.

Commissioner Lehman shared the following remarks:

First, I want to thank **all** who have supported me over the years. It has been an honor to work for the residents of Lancaster County. I also want to thank County employees. It is unfortunate that too many times some folks under appreciate your challenging, necessary, and important work. Thank you very much for all that you do on behalf of the residents every day.

While it is usually not a good idea to start listing names when thanking people, there are several current and former County employees that must be thanked personally. I want to thank my Executive Assistants: Charlene Cristy, Fran More, Sara Glatfelter & Latoya Westbrook. I also want to thank Lynn Commero who has helped since Latoya's promotion with the Clerk of Courts' Office last fall and Lisa Johnson who served as back up for many years. Finally, I want to thank Andrea McCue former Chief Clerk. She is simply one of the finest people that I've ever had the opportunity to work with.

Some of you may recall several years ago, when asked by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry to comment on civil public discourse, I responded by sharing my five rules:

First, and most importantly, it's not about me; don't make yourself the issue.

Second, be professional; don't make things personal.

Third, be prepared; doing your homework can make all the difference.

Fourth, be principled; fight for what is the right thing to do and support policies that make sense.

Finally, set a good example because tone matters.

During my service, I've tried to follow these rules. I'm sure that sometimes I've succeeded and sometimes less so. However, I've always tried to do my best and to make good decisions for all of Lancaster County. As I exit the Office of Lancaster County Commissioner, I will not pound my chest about accomplishments, nor lament about what could have been done or should have been done. Instead, I will leave it up to others to assess my service for better or worse. My hope is that regardless of how folks perceive my time serving on the Board of Commissioners that they will realize that I was always passionate about the work and our community and that my heart always had the best of intentions.

As with all things, there is still much work to be done. Work that can only be accomplished well if all of us work together. In my experience, no one person, one group, or one party has the market cornered on good ideas or bad ideas or good governance or poor governance.

When I first started my public service, all politics was local which meant folks of all political stripes were expected to work together for the betterment of the community. But today, all politics is national and partisan extremists have drowned out other voices and turned public debate into a battle of red meat politics to curry favor from the faithful and to deflect responsibility from their own failure. If this is allowed to continue unabated, our public institutions could flounder and could ultimately fail. Some seem to think there is no price to pay for the toxicity that currently exists throughout our nation. However, as with any poison, sooner or later if the level rises too high, the body will get sick and may eventually die. I pray that we, as the United States of America, do not permit this to happen.

As this chapter of my professional life closes, I am grateful for the opportunity to have served. As some know, I wanted to run for public office since I was a teenager and a candidate for Donegal Junior High School President. I lost that election but never gave up on the dream to run for and serve in public office. Now more than 45 years later, I've had the opportunity to live that dream having served in public office for nearly 20 years with the support of faith, family, and friends. To all our young people, please follow your dreams. You never know where they may lead.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank my wife Amanda and stepchildren Caleb & Maggie. I appreciate all your support and sacrifice over the years. To my mom and brother, I know public life can hit family the hardest sometimes. Thank you for hanging in there. To my dad, who passed away in 1995, I miss you every day and hope that in some small way that I have made you proud. To Bruce Evans and Mike Cassidy, I could not have accomplished any of this without your friendship, help, and support. Again, to Mike Cassidy, you have been the best mentor anyone could ask for. I love you all!

Thank you.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Commero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "L".

Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary
Commissioners' Office