

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

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
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacqueline Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Heather Chalfant, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Violet DeStefano, Health and Medical Preparedness Coordinator
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Todd Kirkpatrick, Director
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

Todd Rhoads, Regional Vice President
ENGLE-HAMBRIGHT & DAVIES

Jeff Swinehart, President & CEO
LANCASTER FARMLAND TRUST

Hilda Sierra-Marrero, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

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 the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session this morning, January 18, 2021, at 9:12 a.m. to discuss a case in the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas, Docket No. 12-06881 Felder and Wright, et. Al. vs. Lancaster County. A labor matter was also discussed.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the January 11, 2022, Work Session Minutes.

1. Mr. Rhoads, Regional Vice President, presented an Agreement for Annual Insurance Commercial Package.
2. Mr. Knepper, Director, and Mr. Swinehart, President & CEO, presented Resolution No. 8 of 2022: Agricultural Preserve Appropriation Funds for Fiscal Year 2022.

Mr. Knepper explained that the process is required annually to qualify for Farmland Preservation funding through the Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Farmland Preservation. The Resolution identifies the total amount of \$1.783 million, which includes \$1.5 million of new County funds, \$155,979 Clean and Green rollback tax interest, \$14,376 of prepaid interest, and \$113,000 of local government funds. The Resolution also identifies \$250,000 as a matching challenge grant to the Lancaster Farmland Trust, continuing the tradition the County has had for 17 years of the County challenging the Farmland Trust through a matching grant.

Commissioner Parsons questioned where the \$1.5 million is coming from in County funds. Mr. Mulligan said there is \$1.8 million in existing bond funds available to cover this.

Mr. Swinehart said the Challenge Grant acknowledges a public-private partnership between the Ag Preserve Board and Lancaster Farmland Trust. He said Lancaster County leads the nation in farmland preservation. He provided the Commissioners with a list of farms that were preserved with the Challenge Grant last year and said the \$250,000 investment from the County was used to preserve 10 farms. The Farmland Trust was able to raise \$1.6 million in contributions with \$250,000 of that being used as the match.

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3. Ms. Chalfant, Senior Buyer, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, Director, presented an Agreement with Environment Hazards Control (E.H.C.) on behalf of the Public Safety Training Center.
4. Ms. Chalfant, Senior Buyer, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, Director, presented an Agreement with Safeware, Inc. on behalf of the Public Safety Training Center.
5. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, presented an Opioid Settlement Update.

Ms. Pfursich said in November 2021, they were informed about the Opioid Settlement and asked to reach out to municipalities who have populations over 10,000 to get them to sign on to the settlement agreements. The original date for those settlement packets to be completed and submitted to the Attorney General's office was originally January 2. That deadline has been changed to January 26 and all 17 subdivisions in the County had submitted their participation paperwork by January 17. That means the County would get 100 percent of all funds.

Mr. Stuhldreher asked questions about the Opioids Settlement and Ms. Pfursich said the national opioid Settlement website provides some of that information.
6. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the following re-appointments were made to the Lancaster County Hospital Authority Board for five-year terms from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2027.

Ms. Darcy Pollock

and

Mr. Michael Bennett Julian

Lancaster County residents.

Motion passed unanimously.
7. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, and Ms. DeStefano, Health and Medical Preparedness Coordinator, presented appointments for the Lancaster County Health Advisory Council.

Ms. DeStefano said once council members are appointed, they will determine when meetings begin and who will become chair and vice chair. Nine candidates were chosen from a list of 30. The candidates chosen were Michael Bromirski, superintendent of Hempfield School District; Diane Garber, emergency services coordinator for East Hempfield Township and East Petersburg Borough; Dr. David Gasperack, vice president and regional medical director for Wellspan Health, Lancaster and Lebanon County region; Loren Miller, Elizabeth Township administrator; Dolores Reidenbach, Registered Nurse and founder of Jewel David Ministries of Elizabethtown, a non-profit that provides counseling services to underinsured and uninsured members of the community; Dr. Michael Ripchinski, chief clinical officer at LGH and a practicing physician in Quarryville; Dr. Suzanne Scott, a licensed physician with Penn State Health; Dr. Scott Snyder, a board certified family physician and medical director for Penn State Health's Lancaster Region; and Deborah Willwerth, president of UMPC Lititz and a licensed registered nurse. Ms. DeStefano said there is representation from all four health systems in the County and the municipalities.

Commissioner Parsons said what he would like to see from the Advisory Council is to formalize what the board did during the last two years of the pandemic, which worked very well for the Lancaster County community. The biggest part of that was, he said, the board had regular consultation with all health systems in the County. He said he feels the slate of candidate recommendations are good ones and meet the general feedback of what he provided.

Commissioner D'Agostino thanked the 30 applicants and said they were highly qualified. He said it was difficult to chose nine candidates but feels they have a good slate to start. He said the charter states there are staggered two-year terms and some members will be appointed for one year and others for two years.

Ms. Sierra-Marrero asked for a list of names of who is going to serve on the Health Advisory Council.
8. Ms. Moyer presented the January 19, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda.
9. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary
Commissioners' Office