

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met today in their weekly Work Session.

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Dennis P. Stuckey, Vice-Chairman
Craig E. Lehman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
CHIEF CLERK

Lisa Johnson
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Christina Hausner, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Bruce Clark, New Holland Resident

Mark Dalton, Court Administrator
COURT ADMINISTRATION

David Eberly, Director
LANCASTER AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Judith Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Rick Harley, Vice President of Treasury Management
WELLSPAN HEALTH

Todd Haskins, RN
PRIMECARE MEDICAL

Rick Kastner, Executive Director
DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

Chris Leppler, Sheriff
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

John Mavrides, Director
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Tammy Moyer, Director of Administration
PRISON

Valerie Moul, Vice-Chairman
LANCASTER AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Linda Schreiner, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Cheryl Steberger, Warden
PRISON

J. Ryan Strohecker, Manager
MANOR TOWNSHIP

John Stygler, Deputy Director of Administration
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Carter Walker, County Government Reporter
LANCASTER NEWSPAPER

Aaron Zeamer, Esquire
RUSSELL, KRAFFT & GRUBER LLP

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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**Lancaster County Commissioners' Work Session
Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

Commissioner Parsons announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session yesterday, February 25, 2019 at 10:30 am to discuss Labor Negotiation Matters, Personnel Matters, and Litigation including the LNP Carter Walker case, docket number 1185-2019 which is a Right-to-Know Appeal Case.

Commissioner Parsons announced the postponement of approval of the February 19, 2019 Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner Parsons made the following re-announcement:

There is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 and no Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Commissioner Parsons made the following announcements:

An evening Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Manor Township Municipal Building, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster.

There will be no Commissioners' Meeting held on Wednesday morning, March 20, 2019 at 9:15 am.

There is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

1. Mr. Harley, Vice President of Treasury Management, presented a General Authority of Southcentral Pennsylvania Project for WellSpan Health and Approval of Authority's Bond Issuance.

NOTE: For more information please refer to Resolution No. 9 of 2019, County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

2. Mr. Strohecker, Manager, and Mr. Mavrides, Director, presented an Exoneration Request for 2018 County Real Estate Taxes,

NOTE: For more information please refer to Resolution No. 10 of 2019, County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

3. Mr. Zeamer, Esquire, Mr. Eberly, Director, and Ms. Moul, Vice-Chairman, presented recent changes on federal funding requirements for the Essential Air Service program in place at the Lancaster Airport and requested for the County's consideration allocating funds to the local share requirement on behalf of the Lancaster Airport Authority.

Ms. Moul reported that Lancaster Airport Authority (LAA) has been participating in the Essential Air Service (EAS) program which subsidizes Southern Airways \$2.7 million a year to provide commercial service to Pittsburgh and to Baltimore. The new 2019 EAS program now requires a 5% to 10% local share contribution (\$101,250 to \$202,500) from a "Community Partner". However, the airport, while willing to do so, is prohibited from paying the local share due to program and Federal Review Diversion laws.

Mr. Eberly stated nearly all airports receive funding from their county government to subsidize projects and operational services. The LAA has made no financial requests since 2010. All matching grant requirements for capital improvement projects during the past eight years have been self-funded. The annual financial benefit to the airport, in terms of having the commercial airline, is in the excess of \$270,550, which supports the employment of 25 airline and TSA staff, generating additional economic activity to businesses located at the airport.

Ms. Moul added that the airport will make every effort to identify the means to reimburse the County through a third party for all of its investment. The LAA will recover over 100% of the County investment and continue to be in a position to cover capital improvement costs. The County's participation in this year's program will cost between 0 and \$22,500 per month and could be cancelled at any time. If local community partners choose not to invest, the LAA will quickly lose commercial airline service, probably permanently. The loss of revenue will have an immediate impact on LAA's current budget and reduce ancillary economic activity which may be challenging to replace. The Department of Transportation (DOT) needs a response by March 15, 2019.

Commissioner Lehman appreciated the presentation and stated that a lot of what the County has previously invested were things that allow the airport to generate revenue, and part of the reason why the Airport Authority is in such good financial shape is because of the investments already made by the taxpayers to the Airport Authority.

Commissioner Lehman asked whether the 10,788 passengers that have used air services in 2018 were primarily business travelers, and whether for end of 2017 under cash surplus generated to Airport Authority was approximately \$1 million, to which Mr. Eberly responded "yes". Attorney Zeamer confirmed that the LAA is trying to create a third party that would contribute to the local share requirement which does not have to come from a governmental entity.

The Commissioners expressed confusion about whether there was a statutory change or a regulatory change, and that this should be a solvable problem since the LAA has the resources that can be used. They said there is a disconnect as it relates to what is actually going on, so they are willing to contact federal officials to address this issue. Commissioner Parsons expressed skepticism about opening the County's budget since the LAA is not a core mission of County government. Commissioner Lehman stated it is troubling to him that the federal government is asking for a local share contribution when they know that the airport has the ability to pay. He realized local share contribution does not need to come from government, and he is sure that the expectation on the part of the federal government friends is that government is part of the mix. Commissioner Lehman continued saying that it is extraordinarily disappointing that the federal government would take a position to create the possibility of shifting additional tax burden to County taxpayers when not needed, which is shortsighted and not fiscally responsible, especially when there is a well-run airport that has the financial ability to maintain commercial air services.

Attorney Zeamer stated that the LAA is trying to negotiate with the federal government to reduce the local match from 10% to 5%.

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However, he is not optimistic their decision will be reversed on the use of airport revenue.

Commissioner Parsons pointed out that LAA's funding request was for discussion purposes and recommended the Commissioners be kept in the loop, noting this would be easier to deal with if LAA is able to get a reduction in the required local match.

Mr. Walker, County Government Reporter, raised questions for clarification purposes which were addressed by Ms. Moul.

4. Ms. Erb, Executive Director, and Mr. Stygler, Deputy Director of Administration, presented a Grant Agreement on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

5. Mr. George, Chief Clerk, Mr. Leppler, Sheriff, and Mr. Dalton, Court Administrator, presented Budget Adjustments for the Sheriff's Office.

NOTE: For more information please refer to Resolution No. 11, 2019, County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

6. Ms. Schreiner, Senior Buyer and Mr. Leppler, Sheriff, presented a Software License Agreement and Software Maintenance Agreement on behalf of the Purchasing Department.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

7. Mr. Kastner, Executive Director, presented an Agreement and Amended Agreements on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

8. Mr. George, Chief Clerk, presented a Crime Prevention Policy Agreement.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2019.

9. Ms. Steberger, Warden, Mr. George, Chief Clerk, Mr. Haskins, RN, and Ms. Moyer, Director of Administration, were present to discuss the Prison's CAT Fund.

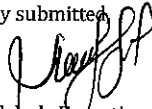
It was requested that funds be transferred from the Prisoner Welfare Escrow account to the Prison's budget, before it is swept back into the general fund, to cover escalating medical and hospital costs for inmates with pre-existing conditions. Warden Steberger and Chief Clerk George discussed measures the County can take to reduce some of these costs going forward. However, unless Lancaster General Health waives inmates' costs for pre-existing conditions, which they honored in prior years, the Prison will be in a similar position in future years as well.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2019.

10. The Commissioners addressed various questions raised by Mr. Clark, New Holland resident.
11. Ms. Johnson presented the February 27, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Agenda noting there will be two check presentations with the Commissioners' Grant Funding - one to the Library System and one to the Conservation District, as well as the National Women's History Month Proclamation. There will also be a budget transfer Resolution for the Prison.
12. On motion of Commissioner Stuckey, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office