

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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**  
**John B. Trescot**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**

**Tammy Moyer**  
**DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

**Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire**  
**COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also present were:

**Bob Devonshire, Director**  
**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**Judy Erb, Executive Director**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**Rachael Henriquez, Senior Buyer**  
**PURCHASING**

**Matt Knepper, Director**  
**AGRICULTURE PRESERVE BOARD**

**Teri Miller-Landon, Deputy Director**  
**ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICES**

**Patrick Mulligan, Director**  
**BUDGET SERVICES**

**Dan Nephin, Reporter**  
**LNP**

**Linda Schreiner, Director**  
**PURCHASING**

**Hilda Sierra-Marrero**  
**LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT**

**Natalie Carlin**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT**

**Cheryl Steberger, Warden**  
**PRISON**

**Tim Stuhldreher, Writer/Editor**  
**ONE UNITED LANCASTER**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the March 1, 2022, Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino re-announced that an Evening Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Paradise Township Municipal Building, 2 Township Drive, Paradise, PA. There is no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner D'Agostino noted that an Election Board meeting has been scheduled that day at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner D'Agostino said he appreciates the employees at 911 and Countywide Communications and the volunteer fire companies, especially Lampeter and Willow Street, for their response to an incident last night. He said they were professional and did a great job.

1. Ms. Teri Miller-Landon, Deputy Director, Adult Probation and Parole Services, presented a grant application with Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for Drug, Mental Health, and Veteran's Court Programs.
2. Mr. Knepper, Director, Agricultural Preserve Board, presented Resolution No. 28 of 2022: Agricultural Conservation Easements.

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3. Ms. Erb, Executive Director, and Mr. Custer, Director of Administration, Behavioral Health/Developmental Services, presented three Amended Agreements.
4. Ms. Henriquez, Senior Buyer, and Ms. Wilcox, Assistant Buyer, Purchasing, presented Contract Award for Chemical Treatments.
5. Mr. Mulligan, Director, Budget Services, presented Resolution No. 29 of 2022: ARPA Lost Revenue Appropriations.

Commissioner D'Agostino said for clarification purposes, this Resolution was approved as Resolution No. 94 of 2021 and was updated to 2022.

Commissioner Parsons said he was in favor of it previously and continues to be in favor of it.

Commissioner Trescot expressed concern that the public has not been informed or had much input on where the County is spending ARPA money.

Commissioner D'Agostino explained that this portion of the \$106 million of the ARPA funds are going to be used for long-term capital projects for services that County residents need. He said he is in favor of how this portion of funding is going to be used.

Commissioner Trescot said he thinks the Commissioners are missing an opportunity to get more input and 9:15 a.m. when the Commissioners' meetings are held is not a great time for most people to come. He suggested identifying where ARPA money is funded by doing a spreadsheet which is accessible to everyone.

Commissioner Parsons said ever since CARES Act, the board has had conversations weekly and has gone through the public process. He said ARPA is different in that the County has four years to spend it and every municipality in the County got it. The idea that there was not some kind of public process is incorrect. There has been a public process weekly in which it has been continuously discussed and public feedback has been continuously received.

Commissioner Trescot said he respectfully disagrees that the County has been inviting people to discuss ARPA funds.

Commissioner Parsons said there are weekly meetings and evening meetings throughout the year so the idea that the County is not getting public feedback is false. He said it is not appropriate to repeat that false line that is being spread just because it sounds good.

Commissioner Trescot said they could discuss it later and that it is not false.

6. Mr. Mulligan, Director, Budget Services, presented Resolution No. 30 of 2022: Capital Improvement Allocation for New Prison Costs.

Mr. Mulligan explained that this is moving half a million dollars from the newly established capital improvement reserve fund into a spending account. The money will give the County the opportunity to spend on items at the property including site development, site security, engineering, and other related costs.

7. Discussion – Prison Timeline and Next Steps

Commissioner D'Agostino said the Workgroup has been updating a project timeline throughout this process of working to purchase the property and now recommended next steps have been finalized. Handouts were passed out detailing the next steps, which is now beginning the idea of project management. The Workgroup unanimously recommends engaging an owner's representative, which will oversee the project. After that will be facility design, along with the establishment of an advisory committee this summer, hiring consultants to help design and handle land development issues and then the construction phase. The facility should be completed in the Fall 2026. It's important to remember that the timeline is an estimate and dependent on many variables and will likely change as the project moves forward.

Mr. Devonshire said an owner's representative will be better served from a construction and programming perspective.

Ms. Steberger said having someone to guide them along in the process is what they need.

Commissioner Parsons thanked the Workgroup for their work and said he is supportive of an owner's representative.

Commissioner Trescot said having been involved in many projects involving over a hundred million dollars and their complexity from the engineering, design and permitting, he believes an owner's representative is critical. After an owner's representative is hired, taxpayers should have a specific timeframe where public meetings will be held.

Mr. Stuhldreher asked questions about the formal RFP process and public input.

Ms. Sierra-Marrero made comments about the prison.

Ms. Carlin also had comments about the new prison and staffing issues.

8. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, Brian Pasquale, director of Lancaster Emergency Management Agency, was appointed to the Public Safety Training Center Board of Directors for a three-year term, ending January 27, 2025.

Motion passed unanimously

9. Ms. Moyer presented the March 9, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

10. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary  
Commissioners' Office