

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

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

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:

Heather Adams
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Benjamin Arnold, Chief Park Ranger
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Lisa Colon
CONTROLLER

Bob Devonshire, Director
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Judy Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Rachael Henriquez, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Lisa Willcox, Assistant Buyer
PURCHASING

Duncan Hopkins
LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT

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

Cheryl Steberger, Warden
PRISON

Tim Stuhldreher, Writer and Editor
ONE UNITED LANCASTER

Paul Weiss, Administrator
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that the March 2, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes listed for approval on the agenda are not ready for approval.

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

PROCLAMATION

National Women's History Month

March 9, 2022

WHEREAS, every year since 1980 the President of the United States has issued a special National Women's History Month Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, women have influenced and advanced every facet of American life and culture. The strength, ingenuity, and spirit of our female leaders, innovators, and pioneers shape our Nation's character, government, industry, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of Lancaster County by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our County; and

WHEREAS, this month, we pause as a County to pay tribute to women who strengthen and enrich our society through civic action, devotion to family, and tireless dedication to community, innovation, prosperity; and

WHEREAS, women have and continue to serve our country courageously in the military, including many from Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, and other important endeavors here in Lancaster County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we honor the women who have changed our County, Commonwealth, and Nation, and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the next generation of female trailblazers and dreamers as they carry forward this distinguished legacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate the month of March, 2022 as **National Women's History Month** in Lancaster County and invite all citizens of Lancaster County to continue to explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this County, Commonwealth, and Nation.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Ranger Benjamin Arnold
March 9, 2022

Dear Benjamin:

It is with gratitude and respect that we take this opportunity to acknowledge your recent interaction with a homeless veteran. While on your day off, you responded to this gentleman's request for help when his vehicle, which he had been living in for several years, broke down. Not only did you find him a place to stay, but you also personally took him there, ensuring he was safe. You also returned to his vehicle and had it towed to a local shop to be fixed.

We are proud of your service and compassionate concern for those in need. We recognize the value and importance of individuals who chose to give of themselves for others.

On behalf of the citizens of Lancaster County, the Board of Commissioners commend you and thank you for your assistance to this veteran in a time of need. We are proud of your service.

Mr. Weiss said he appreciates the fact that the County has a program to recognize employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. He said Ranger Arnold lives in York County and was on his day off when he got the call for help from the homeless man living in his vehicle in the park. He said he was not surprised that Ranger Arnold responded because it is representative of who he is as a person - the attitude of service and the compassion he has is part of his character.

Commissioner Parsons said he appreciates the work the Rangers do everyday, and it is nice to be able to recognize something like this where a homeless veteran was helped being that the Commissioners are all veterans.

Commissioner Trescot said Ranger Arnold set a standard they all would like to reach and he did it by example, not by preaching.

Commissioner D'Agostino said the fact that Ranger Arnold came in on his day off says a lot and thanked him for being an example of a compassionate person.

Ms. Miller-Landon said Ranger Arnold was one of the first to jump on board to be trained when a crisis intervention team was being

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formed and has been a leader with the rest of the Rangers, ensuring they get the training.

Ms. Sierra-Marrero thanked Ranger Arnold for helping the homeless in the park and for being compassionate.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Adult Probation and Parole Services, to approve the following:

Grant Application With: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Purpose: To submit a grant application for the Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Veteran's Court Programs.

Amount: \$ 28,097.00
Drug Court - \$9,396.00
Mental Health Court - \$9,672.00
Veteran's Court \$9,029.00

Term: Project period April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

Funding: 100% State
These items have not been included in the 2022 budget.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Miller-Landon for her service to the County as she is retiring after 20 years.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 of 2022

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, 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>
Matthew R. Hess Strasburg Township 2018-003	Perpetual	\$84,718.00	\$0.00

The Commissioners certify that the Matthew R. Hess farm consisting of 35.08 acres, the entirety of which is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Strasburg Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Generation Three Farm, LLC East Drumore Township 2018-023	Perpetual	\$0.00	\$212,600.00

The Commissioners certify that the Generation Three Farm, LLC farm consisting of 53.15 acres, the entirety of which is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of East Drumore Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Generation Three Farm, LLC East Drumore Township 2006-022	Perpetual	\$0.00	\$153,360.00

The Commissioners certify that the Generation Three Farm, LLC farm consisting of 38.34 acres, the entirety of which is 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 Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following:

1. **Amended Agreement With:** JG Early Intervention Specialist, Inc.
Pittsburgh, PA

Purpose: To add new service lines of Speech Therapy and Individualized Family Service Planning (IFSP) teaming

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JG Early Intervention Specialist provides physical therapy and special instructions to individuals being served by Lancaster County Early Intervention.

Amount: Increase of \$25,301.19 (29.38%), for a total contract amount of \$111,431.34.
Term: July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.
Funding: Budgeted 90% State and 10% County.

- 2. **Amended Agreement with:** Therapy Resource Center, LLC
Reading, PA
Purpose: To adjust service line caps based on projected utilization. Therapy Resource Center, LLC provides special instruction and various therapies to children served by Lancaster County Early Intervention.
Amount: Increase of \$21,897.19 (180.33%), for a total contract amount of \$34,039.76.
Term: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
Funding: Budgeted 90% State and 10% County.

- 3. **Amended Agreement with:** Person Directed Supports, Inc.
Whitehall, PA
Purpose: To add new service line for emergency respite services for one individual. Person Directed Supports, Inc. provides Family Aide & Community Support Services to individuals being served by Lancaster County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.
Amount: Increase of \$6,373.38 (12.28%), for a total contract amount of \$58,287.33.
Term: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Purchasing Department and the Lancaster County Cooperative Purchasing Board, to approve the following:

Contract Award To: Various vendors based on IFB-22-001.
Purpose: To provide chemicals for water, pool and sewage treatment for Lancaster County and the Lancaster County Cooperative Purchasing Board.
Amount/Term: \$2,845,524.58 for one year commencing April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.
Lancaster County portion: \$17,000.00.
Funding: Budgeted in Facilities Management 2022 budget. 15% increase in costs.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 29 of 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to re-appropriate for spending purposes in 2022 the balances in the following accounts that were derived from the American Rescue Plan Act lost revenue calculations for the Hotel Room and Hotel Excise Taxes.

This is a technical resolution and brings the balances forward for expenditure purposes only.

Expenditures:
County Revenue Replacement

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Hotel Room Revenue	
A1111-A-45052-7300	\$4,122,335
County Revenue Replacement Hotel Excise Tax (Share)	
A1111-A-45053-7300	\$1,014,420

Commissioner D'Agostino mentioned that this money is for the hotel room tax and will go to the Convention Center Authority and the excise tax which will go to Discover Lancaster.

Commissioner Trescot suggested that since this is part of ARPA funding, he suggested the County hold an evening meeting explaining what the funds are, what they can be used for and what the County is recommending they be used for and to solicit input from the residents.

Mr. Hopkins, City Resident, said he is support of an evening meeting for input from the public on ARPA funding.

Commissioner Parsons said he is open to ideas and is always interested in public comment. He noted there are about 150 public meetings a year, including those around the County in the evening and there is no other level of government that has more public meetings or more opportunities for residents to comment.

Commissioner D'Agostino said when meetings are held, it is best that people come forward with specific ideas and not just talk about the idea of spending the money a general way. He said he has not heard a lot of specific ideas or input from the community. He said both he and Commissioner Parsons are out in the community talking to people all the time.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 30 of 2022

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to allocate from the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to a Capital Improvement expenditure account, the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of site development, security, and other related costs of the Kreider Tract (land) in Lancaster Township on which the new Lancaster County prison will be built.

For the payment to be made, it is necessary to establish a spending account within the newly authorized Capital Improvement Plan.

Fund Balance:	Lancaster County Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (Fund TT)	(\$500,000)
Expenditures:	Lancaster County Capital Improvement Fund: Site Development, Security, and Other Costs: A3100-TT-43042-7500	\$500,000


Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sierra-Marrero asked questions about directing the homeless to services.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary
Commissioners' Office