

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 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:

**Leigh Bardell, Project Manager
EDC FINANCE CORPORATION**

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

**Matthew Kofroth, Watershed Specialist
LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Joe Shiffer, Deputy Warden
PRISON**

**Christopher Thompson, District Manager
LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Matthew Wagner, Reentry Services Manager
PRISON**

**Carter Walker, County Government Reporter
LANCASTER NEWSPAPERS**

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

Commissioner Parsons announced the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 9:40 a.m. to discuss Litigation including the Stedman versus the Board of Commissioners case which is in the Commonwealth Court No. 126ND of 2019 and the District Attorney's Office versus Carter Walker Right to Know case which is in the Common Pleas of Lancaster County No. 1185 of 2019, along with Personnel Matters including an EEOC Matter.

Commissioner Parsons announced the approval of the March 19, 2019 Work Session Minutes and the postponement of approval of the March 12, 2019 Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner Parsons announced that the Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. has been cancelled.

1. Ms. Bardell, Project Manager, presented a Next Generation Farm Loan Application on behalf of EDC Finance Corporation.

NOTE: For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated April 3, 2019.

2. Mr. Shiffer, Deputy Warden and Mr. Wagner, Reentry Services Manager, presented a Grant Application on behalf of the Prison.

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3. Ms. Erb, Executive Director, presented an Amended Agreement on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services.

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4. Discussion – co-sponsoring of USDA grant application for the PL-566 project at Chiques watershed.

Mr. Thompson explained the Chiques watershed area history and said in 2018 the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), a branch of the Department of Agriculture, came to them with an option for funding, identified as PL-566 (public law) which was a program initiated in 1954 by Congress to primarily focus on agriculture or damn structures that would help mitigate flooding

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problems. He explained the phases and benefits of the multi-year process, noting specific requirements for the co-sponsorship classification of the grant that only the County would be able to execute are the ability to leverage taxes or execute a request for eminent domain, stating it is something they do not ever expect would be implemented in this effort. This grant would allocate up to \$5 million which they would then leverage through the municipalities. Mr. Thompson pointed out this is the best option they have had to help the municipalities meet their MS4 obligation. Commissioner Stuckey said he was supportive but concerned about the eminent domain piece. Mr. Thompson agreed with Commissioner Parsons that it is a boilerplate agreement as it covers the whole County and is there in case it is needed for larger scale projects. He confirmed for Commissioner Lehman that because these would be municipal projects, it would be the municipality that would be asked to take eminent domain action, also noting Chester and Berks Counties have recently used the PL566 for funding their programs and have not had to use eminent domain. Mr. Kofroth said the grant is due the beginning of August so they would need to get it before the municipalities for a public comment period hopefully in May. Mr. Lawrence said there is a committee meeting this afternoon with Mr. Brubaker, DA grant specialist, attending. Commissioner Stuckey pointed out that despite our differences on other issues, the District Attorney is generous with Mr. Brubaker's time. The Board supported moving forward.

5. On motion of Commissioner Stuckey, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the following re-appointments were made to the Lancaster County Transportation Authority Board for a two-year term through December 31, 2020.

Daniel Zimmerman
315 Clay Road
Lititz, PA 17543
dzimmerman@warwicktownship.org

Chris Metzler
343 North Barbara Street
Mount Joy, PA 17522
metzler@stevenscollege.edu

Both are Lancaster County residents.

Commissioner Lehman made the comment that he is still in favor of the sunseting the Transportation Authority, but now that it has been extended, he sees no reason to vote against folks who are willing to serve. He may be voting against projects going forward because he does not believe the Transportation Authority is necessary.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner Stuckey, the following appointments were made to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Citizens Advisory Committee for one-year terms through December 31, 2019.

Mr. Allan Herr
707 Walnut Hill Road
Millersville, PA 17551
allanh@messicks.com

Ms. Deborah Proffitt
195 Schoolhouse Road
Kirkwood, PA 17536
dcproffitt@hotmail.com

Ms. Carolyn Witwer
321 Cobblestone Lane
Lancaster, PA 17601
cwitwer@pennwaste.com

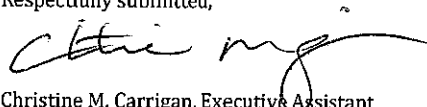
All are Lancaster County residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Ms. Johnson presented the April 3, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Agenda noting there will be two proclamations for National Library Week and Reentry Month.
8. Ms. Hausner announced she received a request of the Commissioners to execute a deed, explaining it is pursuant to a land swap agreement the County entered into with Community Basics, Inc. and Lancaster City on December 2, 2015 which was authorized by Resolution No 74 of 2015. She noted it was tied up for matters that are not relevant to the land swap and does not requires public action by this Board today. Her understanding is that the City and the County are agreeing to exchange these respectively 1.16 acre lot and 2.63 acre lot in the Sunnyside peninsula area and the lot that we are acquiring has been used in conjunction with parking at the Youth Intervention Center. She noted the City executed its deed in February.
9. The Board discussed having the Airport Authority attend a meeting to give an update regarding a change in service. Commissioner Lehman said he is reluctant to commit taxpayer dollars to the Airport Authority given their financial situation but thought advocating to the Federal Government is the right approach in terms of trying to deal with the local share. Mr. George will follow up.
10. On motion of Commissioner Stuckey, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine M. Carrigan, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office