

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 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

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Heather Adams, District Attorney
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Judy Bard, Resident
MARIETTA

Leigh Bardell, Portfolio Manager
EDC FINANCE CORPORATION

Susan Billy, Manager of Behavioral Health Support Services
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Natalie Carlin
LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT

Robert Devonshire, Director
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Judy Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Debbie Gable, Vice President of Resident Services
HDC MIDATLANTIC

Michelle Gallo, Director
HUMAN RESOURCES

Duncan Hopkins, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Anna Kennedy, Executive Director
TOUCHSTONE FOUNDATION

Kim McDevitt, Executive Director
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA

Richard Myers, Resident
LANCASTER COUNTY

Dave Stauffer, President
LANCASTER BICYCLE CLUB

Neal Ward, Resident
WEST EARL TOWNSHIP

Suzy Wurtz, Resident
EPHRATA BOROUGH

Alice Yoder, Executive Director
PENN MEDICINE LANCASTER GENERAL HEALTH

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the untimely passing of Christopher Heisler, Primary Supervisor with County-Wide

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Communications at 911 Center. Mr. Heisler passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022, due to injuries sustained from an accident. He is a 28-year team member at the County and a 31-year member of the Lampeter Fire Company and the Willow Street Fire Company.

Commissioner D'Agostino asked the public to take a moment of silence to recognize Christopher Heisler and his service to the County and the community.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the April 20, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and the April 27, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

Mental Health and Trauma Awareness Month

May 4, 2022

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the month of May as Mental Health & Trauma Awareness Month, and May 25th to be Trauma Awareness Day, in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS The term Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) describes 10 categories of adversities in three domains experienced by age 18 years - abuse, neglect, and/or household dysfunction - and ACEs are negative life events or experiences that occur before the age of 18. The number of ACEs is strongly connected to the risk for health problems in adults, including chronic diseases, mental health problems, substance use, and other risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, one in eight Pennsylvania adults report having experienced four or more of such traumatic experiences during childhood, including sadly many citizens of Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, There is substantial evidence that promoting safe, stable and nurturing relationships can be effective in reducing child maltreatment and we in Lancaster County are always interested in promoting strong, stable families and healthy children here; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that prevention of prolonged exposure to toxic stress, early intervention, trauma specific treatment and building resilience of children and families can mitigate the impact of trauma; and

WHEREAS, Trauma Awareness Month promotes awareness of the impact of trauma and its effects, and promotes resiliency in families and communities; and

WHEREAS, over 7,000 Lancaster County residents have completed trauma awareness education, and more than 50 organizations, including social services, health care, law enforcement, education and housing have been involved in working groups, planning and delivering trainings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Lancaster recognizes May to be "Mental Health & Trauma Awareness Month" and May 25, 2022, to be "Trauma Awareness Day" and encourage citizens to be part of the solution to prevent and address trauma, especially among children, and to support strong, healthy families in Lancaster County.

PROCLAMATION

National Bike Month

May 4, 2022

WHEREAS, the National League of American Bicyclists recognizes the month of May to be National Bike Month, the week of May 16 to be National Bike to Work Week, and May 20 to be National Bike to Work Day; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient and environmentally sound form of transportation, as well as an excellent form of recreation to enjoy Lancaster County's scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life; grow the economy; attract tourism dollars; improve traffic safety; and reduce pollution, congestion, and wear-and-tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May the residents of Lancaster County and its visitors will experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster and its partners support greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education to reduce collisions, injuries, fatalities, and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, Places2040, the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan; Connects2040, the Lancaster County Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and the Lancaster Active Transportation Plan call for improved conditions for walking and biking and encourage more people to use active transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be "National Bike Month" throughout our proud County and urge all to support bicycling and participate in the events planned throughout the community.

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Lancaster Bike Club Presentation of Check to the County of Lancaster

Dave Stauffer, President, Lancaster Bike Club
Robert Devonshire, Director, Facilities Management

Mr. Stauffer, President of Lancaster Bike Club, was pleased to present a check of \$5000 to the County of Lancaster for the maintenance of the covered bridges. These proceeds come from their covered bridge ride, which is August 21st this year. Mr. Stauffer stated they had a huge successful ride last August. They brought 1,500 riders in from as far away as Alaska, and they rode through up to 13 covered bridges. Mr. Stauffer appreciated the Commissioners' support of the cycling infrastructure.

Mr. Devonshire, Director of Facilities Management, thanked the Lancaster Bike Club for their continuous support of the covered bridges. The funds they are providing are being used to help maintain the covered bridges.

The Board appreciated the interest and commitment of Lancaster Bike Club and thanked them for the support they provide for the covered bridges of Lancaster County.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2022

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$815,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Josiah H. and Ruth Z. Beiler. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$525,000.00. The farm is located at 238 Cardinal Drive, East Drumore Township, Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the applications/projects conform to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above applications/projects at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the projects' details are set forth in the public notice announcements on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Parsons noted that there is no financial obligation on part of the County. This is simply stating that the County is the approving authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2022

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$500,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Mervin E. and Elizabeth K. Smucker. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$500,000.00. The farm is located at 1531 Wheatland School Road, West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2022

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$720,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Mark R. and Mary B. Stoltzfus. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$575,000.00. The farm is located at 74 McIlvaine Road, Paradise, Paradise Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

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 District Attorney's Office, to approve the following:

<u>Agreement of Lease With:</u>	P & D Partners, LP c/o Rock Properties Newark, NJ
<u>Purpose:</u>	To lease rental space consisting of approximately 7,800 square feet for the Drug Task Force.
<u>Amount:</u>	Year one - \$47,892.00 Year two - \$49,332.00 Year three - \$50,808.00
<u>Term:</u>	Two years, to commence January 1, 2023, and end on December 31, 2025, with an option for one (1) three (3) year extension.
<u>Funding:</u>	Paid from account B1300 6515AA which is funds received from the State through the Office of Attorney General. These funds will cover the initial cost increase of \$1,392.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Human Resources Department, to approve a Side Letter to the Prison's Labor Agreement between the County of Lancaster and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME) District Council 89, Local 1738, for the limited purpose of addressing wage differential for the permanent post of Records Section of the bargaining unit in the amount of \$8,263.91 in retroactive pay and \$.85/hour moving forward until the end of the current contract which is December 31, 2022, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Side Letter Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

Suzy Wurtz, Ephrata Borough Resident, proposed that the Commissioners would hold evening meetings so that more working people in Lancaster County could attend. She also proposed on behalf of moms and childcare providers, countywide, that some of the ARPA funding would be invested into childcare infrastructure.

Ms. Wurtz presented a banner with a number of different asks from constituents about what they would like to see happen in terms of ARPA spending.

Commissioner Trescot stated he does recognize that having 9:15 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. meetings is very difficult for working people to attend these meetings. Commissioner Trescot is a strong proponent that the County Commissioners have evening meetings more often than just four times a year. He encouraged Ms. Wurtz to keep having people come and saying it, and he will keep supporting it every time.

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Commissioner Trescot also encouraged Ms. Wurtz to talk with people in her community about how they would like to have ARPA funds spent, and to go on the County website and fill out applications to address their issues.

Ms. Wurtz read the constituents' asks aloud for the record.

Commissioner Parsons noted that the only comment Ms. Wurtz did not read was "Revolution" which is what Lancaster Stands Up, as a socialist organization, is interested in having.

Neal Ward, West Earl Township Resident, suggested ideas in regard to the utilization for the castle portion of the old Lancaster County prison.

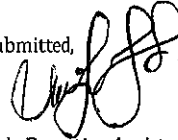
Mr. Myers, Lancaster County Resident, was present to give a part two presentation on the Health Hazards of 5G Pulse-Modulated Microwave Radiation and the need to protect public safety.

Commissioner D'Agostino noted that Mr. Myer's request is on the agenda for the Health Advisory Council since Mr. Myers made a presentation at the last Commissioners' meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office