

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 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:

**Heather Chalfant, Senior Buyer**  
**PURCHASING**

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

**Ben Dice, Chief Financial Officer**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**Greg Downing, Executive Director**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**Jennifer Eaton**  
**VISITOR**

**Alison Kibler**  
**LANCASTER RESIDENT**

**Todd Kirkpatrick, Director**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

**Susan Knoll**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT**

**Tom Lisi**  
**LNP COUNTY REPORTER**

**Rachel Henriquez, Senior Buyer**  
**PURCHASING**

**Tom Lisi**  
**LNP REPORTER**

**Maura McGrann**  
**LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT**

**Todd Rhoads, Regional Vice President**  
**ENGLE HAMBRIGHT & DAVIES**

**Chris Riggs, Chief Deputy**  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Amy Ruffo**  
**LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT**

**Nathan Strubel, Senior Buyer**  
**PURCHASING**

**Jontel Toland**  
**VISITOR**

**Lon Wible, Director**  
**OFFICE OF AGING**

**Lisa Willcox, Assistant Buyer**  
**PURCHASING**

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that an executive session was held Monday, May 23, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss a worker's compensation matter and a potential litigation matter.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the May 10, 2022, Work Session Minutes.

1. Mr. Downing, Executive Director, and Ben Dice, Chief Financial Officer, presented Resolution No. 48 of 2022: State funding match.
2. Mr. Rhoads, Regional Vice President, presented an Agreement with Engle Hambright & Davies for Renewal of Insurance policy.
3. Mr. Kirkpatrick, Director, presented an Agreement with Clark Equipment Company to replace a utility vehicle.
4. Ms. Chalfant, Senior Buyer, and Chris Leppler, Sheriff, present an Agreement with US Corrections for prisoner transportation services.
5. Mr. Wible, Executive Director, and Mr. Strubel, Senior Buyer, presented Agreements for required services.
6. Ms. Henriquez, Senior Buyer, and Ms. Wilcox, Assistant Buyer, presented Amended and new contract awards with Brenntag NE and NAPCO Chemical Company for treatment chemicals.
7. Mr. Mulligan, Director, presented Resolution No. 49 of 2022: Bonding Premium
8. Mr. Mulligan, Director, presented Resolution No. 50 of 2022: Sheriff's Office Budget Adjustments.

Several residents spoke in opposition of the plans to close the county pool, due to lack of lifeguards. Ms. Ruffo said county government is failing its mission by not providing a safe and healthy summer activity that is accessible to all children.

Commissioner D'Agostino said they all want the pool open, however, staff made the decision that without lifeguards, they can't open the pool. Recruitment of lifeguards has been ongoing since Thanksgiving through social media, postings on the county website, posters and reaching out to different organizations, municipalities, pools, schools, and non-profits. Since then, some youths have come forward and they are pursuing leads. There has been a staffing change – the Director of the parks department retired and now Bob Devonshire, Director of Facilities Management, has taken over and is continuing the effort to find certified lifeguards. Wages and bonuses were raised to attract lifeguards.

Ms. Kibler asked the Commissioners to consider the history of the pool. Having written about segregated swimming, she said county pool was a pool built for everyone at a time when that was not something to be taken for granted. Mr. Toland told the Commissioners that this is a crucial moment in time, and they should want to be on the right side of history and making sure that not just poor black and brown kids have the opportunity to be able to have recreational opportunities but all kids in Lancaster City. Ms. McGrann said she has not seen anything on the county website about how to apply for a lifeguard position. She said opening the pool calls for creative solutions and banding together with other community organizations to open the pool. She said her kids all learned to swim there and had a family membership for years. Ms. Knoll said she has fond memories of spending summers at the pool with her child and seeing other members of the community. Ms. Eaton said she would like to see the pool open and suggested the board form a collaborative effort with other entities to make that happen. Mr. Lisi has questions for the board regarding a timeline for recruitment and wages. Commissioner Parsons reviewed the timeline.

Ms. Pfursich said the Pennsylvania Public Bathing Law has specifications with how many lifeguards are needed per square foot of the pool so that is where the recommendations are from.

9. On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary  
Commissioners' Office