

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022, At 7:00 P.M.,
CLAY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
870 DURLACH ROAD, STEVENS, PA**

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

Present at today's meeting:

**Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman
John B. Trescot, Commissioner
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Lawrence George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**

**Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK**

**Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also, present:

**Keith Martin, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors
CLAY TOWNSHIP**

**Gary Landis, Secretary, Board of Supervisors
CLAY TOWNSHIP**

**David Steffen, Chief
NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING**

**Jonathan Fox
EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the June 8, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

The Board of Commissioners welcomed the public and thanked the Clay Township Supervisors for hosting the evening meeting.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Landis gave open remarks, including an overview of Clay Township. They expressed interest in, and asked the Board to stay involved, with the forming of an EMS Authority. Chief Steffen shared his thoughts regarding the accreditation of all police agencies and the need for a new county command post.

PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth

June 15, 2022

WHEREAS, Lancaster County is a welcoming community where we strive to honor the historical experiences of all Lancasterians, including African Americans, who for too long have been denied the founding promise of America—that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness—and we continue the important work for equality today; and

WHEREAS, historically, due to its location along the Mason-Dixon Line, Lancaster County played a significant role in the freedom of enslaved African Americans by way of the Underground Railroad; this history includes the Christiana Resistance in 1851, where armed citizens of Lancaster County, both Black and white, actively resisted slave catchers seeking to re-enslave escaped people here; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County was home to a number of prominent Black and white abolitionists, including, but not limited to, William Whipper, Lydia Hamilton Smith, and Lancaster County Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, all of whom advocated for freedom for all African Americans; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Slave Registers, all African Americans living in Lancaster County were free by 1850; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War sparked constitutional progress in honoring the founding promise of America as declared in 1776 by the Founding Fathers, starting with President Abraham Lincoln writing the Emancipation Proclamation and continuing with the passing of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, formally abolishing human enslavement, offering African Americans equal protection by law, and granting African Americans the right to vote, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that all enslaved African Americans "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free"; and

WHEREAS, word traveled to the edge of the Country slowly, but made it to Galveston, Texas, the westernmost Confederate state, where General Granger read aloud the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865, sharing that human enslavement in our Country had been abolished; and

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WHEREAS, this day came to be known as Juneteenth, and was first honored the very next year in Texas on June 19, 1866, with a jubilant, hopeful celebration filled with picnics, music, and prayer within the Black community; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrations take place across the Country each year in honor of the resilience of the Black community and in homage to our African American brothers and sisters who bravely paved the way for freedom in America; and

WHEREAS, forty-nine states and the District of Columbia observe Juneteenth, including Pennsylvania, which adopted Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a state holiday in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Juneteenth was established as a federal holiday.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth in Lancaster County, and invite all Lancastrians to reflect upon the spirit of the day, embrace the beauty in diversity, and pledge to honor the dignity, culture, and achievement of African Americans in every sphere of life in this County, Commonwealth, and Nation.

East Lampeter resident, Jonathon Fox suggested that the board consider reestablishing the Human Relations Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the legal engagement of Post & Shell, P.C. as outside counsel in connection with the prison construction contract and other legal matters not to exceed a rate of \$300.00 per hour, at the discretion of the County Solicitor. Said legal engagement is to be effective as of upon approval of the Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed that the Board of Commissioners will sign a letter supporting the Center for Traffic Safety's grant application and that the Center for Traffic Safety will receive the federal funding allocated for Lancaster County to develop and implement activities intended to advance the prevention of motor vehicle accidents in Lancaster County.

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 Purchasing Department, to approve the following:

Agreement with: An electricity vendor, to be determined. The County's energy consultant, Provident Energy, is tracking energy costs daily. When final pricing per kilowatt hour is determined, the Chief Clerk is authorized to lock in the rate by signing the purchase quote. The finalized purchase quote will then come before the Board of Commissioners for ratification. This is being approved due to the volatility of the market conditions.

Amount: Not to exceed the PPL price to compare rate of \$0.117/kWh

Term: 3-year contract period.

Funding: Funding to be reviewed when pricing is finalized. Source will be presented with ratification.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Moyer, Deputy Chief Clerk
Commissioners' Office