

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 26, 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:

**Brett Cole, Deputy Chief**  
**ADULT PROBATION/PAROLE SERVICES**

**George Custer, Director of Administration**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

**Justin Eby, Executive Director**  
**HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Miles Klein, Law Librarian**  
**LAW LIBRARY**

**Tom Lisi**  
**LNP Reporter**

**Cheri Modene, Director**  
**JUVENILE PROBATION,**

**Crystal Natan, Executive Director**  
**CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY**

**Jocelyn Ritchey, Manager**  
**HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Cheryl Steberger, Warden**  
**PRISON**

**Tim Stuhldreher, Writer**  
**ONE UNITED LANCASTER**

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

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced an executive session was held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 10 a.m. to discuss potential litigation, a personnel matter, a labor matter, and litigation being the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Berks, Fayette and Lancaster counties, docket No. 355 MD 2022 and the Norfolk Southern case, docket No. C-2022-3033527. There was also an executive session on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. to discuss a real estate matter and litigation, the Department of State v. the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Berks, Fayette and Lancaster counties, docket No. 355 MD 2022.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the July 5, 2022, Work Session Minutes and July 12, 2022, Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022, and no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022, due to Lancaster County is hosting the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Conference at the Convention Center.

1. Mr. Eby, Executive Director, and Ms. Ritchey, Manager of Planning & Resource Development, presented an Administrative Agreement.
2. Mr. Eby, Executive Director, and Ms. Ritchey, Manager of Planning & Resource Development, presented approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Action Plan for U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Funding.

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3. Mr. Cole, Deputy Chief, presented Resolution No. 69 of 2022: Budget Adjustments.
4. Mr. Klein, Law Librarian, presented Agreement with West Publishing Corporation.
5. Ms. Natan, Executive Director, and Ms. Modene, Director, Juvenile Probation, presented an Amended Agreement and Renewal Agreements.

Commissioner Parsons said he is fine with approving the agreements except for the one with the YWCA, which in his view, has become more of a political organization than a non-profit. He said it is because they sent a representative to the Commissioners' meeting debate about the election drop box to oppose election security and that is way out of the lane of the YWCA. He said until they decide to come back to being a non-profit, he is not going to support continued work with them.

Ms. Natan said she was not aware of that, and C&Y has partnered with the YWCA's parents' empowerment program, a specialized in-home parenting program that their boards make a lot of referrals to and they do one-on-one parenting in the home. She said she is not aware they have a political agenda when in the home.

Commissioner D'Agostino asked if there are other programs that offer the same service as the YWCA. Ms. Natan said there is nothing offered at the same level as the YWCA provides, but they are discussing making some changes due to having a more evidence-based model such as Homebuilders, which has not started yet. Commissioner D'Agostino stated he is tired of seeing organizations become more political, they need to focus on the mission at hand. He said he will vote for the agreement tomorrow so as to not disrupt families receiving services without an alternative, but not in the future if the YWCA continues down the path of political activity.

Commissioner Trescot said the YWCA was founded to help women and they were political in helping suffragettes and have been proactive in that through their entire existence. To find that they have a different political view than others on the Board of Commissioners and to take a prescriptive action against them for speaking about making voting rights easier is disheartening - to politicize the services they are providing which are separate from statements they make and are consistent with their mission.

Commissioner Parsons said the County has a lot of agreements and relationships with organizations that have progressive people in them. One example he used is the Lancaster Conservancy, which has many liberal people involved, but they are focused on their mission, which is preserving forest land. That is a mission they are aligned on. He said one difference is that the YWCA also discussed being part of Lancaster Votes, which he did not know about previously. Research showed it is a collaboration of governmental, non-profit, and partisan political entities like the Lancaster Democratic Committee and Lancaster Stands Up. When they were questioned about that, he said the political entities were scrubbed from the website. He said it is not appropriate for County government to be partnering with the YWCA because they have crossed over the line into becoming a political organization and that is when he cannot support it anymore.

6. Mr. Wible, Executive Director, presented an Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging.
7. Mr. Custer, Director of Administration, presented Amended Agreements and Renewal Agreements.
8. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, presented Agreements with Smith and Bukowski, LLC and Zimolong, LLC for Outside Counsel.

Ms. Pfursich explained this is needed for complex election matters and would allow the County to engage with these firms. Mr. Stuhldreher had questions about the agreement, which were answered.

9. Ms. Pfursich, County Solicitor, presented an Agreement with the Lancaster County Conservation District for ARPA Funding.
8. Selection of New Prison Advisory Committee Community Members.

Commissioner D'Agostino explained that they are selecting two people - one to represent a neighbor to the new prison and another from the community-at-large.

Commissioners Parsons and D'Agostino were in favor of appointing Austin Beiler who works for Lancaster Airport and Carrie Kurtz, Reentry Coordinator for the Reentry Coalition to the advisory committee. Commissioner Trescot said he preferred Kent Kroehler of Have a Heart and Rev. Jason Perkowski, an inmate advocate.

Ms. Steberger said there will be time commitment from the individuals chosen and the prison team is looking forward to working with them.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to appoint two members to the new prison advisory committee as community members, the first being Austin Beiler and the second being Carrie Kurtz, seconded by Commissioner Trescot.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. The July 27, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Agenda was presented and it was noted that there will be a presentation on the Human Services Block Grant for 2022-2023 at tomorrow's meeting.

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10. The July 27, 2022, Election Board Agenda was presented.

Mr. Lisi had questions about how each of the Commissioners are going to vote on the YWCA and also a question related to a story he wrote that appeared in Sunday's LNP newspaper.

Mr. Stuhldreher asked for the list of names of people who applied to be on the prison advisory committee.

11. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary  
Commissioners' Office