

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

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

Amy M. Campbell
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich
FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Brenda Buescher, Health Promotion Specialist
LANCASTER GENERAL HEALTH

Katharine DeSantis, Public Policy Coordinator
LANCASTER CHAMBER

Allyson Gibson, Executive Director
LANCASTER CLEAN WATER PARTNERS

Brian Hillard, Director of Governmental Relations
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

Brian Koenig, Deputy Chief Information Office
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Matt Kofroth, Assistant District Manager
LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Jose Lopez, CEO
SPANISH AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION (SACA)

Ezra Rothman, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Kelly Sanders, Vice President of Programs
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING

Sue Stewart, Application Support & DBA Manager
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that an executive session was held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 10:34 a.m. to discuss personnel and labor matters.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the August 15, 2023, Work Session Minutes.

1. Ms. Shreiner, Director, presented the Appointment of the Lead Agency for Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team.

Ms. Buescher of Lancaster General Health discussed how an Overdose Fatality Review is conducted.

Commissioner Parsons explained that the County has the authority to designate a lead agency so it was opened up to the health systems and county government agencies. He thanked all the partners who are part of this effort to better understand and get better data around overdose deaths so positive changes can continue to be made.

Commissioner Trescot asked Ms. Buescher more about the OFR process.

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2. Ms. Campell, Deputy Chief Clerk, Mr. Koenig, Deputy Chief Information Office, Ms. Stewart, Application Support & DBA Manager, and Mr. Lopez, CEO, Spanish American Civic Association, presented Resolution No. 58 of 2023 – Community & County ARPA Requests.
3. Mr. Hillard, Director of Government Relations, Ms. Sanders, Vice President of Programs, and Ms. Pfursich, presented the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE).

The Commissioners expressed their support for the program, which will reduce energy costs paid back over time.

Ms. DeSantis of the Lancaster Chamber said they are interested in having C-PACE in the County.

Mr. Rothman of the Economic Development Company said they also support C-PACE.

Ms. Pfursich said it was decided to make this a motion to take that next step to send a notification to all the municipalities of the possibility of taking official action to establish a program.

Commissioner D'Agostino said official action will be taken in September.

4. Ms. Pfursich, presented the Municipal Notification.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed to authorize the Chief Clerk to send written notices to all municipalities in Lancaster County, as required by PA Act 30 of 2018, of the scheduled discussion and vote on September 6, 2023 to potentially adopt the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) in Lancaster County. PA Act 30 of 2018, updated by Act 43 of 2022, permits counties to adopt the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program, which is a private financial tool for commercial, multi-family, industrial and agricultural property owners to obtain low cost, long-term financing for energy efficient equipment and measures, renewable energy, water conservation, resiliency, and indoor air quality projects.

Building improvements, upgraded construction and new equipment can significantly reduce energy and operational costs thereby saving property owners and businesses money while conserving natural resources. C-PACE can provide up to 100% private financing of total project costs by placing a special voluntary assessment on the property that repays the costs of the upgrades including equipment, labor and soft costs. Because C-PACE is attached to a property assessment, it is a very secure form of financing.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Ms. Gibson, Executive Director, Lancaster Clean Water Partners, Mr. Koffroth, Assistant District Manager, Lancaster County Conservation District, and Mr. Pauls-Thomas, Grants Coordinator, discussed the Lancaster County Conservation District ARPA Grant Update.

Commissioner Parsons said this is the biggest investment that the County has ever made in Clean Water. He asked where they are in terms of data and was told by Mr. Koffroth that accurate data will be available closer to 10 years. Mr. Koffroth reported that they are seeing improvement in sediment loads from the work that is being done.

6. August 23, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Agenda. Mr. George said Ms. Shirk from the Penn State Extension will present a program update at the meeting.

7. On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office