

## FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING Tuesday January 9, 2024 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Office

Present: Commissioner Bunch, Commissioner Wible, Commissioner Hann and Chief Clerk Stacey Golden

Guests Present: Carolyn Kerlin

Commissioner Bunch opened the meeting with a moment of prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Bunch opened up the floor for Public Comment Period. Carolyn Kerlin commented that she appreciated the new format of the Commissioners' Agenda. Kerlin had further comments and questions referencing the three motions in the January 2, 2024 Commissioners' minutes in relation to the ongoing litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Wible to approve the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2024 Reorganizational Meeting. All in favor.

Fiscal Administrator Lisa Beatty met with Commissioners to obtain signatures from the new Commissioners for banking purposes.

Motion by Commissioner Wible to approve Account Payables dated January 5, 2024 in the amount of \$242,904.15. All in favor.

Fund 100	General Fund	213,035.72
, ·	Manual Checks	\$0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$213,035.72
Fund 201	Liquid Fuels	11.14
Fund 211	Independent Living	5,022.46
Fund 231	SFC Evidence Based Practice	11,663.58
Fund 238	911	7,697.67
Fund 240	Hazmat	2,879.98
Fund 256	Domestic Relations	347.23
Fund 300	Capital Purchase	2,246.37
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$242,904.15

Motion by Commissioner Wible to approve Payroll dated January 12, 2024 in the amount of \$117,719.78. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to approve the January 2, 2024 Salary Board Minutes. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch approving a Travel Request Form for the District Attorney, Eric Weisbrod, to attend the 2024 Mid-Winter Meeting in Lancaster, PA for member of PDAA, January 13-15, 2024. All in favor.

Planning and Mapping Director Justin Evans met with Commissioners to seek approval for the Fulton County Planning Committee Meeting Dates for 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to approve the Fulton County Planning Committee Meeting Dates for 2024; January 25, April 25, July 25 and October 24, as presented by Mapping and Planning Director Justin Evans. All in favor.

Building and Maintenance Director Brad Seville met with Commissioners to present a quote for a new refrigerator for the Sheriff's Department and to also discuss and seek approval for the excavating services invoice coded to Capital Project at the new DA's Office. Seville also addressed procedures for inclement weather with the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to accept the quote from Lowe's for a new refrigerator to be placed in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$649.00. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to table the invoice for excavating services at the DA's Office, 119 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. All in favor.

Commissioners met with Michael Burger, Project Coordinator with SEDA-COG (Susquehanna Economic Development Association-Council of Government), via Zoom, for a meet and greet. The county contracted with SEDA-COG to administer the CDBG program.

A brief Salary Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. for discussion pertaining to a clerk position in MDJ Drew Washabaugh's Office. Franklin/Fulton Court Administrator Mark Singer, President Shawn Meyers (via telephone), MDJ Drew Washabaugh, HR Administrator Mary Huston and Fiscal Administrator Lisa Beatty were in attendance. Separate minutes are on file.

A brief Retirement Board meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. to meet with Denny Koons, Raymond James, for a Year End Review of accounts. HR Administrator Mary Huston, Treasurer Bonnie-Mellott Keefer and Fiscal Administrator were also present. Separate minutes are on file.

Discussions were held to change the election polling place for the Borough of McConnellsburg from the EMA 9-1-1 Center to the United Methodist Church due to security concerns. Hess was called back to talk with Commissioners to review the transferring procedures. Hess stated that there should not be a change during a presidential election year. Commissioner Hann inquired if the Department of State needed to approve the change and Hess commented that she did not think so. Commissioners decided unanimously to wait until the 2025 year to make those changes.

Commissioners met with Anthony D'Anna and Matthew Wakefield to discuss the Bedford/Fulton Joint Recreational Authority. D'Anna stated that he was resigning from the Authority and that Matthew Wakefield would be resuming his duties. D'Anna stated that he would "stick around" as a consultant but did not want to be active on the Authority. D'Anna discussed the locks, which were given to Wakefield, and a copy of the Master Plan with Commissioners. Discussion was made about vacant positions on the Authority, to which the Board of Commissioners expressed that they would prefer Matthew Wakefield take care of finding candidates for.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to accept a Letter of Resignation from Anthony D'Anna from the Bedford/Fulton Joint Recreational Authority. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to enter into Executive Session at 11:36 a.m. for Personnel Matters. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to exit Executive Session at 11:44 a.m. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to accept a Letter of Resignation from Patti Hess, with regret and to wish her the best in her new endeavor, from her position of Voter Registration/Election Director and CDBG Coordinator, Effective January 16, 2024. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to advertise for the position of Voter Registration/Election Director at 32 hours per week, effective immediately. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to accept Emily Walton as a CareerLink worker to help in the Office of Elections Director with a starting date of January 10, 2024, with hours to be managed by Chief Clerk Stacey Golden. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to approve advertising of all county positions internally and externally simultaneously with giving preference to internal candidates first. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to enter into Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. for Legal Matters. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to exit Executive Session at 1:44 p.m. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to enter into Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. for continued Executive Session for Legal Matters. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to exit Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch advising Special Counsel Attorney Stefanie Lambert and Attorney Tom Carroll to ask the PA Supreme Court to issue a final order allowing appeal regarding the Dominion brand machines, including injunctive relief to the U.S. Supreme Court; to file a motion regarding conflict and bias of Pro V & V attorneys with PA Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court and to file an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court including injunctive relief. Motion failed on a 2 to 1 vote. Commissioner Bunch-Yay; Commissioner Wible- Nay; Commissioner Hann-Present.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to approve the 2023 9-1-1 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement, with grant funding awarded to Fulton County in the amount of \$198,265.21, between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and Fulton County 9-1-1 (Subgrantee). All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to delegate duties pertaining to operations of the postage meter at the County Courthouse to the Treasurer's Department. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann that all information be sent to Chief Clerk Stacey Golden by end of business day, 4:30 p.m., on Thursdays in order to be placed on the agenda for the next Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesdays. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hann to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. All in favor.

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Randy H. Bunch, Chairman

Steve L. Wible, Vice-Chairman

Hervey P. Hann

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey M. Golden

Chief Clerk