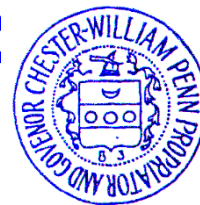




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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:01 AM on Thursday, December 7, 2023 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Marian D. Moskowitz. Commissioner Josh Maxwell and Commissioner Michelle Kichline were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Moskowitz asked Aurora Buchanan, Graphic Design Specialist for the County, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kate Kinsley, Deputy Director for the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services, along with her staff involved in the COPE Program, accepted the presentation of the Chester County Color 5K fundraiser funds in the amount of \$110,000. Rob Gilman of Holcomb Behavioral Health, and John Gailey and his wife of the John Gailey and JoEllen Berger Charitable Fund also accepted the check presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Moskowitz announced that the Board met in Executive Session on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 and Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Margie Swart expressed concerns about the West Goshen Storm Water basin agreement and associated cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the December 7, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve the following routine items of business without discussion. Commissioner Maxwell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting

Approval of Minutes

(Consent Agenda)

b. Authorization to Bid Demolition of House and Garage at Black Rock Sanctuary	Authorization to Bid
c. <u>Resolution 57-23</u> Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners approving the Industrial Development Authority application/ project on behalf of Levi S. and Sarah S. Stoltzfus.	Resolution 57-23
d. Contracts Contracts approved as part of the Consent Agenda can be found noted in red on the Contracts Agenda that corresponds with this meeting date and packet.	Contracts
e. Grants Grants approved as part of the Consent Agenda can be found noted in red on the Grants Agenda that corresponds with this meeting date and packet.	Grants
f. HR Agenda Hires and rehires Transfers Promotions Ends of employment Retirements	HR Agenda
g. Budget Change 17-23	Budget Change 17-23
h. Vouchers as submitted by Controller	Vouchers
7. OLD BUSINESS	OLD BUSINESS
a. <u>Approve 2024 Budget</u> Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to approve the proposed 2024 Budget of \$683,400,386.00. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$683,400,386.00.	Approve 2024 Budget
8. NEW BUSINESS	NEW BUSINESS
a. <u>Resolution 58-23</u> Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve Resolution 58-23 authorizing the 2024 Real Estate Tax Rate, which was seconded by Commissioner Maxwell. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 58-23.	Resolution 58-23
b. <u>Resolution 59-23</u> Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to approve Resolution 59-23 authorizing the Department of Community Development 2024 Federal Entitlement Housing and Development Awards. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 59-23.	Resolution 59-23

(Consent Agenda)

c. Resolution 60-23

Chair Moskowitz made a motion to approve Resolution 60-23 adopting amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority to amend the purposes of the Authority and clarify the terms of office of the members of the Authority. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution 60-23.

Resolution 60-23

d. Contracts

Commissioner Kichline made a motion to approve the Contracts Agenda. Commissioner Maxwell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Contracts Agenda.

Contracts

e. Grants

Commissioner Maxwell made a motion to approve the Grants Agenda. Commissioner Kichline seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Grants Agenda.

Grants

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Moskowitz and Commissioner Maxwell acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Kichline for her 9 years of service as a County Commissioner.

**COMMISSIONER
REPORTS**

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Margie Swart expressed concerns about the West Goshen Storm Water Basin project and associated cost. Ms. Swart also inquired about the jury trial date for Advaita lawsuit proceedings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lin Klein expressed concerns about the draft Master Plan for Big Elk Creek State Park.

Eric Roe thanked Commissioner Kichline for her 9 years of service as a County Commissioner.

There was no further public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Commissioner Kichline, which was seconded by Commissioner Maxwell. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

ADJOURNMENT



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Robert J. Kagel