



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:01 AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Josh Maxwell. Commissioner Marian Moskowitz and Commissioner Eric Roe were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Maxwell asked Melissa Harrop, AgConnect Communications Coordinator, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moskowitz read a proclamation recognizing Homeless Persons Memorial Day, which was accepted by Rob Henry, Administrator for the Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moskowitz read a citation for JoAnn Weinberger, Board Member of the Chester County Library and Chester County Library System.

Chair Maxwell announced that the Board met in Executive Session on Monday, December 16, 2024, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Sandra Bowman, Pat Carnavell, John McElvaney, Steve Brown, Kevin Colazi, Martin Aguilera, Nina Petro, Trip (no last name given), Joshua Okamura, Patty Cassidy, Catherine Noah, Diane Houser, Catherine Claus, Kris Vollrath, Bruce Lane, Allison Roloffs, Shane Cloyd, Sonia Trudeau, Patrick Brown, Cathy Ingam, Bill Borton, Daniel Wiser, John Nicolas, Ted Leissenring, Jean Locastro, Mary Bush, Jennifer Moller, Todd Mazzotta, Cliff Cordani, Joe (no last name given), Terri Clark, Jim Horgan, and Shawn Murphy expressed concerns about the proposed 2025 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment on agenda items.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adopt the December 18, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting agenda. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. Motion carried to adopt the December 18, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 6. CONSENT AGENDA** – Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the following routine items of business without discussion. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the following items:

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

b. Bid Award for Flooring Replacement at Pocopson Home in the amount of \$60,145.00

Bid Award

c. Authorization to Bid Work Release HVAC Upgrade

Bid Authorization

d. Board Appointments

Board Appointments

e. Cooperation Agreement

Cooperation Agreement among the County of Chester, the Chester County Industrial Development Authority, and the Devereux Foundation.

Cooperation Agreement

f. Resolution BOC-59-24

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners approving a plan of finance by the Chester County Health and Education Facilities Authority.

Resolution BOC-59-24

g. Resolution BOC-60-24

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing signature authority and seeking grant funding from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Resolution BOC-60-24

h. Resolution BOC-61-24

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing the execution of Reinvestment Plan #77 to provide financial support for named local hospitals.

Resolution BOC-61-24

i. Resolution BOC-62-24

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing County Solicitor and County Chief Executive Officer to lease real estate owner by the County.

Resolution BOC-62-24

j. 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

k. 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

l. <u>HR Agenda</u> Hires and rehires Transfers Promotions Ends of employment Retirements	HR Agenda
m. Budget Change 20-24	Budget Change 20-24
n. Vouchers as submitted by Controller	Vouchers
7. OLD BUSINESS	OLD BUSINESS
a. <u>Approve 2025 Budget</u> Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 budget of \$730,325,993.00. Chair Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was conducted; motion carried 2 to 1 to approve the 2025 budget in the amount of \$730,325,993.00.	Budget Approval
8. NEW BUSINESS	NEW BUSINESS
a. <u>Resolution BOC-63-24</u> Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve Resolution BOC-63-24 authorizing the 2025 Real Estate Tax Rate. Chair Maxwell seconded the motion. A vote was conducted; motion carried 2 to 1 to approve Resolution BOC-63-24.	Resolution BOC-63-24
b. <u>Resolution BOC-64-24</u> Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve Resolution BOC-64-24 accepting the Chester County Trails Master Plan and closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Resolution BOC-64-24.	Resolution BOC-64-24
c. <u>Contracts</u> Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Contracts Agenda. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Contracts Agenda.	Contracts
d. <u>Grants</u> Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the Grants Agenda. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Grants Agenda.	Grants
9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS Commissioner Roe recognized his intern, Juan Tafolla, and thanked the public for their participation during the meeting.	COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Moskowitz reported that she recently had the opportunity to view Chester County through the eyes of another culture, and encouraged everyone to take full advantage of all that the County has to offer.

Chair Maxwell reported that Crebilly Farm has successfully been preserved.

Each of the Commissioners wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

There were no additional Commissioner reports.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Oliver Bass thanked the Board for their efforts in helping to preserve Crebilly Farm.

Sally Mininger, Gerry Moore, Raffi Terzian, Pat Carnavell, Sandra Bowman, Bobbie Surrick, Bruce Lane, Brian (no last name given), Cliff Cordani, Shawn Murphy, and Bill Burton expressed concerns about the 2025 budget.

Laura Matika, Mark Matika, Kara Graver, Ken Graver, and William Deano jointly read a document related to the Chester County Republican Assembly.

There was no further public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Commissioner Roe, which was seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk Erik T. Walschburger