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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
&
PUBLIC HEARING ON ACTIVE VOLUNTEER REAL ESTATE TAX
REBATE AMENDED ORDINANCE**

November 19, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:05 AM on Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 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 Becky Brain, Public Information Officer, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Maxwell announced that the Board met in Executive Session on November 5, 2025, and Monday, November 17, 2025 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each Commissioner read a proclamation recognizing Becky Brain and her accomplishments in honor of her upcoming retirement. Former Commissioner Carol Aichele, former Commissioner Terence Farrell, former County Administrator Mark Rupsis, former Chief Clerk Janelle Swab, and Chief Executive Officer David Byerman all made statements honoring Becky.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to adopt the November 19, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting agenda. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to adopt the November 19, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. DEPARTMENTAL SPOTLIGHT

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a. ChesCo Connect

Gene Suski, Director of the Chester County Community Transit Department, provided an overview of services offered by ChesCo Connect.

7. 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 November 5, 2025 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

b. Bid Award for Drapery, Hardware, and Cubical Curtain Replacement at Pocopson Home in the amount of \$70,813.50

Bid Award

c. Resolution BOC-76-25

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing the exoneration of certain county taxes in East Pikeland Township.

Resolution BOC-76-25

d. Resolution BOC-77-25

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing an application of funding to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Financing Authority and designating signatory authority.

Resolution BOC-77-25

e. Resolution BOC-78-25

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners authorizing an application of funding to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Finance Authority and authorizing signature authority.

Resolution BOC-78-25

f. Resolution BOC-79-25

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners approving a federal aid bridge reimbursement grant agreement and authorizing signature authority.

Resolution BOC-79-25

g. Resolution BOC-80-25

Resolution of the Chester County Commissioners granting the Director of the Chester County Human Resources Department the Authority to exonerate certain documents relating to Stop Loss Insurance.

Resolution BOC-80-25

h. 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

i. 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
j. <u>HR Agenda</u> Hires and rehires Promotions Ends of employment Retirements	HR Agenda
k. Budget Change 18-25	Budget Change 18-25
l. Vouchers as submitted by Controller	Vouchers
8. Public Hearing on Active Volunteer Real Estate Tax Rebate Amended Ordinance Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to open the public hearing on the Active Volunteer Real Estate Tax Rebate Amended Ordinance. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to open the public hearing. Bill Messerschmidt, Director of Chester County Emergency Services, presented the proposed changes to the Active Volunteer Real Estate Tax Rebate Ordinance. There was no public comment. Commissioner Roe made a motion to close the public hearing on the Active Volunteer Real Estate Tax Rebate Amended Ordinance. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to close the public hearing.	PUBLIC HEARING
9. OLD BUSINESS There were no items of old business.	OLD BUSINESS
10. NEW BUSINESS a. <u>Ordinance 2025-05</u> Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-05, amending Ordinance BOC-2023-01, updating the tax rebate program for volunteer members of fire companies and not-for-profit emergency medical service agencies. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried to approve Ordinance 2025-05. b. <u>Presentation of the Preliminary 2026 Budget</u> Chief Financial Officer, Julie Bookheimer, presented the preliminary 2026 budget. c. <u>Contracts</u> Commissioner Roe made a motion to approve the Contracts Agenda. Commissioner Moskowitz seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Contracts Agenda.	NEW BUSINESS Ordinance 2025-05 2026 Preliminary Budget Presentation Contracts

d. Grants

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion to approve the Grants Agenda. Commissioner Roe seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Grants Agenda.

Grants

11. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Roe gave his best wishes to Becky Brain on her upcoming retirement.

**COMMISSIONER
REPORTS**

Chair Maxwell reported a field trip his Lincoln University students took to Philadelphia to meet with the Mayor in recent weeks.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Campeni her concern about activity at the September 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Agnstad and John Vernick expressed concern about current election procedures.

Rich (no last name given) expressed concerns about the lack of privacy of the public property holdings records.

Colleen Frens gave her best wishes to Becky Brain on her upcoming retirement.

Joe LaRusso expressed his concern about the budget and about current election procedures.

There was no further public comment.

13. 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 11:39 AM.



Taken by Taylor Pettit

On behalf of Chief Clerk David A. Byerman