

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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April 7, 2026

In Attendance: Tom Henry, Ernie King, Rick Wilbur, Commissioners,
Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor (Via Zoom), Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom),
Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner (Via Zoom)

Visitors: DA Joe Peters, Haley Townsley, Human Services Director,
Jeff Porter, 911 Communications Director, Deanna Habibi, Children & Youth Director, Megan Janiszewski, Sabrina Hopkins, Jenavieve Karnes, Stephanie Grohs, Nichole Tinna, Lisa Vandermark, Kaylee Chaban, Children & Youth Staff, Ray Phillips (via Zoom)

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the March 31, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Solicitor Report- Nothing to report

Chief Clerk Report- Nothing to report

Commissioner Wilbur reported that the 911 Center received recertification from PEMA for their telecommunicator training and certification program as well as their Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement programs through March 31, 2028.

Commissioner Wilbur also reported that the County will be receiving money from a PEMA Cyber Security Grant.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve paying the bills following a thorough review. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve to sign Act 148 Children & Youth quarterly fiscal report. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to hire Marcos Ballard as a Corrections Officer. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Henry read and presented the proclamation to a group of Children & Youth employees who were present. DA Peters thanked them for their hard work and dedication to their job and to the children of Wyoming County. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

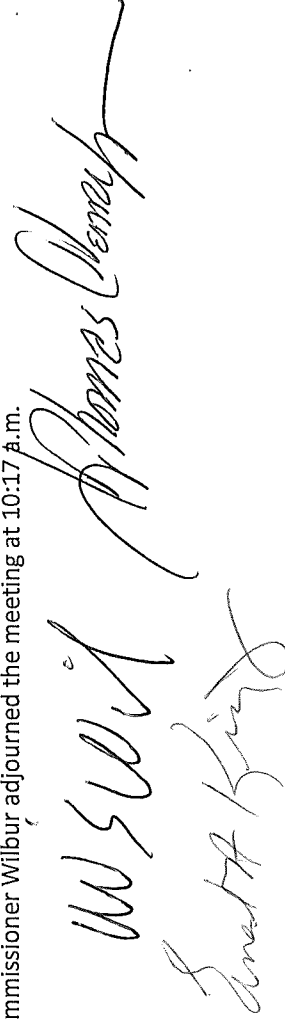
Commissioner King made a motion to approve the purchase of six picnic table frames and six park grills along with pressure treated wood for the picnic tables, through a legacy grant, for Seneca Park. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to award the big to the lowest bidder, Wince Construction, for the demolition of the Wyoming County Agricultural building. Wince Construction's bid was \$31,000. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Commissioner Henry made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.



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April 14, 2026

In Attendance: Tom Henry, Ernie King, Rick Wilbur, Commissioners,
Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor (Via Zoom), Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom),
Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner (Via Zoom)

Visitors: DA Joe Peters, Haley Townsley, Human Services Director, Melody Traver, HR Director, Jeff Porter, 911 Communications Director, Ben Norris, Deputy 911 Communications Director, Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Chris Fahy, PA Association of Realtors

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Solicitor Report- Nothing to report

Chief Clerk Report- Nothing to report

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve paying the bills following a thorough review. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to proclaim April 12 through April 18, 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Commissioner Henry presented the Proclamation to Director Porter and Deputy Director Norris of the 911 Center. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to sign a Purchase Service agreement for Children & Youth extending services for LCSW & Associates as therapists for Wyoming County Human Services. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to sign a letter of support for Noxen Township for an application for the LSA Grant to purchase a new township truck. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to hire Blake Slater as a part time CO at the Jail. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the resignation of CO Bennett from the Jail. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Awareness Month. Commissioner Henry presented the Proclamation to Chris Fahy, a representative of the PA Association of Realtors. Commissioner Henry also second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Commissioner Henry made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



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April 21, 2026

In Attendance: Tom Henry, Ernie King, Rick Wilbur, Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor, Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom),
Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner (Via Zoom)

Visitors: Haley Townsley, Human Services Director, Melody Traver, HR Director,
Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Matt Jones, Planning Director,
Ray Phillips (via Zoom), Abe Kukuchka, Representatives from HANDS: Cathy Franko,
Alisha Myers, Autumn Gaydos, Danielle Brown, Shianne Wiernusz, Jamie Smith

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to add to the agenda to proclaim the week of April 20-24, 2026 as National Home Visiting Week. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to add to the agenda to sign an emergency purchase order for water heater elements for the Jail. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the April 14, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Solicitor Report- Requested an Executive Session to discuss an employee issue and issue general legal advice. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

Chief Clerk Report- Nothing to report

Commissioner King made a motion to approve paying the bills following a thorough review. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to hire Cheyanne Pherreigo as Tax Claim/Elections office clerk. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to accept the resignation of Bethany Banos as a Correctional Officer at the Jail. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Opioid Settlement Committee, Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve spending \$10,000 for Treatment Court training for 18 participants and \$66,000 for a Case Manager for pre and post release support at the Jail for two years. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to appoint Chief Clerk Amber Franko as the Wyoming County Fair Housing Representative. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to sign a letter of intent for Noxen Fire Company for a grant for \$5,000 for the purchase of handheld two-way public safety radios. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to Proclaim April 20-24, 2026 as National Home Visiting Week. Commissioner Henry presented the Proclamation to a group of representatives from HANDS. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

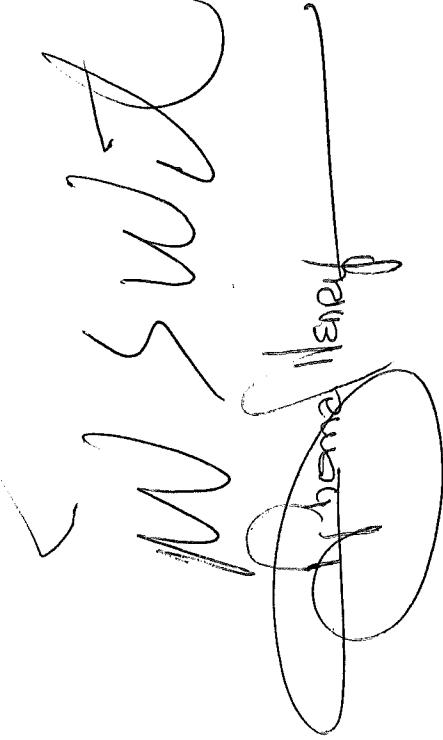
Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to sign an emergency purchase order for water heater elements for the Jail for \$31,010.79. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Attorney Litwin called for an Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss an employee issue and to issue general legal advice. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Commissioner King made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'W Wilbur' and the second is 'A Henry'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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April 28, 2026

In Attendance: Tom Henry, Rick Wilbur, Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor,
Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier, Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner

Visitors: Haley Townsley, Human Services Director, Melody Traver, HR Director,
Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk,
Ralph Schwartz, EMA Director, Jodi Crimmel, Pam Hemann (via Zoom),
Nancy Thaler (via Zoom), Terri McCloskey (via Zoom)

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:09 a.m. following the conclusion of the Prison Board Meeting.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Commissioner Henry made a motion to add to the agenda the resignation of the IT Director, Jeremy Bush. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to add to the agenda the utilization of the Scranton Area Foundation as a fiscal sponsor for Healthy Family Partnership. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the April 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Solicitor Report- Requested an Executive Session to discuss a tax appeal litigation. Possible action will be taken following the Executive Session. The meeting will reconvene after the Executive Session.

Chief Clerk Report- Requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve paying the bills following a thorough review. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

The Commissioners opened the following sealed lawn care bids. No action will be taken until the bids can be thoroughly reviewed.

Superior Landscape-\$1,335.00
JC Brush Hogging LLC-\$1,105.00
Randy White-\$1,100.00

Commissioner Henry made a motion to hire Taralyn Sessoms as a full time Correctional Officer and Luke Cruver as a part time Correctional Officer at the Jail. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to hire CO Ballard from a part time CO to a full time CO. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve to upgrade radio equipment for the 911 truck to the most recent communications protocols for \$6,578.39 with funding coming from the 911 special funds account. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve to upgrade combiners at two tower sites to ensure consistency across all tower sites. Cost of the upgrade is \$24,812.42 and will be paid with funding that will be received with bonus funding. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve payment of two port-a-johns for an America 250 celebration on May 8, 2026 at the Wyoming County Health Care Center. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve switching the Correctional Center from propane to natural gas through UGI. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve the resignation of IT Director Jeremy Bush. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve to utilize the Scranton Area Foundation as a fiscal sponsor for Healthy Family Partnership. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jodi Crimmel voiced concerns over the District Attorney's recent discussions regarding 287g. The public was instructed to direct all questions to the District Attorney.

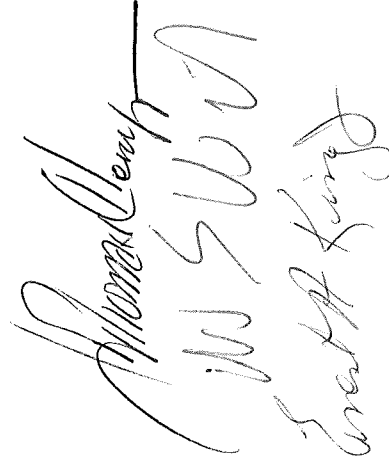
Nancy Thaler asked for an update on data centers. Commissioner Wilbur said the Planning Director has been doing a lot of information gathering but there is no update at this time.

Attorney Litwin called for an Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. to discuss a tax appeal litigation as well as a personnel issue requested by Chief Clerk Franko. The Commissioner's meeting will resume following the Executive Session.

The Commissioners Meeting reconvened at 11:01 a.m. and no decision was made following the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Commissioner Henry made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.



Amanda Leahy
Ernest A. King