

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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February 13, 2024

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

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

Visitors: John Alunni, Human Services Director

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the January 30, 2024 meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve the payment of the bills that were previously presented to the Commissioners and reviewed in their entirety. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve service agreements for Children & Youth. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the use of the Iroquois Trail on June 15, 2024 from 8am to 1pm for a 5K race to benefit the United Way. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the submission of the Election Integrity Grant application for \$56,733 for incurred expenses from the November 2023 election. Application for approximately an additional \$35,000 will be applied for 60 days after the May 2024 primary election. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve Clear Ballot software and support for 1 year at \$30,630. This will be funded in part with the Election Integrity Grant. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to declare April as 811 Safe Digging Month. Safe Digging Month is an awareness initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811 for the month of April. This serves as a reminder to all excavators and homeowners to contract 811 at least three business days before you dig, so that the approximate location of their underground utility lines can be identified and marked by the facility owners. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to replace A/C Unit B on the 911 side of the EMA building at a cost of \$128,960 by Costars supplier Postler & Jaeckle. Funds will be taken from Marcellus Act 13 funds and will be turned over to PEMA for reimbursement consideration. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to accept the resignation of Christy Davall as a 911 Dispatcher effective February 10, 2024. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to promote Benjamin Hall from a Telecommunicator Trainee to a Telecommunicator 1. He has completed all necessary certifications. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to accept the resignation of Detective Jack Colan after an 18-year term with Wyoming County. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to accept the resignation of Linda Coolbaugh from the Wyoming County Seneca Park board. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve CDBG Cooperative Agreement with Trehab as requested by DCED. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

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Christy Davall
Ernest A. King

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Tom Henry made a motion to approve the submission of annual PEMA Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Tom Henry made the Motion to adjourn. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

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February 22, 2024

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

Press: Bob Baker, New Age Examiner, Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom)

Visitors: John Alunni, Human Services Director, Mike Rogers, Recycling Director

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Rick Wilbur made a motion to add the discussion and vote regarding holding a household hazardous waste event at the Recycling Center. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the payment of the bills that were previously presented to the Commissioners and reviewed in their entirety. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve the hiring of Bryce Butler as a Telecommunicator Trainee at the 911 center. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve the hiring of two interns for Children & Youth at the rate of \$15.00 per hour with no benefits. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Mike Rogers presented the Commissioners with information regarding a household hazardous waste event that will be held in the County. The event will take place at the Recycling Center but be handled by a DEP approved company, MXI. This will be a pre-registered event with specific drop off times for the community. Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve the date of November 23, 2024 to hold the event with the funds being taken from Act 13. Commissioner King second the Motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Tom Henry made the Motion to adjourn. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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February 27, 2024

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

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

Visitors: John Alunni, Human Services Director, Terri McCloskey, CEO (via Zoom), Amy Tomkoski & guests, Deputy MHDS Admin for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Rick Wilbur made a motion to correct the meeting date from the previous meeting action items on the agenda. Meeting date was February 13, 2024. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to remove proclaiming March 28 as CASUAL Day from the agenda. This will be done at a later meeting. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to add the following to the agenda:

- Discuss and approve Children & Youth contracts.
- Discuss and approve promoting CO Flynn from part-time to full-time in Corrections.

Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 and February 22, 2024 meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

Tom Henry made a motion to approve service agreements for Children & Youth. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to accept the resignation of CO Petula in Corrections effective April 30, 2024. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to promote CO Flynn from a part-time employee to a full-time Corrections employee, effective February 25, 2024. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve the use of ARP funds to support improvements, coolers, freezers and other moving costs for CEO after the final sale of their new facility. In addition to providing food services to Wyoming County residents, they are instrumental in handling a myriad of other social services including aid to homeless, poor and others in need. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

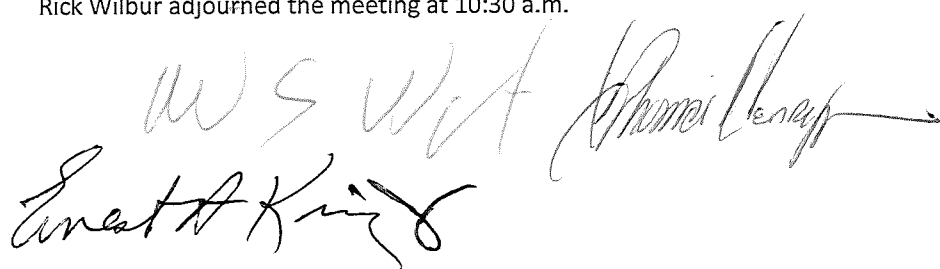
Ernie King made a motion to approve funding from Act 13, of approximately \$35,000 (will vary based on participation), for a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event being held on November 23, 2024 at the Recycling Center. More details will be given to the public closer to the event. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to proclaim March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Ms. Tomkoski accepted the proclamation on behalf of Luzerne/Wyoming County MHDS. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Tom Henry made the Motion to adjourn. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



Handwritten signatures of Ernie King and Thomas Henry.

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February 29, 2024

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

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

Visitors: Ralph Schwartz, EMA Director

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve Resolution #1 of 2024 issuing an emergency repair to Bridge #9 in Meshoppen Township on Bunnell Road over Riley Creek. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Brennan Heavy Equipment to replace the entire deck of Bridge #9 for a quoted price of \$36,500 which will come from the County's Liquid Fuels account. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Ernie King made the Motion to adjourn. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

