

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

ZOOM Available

January 2, 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 (via Zoom)

Visitors: Lynnelle Farber, Planning Director, Patti Mead, Treasurer, John Alunni, Human Services Director, Linda Coolbaugh, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Nancy Aiello, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Carolyn Jerdun, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Lori Bennett, Erica Wilbur (via Zoom), Meg Griffith (via Zoom), Joe (via Zoom), Jason (via Zoom)

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

Ernie King made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023 and December 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-Informed the group that he was working with Carson and Lynnelle on the SALDO project to add solar.

Tom Henry made a motion to appoint himself as Chairman of the Wyoming County Commissioners. There was no second to the motion. Motion did not pass.

Ernie King made a motion to appoint Rick Wilbur as Chairman of the Wyoming County Commissioners. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Tom Henry did not vote. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to appoint Tom Henry as Vice Chairman of the Wyoming County Commissioners. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to reappoint William Jaquish to the Wyoming County Airport Authority. Tom Henry second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to retroactively appoint Matthew Austin, Robert Thorne and A. Stacy Huber to the Wyoming County Planning Board effective December 31, 2023 with the term ending December 31, 2026. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to retroactively reappoint Ed Coleman to the Wyoming County Planning Board effective December 31, 2023 with the term ending December 31, 2027. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to reappoint the members of the Wyoming County Salary Board consisting of Rick Wilbur, Ernie King, Tom Henry and Patti Mead. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to accept the resignation of Jacquelyn McClelland as a Correctional Officer retroactive to December 23, 2023. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to accept the resignation of Brian Deal as a Correctional Officer effective January 16, 2024. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to terminate an unnamed Correction Officer due to no call/no show, retroactive to December 27, 2023. Tom Henry second the motion. Motion carried.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren requested an update on the \$1,000 startup fee that had been requested of the Commissioners in a past meeting. John Alunni has agreed to oversee the project with David Pedri. Tom Henry made a motion to give Grandparents Raising Grandchildren \$1,000 through Luzerne Foundation. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

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Public Comment:

Lori Bennett asked why there are so many resignations within the Jail. Tom Henry has reached out to multiple past employees for exit interviews but has not had any response. The bonus is still available for applicants and the contract has been ratified increasing the salaries for Officers.

Lynelle Farber informed the group there are two openings within the Wyoming County Planning Board. There are a few applicants but there has been no commitment yet.

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

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

W. Wilbur
Ernie A. King
Thomas King

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January 11, 2024

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

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

Visitors: President Judge Russell Shurtleff, Judicial Court, Jeff Porter, 911 Director

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Ernie King made a motion to approve the bills for payment. All invoices were reviewed for accuracy. Tom Henry second the motion. Rick Wilbur abstained from vote due to not being able to review yet. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve \$43,131.59 for Farm Preservation. This is the 2024 annual Wyoming County contribution amount of \$30,000 plus interest. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the 2024 agreement with CFS Forensic Services for the Coroner's office. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to reflect the current IRS rate of \$.67. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

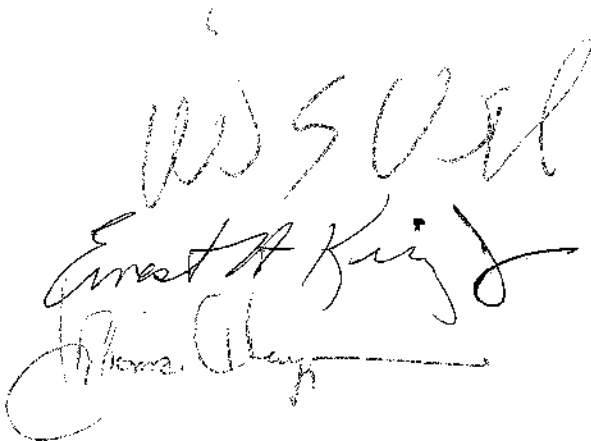
Jeff Porter presented the Commissioners with 911 annual contracts from AMP to review and approve. Tom Henry made a motion to approve. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the hiring of Ben Hall, Telecommunicator Trainee, 911. 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 10:10 a.m.



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January 16, 2024

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

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

Visitors: Lynnelle Farber, Planning Director, Paul Rowker, John Alunni, Human Services Director (via Zoom), Judy Murach (via Zoom)

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:02 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Rick Wilbur made a motion to add to the agenda the meeting minutes from the January 11, 2024 Commissioner's meeting. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Ernie King made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 and January 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Tom Henry second the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

Rick Wilbur shared correspondence from the Bradford-Wyoming County Literacy Program. In 2023 they had 45 adult learners and 15 volunteer tutors who participate weekly. In Wyoming County, there are two enrolled students.

Ernie King made a motion to approve enacting a Children & Youth nondiscrimination policy. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to terminate an unnamed Corrections officer due to a no call/no show on multiple shifts. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to promote Lisa Vandermark to Children & Youth Caseworker 2. Lisa has met all requirements needed to become a Caseworker 2. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the same committee assignments for Northern Tier Regional Planning Development Committee for 2024. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

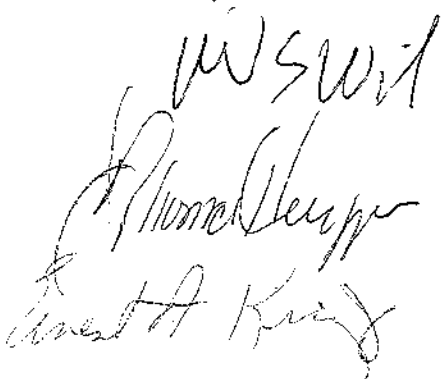
Tom Henry made the motion to re-apply for the Seneca Park DCNR grant for the January 16, 2024 application period. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to accept Penn's Northeast as a marketing representative to promote Wyoming County for economic development. This is a one-year agreement which will be paid from ARP. Tom Henry 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 10:20 a.m.



Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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January 25, 2024

In Attendance: Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor (via Zoom), 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 10:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-Requested an Executive Session regarding an employee insurance matter.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the bills for payment. All invoices were reviewed for accuracy. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

John Alunni informed the group that he, along with the help of others, completed a Homeless Point in Time check yesterday throughout Wyoming County. They encountered one individual who they were able to supply food, water, clothes, etc to. They are planning on meeting with the individual again to get him into a shelter and work with him on any unmet mental health needs.

Warren Howeler asked for an update on the solar regulations. Atty Litwin said it is currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Atty. Paul Litwin called for an Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. No action taken following the Executive Session.

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

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

The block contains three handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Rick Wilbur', the middle signature is 'Tom Henry', and the bottom signature is 'Ernie King'. Each signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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January 30, 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 (via Zoom)

Visitors: Taylor Finan, Tim Finan, Erica Rogler, Dellana Diovisalva

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Ernie King made a motion to add to the agenda to add members to the Planning Commission. 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 January 16, 2024 and January 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-Requested an Executive Session regarding a legal issue.

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

Tom Henry made a motion to accept the resignations of CO Hue from the Correctional Facility effective February 11, 2024 and CO Pindar, effective February 1, 2024. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to hire Timothy Alden as a CO at the Correctional Facility. Tom Henry second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to hire Nina Evans as a Case Aide 2 for Children & Youth. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry also made a motion to hire Miranda Morgan and Gerald Pender as Caseworker 1 for Children & Youth. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Schwartz as a 911 Dispatcher. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming and Lackawanna Counties for Behavioral Health services. This is for July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to accept the service agreement from Beach Lake Sprinkler Services for the 911 Center. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to add the following members to the Planning Commission:

- Jeremy Lidecker
- Paul Rowker

Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry read a Proclamation for Wyoming County Reads, One County, One Book, One Movie. The book/movie chosen is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. The Dietrich will host the movie and the Tunkhannock Library is to host discussions on the book. Erica Rogler and Dellana Diovisalva were present to accept the Proclamation for both the Dietrich and the Tunkhannock Library. Tom Henry made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

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Atty. Paul Litwin called for an Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. regarding a legal matter. Discussion and vote to take place following the Executive Session which concluded at 10:45 a.m.

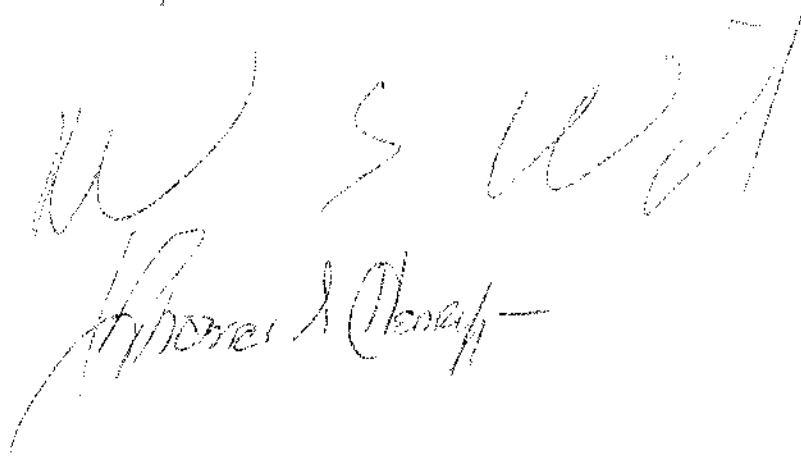
Ernie King made a motion to approve using \$25,000 of ARP funds for the dam upgrade match needed for Lake Carey Dam Association. This is a flood control project and the County will be using a standard grant agreement. Commissioner King also added to the motion a letter of commitment from the County and the approval of backing \$18,800 additional if still needed at the time of the project start as a no interest loan over a five-year period. Currently the Association has \$105,000 of the required \$149,800 grant match requirement. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Taylor Finan represented the small businesses in Tunkhannock and discussed upcoming plans for the year to boost tourism including additions to Founders Day and projects with the railroad.

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 10:50 a.m.



W. S. Litwin
Attorney & Clerk