

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

ZOOM Available

January 6, 2025

In Attendance: Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler (via Zoom), Rocket Courier

Visitors: DA Joe Peters (via Zoom), Patti Mead, Treasurer, Matt Jones, Planning Director, Bob Kenney, Assistant Planning Director

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report- None

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Housing Authority: Ashley Brzoska, Stacy Huber, Glenn Layaou, John Manglavitti and Mary Sherry. Ernie King second the Motion. Rick Wilbur abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Redevelopment Authority: Ashley Brzoska, Stacy Huber, Glenn Layaou, John Manglavitti, Mary Sherry. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Park Board: Arthur Coolbaugh, Randy Ehrenzeller, Richard Fitzsimmons, Ernie King, Paul Rowker. These terms run until December 31, 2028. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Planning Committee: Dale Brown (term expires 12/31/2028), Randy Ehrenzeller (term expires 12/31/2028), Riger Hadsall (term expires 12/31/2028), Ed Coleman (term expires 12/31/2027), Matt Austin (term expires 12/31/2026), Robert Thorne (term expires 12/31/2026), Stacy Huber (term expires 12/31/2026), Jeremy Leadicker (term expires 12/31/2027), Paul Rowker (term expires 12/31/2027). Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Conservation Committee: Dorne White (term expires 12/31/2028), Neil Tague (term expires 12/31/2028), Harold Sands, Tom Henry, Jill Tague, Walt Dana, Ken Harvey. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Election Board: Tom Henry, Ernie King, Rick Wilbur. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to appoint the following members to the Safety Committee: Amber Franko, Ben Norris, Brian Ball, Deanna Habib, Ernie King, Jeff Porter, DA Peters, Warden Repsher, Krystle Kowalczyk, Mike Rogers, Ralph Schwartz, Rick Wilbur, Sheriff Roberts, Judge Shurtleff, Tom Henry. This Committee adds people as needed with no term limits. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Industrial Development Authority: Ron Kukuchka, Richard Lochen, Matt Austin, Ernie King. Associate members are Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry and Gina Suydam. There are two vacancies on this board. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Prison Board: Tom Henry, Rick Wilbur, Ernie King, Judge Shurtleff, Sheriff Roberts, DA Peters, Atty. Tim Carroll. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Salary Board: Tom Henry, Ernie King, Rick Wilbur, Patti Mead. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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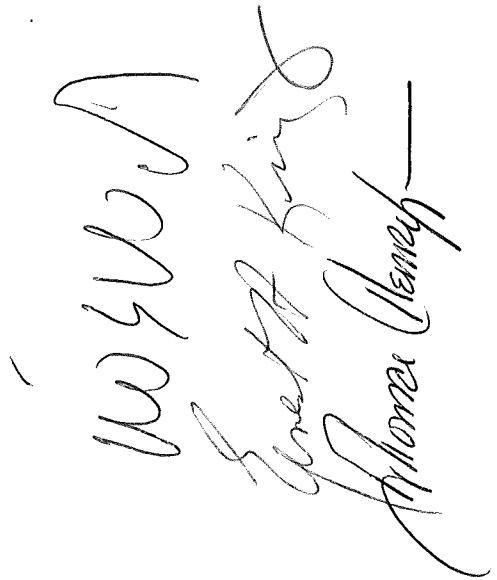
Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Pension Board: Ernie King, Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Patti Mead, Amber Franko. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Airport Authority: Jim Brooks, Ron Kukuchka, Bill Jaquish, Bill Earnshaw, Nathan Edwards, Charlie Gay. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. 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. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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



Ernie King
Amber Franko

**Wyoming County
Conflict of Interest
Abstention Memorandum**

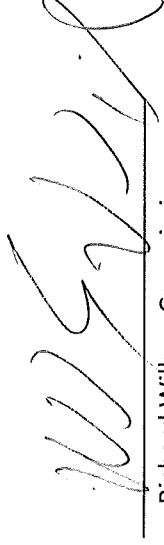
TO: Chief Clerk, Wyoming County
FROM: Richard Wilbur, Commissioner
DATE: 1/06/25

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" 65 Pa.C.S. 1101 et seq., I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

Voting for members of the Wyoming County Housing authority board

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

I have a single Section 8 apartment that is supervised by the Wyoming County Authority Board


Richard Wilbur, Commissioner

NOTE: 65 Pa.C.S. 1103(j) requires the following procedure:

" ... Any public official or public employee who in the discharge of his official duties would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting at which the vote is taken, provided that whenever a governing body would be unable to take any action on a matter before it because the number of members of the body required to abstain from voting under the provisions of this section makes the majority or other legally required vote of approval unattainable, then such members shall be permitted to vote if disclosures are made as otherwise provided herein. In the case of a three-member governing body of a political subdivision, where one member has abstained from voting as a result of a conflict of interest and the remaining two members of the governing body have cast opposing votes, the member who has abstained shall be permitted to vote to break the tie vote if disclosure is made as otherwise provided herein."

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January 7, 2025

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

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

Visitors: Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Warden Ken Repsher, Corrections, Deputy Warden Heather Schmidt, Corrections, Matt Jones, Planning Director, Bob Kenney, Assistant Planning Director, Lois Gregory, Occucares, Bob Fitch (via Zoom)

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the December 31, 2024 meeting minutes. Ernie King second the motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report- None

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the bills for payment pending a thorough review from the Commissioners. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve to hire Randy Husted as full time Maintenance. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve and sign the annual Medical Assistance Transportation grant agreement. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the resignation of Alan Grow as the Deputy EMA Director. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve the resignation of Detective David Ide. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve the resignation of Charles Mead as the GIS Coordinator. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve a revised Resolution for the 2025 TAN based on minor changes after DCED review. The closing will be moved to January 14, 2025. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

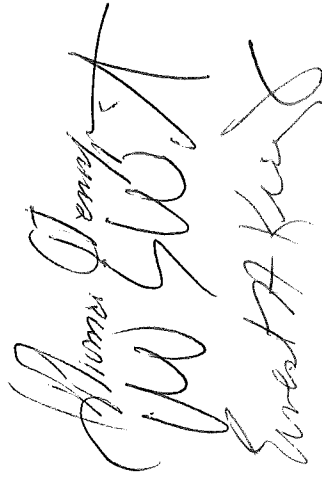
Tom Henry made a motion to approve the Probation contract with Work Well for drug testing services. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve and sign an updated implementation agreement that will add additional services for clients using Nurse Family Partnership at no additional cost to the County. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. 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. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.



Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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January 14, 2025

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

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

Visitors: Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Jeff Porter, 911 Communications Director, Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Lois Gregory, Occucares, Kenni Parr & Leanora Denison, Tax Collectors

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

Ernie King made a motion to approve the January 6, 2025 and January 7, 2025 meeting minutes. Tom Henry second the motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report- None

Ernie King made a motion to approve the bills for payment pending a thorough review from the Commissioners. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the termination of a Probation Officer. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve a contract with Occucares for drug testing services with Probation. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant agreement. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve yearly maintenance agreements with AMP for 911 support. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the Q1 MATP (Medical Assistance Transportation Program) report. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

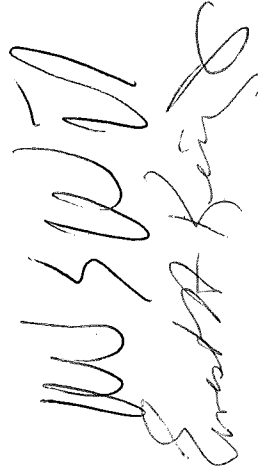
Tom Henry made a motion to approve renovations of two windows in the main Courtroom. These renovations will be reimbursed through Judicial funds. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

The following agenda item was tabled for further discussion and will be added to the next upcoming agenda: Discuss and vote to approve an increase in compensation for the tax collectors. Ms. Parr and Ms. Denison were present at the meeting to represent the Tax Collectors and presented the Commissioners with their proposal for an increase. The proposed increase will not take effect until 2026.

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. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.



Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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January 21, 2025

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

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

Visitors: Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

Ernie King made a motion to approve the January 14, 2025 meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

*Chief Clerk Report-*None

Solicitor Report- None

Ernie King made a motion to approve the bills for payment pending a thorough review from the Commissioners. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve a revised Revive agreement through Benecon. This will offer employees more health benefits without increasing the cost. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to accept the retirement of Brad Killian, 911 Telecommunicator. Brad has been with the County as a Telecommunicator for over 40 years. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to hire Michael Kishbaugh Jr as a Correctional Officer at the Jail. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to write a letter of support to Healthy Family Partnership for a grant application. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made the motion to table the following agenda item for further discussion and will be added to the next upcoming agenda: Discuss and vote to approve an increase in compensation for the tax collectors. Rick 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. Ernie King made the Motion to adjourn. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Ernie King
Amber Franko

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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January 28, 2025

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

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

Visitors: Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Sarah Welch, Penn State Extension, Erica Rogler, Dietrich, Stacey Hovan, The Little Book Place, Matt Jones, Planning Director, Bob Keeney, Assistant Planning Director

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Rick Wilbur made a motion to add to the agenda the approval to submit the revised EMHR grant. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Ernie King second the motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report- None

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve the bills for payment pending a thorough review from the Commissioners. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve a contract with Elect Sure for mandatory poll worker training. This can be done online at their convenience. Cost is \$16,000 and will be paid from the Election Integrity Grant. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve a proclamation naming February as Wyoming County Reads: One County, One Book, One Movie Month. This year's featured movie and book is Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. Commissioner Henry presented the Proclamation to Stacey Hovan from The Little Book Place and Erica Rogler from the Dietrich. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to write a letter of support for Claverack/Revolution Broadband Equity grant application. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve a contract with Milnes Engineering for engineering work to develop specifications and bid out demolition of the lower building at the former Department of Ag site. The cost will be \$21,450.00. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve a contract with Milnes Engineering for Phase 1 renovations of the main building at the former Department of Ag site. Cost of Phase 1 is \$5,000.00.

Ernie King made a motion to approve the submission of the revised EMHR grant. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

The discussion regarding the increase in compensation for the tax collectors has been tabled until the February 4, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment:

Sarah Welch from Penn State Extension presented the group with upcoming events being held in the county through the Extension. A list of courses and events can be found on their website: <http://extension.psu.edu>

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. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

