

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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November 2, 2023

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

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

Visitors: Lori Bennett

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Ernie King made the motion to add the following items to the agenda which were brought to the attention of the Commissioners after the agenda had been posted.

- Discuss and vote to approve hiring Joshua Sudigala as Telecommunicator Trainee with 911.
- Discuss and vote to approve the payment of invoices that were presented to the Commissioners.

Tom Henry second the Motion to add these items to the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-N/A

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the hiring of Joshua Sudigala as a Telecommunicator Trainee with 911. Joshua has successfully passed all required pre-employment testing and background checks. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the invoices presented for payment. All invoices have been reviewed by the Commissioners. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Lori Bennett asked for an update on the solar meeting that was previously discussed. The Commissioners told Ms. Bennett there is a meeting Friday, November 3, 2023 with the school district and everything to date has just been informational.

Warren Howeler inquired as to how many open positions are still in 911. The Commissioners explained this new hire will help but in order to get the department fully staffed, it needs 2 or 3 more employees.

Mr. Howeler also asked for an update on the union contract negotiations. The Commissioners explained we have received two drafts for review for the groups who have already signed. Chief Clerk Franko said there is another meeting between the AFSCME representative, the arbitrator and the County's lawyer Thursday, November 2, 2023 regarding the union group who went to arbitration.

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 10:12 a.m.

Ernie King
Tom Henry

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November 8, 2023

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

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

Visitors: John Alunni, Children & Youth Director, Lori Bennett

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:17 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Commissioner Wilbur made the motion to add the following item to the agenda which was brought to the attention of the Commissioners after the agenda had been posted.

- Discuss and vote to approve the promotion of Deanna Habib to Case Work Supervisor.

Commissioner King second the Motion to add these items to the agenda. 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 October 24, 2023 and November 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-Executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding a litigation matter. No action needed.

Commissioner Wilbur presented the 2024 calendar with Martin Luther King Jr. Day added as an additional holiday. Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the calendar. Commissioner King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur discussed the need for an additional judge for the 44th Judicial District that would be shared between Wyoming and Sullivan Counties. Rick Wilbur made the motion to sign the letter of support. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made the motion to approve the hiring of Hallock and Shannon CPAs to preform the County's annual financial statements for the 2021 and 2022 audits. Commissioner King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve Trehab to submit for PHARE funding for housing assistance which targets persons in recovery. Commissioner King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur discussed two different quotes from Clear Ballot which were for 1-year and 5-year contracts on warranty and software licenses for Elections. Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve the 1-year contract based on the amount the County receives for the Election Integrity Grant. This grant helps pay for this service. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to pay for a welcome ad for Wyoming County in the Arts and Artists Tour Guide. This is the second annual tour with the first having resounding success. Commissioner Henry also added to the motion to add this to the County budget going forward. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the promotion of CO Allen Turner to Corporal at the Jail. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to approve unpaid FMLA intermittent leave for Charles Mead beginning 11/1/2023 and ending 5/1/2024. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve one Children & Youth contract that was presented to them. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the promotion of Deanna Habib to Case Work Supervisor. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Lori Bennett invited the Commissioners to a Veterans Day program at the Tunkhannock High School on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Warren Howeler asked when they could expect the 2024 budget to be completed. Commissioner Wilbur explained they plan on meeting with individual departments in the upcoming week to finalize numbers.

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 10:38 a.m.

EW King
Tom Henry
Rick Wilbur

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November 16, 2023

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

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

Visitors: None

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:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the bills for payment. All three Commissioners have reviewed the invoices for accuracy. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

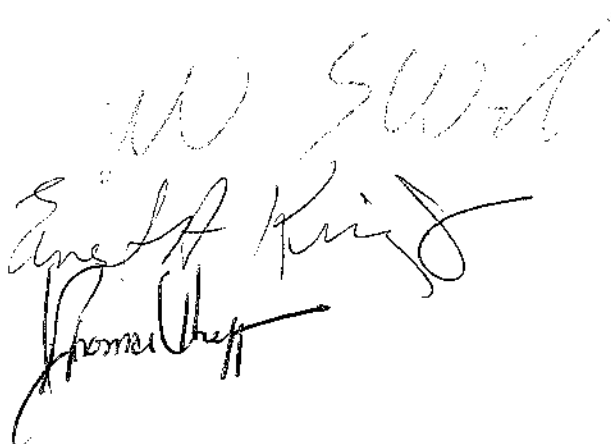
Public Comment:

Warren Howeler asked for an update on the 2024 county budget. Commissioner Wilbur sent out the departmental budgets this week and will start individual meetings tomorrow. He is hoping the first or second week of December, to have it complete and posted for review.

Mr. Howeler also asked for an update on the union contracts. Chief Clerk Franko explained the agreements with the two groups who have already voted and approved are with the respected union representatives for final review before signing and print. The county is still awaiting an arbitration award for the third group.

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. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.



Ernie King
Amber Franko

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November 22, 2023

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

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

Visitors: Sheriff Robert Roberts, Sheriff, Atty. Tim Carroll, Public Defender, Theresa McCloskey, Nurse Family, Lori Bennett, Anonymous Participant (via Zoom)

Rick Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

The following items need to be added to the agenda. These were brought to the attention of the Commissioners after the agenda had been posted.

- Discuss and vote to approve the resignation of Amy Richards, Children & Youth Caseworker, effective December 28, 2023. Tom Henry made the motion to add this to the agenda. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.
- Discuss and vote to approve opening a second General Fund bank account with People's Security Bank due to a check washing scam. Rick Wilbur made the motion to add to the agenda. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.
- Discuss and vote to approve adding authorized signatures to the new General Fund Account. Tom Henry made the motion to add to the agenda. Rick Wilbur 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 November 8, 2023 and November 16, 2023 meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-Attended the annual CCAP Fall Conference in Hershey as well as the Newly Elected Officials workshop. This was very beneficial and made many valuable connections throughout the state.

Solicitor Report-None

Commissioner King was presented an award at the annual CCAP Fall Conference. The PCoRP Brady Koch Award is for Outstanding Contributions to PCoRP and Wyoming County Risk Management Program.

Tom Henry made the motion to approve the resignation of Melissa Kuns, Maintenance, effective December 15, 2023. Rick Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilbur made the motion to approve the bills for payment. These were previously reviewed for accuracy. Commissioner Henry second the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made the motion to approve the resignation of Amy Richards, Children & Youth Caseworker, effective December 28, 2023. Commissioner Wilbur second the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to approve opening a second General Fund checking account through People's Security Bank due to a check washing scam. Commissioner Wilbur stated the washed checks were caught early and no county money had been lost. There are security precautions in place through the Treasurer's office and there is an open investigation with the DA's office and FBI. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur also made a motion to approve adding the current authorized signatures to the new General Fund checking account. Ernie King second the motion. Motion carried.

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Public Comment:

Theresa McCloskey, Treasurer for the Wyoming County Food Pantry presented the Commissioners with a TEFAP grant opportunity. This can be used for upgrading services in rural counties. The grant application is due December 8, 2023 and Ms. McCloskey committed to getting all the information together for the next Commissioner's meeting for review and discussion.

Lori Bennett wanted to thank John Alunni, Human Services Director, and the Commissioners for their outstanding help with a homeless individual recently.

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

Rick Wilbur adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

W.S.W.A.
Ernest A. King
Thomas Henry

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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November 30, 2023

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

Press: Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner

Visitors: Theresa McCloskey, Nurse Family (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:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report-None

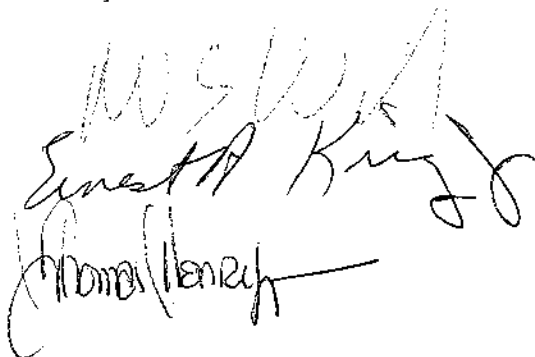
Commissioner Henry made the motion to approve the bills for payment. These were previously reviewed for accuracy. Commissioner King second the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Wilbur announced the 2024 budget has been finalized and will be advertised for posting within the next few weeks. There are no increases in taxes and no services cut. All three Commissioners wanted to note there has been an additional line item added for \$50,000 to pay for services to help homeless individuals when they are in need.

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

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



Ernest King
Tom Henry