

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

ZOOM Available

November 6, 2024

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, Jessica Harker (via Zoom), New Age Examiner

Visitors: Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Matt Jones, Planning Director, Bob Kenney, Assistant Planner, Sheriff Roberts, Ralph Schwartz, EMA Director, Weston Kolanowski, USDA

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 declare a burn ban for Wyoming County. 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:

Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve the October 22, 2024 and October 31, 2024 meeting minutes. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024 Wyoming County Commissioners/Planning Commission meeting minutes. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report- None

The Commissioners announced the recent endorsement of HANDS of Wyoming County as a Blue-Ribbon affiliate as a Teacher's National Center. This prestigious endorsement from Parents as Teachers National Center is for being one of the top performing home visiting affiliates in their network.

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

Ernie King made a motion to ratify the Children & Youth Non-Discrimination Policy to replace John Alumni with Deanna Habib. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to apply for the PComp annual safety improvement grant in the amount of \$35,000. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to approve a maintenance agreement with SSI Fire and Explosion Protection for \$2,150. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the following:

- Resignation of Vickie Green as a CO at the Jail
- Resignation of David Baltrusaitus as a part time CO at the Jail
- Promotion of Corporal Thatcher to Sergeant
- Promotion of CO Flynn to Corporal
- Promotion of CO Davis to Corporal
- Hire Dave Smith as a part time Sheriff's Deputy
- Hire Bob Kenny as an Assistant Planner

Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the revised solid waste plan that was recently approved by DEP. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the 2025 calendar. Commissioner Wilbur noted the biggest change will be that the Commissioners meetings will be held every Tuesday. There will no longer be Thursday meetings unless there is an emergency or special circumstance. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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Ernie King made a motion to sign a Proclamation honoring Eaton Baptist Church on their 200th anniversary on September 15. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King also made a motion to sign a Proclamation honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Osterhout Bible Church. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to adopt Revive Your Health through the County health care provider to add additional discounts for medication, etc. This is not additional cost to the employees and does not change the current health care coverage. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve a renewal purchase service agreement with Advantage Care Group for Children & Youth. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve CoStar quotes from Vino Electric for the following projects at the 911 Center:

- Parking lot lighting for \$4,900
- Other exterior lighting on the building for \$2,800

These will be paid for through the Pcorp Safety Grant. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rick Wilbur made a motion to recess at 10:38am to review the Resolution to declare a burn ban for Wyoming County. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried. The Commissioner's meeting will resume with a vote after review.

The Commissioners resumed the meeting at 10:47am

Rick Wilbur made a motion to sign a resolution to declare a burn ban for Wyoming County effective November 8, 2024 and lasting for 30 days unless extended. This will be posted on the County website and will be emailed to all townships, boroughs and newspapers. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Weston Kolanowski from the Wyoming County Conservation District presented to the Commissioners the existing programs they are working on and ideas for future projects.

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 10:49 a.m.



Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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November 14, 2024

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

Visitors: Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Matt Jones, Planning Director, Cain Chamberlain, Endless Mountains Heritage Region

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 discuss and approve an agreement with Victims Resource Center. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. 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 after thorough review by the Commissioners. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner King made a motion to ratify the motion made December 6, 2022 which approved the new 2023-2027 SEIU contract. The contract was signed by all parties on November 7, 2024. Commissioner Wilbur second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

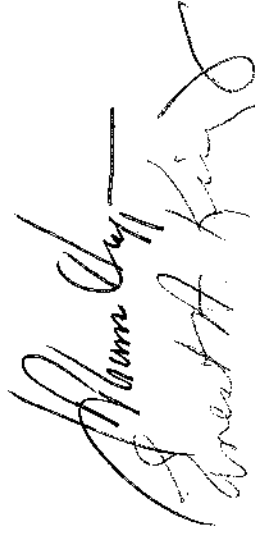
Rick Wilbur made a motion to approve and sign an agreement with Victims Resource Center for the 2024 Stop Violence Against Women campaign. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Cain Chamberlain from Endless Mountains Heritage Region presented the Commissioners with a \$500.00 check from the 2024 Summer Heritage Benefit Paddle held this past summer. Each year the Heritage Region chooses a park or trail to donate to. This year Wyoming County Seneca Park was the recipient.

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 10:18 a.m.



Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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November 19, 2024

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

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier, Jessica Harker (via Zoom), New Age Examiner

Visitors: Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Ron Kukuchka (via Zoom)

Commissioner Henry opened the Meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

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

Old Business:

Ernie King made a motion to approve the November 6, 2024 and November 14, 2024 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 hiring of Megan Coury who will replace Pam King in the DA's Office. Pam will be retiring at the end of November 2024. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie King made a motion to promote Corporal Allen Turner to Training Lieutenant at the Correctional Facility, effective at the beginning of 2025. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve a renewal purchase service agreement for Children & Youth. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to approve the following spending which was recommended by the Opioid Settlement Committee through the Opioid Settlement funds:

- Prioritize and extend the services of the co-responder program through 2025
- Set up information booth at the Factoryville Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7, 2024.
- Set up information booth at the Tunkhannock Christmas in Our Hometown on Friday, December 13, 2024.
- Begin media campaign through the Dietrich Theatre.
- Begin media campaign through GEM radio.
- Begin billboard advertising through Ace Robbins electronic billboard

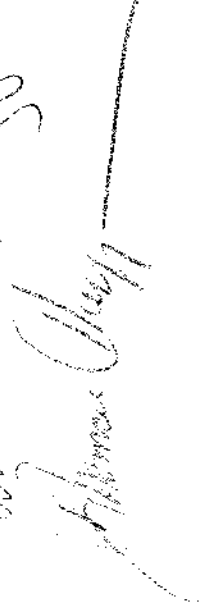
Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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 Henry adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.





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November 21, 2024

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

Press: Warren Howeler (via Zoom), Rocket Courier

Visitors: Kayli Grow, Deputy Chief Clerk, Deanna Habib, Children & Youth Director, Judge Shurtleff, President Judge, Marta Kovacs-ruiz, Richard Fitzsimmons

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

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Tom Henry made a motion to add to the agenda a scheduled art show. Ernie King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief Clerk Report-None

Solicitor Report- Requested a meeting regarding the Courthouse repainting project for the week of December 2, 2024 in order to finalize all contracts, insurance, etc

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

Ernie King made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement and Resolution between Wyoming County and Sullivan County for inmate housing. This came from a recommendation by the Prison Board at the November 19, 2024 meeting. Tom Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Henry made a motion to remove the current unauthorized artwork that is hanging in the hallway of the Courthouse and replace it with authorized artists. 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. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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