

Meeting of the Fulton County Commissioners – Tuesday, November 8, 2022
8:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Office

Present: Commissioner Ulsh, Commissioner Bunch & Commissioner Shives

Absent: None

Others Present: Fulton County Auditor-Penny Kipp; Fulton County Residents-Braden Wissinger, Sandra Barton & Lin Henry; Pennsylvania Democratic Party Solicitor-Robert Ackerman.

Commissioner Ulsh opened the meeting with silent prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Ulsh opened up the floor for public comments. Fulton County Auditor Penny Kipp presented a petition to the Commissioners asking for a hand count of ballots for the 2022 General Election held on November 8, 2022. Fulton County resident Braden Wissinger also presented more petitions in addition to the ones he presented at the November 1, 2022 meeting. Solicitor for the Democratic Party, Robert Ackerman, advised the Commissioners on the legality of hand counting ballots and Commissioner Ulsh thanked him for his input.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to award the Fulton County Probation Office Stairway replacement bid to Antaris Site Work, LLC dated October 31, 2022 in the amount of \$99,777.00; and to authorize Keller Engineers, Inc. to issue Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed at the appropriate times. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Shives to approve the Commissioners' Minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Bunch to approve the Accounts Payable dated November 7, 2022 in the amount of \$217,503.50. All in favor.

Fund 100	General Fund	51,396.95
	Manual Checks	\$0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$51,396.95
Fund 229	HSD\F\HSBG	138,665.00
Fund 231	SFC Evidence Based Practice	10,753.75
Fund 238	911	14,937.79
Fund 243	Offender Supervision	586.19
Fund 256	Domestic Relations	58.95
Fund 269	DCED Grant Funds-Election Integrity	1,104.87
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$217,503.50

Commissioners met Mike Lamb, Wessel and Co. and Fiscal Admin Lisa Beatty for the 2nd Draft Budget Review. Lamb presented three changes in regards to salaries and COLA since the 1st Draft Review. Lamb reported that he planned to meet with Department Heads late November. Commissioner Shives asked that an email be sent to anyone who wished to meet with the Commissioners while the budget is still in draft form.

Attorney Jim Stein met with Commissioners for an Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioners Ulsh to enter into Executive Session for legal matters at 9:35 AM. All in favor.

Regular session resumed at 10:15 AM.

Commissioners resumed meeting with Lamb & Beatty to finalize the 2nd Draft Budget Review discussion. Commissioners Ulsh asked if he could get a rundown of elected official salaries for the last four terms.

Commissioners met with County Coroner Berley Souders. Souders explained that his duties significantly increased over the years and requested an increase in salary. No action was taken. Commissioner Ulsh said it would be checked into in regards to elected salary increases with Attorney Jim Stein. Souders also reported that he applied for another grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Commissioners met with Magisterial District Judge Devin Horne to discuss forming a committee to promote employee recognition. Judge Horne also updated the Commissioners on his office upgrades noting that Building & Grounds Department, Brad Seville and Chad Buterbaugh did a great job.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh to approve the SAP&DC Support Letter in their efforts to secure funding through the ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) for the Community Capacity and Municipal Assistance Program for the Southern Alleghenies Region Project. All in favor.

Commissioners met with Planning & Mapping Director Justin Evans about creating an ordinance for solar energy systems for Fulton County. Evans said he would gather additional information and follow up again with the Commissioners.

Commissioners signed an approval for vehicle repairs to the 2017 Ford Escape. Commissioners also signed Wessel & Co. Invoices for September and October 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Ulsh to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 PM. All in favor.

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Stuart L. Ulsh, Chair



Randy H. Bunch, Vice-Chair



Paula J. Shives

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey M. Golden

Chief Clerk