



THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2019

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Chester County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:03 AM on February 14, 2019 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Michelle Kichline. Commissioners Kathi Cozzone and Terence Farrell were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kichline asked Commissioner Cozzone's Administrative Analyst Diane O'Dwyer to lead the Pledge.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Kichline announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting on January 31, 2019. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2019 Commissioners' meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

There were no comments from the public on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6. OLD BUSINESS

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a. Bid Awards

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve the bid awards on the agenda. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the bids for the following:

Bid Awards

Senior Center Food Service Program, Bid #143812-1328A:

Lintons Food Service Management \$254,250.00

Security Camera Installation: Bid #001812-1327E:

Gator Networking Services, Inc. d/b/a H & R Telephones \$ 30,231.05

b. Bid Rejection

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to reject the bid on the agenda. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to reject the bid for the following due to the bid exceeding the amount budgeted:

Bid Rejection

Chester Valley Trail – Route 100 Crossing Improvements, Bid #357808-1318E

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a-b. Resolutions 03-19 and 04-19

Chairman Kichline made a motion to approve Resolutions 03-19 and 04-19 authorizing the Director of the Department of Facilities and Parks and the County Solicitor to take all necessary steps required by PennDOT to electronically award the contracts for the replacement of Bridges #21 and #297. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve Resolutions 03-19 and 04-19.

**Resolutions
03-19 and 04-19**

c.-e. Resolutions 05-19, 06-19 and 07-19

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve Resolutions 05-19, 06-19 and 07-19 authorizing the exoneration of county taxes for tax parcels in East Bradford Township (51-5-86.1D, 51-5-86.7A, 51-5-86.7C and 51-5-86.7D), East Brandywine Township (30-5-1105), and East Coventry Township (18-4-44) respectively. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion passed to authorize the exoneration of county taxes from cited tax parcels in East Bradford, East Brandywine and East Coventry Townships.

**Resolutions
05-19, 06-19 and 07-19**

f. Resolution 08-19

Chairman Kichline made a motion to approve Resolution 08-19 adopting the Emergency Operations Plan of the County of Chester. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve Resolution 08-19.

Resolution 08-19

g. Authorities, Boards and Commissions

Following a motion made by Commissioner Cozzone, which was seconded by Commissioner Farrell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following appointment:

**Authorities, Boards
and Commissions**

Chester County Planning Commission

Stephanie Duncan for a term ending 12/31/2023

h. Bid Authorization

Following a motion made by Chairman Kichline, which was seconded by Commissioner Cozzone, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following Authorization to Bid:

Bid Authorization

- **Flooring Replacement for Prison Campus**

i. Contracts

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve the Contracts Agenda. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Contracts Agenda.

Contracts

j. Grants

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the Grants Agenda. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Grants Agenda.

Grants

8. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

PERSONNEL

a. Human Resources Agenda

Chairman Kichline made a motion to approve the Human Resources Agenda. Commissioners Cozzone and Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Human Resources Agenda.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

FINANCE

a. Finance Agenda

Chairman Kichline made a motion to approve the Finance Agenda. Commissioners Farrell and Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Finance Agenda with the following items:

- Budget Changes 24-18 and 03-19
- Settlement Agreement
- Vouchers as submitted by the Controller

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Caroline Hughes came to the podium to speak about the Mariner East project and reviewed the headlines in the news from the past few months.

Laura Obenski of Uwchlan Township then got up to speak and thanked the Commissioners for what they had done so far on the Mariner East pipeline project issues and asked for the status of the Commissioners taking legal action. Chairman Kichline replied that the Commissioners were in the process of interviewing law firms to handle the situation.

Rebecca Britain from Uwchlan Township spoke next and expressed concerns about Sunoco's liability insurance and the involuntary risks.

Jerry McMullen spoke next and requested that the Commissioners take a strong stand against the Mariner East pipeline issues. Chairman Kichline replied that they are working on a plan that would have the most impact. Commissioner Cozzone thanked those that spoke for their time and the research that they had done; and let them know that the Commissioners had addressed many of their questions and concerns in the letter that the Commissioners had recently sent to the Public Utility Commission. Mr. McMullen thanked the Commissioners and informed the Commissioners of a rally in Harrisburg on March 19th and invited them to ride the bus that they had arranged for the trip. Chairman Kichline replied that they had a public meeting that day, but would see about sending a representative from the County.

Chris Digiulio asked about the relationship the county has with the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC). Chairman Kichline and Commissioner Cozzone replied that the CCEDC is an advisory Committee and that the Commissioners are ex officio non-voting members and spoke about the County's Vista 2025 plan. Chairman Kichline then invited interested parties to attend the next Vista 2025 Quality of Place workshop. Ms. Digiulio thanked the Commissioners for the information and invitation.

Kristen Britain Saylor came to the podium and expressed her opinion on the events surrounding the pipeline. She stated that she was concerned about the lack of accountability and the long-term environmental impact. She requested that the Commissioners hold more public forums and press conferences in hopes of making the news.

Margie Swart then spoke about 440 acres of property on Greenhill Road and asked if the Commissioners could investigate the County tax implications. Thomas Whiteman and Kristen Mayock from the Solicitor's office confirmed that they would look into it.

The last person to come to the podium was Kris Keller who spoke about how Montgomery County sends out code blue alerts for the homeless and asked that Chester County start doing the same. Chairman Kichline and Commissioner Cozzone both let her know that Chester County already sends out code blue alerts via social media and other avenues, just not via the postal service as was her Montgomery County example.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Commissioner Farrell which was seconded by Commissioner Cozzone. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.



**Taken by Paige Fenimore
On behalf of Chief Clerk Kara C. Rahn**