

The regular meeting of the Wayne County Commissioners was held on this date with Commissioner Brian W. Smith presiding. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith with Commissioner Jocelyn Cramer present. Commissioner James Shook was not present.

The Commissioners were presented with copies of minutes from the meeting held October 5, 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes for October 5, 2023. Motion carried.

Agenda

Scheduled to meet with the Commissioners: Chelsea Falotico, David Mazzenga, Randi Bannon, Ericka Thaxton, Debbie Cosentino, Lindsay Fonseca, Jenn Greiner, Michelle November and Dawn Poveromo, from the Victims Intervention Program, for Domestic Violence Month.

Items to be considered: Employee anniversary recognition; Proclamation - Domestic Violence Month; Letter of Support for Berlin Township; Acceptance of the Medically Assisted Transportation Program FY 23-24 allocation; Salary Board meeting; Approve bills for payment.

Correspondence and Communications

Received the October 2023 Rail-Trail newsletter from the Rail-Trail Council of Northeast Pennsylvania.

Received the September 2023 Monthly Report for 2-1-1. The report shows 80 total contacts from Wayne County with the top categories by need as housing, food and legal services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the letter of resignation from Children and Youth Services County Caseworker II Shannon Burgio, effective November 12, 2023. Motion carried. The Chief Clerk noted that Ms. Burgio is not leaving county employment. She appears later on the agenda with a new position in another department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to rescind an offer of employment previously made to Leslie Mitchell who was to start work as a Clerk II in the District Attorney’s office. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

The Commissioners held an employee anniversary recognition. The following County employees were in attendance:

Scott Jaycox	Wayne Co. Correctional Facility	15 years
Maria DeSanti	Wayne Co. Correctional Facility	1 year
Jamiela Feldman	Wayne Co. Correctional Facility	1 year

Prison Warden Randal Williams and Food Service Supervisor Mike Dadig were on hand to introduce Corrections Officer Scott Jacox for his 15-year anniversary, Food Service Worker Maria DeSanti for her 1-year anniversary, and Corrections Officer Jamiela Feldman for her 1-year anniversary with Wayne County.

Warden Williams called Corrections Officer Jaycox an outstanding officer who knows all the ins and outs of the prison. He is also a non-lethal weapons trainer. The Warden said he wishes

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he had a lot more Corrections Officers like Mr. Jaycox. Warden Williams said Corrections Officer Feldman is a working mom and balances it with a tough schedule with the prison. He called her very consistent and reliable.

Mike Dadig called Ms. DeSanti very professional and a great team member. He said he knows he could walk away knowing that things will get done the way he wants them to get done. He called her a learner who always asks questions and strives to reach a higher standard. He said she is always willing to go above and beyond.

Commissioner Smith told Corrections Officer Jaycox that he always viewed him as someone who knows the job, who cares about the job, and does the job well. He told Corrections Officer Feldman that he knows it is difficult to juggle work and family and he has an appreciation that she and others can do it. Commissioner Smith told Ms. DeSanti that if she is willing to learn, he knows Mr. Dadig is willing to teach and he hopes she learns a lot from him. Commissioner Cramer told them all that team work is so important to make sure the Correctional Facility operates the way it needs to. She complimented all three on the work they do and said that the praise they received was nice to hear and she hopes they continue to grow and learn and stick around for many years.

Corrections Officer Jaycox said he is happy to be working with the people he works with. Corrections Officer Feldman said she also loves working at the prison and for the County. Ms. DeSanti said she enjoys her position and looks forward to continuing to grow and learn.

Chelsea Falotico, David Mazzenga, Randi Bannon, Ericka Thaxton, Debbie Cosentino Lindsay Fonseca, Jenn Greiner, Michelle November and Dawn Poveromo, from the Victims Intervention Program, were on hand for Domestic Violence Month.

Randi Bannon, Executive Director of the Victims Intervention Program, offered comments about upcoming events, including Wear Purple Day on October 19th. Chelsea Falotico, Outreach Director for VIP, told the Commissioners that when they read the proclamation they are about to, they are telling a portion of our population that feel unseen, that they are seen and they are supported. She called safety a human right and thanked the Commissioners for continuing to support the Victims Intervention Program and its mission. She said too many people feel as if nobody cares, but by recognizing Domestic Violence Month and adopting the proclamation, they are showing they do care.

Commissioner Cramer said she is so grateful for the work VIP does. Commissioner Smith said that he was worried when former Executive Director Michele Minor Wolf left, but after hearing everyone talk, he is confident that VIP will live on thanks to the crew they have in place today. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cramer to adopt the Domestic Violence Month Proclamation in Wayne County. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cramer to approve a Letter of Support for Berlin Township's LSA application for efficiency improvement at the township's community center. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the acceptance of the Medically Assisted Transportation Program FY 23-24 allocation in the amount of \$878,168. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to hire Laura Connor to the position of Clerk II in the Wayne County Prothonotary's Office, effective October 23, 2023. Motion carried.

At this time, the Commissioners recessed to hold a Salary Board meeting. [See Salary Board Minutes.](#)

The Commissioners' meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to hire William Canfield as a Meal Transporter in the Dietary Department at Wayne County Human Services, effective November 6, 2023, pending final clearances. Motion carried.

At this time, the Commissioners recessed to hold a Salary Board meeting. See Salary Board Minutes.

The Commissioners' meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to hire Eboni Hunt as a Social Services Aide I Wayne County Children and Youth Services, effective October 23, 2023, pending final clearances. Motion carried.

At this time, the Commissioners recessed to hold a Salary Board meeting. See Salary Board Minutes.

The Commissioners' meeting resumed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a transfer of Shannon Burgio from a County Caseworker II at Children and Youth Services to an Aging Care Manager II at Area Agency on Aging, effective November 13, 2023. Motion carried.

At this time, the Commissioners recessed to hold a Salary Board meeting. See Salary Board Minutes.

The Commissioners' meeting resumed.

Other Business

The Commissioners received a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated October 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the bills for payment, as presented. Also included in the motion to approve were bills from the Human Services Agency and from Behavioral and Developmental Programs/Early Intervention. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith credited State Representative Joe Adams for his continued effort to try and get funding for a career technology center in Wayne and Pike Counties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cramer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion carried.

Andrew M. Seder, Chief Clerk