



MINUTES

Cumberland County Finance Meeting

September 15, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Commissioners' Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

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Present: Commissioners Gary Eichelberger, Jean Foschi, and Vincent T. DiFilippo.

Staff Present: Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Brigid O'Neill, Administrative Specialist; Theresa Kissinger, Administrative Specialist; Megan Fogelsanger, IMTO; Kirk Stoner, Stephanie Williams, Planning.

Staff via Zoom: Bob Shively, Public Safety; Samantha Krepps, Communications.

Outside Agencies Present: None.

Others Present: None.

Call to Order: Commissioner Eichelberger called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the August 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Topic of Discussion:

Discussion of Farmland Preservation Annual Allocation Recommendation – Stephanie Williams reviewed the Farmland Preservation program established in 2019 and the goal to have 30,000 acres in the program by the year 2030. She indicated the yearly goal is to preserve an average of 900 acres a year. She reported current farmland preserved and the pending preservation is at 23,136 acres. She indicated the County is on target to reach its goal by 2030, and to achieve 900 acres in 2022. The Planning Department presented a budget that was prepared in partnership with the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Staff recommended maintaining the general fund contribution of \$850,000.00 and is hopeful the variables remain the same for next year. Staff reported a letter was sent to farmers whose farms may be a candidate for the program. Twenty plus farmers came to the pre-application meeting to learn more about the program. Commissioner Eichelberger questioned if any effort has been made to encourage municipalities to invest. More discussion ensued.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the board, Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Kissinger, Administrative Technician