



MINUTES

Cumberland County Finance Meeting

December 8, 2021 at 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: Stacy Snyder, Chief Clerk; Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Angela Smyser, Executive Assistant; Megan Fogelsanger, IMTO; Kirk Stoner, Planning.

Staff Present via Zoom: John Lopp, Facilities; Jessica Flachsmann, Johnathan Kennedy, IMTO; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Dana Best, Finance.

Others Present: Jamie Keener, Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation; Tim Hawkins, Shippensburg University; Neil Leary, Dickinson College.

Others Present via Zoom: Heidi Kunsch, PADEP.

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

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Topics of Discussion:

Discussion of and Possible Motion to Approve the Cumberland County Climate Action Plan: Kirk Stoner explained that Cumberland County was selected by DEP to participate in the Local Climate Action Program, which pairs university students with County employees to develop a Climate Action Plan. He shared that the team consisted of County Planning Department staff, Shippensburg University staff and students, Dickinson College staff and students, and an 8-member Citizen Advisory Committee. He summarized the process that led to developing the Climate Action Plan, which included a Green House Gas inventory, stakeholder engagement, and best practice research.

He explained the Green House Gas inventory showed that Transportation and Residential Energy were the two largest contributors and together were responsible for 60% of the total Green House Gas emissions within the County. He reported that projections show a 13.8% increase in Green House Gas emissions by 2049 and summarized the potential impact of various Green House Gas reduction actions. He explained that Stakeholder Engagement focused on mitigation efforts and information was collected through public surveys, business surveys, and sector focused group.

He explained the Climate Action Plan is voluntary and that no targets are specified to avoid misleading information. He described the four goal areas and the 17 strategies to be used across these areas. He explained that over 100 possible actions to address climate change are described in the plan and that the recommendations vary in scale from basic to complex. He explained how the County will help implement

the action plan with available resources, which include 400 hours of shared energy manager assistance from DEP. He explained that the next steps are for the Board of Commissioners to consider adopting the plan and integrating it into other existing plans.

Commissioner Foschi expressed her support of the plan and thanked all the volunteers who assisted in developing it. Commissioners Eichelberger and DiFilippo asked questions regarding the Green House Gas inventory and implementation of the plan. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Eichelberger requested more time to review the plan before taking action.

Discussion of and Possible Motion to Approve a Letter of Support for the PA Dairymen's

Association: Jamie Keener discussed the Letter of Interest and the informational brief that CAEDC intends to submit in support of the PA Dairymen's Association and the construction of the PA Ag Discovery Center, which included a draft for the potential layout of the center. He explained that how the selection process will look for the location of the center is unclear. He requested a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners be provided to submit as additional support to help Cumberland County be chosen as the location for the center.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve a letter of support for the PA Dairymen's Association Pennsylvania Ag Discovery Center here in Cumberland County. Commissioner DiFilippo seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Other Business: None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Smyser,
Executive Assistant