



# THE COUNTY OF CHESTER



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## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

**December 12, 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 December 12, 2019 in the Commissioners' Boardroom by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Michelle Kichline. Commissioner Kathi Cozzone and Commissioner Terence Farrell were also present.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Kichline asked Mark Rupsis to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Kichline announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Tuesday, December 10, 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 November 20, 2019. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA**

There was no public comment on the Agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Approve 2020 Budget**

Following a motion made by Commissioner Cozzone, which was seconded by Commissioner Farrell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed 2020 Budget of \$563,449,596.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Authorities, Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the reappointment of Elizabeth D'Angelo to the Chester County Office of Aging Citizens' Advisory Council for a term ending 12/31/2022. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve the reappointments of Dierdre Flemming, Adam Mowery, Anthony Vietre, and Gary Westlake to the Chester County Agricultural Development Council all for a term ending 12/31/2022. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the appointment of John Schwartz to the Chester County Airport Authority for a term ending 12/31/2024. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the appointment of Becky Corbin to the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2020. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve the reappointment of Brian Campbell for a term ending 12/31/2023 and appointment of Josh Maxwell for a term ending 12/31/2020 to the Chester County Conservation District. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the reappointment of Michele Tucker to the Chester County Board of Health for a term ending 12/31/2023, reappointment of Lou Kupperman for a term ending 12/31/2024 and appointment of Susan Springsteen for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2021 to the Chester County Industrial Development Authority, reappointments of Kathleen Pearse and JoAnn Weinberg to the Chester County Library Board both for a term ending 12/31/2022, reappointments of Douglas Fasick, Matthew Hammond, and appointment of Nate Cline to the Chester County Planning Commission each for a term ending 12/31/2023, and the reappointments of Patti Cregan-Ciuffetli and Amber Little to the Chester County Women's Commission both for a term ending 12/31/2022. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Authorities, Boards and Commissions

**b. Ordinance 2019-03**

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-03 authorizing and directing the incurring by the County of Chester of non-electoral debt in the maximum amount of \$85,000,000 through the issuance of one general obligation bonds series of 2020 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 and general obligation bonds series A of 2020 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to currently refund all of the County's general obligation bonds, series A of 2010. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve Ordinance 2019-03.

**Ordinance 2019-03**

**c. Ordinance 2019-04**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04 reaffirming and ratifying Chester County's participation in the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool and the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation law, as amended. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve Ordinance 2019-04.

**Ordinance 2019-04**

**d. Resolution 51-19**

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve Resolution 51-19 authorizing the 2020 real estate tax rate. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve Resolution 51-19.

**Resolution 51-19**

**e. Resolution 52-19**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve Resolution 52-19 authorizing the execution of a Confirmatory Deed for 16,671 square feet of Tax Parcel 29-6-15-E to the Estate of William Ire Beideman. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve Resolution 52-19.

**Resolution 52-19**

**f. Memorandum of Understanding**

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between The Nature Conservancy and the County of Chester. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**g. Memorandum of Understanding**

Commissioner Farrell made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chester County Economic Development Council and the County of Chester. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**h. Cooperation Agreement**

Commissioner Cozzone made a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Chester, the Chester County Industrial Development Authority, Rajant Cooperation, and Fiore Foundations LLC. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Cooperation Agreement**

**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. Commissioner 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. Commissioner Cozzone seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Finance Agenda with the following items:

- Budget Change 20-19
- Vouchers as submitted by the Controller

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Plaughter and Butch Dutter of the Chester County FOP, Commissioner Michelle Kichline, Former Chief Operating Officer Mark Rupsis, President Judge Jacqueline Cody, and employees of Chester County including Patricia Norwood-Foden, Chris Murphy, Don Corry, Nathan Schenker, Jan Bowers, Laurie Rofini, Jonathan Schuck, Doug Waegel, Pat Bokovitz, Vince Brown, Mike Murphy, Julie Bookheimer, Jeanne Casner, Marcy Curth, Kim Bowman, Joe Sherwood, Brianne Zanin, Brian O’Leary, Jackie McKenna, Ed McFadden, and Sandy Burke, all spoke of the notable accomplishments of Commissioners Farrell and Cozzone during their three terms.

There was no further public comment.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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 11:42 AM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Pettit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Taken by Taylor Pettit**

**On behalf of Chief Clerk Kara C. Rahn**

**ADJOURNMENT**