

529th Meeting
Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials
Senate Majority Caucus Room
December 9, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Dickson (Auditor – Wyoming)	Jacobs (Register – York)
Hill (Commissioners ED)	King (Register – Dauphin)*
Whitcomb, S. (Controller’s ED)	Wollyung (Sheriff ED)
Ross (Coroner – Blair)	Appleby (Sheriff Administrator)
Long (DA’s ED)	Adamik (Treasurer – Adams)
Smithson (Clerk/Prothy – Bucks)	Marburger (Treasurer – Butler)
Bennis (Recorder – Blair)	Green (Controller – York)
Lutz (Recorder – Lebanon)	Petrille (Register – Bucks)
Shearer (Recorder – Cumberland)	Conner (Coroner – Franklin)
Reisinger (Recorder – York)*	Klotz (LGC)
Moser (Register – Butler)	Shank (Solicitor)

*Alternate

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04AM by President Robb Green, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Approval of Minutes and Secretary’s Report

Secretary Petrille did not have a report. The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated via email.

The secretary reported there was no correspondence to note.

Upon MOTION, duly made, SECONDED and CARRIED, the minutes, as well as the Secretary’s report, were adopted unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION:	Bennis
SECONDED:	Marburger
Vote:	Voice unanimous

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Conner made his triumphant return from injury, and presented the Treasurer’s report. The report is attached hereto in incorporated into the minutes.

Upon MOTION, duly made, SECONDED and CARRIED, the Treasurer's report was adopted unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: Jacobs
SECONDED: Ross
Vote: Voice unanimous

Executive and Legislative Committees Report; Solicitor's Report

Ms. Moser gave her last executive committee report, highlighting new legislation introduced. A copy of her report is attached and incorporated herein by reference. The report highlighted a recall provision where 25 voters can petition for a recall of an elected official, tax credit for EMS persons, a proposal to withhold state aid to municipalities that do not honor federal immigration law, and a provision for electronic ballots. The legislative committee reported that HB 1691, regarding human trafficking is now in the Senate judiciary committee, after passing the House. The President thank PSAECO and the LGC for the work done on passing HB239, which explicitly allowed county retirement boards to grant a COLA for a single year, rather than retroactively to the date of the previous COLA.

Mr. Shank reminded the body about the need to develop suggested policy language on scanning and photographing records.

Upon MOTION, made SECONDED and CARRIED, the reports of the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee and Solicitor were accepted.

MOTION: Adamik
SECOND: Shearer
Vote: Voice unanimous

CCAP Report

Mr. Hill reported that the state budget impasse continued on. He noted that a tax code, welfare code and fiscal code was not in place, but there were spending plans in place. He also noted that the "Last Mile Pipeline Program" was a program that CCAP supported, but did not want to see it funded by redirecting bridge money from counties.

LGC Staff Report

Mr. Klotz thanked the body for an excellent Legislative Dinner, and looked forward to a successful New Year.

Old Business

There was no report on the website. Mr. Conner discussed issues regarding working with the Hilton on the legislative dinner. The final bill didn't credit a deposit, which was demanded. The Hilton was not easy to deal with in 2015 with the new management

New Business

- A. Resolution 2015-11 was presented, honoring Judy Moser for her service to PSAECO.

Upon MOTION, made SECONDED and CARRIED, the reports of the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee and Solicitor were accepted.

MOTION: Adamik
SECOND: Shearer
Vote: Voice unanimous

- B. Discussion ensued on HB 1676 and HB1677 regarding recall provisions. The body generally felt that that recall could cause chaos and lack of uniformity in government, and that the 25 person petition is much too low a threshold for most offices.

Upon MOTION, duly made SECONDED and CARRIED, it was RESOLVED that the Secretary distribute appropriate correspondence to the appropriate committee chairs expressing PSAECO's disapproval of the legislation in its current form.

MOTION: Shearer
SECOND: Green
Vote: Voice unanimous

- C. Discussion ensued on HB 1062 which would remove certain liabilities from county government for county owned and run nursing homes.

Upon MOTION, duly made SECONDED and CARRIED, it was RESOLVED that the Secretary distribute appropriate correspondence to the appropriate committee chairs expressing PSAECO's approval of the legislation in its current form, and the reasons therefore.

MOTION: Lutz
SECOND: Green
Vote: Voice unanimous

- D. The treasurer made a motion that he be allowed to pay the appropriate honoraria to the solicitor, the secretary and the treasurer.

Upon MOTION, duly made SECONDED and CARRIED, it was RESOLVED that the treasurer be authorized to distribute the honoraria in accordance with the amounts set in the 2015 budget.

MOTION: Adamik
SECOND: Long
Vote: Voice unanimous

- E. A motion was made to hire Jeffrey S. Shank, Esquire as the solicitor for PSAECO for the 2016 calendar year, with fees to be paid according to the schedule adopted in the 2016 budget.

Upon MOTION, duly made SECONDED and CARRIED, it was hereby RESOLVED that PSAECO retain Jeffrey S. Shank, Esquire as its solicitor for the 2016 year.

MOTION: Conner
SECOND: Jacobs
Vote: Voice unanimous

Adjournment

Upon MOTION, duly made and SECONDED, and CARRIED, the meeting was then adjourned.

MOTION: Adamik
SECOND: Lutz
Vote: Voice unanimous

Next meeting – February 11, 2016, 10:00AM – Majority Caucus Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Petrille, Jr.
Secretary