

## **MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

The meeting of the Local Government Commission was called to order by Senator John Eichelberger, Jr., at 8:45 a.m. in Room 14 East Wing-Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with the following individuals present:

### **MEMBERS**

**Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr., Chairman  
Senator Robert D. Robbins  
Senator Edwin B. Erickson  
Senator John N. Wozniak  
Representative Chris Ross  
Representative Mauree Gingrich  
Representative Kate Harper  
Representative Robert L. Freeman  
Representative Mary Jo Daley**

### **STAFF**

**Michael P. Gasbarre, Executive Director  
Philip H. Klotz, Assistant Director  
David A. Greene, Legal Counsel  
Kristopher Gazsi, Associate Legal Counsel  
Karen S. Bear, Secretary**

### **GUESTS**

**Lee Derr, Senator Eichelberger's Office  
Chris Yniguez, Senator Robbins' Office  
Luc Miron, Senator Blake's Office  
Christine Goldbeck, House Republican Research Office  
Wanda Snader, House Republican Research Office  
Rob Gaertner, House Republican Research Office  
Ed Troxell, PA State Association of Boroughs  
Ron Grutza, PA State Association of Boroughs  
Elam Herr, PA State Association of Township Supervisors**

As the first order of business, the Members discussed the minutes of the March 13, 2013, business meeting, which were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Robbins and a second by Senator Erickson. The financial report for the month of March 2013 was presented, and a detailed explanation was given by the Executive Director. The financial report was unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Robbins and a second by Senator Erickson.

The Members reviewed the minutes of the March 14, 2013, quarterly meeting with the local government associations. The Director announced that the Registers' of Wills and Clerks of Orphans' Court Association may soon submit draft language that would increase the commission on inheritance tax by 0.5 percent. The Association would appreciate the Commission Members' consideration in sponsorship of the legislation. The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Robbins and a second by Representative Daley.

The Director announced that he had delivered to the offices of Senator Eichelberger and Representative Ross the Commission's 2013-2014 legislative package. The Commission's 2013-2014 legislative package was presented to the Members at last month's business meeting for their approval. Once all of the appropriate signatures have been obtained, ten Commission-sponsored bills will be introduced into the Senate, and, likewise, ten Commission-sponsored bills will be presented to the House of Representatives for introduction. During the 2011-2012 legislative session, twelve Commission-sponsored bills were signed into law by the Governor.

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Resolutions adopted at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs' 2012 annual convention were discussed by the Commission Members. The dispositions are as follows:

- Resolution No. 1 - Will be amended into Title 8 draft legislation for consideration.**
- Resolution No. 15 - Tabled.**

Resolutions adopted at the 2012 annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors were discussed by the Commission Members. The dispositions are as follows:

- Resolution No. 13 – PSATS staff was requested to further research this issue and to submit its findings at a future meeting.**
- Resolution No. 27 – Staff was directed to draft legislation for all municipal codes for possible introduction.**
- Resolution No. 28 – Staff was directed to draft legislation for all municipal codes for possible introduction.**
- Resolution No. 32 – Tabled.**
- Resolution No. 44 – Chairman will request a fiscal note from the Budget Office.**
- Resolution No. 46 – Chairman will request a fiscal note from the Budget Office.**
- Resolution No. 51 – Tabled.**
- Resolution No. 60 - Tabled.**

Senator Eichelberger welcomed new Associate Legal Counsel Kristopher Gazsi to the Local Government Commission. Kris began his tenure with the Commission on April 1.

As the last order of business, the Executive Director reminded the Members that the April 11, 2013, meeting of the Act 47 Municipalities Financial Recovery Task Force was cancelled. The first meeting of the Act 47 Task Force has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 60 East Wing-Main Capitol Building.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

**ATTESTED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**April 15, 2013**