

**MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS**

**Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr., Chairman**  
**Senator Thomas J. McGarrigle**  
**Senator Scott E. Hutchinson**  
**Senator John P. Blake**  
**Representative Chris Ross**  
**Representative Mauree Gingrich**  
**Representative Kate Harper**  
**Representative Robert Freeman**  
**Representative Mary Jo Daley**

**STAFF**

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

**GUESTS**

**Lee Derr, Senator Eichelberger's Office**  
**Justin Leventry, Senator Hutchinson's Office**  
**Nathan Akers, Senator Hutchinson's Office**  
**Tom Golden, Senator McGarrigle's Office**  
**Kyle Mullins, Senator Blake's Office**  
**Wanda Snader, House Republican Research Office**  
**Rob Gaertner, House Republican Research Office**  
**John Fulton, House Local Government Committee (D)**  
**Lisa Schaefer, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania**  
**Amy Sturges, Pennsylvania Municipal League**  
**Ed Troxell, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs**  
**Ron Grutza, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs**  
**Joe Regan, Fraternal Order of Police**

As the first order of business, the Members discussed the minutes of the April 15, 2015, business meeting, which were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator McGarrigle and a second by Representative Ross. The financial report for the month of April 2015 was presented, and a detailed explanation was given by the Executive Director. The financial report was unanimously approved on a motion by Representative Ross and a second by Senator Blake.

At last month's business meeting, Commission staff was instructed to draft legislation that would amend Section 1980.2 of the Second Class County Code in a similar manner to that of Title 53, Chapter 88, of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, which would clarify that "anti-windfall" tax rate reductions apply to tax levies established by referendum. The amendment would provide appropriate remedies to address the impacts of county reassessments on various tax rates and/or millage established by second class counties as a result of referendum. The Members reviewed the amendment and unanimously approved on a motion by Representative Ross and a second by Senator McGarrigle to introduce the amendment into the Senate of Pennsylvania and the House of Representatives.

The Director apprised the Members that the Commission's June 10, 2015, business meeting will be held at 8:45 a.m. in Room 39 East Wing-Main Capitol Building. The Members' Capitol and district offices will be notified.

As the last order of business, the Commission resolved itself into executive session to discuss personnel matters. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Commission reconvened

the public meeting. On a motion by Representative Ross and a second by Senator McGarrigle, the Members unanimously approved the following recommendations of the Executive Director-designate: (1) the positions of Assistant Director and Legal Counsel be merged and that David Greene, Legal Counsel, be promoted to Assistant Director with a salary of \$88,779 on June 1, 2015; (2) to hire an Associate Legal Counsel at an annual starting salary of \$72,181 subsequent to passage of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget, providing a sufficient appropriation is made to the Local Government Commission to support the position; (3) upon passage of the budget, that the salary of the existing Associate Legal Counsel be increased by 5 percent retroactive to July 1, 2015, providing a sufficient appropriation is made to support the increase; and (4) that the salary of the Executive Director-designate be set at \$107,000 effective June 1, 2015.

Executive Director Mike Gasbarre thanked the Members of the Local Government Commissioners, both present and past, for their support over the years. Mr. Gasbarre is retiring effective June 1, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
May 14, 2015