

MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 11, 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 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 Yniquez, Senator Robbins' Office
Luc Miron, Senator Blake's Office
Kyle Mullins, Senator Blake's Office
John Fulton, Representative Freeman's Office
Wanda Snader, House Republican Research Office
Jonathan Hendrickson, Dept. of Community & Economic Dev.
Lisa Schaeffer, County Commissioners Association of PA
Ed Troxell, PA State Association of Boroughs
Ron Grutza, PA State Association of Boroughs
Danielle Baker, PA State Association of Boroughs
Elam Herr, PA State Association of Township Supervisors
Joe Regan, Fraternal Order of Police
Art Martynuska, PA Professional Fire Fighters Association
David Schmidt, PA Professional Fire Fighters Association

As the first order of business, the Members discussed the minutes of the November 13, 2013, business meeting, which were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Erickson and a second by Representative Ross. The financial report for the month of November 2013 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 Erickson.

Resolutions adopted by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) at its 2013 annual convention were discussed by the Commission Members. Their dispositions are as follows:

Resolution No. 8 – Tabled.
Resolution No. 18 – Tabled.

Resolutions adopted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) at its 2013 convention were discussed by the Commission Members. Their dispositions are as follows:

Resolution No. 2 – Staff was directed to write a letter under the signatures of Senator Eichelberger and Representative Ross to be sent to the Executive Directors of the Senate and House Appropriation Committees.

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Resolution No. 14 – Tabled.

Resolution No. 28 – Tabled.

Resolution No. 37 – Staff was directed to draft amendatory language that would make the \$25 inspection fee under the Sewage Facilities Act subject to periodic regulatory review rather than a set amount. Staff further was directed to contact the Department of Environmental Resources and discuss the amendatory language with them.

Resolution No. 54 – Staff was directed to draft language applicable to First and Second Class Townships.

The renewal of the warehouse Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of General Services (DGS) was explained by the Executive Director. DGS will allocate 120 square feet to adequately serve the requirements specified by the Commission at a cost of \$3,170. However, a credit of \$1,318 will be deducted from the fiscal year 2013 service charge for billing purposes; therefore, the total amount due is \$1,852. The credit is based on actual fiscal year 2012 cost and space consumed. The Commission Members unanimously approved payment from the Commission Code account for the MOU as proposed by DGS for July 2013 through June 2014 on a motion by Representative Ross, which was seconded by Representative Freeman.

The Members unanimously approved a motion by Representative Ross, which was seconded by Representative Harper, to approve the renewal of the janitorial services contract with Klass Act Kleaning & Maintenance, Inc. The term of the contract commences on January 1, 2014, and will end on December 31, 2014. The contract specifies that compensation shall not exceed \$555.46 per month.

As the last order of business, the Members were reminded of the Commission's Thursday, December 12, 2013, quarterly meeting with Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials, which will commence at 11:00 a.m. in Room 156 Main Capitol Building. The Commission's next business meeting will be on January 29, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

ATTESTED: _____
December 12, 2013