

## **Update with County Manager**

**December 30, 2019**

**11:17 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Fund, County Manager Erik Martin, Lara McRea, Arny Davis, Steve Walton, Daleyn Coleman, Becky Butler (11:23 a.m.)

Guests: Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Jimmy Hilliard, Deborah Hilliard

Recorder: Rieva Lester

### **Water District 5**

Loan to purchase system: Erik said the county would need a roughly \$350,000 loan to purchase the system. Arny Davis said it would have to be processed as a five-year loan. He suggested reaching out to the PA's Office regarding county policy. Erik said an ER and R loan or capital funds could be used.

Becky Butler joined at 11:23 a.m.

Erik said he is concerned about the burden a five-year loan would place on the property owners in Water District 5.

Negotiations: Erik said it sounds like the offer will be acceptable. Erik said he will know more after District 5's next public meeting. Erik said he is hopeful for a February takeover.

District loan: Erik said the district is low on cash-flow. Arny said the district will have a negative position of up to \$25,000.

Deborah Hilliard said Water District 5 has about \$1,600 in the bank and faces debits of roughly \$6,000 per month.

Arny Davis, Deborah Hilliard and Jimmy Hilliard left at 11:32 a.m.

### **911 / Department of Emergency Services**

The group praised Andy Caldwell's response to the recent flood.

### **HR**

Collective bargaining agreement negotiations: Steve Walton said several CBA units have voted or plan to vote within the next couple of weeks, and three other units have yet to plan a vote.

At 11:36 a.m., Commissioner Jackson said the board was taking a five-minute recess.

The meeting resumed at 11:41 a.m.

Steve Walton discussed a proposed vacation accrual increase.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to provide to non-represented employees a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), rounded-up vacation accruals and increased medical benefits of up to \$25 per plan effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.