### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday September 29, 2021 9:00 A.M.

515 Irvis Office Building

#### **MEMBERS**

Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, Chairman Senator Judy Ward Senator Cris Dush Senator Judith L. Schwank Senator Timothy P. Kearney Representative R. Lee James Representative Dan Moul Representative Jerry Knowles Representative Robert Freeman Representative Christina D. Sappey

#### **STAFF**

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Karen S. Bear, Executive Assistant
Sonya I. Ebersole, Fiscal Administrator

### **AGENDA**

- 1. The meeting is called to order.
- 2. Executive Session:
  - a. Hiring of Associate Legal Counsel.
  - b. Evaluation/Retention of the Executive Director.
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2021, business meeting.
- 4. Approval of the financial reports for July and August 2021.
- 5. Legislative Concepts Resulting from COVID-19 Hearing.
- 6. Other Business.
- 7. Adjournment.



# <u>LIVESTREAM BUSINESS MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION</u> Wednesday, July 14, 2021

The livestream meeting of the Local Government Commission (Commission) was called to order by Senator Scott E. Hutchinson at 9:05 a.m. with the following Commission Members, staff and guests participating remotely:

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### **GUESTS**

Justin Leventry, Senator Hutchinson's Office Matt Maniskas, Senator Schwank's Office Sam Arnold, Senator Kearney's Office Bre Medevich, Representative Freeman's Office Shamyra Watkins, Senator Hughes' Office Mary Yoder, Senate Local Government Committee (R) Rob Gaertner, House Local Government Committee (R) Kyle Schaeffer, House Local Government Committee (R) Jon Castelli, House Local Government Committee (D) Tim Scott, House Urban Affairs Committee (D) Kyle Kopko, Center for Rural Pennsylvania Jonathan Johnson, Center for Rural Pennsylvania Andrew Sheaf, PA Department of Community and Economic Development Melissa Gates, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Ashley White, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Amy Sturges, Pennsylvania Municipal League Kaitlin Errickson, Pennsylvania Municipal League Ed Troxell, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Eric Feder, Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials Joe Gerdes, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Beth Brelje, Epoch Times

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The recorded livestream meeting was conducted with both Member and Commission staff participation. On Wednesday, July 7, 2021, notice of the meeting was posted on the committee meeting pages of the Senate of Pennsylvania and the House of Representatives through the Legislative Data Processing Center. The meeting information was posted on the Commission's website, <a href="www.lgc.state.pa.us">www.lgc.state.pa.us</a>, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, prior to the meeting. Any questions on agenda items for consideration by the Commission were addressed during the meeting. After adjournment, the recording of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <a href="www.lgc.state.pa.us">www.lgc.state.pa.us</a>.

The Members discussed the minutes of the June 16, 2021, business meeting, which were unanimously approved on a motion by Representative Sappey and a second by Representative Knowles. The financial reports for the month of June 2021 were presented, and an explanation was given by the Executive Director. The Executive Director also reported that the Commission was flat funded for the fiscal year 2021-2022, and he anticipates that the amount appropriated will be sufficient for the Commission's annual operation. The financial reports were unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Ward and a second by Representative James.

The Executive Director welcomed to the meeting Kyle Kopko and Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director and Senior Policy Analyst, respectively, of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania (Center). The Commission and the Center propose to conduct a short demographic survey of elected municipal officials to gather information that will help the Commission and the Center better understand the individuals who serve as elected municipal officials and why they choose to serve their communities. The proposed questionnaire and draft letters to the municipal associations and elected officials were provided to the Members for their review. The letters and the survey will be disseminated via electronic mail to all elected municipal officials from the membership lists from the Pennsylvania Municipal League, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. The 29-question survey is slated to be sent to municipal officials July 16 with responses due by July 31. The Executive Director emphasized that the responses would be kept strictly confidential. In the past, the Center conducted similar surveys of local government officials in rural municipalities with populations below 2,500. This year the Center and the Commission partnered to expand the survey to include municipal officials from all municipal corporation classifications. After a brief discussion, the Members unanimously approved on a motion by Senator Dush and a second by Representative Sappey to approve the draft letters and survey for distribution to all elected municipal officials. The results will be revealed at the Commission's Symposium to be conducted on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Representative Knowles, Chairman of the House Local Government Committee, announced that he and Senator Dush, Chairman of the Senate Local Government Committee, plan to conduct a joint hearing to gather feedback from local governments as to possible lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and to determine best practices. Representative Knowles and Senator Dush both stated that they are eager to review the results from the survey.

Mr. Johnson excitedly announced that the federal Office of Management and Budget has backed away from a plan to change the way it defines metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties. The proposal would have raised the minimum core-city size for a metropolitan statistical area from 50,000 to 100,000 residents. The change would have reclassified 251 currently metropolitan counties as nonmetropolitan, based on current population figures. The affected counties contain a

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combined population of about 18 million. The change would have raised the nation's nonmetropolitan population from about 46 million to 64 million.

The Executive Director announced that Assistant Director Kris Gazsi will be speaking at the Commission's inaugural Legislative Lunch and Learn Series on August 25, 2021. Mr. Gazsi's presentation is entitled, Basics of Municipal Financial Recovery: The Structure of Act 47. The forum is for legislative attorneys, legislators, and staff to learn about and collaborate on issues related to municipal law. Lunch and Learn seminars are free to attend and are approved for 1 hour of continuing legal education (CLE) credit.

Commission Research Analyst Julia Frey has received 16 proposals to be presented at the Commission's Symposium slated for Thursday, October 21, 2021. It is anticipated that there will be at least three roundtable discussions that preliminarily include topics relating to finance, technology, and intergovernmental cooperation. The Executive Director will keep the Members updated as the planning for the seminar progresses.

The Commission has received 11 resumes for the associate legal counsel position vacancy created by the retirement of Commission Senior Legal Counsel Wanda Dehan in November 2020. The Executive Director stated that legislative or municipal government experience is preferred for the entry level position. Interviews will be conducted in mid-August with the resumes of the final three candidates presented to the Members at the September 29 business meeting.

As the last order of business, the Executive Director announced that the next Commission business meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Consistent with past practice, the members unanimously agreed to forego an August business meeting.

Prior to adjournment, Representative Moul inquired as to whether there is a statewide organization that helps small municipalities with employee background checks. After a brief conversation among the meeting participants, the Executive Director stated that he and Mr. Gazsi would do some research on the matter and schedule a meeting with Representative Moul to further discuss the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**ATTESTED** 

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH OF JULY 2021 GENERAL ACCOUNT



Fiscal		Balance	Balance	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Balance
Year		as of 07/01/2021	as of 07/01/2021	Change	Change	as of 07/31/2021
2019-20	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance	\$375,146.48	\$375,146.48			
	Monthly Expenses			\$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			\$0.00	_	
	Net Change			\$0.00	\$0.00	
67	Year-to-Date Balance					\$375,146.48
2020-21	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance	\$1,081,980.72	\$1,081,980.72	<b>#0.00</b>		
	Monthly Expenses			\$0.00 \$209.88		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers					
	Net Change			\$209.88	\$209.88	<b>*</b>
	Year-to-Date Balance					\$1,082,190.60
2021-22	FY Beginning Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00			
	Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses		\$0.00	(\$102,118.34)		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			\$1,283,000.00		
	Net Change			\$1,180,881.66	- \$1,180,881.66	
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Total Ava		\$1,457,127.20				\$2,638,218.7
	onth Reserve	268,500.00				268,500.0
Total Av	ailable Less Three Month Reserve	\$1,188,627.20				\$2,369,718.7
EXPEND	DITURES: 30118					
Monthly	Expenses					
	July \$102,118.34 Oct.		Jan.		Apr.	
	Aug. Nov		Feb.		May	
	Sept Dec		Mar.		June	
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		Salaries	\$25,73		\$25,737.46	
		Withholding Tax State Income Tax		53.64 47.98	\$4,053.64 \$1,247.98	
		- Local Wage Tax		00.88	\$700.88	
	Employee Social Se			39.80	\$2,989.80	
		e Senate Benefits		94.18	\$394.18	
	State Employee (	Combined Appeal	· ·	40.00	\$40.00	
		ed Compensation		90.00	\$1,390.00	
		Local Service Tax		78.00	\$78.00	
	Employee Unemployme			23.68	\$23.68 \$2,989.80	
		curity & Medicare Share Retirement	\$2,98 \$37,8°	89.80 18.62	\$37,818.62	
		mark Blue Shield	\$15,65		\$15,655.08	
	11191	Senate Benefits		58.56	\$4,258.56	
		Miscellaneous		14.68	\$1,714.68	
	Retirement - EmployEE			18.40	\$2,618.40	
	Retirement - EmployEE Def		\$14	42.96	\$142.96	
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Total

\$102,118.34

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION CHECKS WRITTEN IN JULY

7/1/2021 VT#20214501001	
Harrisburg wage tax deductions Social security deductions Dental care insurance Local Services Tax SECA deductions Deferred Comp deductions Social Security Vision care insurance Federal income tax deductions Harrisburg wage tax deductions Hospitalization insurance Medicare insurance Group life insurance, additional Group life insurance Medicare deductions UC deductions UC deductions Wages Employee Contributions deduction State tax deductions Prescription drug insurance Retirement - EmployER Defined Contributions Retirement - EmployEE Defined Contribution	-350.44 1,211.56 322.20 39.00 20.00 695.00 1,211.56 48.44 2,026.82 350.44 7,827.54 283.34 14.80 64.27 283.34 11.84 12,868.73 197.09 623.99 1,676.23 49.49 1,309.20 71.48
7/8/2021 VT#04500000028872 Legislative Reference Bureau	75.00
7/8/2021 RE#45003519 PSAECO	-209.88
7/13/2021 VT#04500000028916 Harrisburg wage tax deductions	2,054.82
7/13/2021 VT#04500000028923 State Employees' Retirement Fund	165.64
7/13/2021 VT#04500000028931 Gazsi, Kristopher J. Quadient, Inc. Thomson Reuters - West Verizon	350.00 202.53 835.63 107.52
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Social Security	1,211.56
Vision care insurance	48.44
Federal income tax deductions	2,026.82
Harrisburg wage tax deductions	350.44
Hospitalization insurance	7,827.54
Medicare insurance	283.34
Group life insurance, additional	14.80
Medicare deductions	283.34
UC deductions	11.84
Wages	12,868.73
Employee Contributions deduction	197.09
State tax deductions	623.99
Prescription drug insurance	1,676.23
Retirement - EmployER Defined Contributions	49.49
Retirement - EmployEE Defined Benefits	1,309.20
Retirement - EmployEE Defined Contribution	71.48
7/20/2021	
VT#04500000029032	
State Employees' Retirement Fund	37,818.62
State Employees Retirement Fund	37,010.02
7/30/2021	
VT#04500000029140	
Gazsi, Kristopher J.	219.00
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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH OF JULY 2021 CODE ACCOUNT

APPROPRIATION: 301
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Fiscal Year	<	Balance as of 07/01/2021	Balance as of 07/01/2021	Current Month Change	Year-to-Date Change	Balance as of 07/31/2021
2017-18	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$117,355.54	\$117,355.54	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					\$117,355.54
2018-19	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$23,065.40	\$23,065.40	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					\$23,065.40
2019-20	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$24,063.00	\$24,063.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	
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2020-21	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	
-	Year-to-Date Balance					\$24,000.00
2021-22	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change Year-to-Date Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$75.00) \$24,009.00 \$23,934.00	\$23,934.00	\$23,934.00
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Total Ava		\$188,483.94				\$212,417.94 
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	Expenses	ther publications		75.00	Total to Date \$75.00	
Total			\$7	75.00	\$75.00	

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH OF AUGUST 2021 **GENERAL ACCOUNT**



APPROPRIATION: 301	118	8
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APPRO	OPRIATION: 30118					
Fiscal Year		Balance as of 07/01/2021	Balance as of 08/01/2021	Current Month Change	Year-to-Date Change	Balance as of 08/31/2021
2019-20	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$375,146.48	\$375,146.48	\$0.00 (\$200,809.40) (\$200,809.40)	(\$200,809.40)	
	Year-to-Date Balance					\$174,337.08
2020-21	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$1,081,980.72	\$1,082,190.60	\$0.00 \$200,809.40 \$200,809.40	\$201,019.28	
	Year-to-Date Balance					\$1,283,000.00
2021-22	FY Beginning Balance Monthly Beginning Balance Monthly Expenses Monthly Refunds or Transfers Net Change	\$0.00	\$1,180,881.66	(\$63,956.48) \$0.00 (\$63,956.48)	\$1,116,925.18	
	Year-to-Date Balance					\$1,116,925.18
	ailable onth Reserve ailable Less Three Month Reserve	\$1,457,127.20 268,500.00 \$1,188,627.20				\$2,574,262.26 268,500.00 \$2,305,762.26
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Monthly	Expenses					
	July       \$102,118.34       Oct         Aug.       \$63,956.48       Nov         Sept       Dec	<i>i</i> .	Jan. Feb. Mar.		Apr. May June	
Itemized	Expenses		Total for l		Total to Date	
	The state of	Salaries	\$25,73		\$51,474.92 \$8,107.28	
		State Income Tax - Local Wage Tax			\$2,495.96 \$1,401.76 \$5,979.60	
	Employe State Employee	e Senate Benefits Combined Appeal	\$39 \$4	94.18 40.00	\$788.36 \$80.00	
		ed Compensation Local Service Tax nt Compensation	\$7	90.00 78.00 23.68	\$2,780.00 \$156.00 \$47.36	
	State Social Se State	curity & Medicare Share Retirement	\$2,98	39.80 \$0.00	\$5,979.60 \$37,818.62 \$31,310.16	
		mark Blue Shield Senate Benefits Miscellaneous	\$4,25 \$1,50	58.56 37.08	\$8,517.12 \$3,251.76	
	Retirement - EmployEE Retirement - EmployEE Defirement - EmployER Defir	ined Contribution	\$14	18.40 42.96 98.98	\$5,236.80 \$285.92 \$363.60	

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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION CHECKS WRITTEN IN AUGUST

#### 8/2/2021 VT#20214501003 -350.44Harrisburg wage tax deductions 1,211.56 Social security deductions 322.20 Dental care insurance Local Services Tax 39.00 SECA deductions 20.00 695.00 Deferred Comp deductions 1,211.56 Social Security Vision care insurance 48.44 2,026.82 Federal income tax deductions 350.44 Harrisburg wage tax deductions 7,827.54 Hospitalization insurance 283.34 Medicare insurance Group life insurance, additional 14.80 Group life insurance 64.27 Medicare deductions 283.34 **UC** deductions 11.84 Wages 12,868.73 Employee Contributions deduction 197.09 623.99 State tax deductions 1,676.23 Prescription drug insurance Retirement - EmployER Defined Contributions 49.49 Retirement - EmployEE Defined Benefits 1,309.20 Retirement - EmployEE Defined Contribution 71.48 8/16/2021 VT#04500000029314 78.00 Gazsi, Kristopher J. 307.16 Gazsi, Kristopher J. 835.63 Thomson Reuters - West 105.23 Verizon 5.99 AT&T 8/16/2021 IT#04500000029315 3.76 **Dept of General Services** 199.31 Dept of General Services 8/16/2021 VT#20214501004 Harrisburg wage tax deductions -350.44Social security deductions 1,211.56 Dental care insurance 322.20 Local Services Tax 39.00 SECA deductions 20.00 695.00 Deferred Comp deductions Long-term disability insurance 70.95 Social Security 1,211.56 48.44 Vision care insurance 2.026.82 Federal income tax deductions 350.44 Harrisburg wage tax deductions 7,827.54 Hospitalization insurance Medicare insurance 283.34 14.80 Group life insurance, additional 283.34 Medicare deductions

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT MONTH OF AUGUST 2021 CODE ACCOUNT

APPROPRIATION: 30121

2017-18   FY Beginning Balance   S117,355.54   S117,355.54   S117,355.54   S0.00   S		Current Month Change	Balance as of 08/01/2021	Balance as of 07/01/2021			Fiscal Year
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Other publications         \$0.00         \$75.00           Total         \$0.00         \$75.00	\$75.00	0.00	\$	ther publications	Oth		T_4-1





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To: Members of the Local Government Commission

From: David A. Greene, Executive Director

Re: Legislative proposal topics resulting from September 13, 2021, joint public hearing on

positives experienced by local governments during the COVID-19 Emergency

Date: September 29, 2021

After reviewing testimony presented at the hearing and internal discussions, Commission staff recommends the following issues for research, drafting, and presentation to the Commission as possible Commission-sponsored legislation:

- Changes to Act 511 of 1965-Tying earned income tax deadlines to PA Department of Revenue deadlines.
- Remote Public Participation- Establishing broadly enabling guidelines for permanent remote public participation in municipal meetings in order to preserve existing rights to public comment while preserving the integrity of municipal official action.
- Exploring the broadening of strictures on physical quorum requirements under, at least the following circumstances:
  - o Emergencies
  - o Permanently for governing bodies
  - o Permanently for advisory boards and commissions
- Providing guidance for the broadcast and preservation of recordings of virtual municipal proceedings.
- Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) Chapter 11, Subchapter B (Emergency Seat of Government) and Subchapter C (Emergency Succession of Officers) to apply to other emergency situations.