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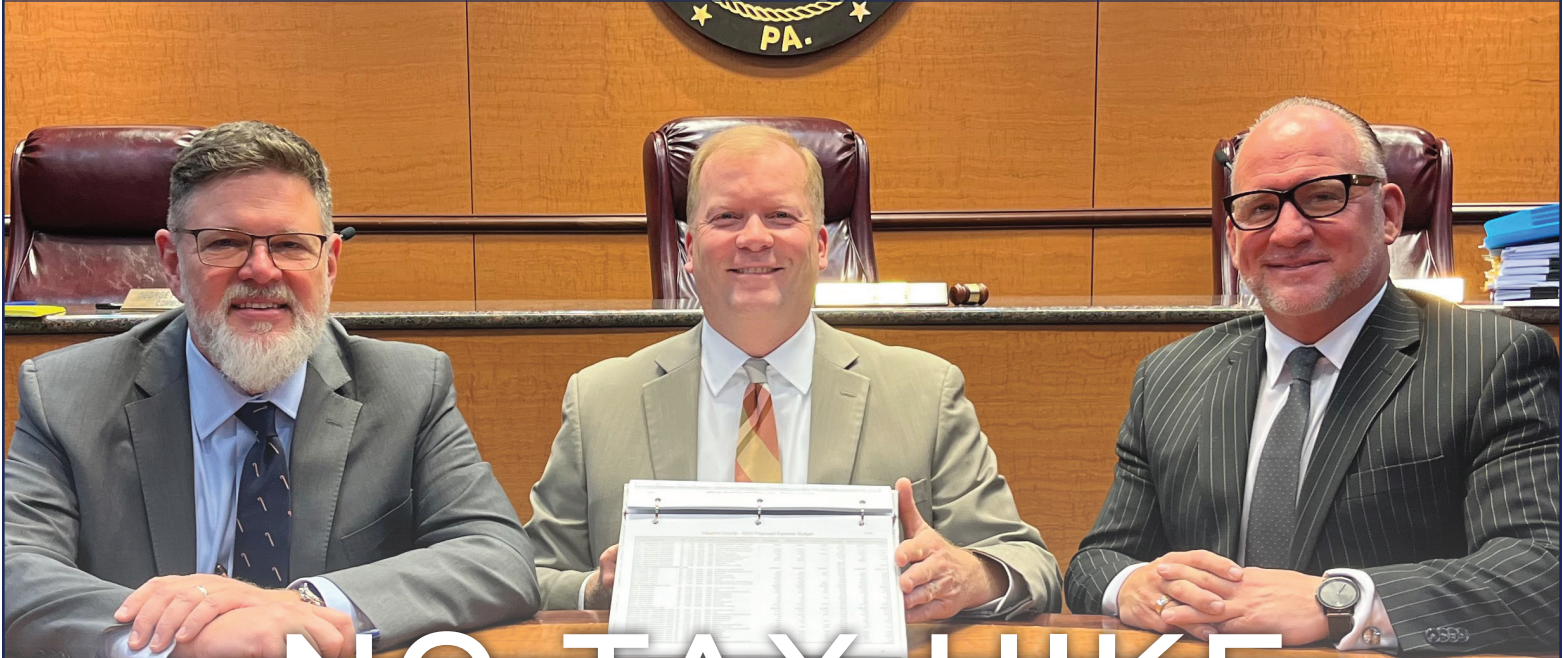


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Commissioner



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NO TAX HIKE FOR 18 YEARS

The Commissioners have once again held the line on property taxes, passing a budget for 2023 without a without a property tax increase – for an unprecedented 18th consecutive year.

The commissioners voted to adopt the 2023 budget at a December public meeting, after the proposed budget was available to the public for 20 days.

2023 Budget Spending



“Holding the line on taxes gets harder with each passing year, as the costs of goods and services are climbing,” Commissioner Chair Mike Pries said. “This budget proposal truly involved a team effort that we are proud of.”

The county millage rate remains at 6.88 mills.

“This proposal includes investment in our workforce,” Commissioner Chad Saylor said. “We have saved taxpayer money by utilizing grant opportunities and minimized overtime costs by investing in a strong workforce.”

Staffing and employee retention remains a challenge, particularly in social services departments. Unfunded mandates, such as those from the state for running elections, have been burdensome. Costs of materials remains high.

Commissioner George P. Hartwick, III said: “It is becoming much more expensive to operate in government. We will continue to be mindful of ways to use non-taxpayer resources so to minimize financial stress on our residents.”



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Dauphin County Once Again Offers Free, Fair Election on Nov. 8

The 2022 general election ran smoothly in Dauphin County, with no significant issues at the polls and all unofficial results posting online by the end of the night on Election Day.

Bureau of Registration and Elections Director Jerry Feaser, his staff, and more than 1,100 volunteers were essential to running a transparent and fair election.

“We provide the equipment and the venues for voters to cast their ballots, but it is the people who run the elections in Dauphin County,” Commissioner Pries said.

Overall voter turnout was just shy of 59 percent, including mail/absentee ballots.

“Pure and simple: elections staff and the many hundreds of volunteers make democracy work,” Commissioner Chad Saylor said.

Several hundred volunteers attended training sessions in days leading up to Election Day.

“The national criticisms and controversies continue to swirl, but we are proud of our staff and volunteers who continue to run problem-free elections,” Commissioner George P. Hartwick said.

In recognition of pollworkers’ effort and responsibility, the county Election Board recently took action to increase Election Day stipends for Judges, Inspectors, Clerks and Machine Operators.

Also new for 2023 elections, pollworkers will have the option of participating in training online before Election Day. Online attendees will continue to receive the training stipend.



The commissioners and Bureau of Registration and Elections directors discuss Election Day preparations with reporters.



Bins of mail/absentee ballots.



Commissioner Pries and Director Feaser talk with volunteer pollworkers at a training session.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



1. Commissioners Pries and Saylor present county telecommunicator Shaniya Jones with a Stork Pin Award for helping deliver a healthy baby.

2. Commissioner Hartwick speaks about a partnership with Harrisburg city to combat illegal dumping.



3. The commissioners with students, educators, and mentors of Steelton Neighboring Academy.

Commissioners Team with Community Partners to Increase Affordable Housing Options

The housing market continues to boom. Rental vacancies are minimal. The need is great for safe, affordable housing projects.

The commissioners have been working with community partners to expand those options. Recently, the commissioners helped break ground on a townhome project on Locust Street in Steelton.

“These are more than just affordable living options; they are beautification projects,” Commissioner Hartwick said. “Many of these locations are blighted properties deteriorated by years of neglect.”

Hartwick recently commenced work with a national task force tackling affordable home availability issues.

In the past five years, the commissioners awarded \$75,000 to Habitat for Humanity’s blight remediation program and more than \$300,000 overall during that time to H4H.



Commissioner Hartwick discusses a housing project in Steelton; rendering below.



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Upcoming Events

ROCKS & BLOCKS WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 28 | Various Times
Wildwood Park | \$25 a participant
Register at explorewildwoodpark.org

Join Raymond Curanzy III, a local artist and woodworker, shows a sculpture using rocks, metals and woods.

INDOOR GAME DAY FAMILY PROGRAM

Saturday, February 25 | 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Fort Hunter Centennial Barn |

\$3 per person

Register at forhunter.org

Join us for a day of play and celebrating indoor games and toys from the Colonial and Civil War eras.



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Happy Holidays

from the Commissioners and Our Staff



A beautiful, festive display of lights in Middletown.