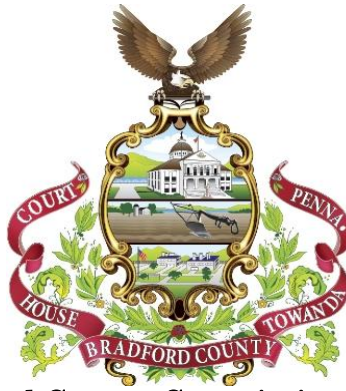


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Clean and Green Meeting Postponed Meeting set in Harrisburg between County Commissioner Chairman and State Representatives

After discussions with state legislators a meeting has been scheduled at the state capitol in Harrisburg on January 26, 2009 between myself and our state representatives. This meeting will take place in conjunction with my previously scheduled trip to Harrisburg for my County Commissioners' Association Board meeting and I would like to thank our representatives for accommodating my schedule.

I will be meeting with state legislators and other legislative staff to discuss the issues surrounding the Clean and Green program from a legal and legislative standpoint. These issues will include; rollback penalties, more definite language for a change of use of land, mineral and surface rights and the other natural gas related issues.

This meeting presents an opportunity for the County Commissioners Office to work with our state legislators to accomplish any necessary reforms to the Clean and Green law. After discussions surrounding the issue it has been concluded that the County Commissioners and the state legislators work to understand all aspects of the issue, not only from the county's standpoint, but also from the state legislative standpoint as well.

This meeting and exchange of information will allow the commissioners and state legislators to set a more useful and comprehensive agenda for any possible public meeting regarding the state Clean and Green program.

Therefore, the proposed public meeting regarding the Clean and Green program that was to be held on Wednesday January 21, 2009 will be postponed. Any new meeting date will be mutually agreed upon our state legislators and the Commissioners' Office.

The regular Commissioners meeting on Thursday at 10 A.M. will be held as normally scheduled in the Commissioners' Conference room.

I appreciate the efforts of our state legislators to address this important economic issue and I look forward to a productive meeting with them in Harrisburg.