

**PA County Fairs Association Board Meeting
4/13/2016 - Centre Hall, PA**

1) Budget Update

- i) Supplemental Budget, HB 1801 - became law without the Governor's signature
March 28, 2016
 - Bill passed the Senate 31:18
 - Bill passed the House 128:63
 - Governor stated in a press conference that he allowed the bill to become law because he "thought it was the right thing to do so that 2016/17 budget discussions could start"
- ii) Fiscal Code, HB 1327 - vetoed by Governor
- iii) Non-Controversial Fiscal Code, HB 1589 - on Governor's desk, 149:45
 - Included \$4 million for County Fairs
 - Goes into effect by (if not signed before): April 24, 2016
 - Possibility of the bill being vetoed because of the education amendment the Senate added into the bill
 - The legislature is confident that they have enough votes to override the Governor's veto, should that be necessary
- iv) 2016/17 budget bill was moved Wednesday, April 13, 2016 - HB 1999
 - This is standard procedure, the language was based off the Supplemental budget (HB 1801)
 - Bill was voted out of House Appropriations by a party-line vote
 - The bill does include \$4 million for County Fairs

2) Election Update

- i) Entire House of Representatives is up for election
- ii) Half of Senate is up for election (odd district numbers)
- iii) 13 current members have announced they are not seeking re-election
- iv) Primary Election = April 26th
- v) General Election = November 8th
- vi) Due to the elections, all legislation that is not signed by the Governor by the time the budget is passed, will unlikely make further progress (if controversial)

3) HB 941 - Administrative Code

- i) Included purse monies unintentionally not included when the state racing & harness racing commissions were combined into one entity.
- ii) Passed on February 10th
- iii) Signed by the Governor on February 23, 2016
- iv) Act 7