

**PSACF Board Meeting
Center Hall, Grange PA
October 14, 2015**

Milliron & Goodman Legislative Update

General Assembly/Governor's Office Make-up (Review)

- The House Majority is held by the Republicans - 119:84
- The Senate Majority is held by the Republicans - 30:19
- Governor Tom Wolf/Administration are Democrats

Budget Stalemate

- The House/Senate Majorities want to sell assets, look at alternative revenue and strongly oppose any increase in taxes
- Governor Tom Wolf wants to increase taxes
 - Marcellus Shale Extraction Tax (for education)
 - Sales Tax Expansion and Increase (from 6% to 7%)
 - Personal Income Tax
 - Etc.

4 Budget/Revenue Attempts, Still No Budget To-Date

1. Republican June Budget (\$4 Million for County Fairs Included)
 - Passed by the House/Senate and vetoed by the Governor
2. House Republican Line-By-Line Veto Override to Provide Money for Service Agencies that Depend on State Funds
 - In order for this to be successful the House Republicans needed 136 votes - only 115 votes were delivered
3. Stop Gap Budget to Provide 4 Months of Funding to Service Agencies and Other State Fund Depended Groups (included 1/3 of 4 Million for County Fairs)
 - Passed by the House/Senate and vetoed by the Governor
4. Governor's Tax Package Run on the House Floor
 - Failed by a vote of 73:127

*In order to successfully pass the 2015 budget a compromise must be made by the General Assembly and the Governor's office.

Legislation of Importance

- HB 785 (Rep. Hanna, D - Clinton): would limit the fee imposed by public utility companies on seasonal businesses during periods of nonuse of their electric services.
 - Currently in the House Consumer Affairs Committee
- SB 352 (Senator Vogel, R - Beaver): would combine the state racing & harness racing commissions into one entity.
 - Passed the Senate on 6/22/15 with a vote of 25:24
 - Will need an Amendment in the House to secure purses unintentionally not included