

**Warren County Commissioners
Work Session
Warren County Fair Grounds
Fort Williams Pavilion
August 9, 2021, 12:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin called the Work Session of the Warren County Commissioners to order with Commissioner Tricia Durbin and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, and Kenneth McCorrison, Public Safety Director

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO), Roger Coup and Kristen Giger, PA Game Commission.

Announcements:

Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin started the meeting by stating that the meeting will be recorded.

Public Hearings:

Old Items of Discussion:

New Items of Discussion:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Presentation: Roger Coupe gave a presentation on the Chronic Wasting Disease that has now shown up in Warren County.

Roger stated that the disease was first seen in Colorado in 1967 in some captive mule deer. It then showed in Pennsylvania, Adams County, in 2012. In this same year, three deer that were harvested by hunters were found. Jefferson County saw CWD in 2014 in a captive facility, and in 2021 it was found in a captive facility in Pine Grove Township, and also in Lancaster County.

There is no cure or vaccine for this disease. The deer management area covers 211 sq. miles for enhanced surveillance.

Hunters will have the opportunity to drop off the heads at specific areas, and from there these heads will be tested, and the hunter will be notified of the results. The hunter may process the deer and freeze the meat but it is recommended that the meat not be eaten until you receive notification from the testing.

If the results are positive, the hunter has the choice to either turn the meat into the game commission and receive another tag.

Kristen Giger stated that CDW is not a new disease, it is just new to this area.

Roger asked that the hunters make use of the drop off locations. He then reviewed the symptoms to watch for in a deer with CDW; loss of weight; their ribs are showing, drooling and walking around with their heads down.

The question was asked “are there any repercussions from eating meat that has tested positive for CWD?” Roger stated that so far there has been no reports of humans contracting CWD, but we do not recommend you eat meat that has tested positive.

Policy and Procedures: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin stated that there will be some policies and procedures on the agenda for approval

Projects:

Upcoming Commissioner Meeting Review:

The agenda for the August 11, 2021 public meeting was reviewed.

Department/Committee Updates

Commissioner’s Schedule

General Discussion

With nothing further, the work session was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully,

Pamela J. Matve

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Chief Clerk

