



## REVITALIZATION COMMISSION

### DRAFT AGENDA (Feb. 19)

#### Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission Hearing Growing Local Capacity in Rural Pennsylvania

February 28, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Third-Floor Meeting Room, Railroaders Memorial Museum,  
1200 9th Ave., Altoona, PA 16602

- ❖ **9:00 AM: Call to Order, Welcome, Introduction of the Commission**
  - Dr. Kyle C. Kopko, Chairman
  
- ❖ **9:05 AM: Welcoming Remarks from Senator Judy Ward**
  
- ❖ **9:10 AM: Welcoming Remarks from Pennsylvania Railroaders Memorial Museum**
  - Joseph A. DeFrancesco, Executive Director
  
- ❖ **9:15 AM: Panel 1: Resources from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**
  - Speaker TBD
  
- ❖ **9:40 AM: Panel 2: Perspectives from Pennsylvania Governing Associations**
  - Frank Mazza, Director of Government Relations, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
  - Holly Fishel, Policy and Research Director, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
  - Tami Halstead, Newport Borough Councilwoman and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
  
- ❖ **10:10 AM: Panel 3: Perspectives from Michigan and Maryland**
  - Sarah Teater\*, Director of Capacity Building, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan
  - Shate'ja Curry\*, Community Development Fellowship Program Manager, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan
  - Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council
  
- ❖ **10:40 AM: Panel 4: Perspectives from Pennsylvania Community Organizations**
  - John Papalia, Senior Vice President, Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry
  - Brandy Schimp, Mayor of Kane Borough
  
- ❖ **11:10 AM: Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

*\*Participation via Zoom.*

Written Testimony: Ryanne Jennings, Wayne Tomorrow!