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THE FIGHT IS OVER

Harrisburg Mayor **Wanda Williams** and Harrisburg City Council have reached an agreement on the salaries of three members of the Mayor's staff. The ongoing dispute resulted in a lawsuit that was ultimately dismissed back in January. The Mayor claimed that the city council had cut funding to three positions that she needed on her staff. In addition to the salary agreement, both sides agreed the Mayor can no longer appoint interim directors of departments, the positions that were in question.

BRINGING HOME THE BACON

U.S. Senator **John Fetterman** (D – PA) announced he has successfully secured nearly \$300 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for the Commonwealth. The funding will go towards 121 various projects across PA for initiatives such as water infrastructure upgrades, affordable housing, and equipment for police departments. On the funding, Fetterman stated, "Bringing money back to PA is one of my core responsibilities as the senior senator. I'm proud of the work our community is doing and believe this funding will continue to show why Pennsylvania is a leader on all fronts." To view the specific projects, click [here](#).

OPEN ROAD TOLLING

The Pennsylvania Turnpike is celebrating one full year of using the Open Road Tolling System (ORT). ORT is a system where drivers are charged electronically as they drive through the Turnpike, allowing them to maintain highway speeds without slowing or stopping. As they celebrate a full successful year, the PA Turnpike has announced they will continue to expand the ORT system. Specifically, the hope is to modernize western PA toll plazas in 2027.

GRAND JURY

On Tuesday, a grand jury met and ultimately refused to indict democratic lawmakers in connection with their video calling for U.S service members to refuse unlawful orders. Among them, Pennsylvania Congressmen **Chris Deluzio** and **Chrissy Houlahan** appeared in the video along with

U.S. Senator **Mark Kelly** (D – AZ). While this has been dismissed, Senator Kelly remains under active investigation by the Pentagon.

AMERICA'S BEST

According to Healthgrades, several Pennsylvania hospitals have been recognized as some of America's 50 Best Hospitals. The rating was based upon clinical performance for 30 common procedures. Lancaster General Hospital, Lankenau Medical Center, Chester County Hospital, Reading Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Riddle Memorial Hospital, and Milton S. Hershey Medical Center have all landed in Healthgrades top 1% of hospitals across the nation in overall clinical excellence.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Kyle Mullins**
- **Mark K. Stine**, Executive VP, PA Automotive Association
- **Chip Marshall**, Of Counsel, Stevens & Lee
- **Susan Hunter**, Staff Accountant, Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
- **Hannah Fischer**, Deputy Digital Director, Pennsylvania Department of Health
- **Greg Rudder**, Executive Director, State YMCA of PA, Youth and Government Program



Committee Meetings

- (H) Republican Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on Making Back-to-School Affordable



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