

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
August 24, 2020

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen - Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson - Secretary
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt – Solicitor

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public via Phone/Onsite: Karen Anderson, Alane Balchunas, Mary Ann Brownawell, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Michelle Jones, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Dave Magee, Ann Miller, Rich Pluta, Cindy Roney, Ryan Simon, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 24, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via telephone conference and in person at the Extension Office Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Dave Magee commented on friends that no longer use Rabbit Transit. He stated that the individuals were picked up early in the morning for an afternoon doctor's appointment and had to sit outside the medical office until their appointments, as they were unable to enter due to the pandemic situation. He asked what could be done about this problem.

Commissioner Eby urged those that are having transportation issues with Rabbit Transit, to contact the Commissioners' Office.

Melanie Wertz commented on the Election Board meetings that are scheduled for the future. She questioned if it is normal to have so many meetings and also whether the meetings are open to the public.

Solicitor Bunt stated that due to the pending litigations and the need to possibly make decisions based on the outcomes of the litigations, the Election Board meetings were scheduled. He commented that the meetings are public and the first one would be held on August 31st at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the District Attorney, to accept the bid of \$5,659 by Brad, Charlie, and Nick Dillman for the 2003 Ford Excursion. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the proposal for Zone 1 of the Courthouse roof replacement project at a cost of \$20,817.70 from Fisher's Roofing, pending proof of proper insurance. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 for the Perry County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Perry County Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. Heather Kelly-Weisen, from SEDA-COG, explained that the Plan offers public information on relocation planning if the County were to ever have a CDBG project that entailed demolition that could potentially displace residents temporarily or permanently. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Drug & Alcohol Commission, to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission 2020/2021 contracts (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the extension agreement with the Central Perry Senior Citizen’s Center. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford Escape at a cost of \$14,000, based on the information provided by Greg Wirth, Director of the Perry County Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the agreement for Sign Language Interpreting Services, with fees up to \$75/hour. Commissioner Eby explained that the hourly rate is dependent on the amount of notice the organization receives for services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention in the total amount of \$4,500 for FY 2019/2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Joanne Peters, MS, OTR/L	EI19-0019	Increase	\$4,500	\$359 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services in Pelican				
EI Services Provided: Occupational therapy				

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention and Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in the total amount of \$1,069,180 for FY 2020/2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion, upon discussion he had with Cumberland Perry MH/IDD. All agreed. Motion carried.

Advanta Therapy LLC	EI20-0067	Increase	\$ 2,500	\$500 increase
New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20				
EI Services: Speech therapy				
Addus HealthCare Inc DBA Addus HomeCare	ID20-0021	No Change	\$ 7,522	No change
New/Renewal - No change from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: In-home and community supports				

AHEDD Inc	ID20-0017	Decrease	\$ 11,201	\$1,402 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Supported employment				
Goodwill Keystone Area Inc	ID20-0036	Decrease	\$ 65,000	\$3,089 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Supported employment				
Hempfield Behavioral Health Inc	ID20-0158	Decrease	\$ 13,835	\$1,629 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Community participation support				
Keon Enterprises LLC	ID20-0154	Decrease	\$ 3,570	\$357 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Transportation				
Living Unlimited Inc	ID20-0121	No Change	\$ 3,408	No change
New/Renewal - No change from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Supported employment				
Messiah Lifeways Community Support Services	ID20-0106	Decrease	\$ 10,920	\$20,748 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Licensed day habilitation older adults				
PA Lifesharing LLC	ID20-0150	Increase	\$ 47,589	\$8,091 increase
New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Companion; family aide; in-home and community supports				
Redevelopment Authority of the County of Cumberland	ID20-0170	Decrease	\$ 10,000	\$5,000 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Family support (rent assistance)				
Riverside Associates, PC	ID20-0005	Decrease	\$ 3,000	\$2,000 decrease

New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Behavioral support				
The ARC of Cumberland and Perry Counties	ID20-0031	Decrease	\$ 474,695	\$131,742 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Community participation support; family support; in-home and community supports; residential habilitation; supported employment				
The Cornerstone Agency of PA Inc	ID20-0147	Decrease	\$ 11,238	\$10,475 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Behavioral support				
United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA Inc	ID20-0001	Decrease	\$ 404,702	\$24,839 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services: Agency-with-choice administration; community links; community homes (residential); community participation support; companion; in-home and community supports; respite				

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the resignation of Laura Kenyon, Dispatcher Trainee in the Emergency Management/911 Center effective August 20, 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Dudley to the position of Part Time Janitor in the Chief Clerk’s Department at an hourly rate of \$11.84 effective August 25, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion, based on the recommendation of the Chief Clerk. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: Solicitor Bunt stated he had received an order of court today, indicating that the Federal election case had been staid, and the hearings that were scheduled for September 22nd and the 23rd would not occur. He commented that the order stated that unless there is no action taken in relation to lawsuit filed in Commonwealth Court by October 5th, the federal lawsuit could be reinvigorated. He commented that the October date is less than one month from the election and any decision received that late would make it very difficult on the County Election Office.

Public Comments: Karen Anderson commented on the election lawsuits and encouraged the Commissioners to investigate a drop off box for ballots as it would help alleviate pressure on the Election Office and reduce person to person contact due to COVID.

Alane Balchunas stated that the Commissioners expand the hours of the Voters Registration/Election Office so that individuals that work can drop off their ballots in person. She commented that this would

be a proactive action to take. Ms. Balchunas also thanked the Commissioners' staff for improving the sound quality of the meeting.

Commissioner Eby announced that Hamilton Health will be putting a second COVID testing unit in the eastern part of the County. He stated that further information should be forthcoming and to continue to check the website for updates. Commissioner Eby commented that he believed the testing would most likely be held in the Newport/Red Hill area to start.

Karen Anderson questioned if whether a COVID death occurs in Cumberland or Dauphin County, is that counted or tracked in Perry County's numbers.

Sarah Keller stated that the information is tracked by the decease's place of residence.

Melanie Wertz commented on the Right to Know request she had submitted regarding the listing of businesses that had received COVID funding that Mr. Pluta mentioned in a previous meeting. She stated that the response she received said that the County does not have that information and questioned why the County does not have the listing.

Rich Pluta stated that the program Ms. Wertz commented on is a federal program run by the SBA and that organization would have the listing. He commented that the County only encouraged businesses to participate in the program.

Melanie Wertz stated that Mr. Pluta had said there was 70 businesses that received funding and questioned where he got the information.

Rich Pluta commented that he had gotten information from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and had provided general information to include, that 425 out of 500 County businesses had received loans. He stated that Ms. Wertz could check with this organization for additional information.

Comments from Press: Jim Ryan commented on the state COVID-19 statistics and said that Perry County has the highest rate of positive tests at 9.1%. He said this information was indicative of a community spread. He questioned if the Commissioners were planning to address this spread. Mr. Ryan also questioned if the Commissioners could enact a County wide mask mandate. He asked if the Commissioners had made any public outreach to the Duncannon and Newport areas, as they are the zip codes with the most positive cases being reported.

Dave Magee stated that the COVID percentages are unfair since only five positive cases had made the County percentage increase as there are 95 positive cases and 16 probables. Mr. Magee questioned if any of the positives were in the nursing homes or prisons. He stated that he did not want a fright factor going through the communities of the County.

Jim Ryan stated that in the past 10 days there has been 30 new positive cases reported, which is more than in the previous 20 days. He said that the positivity percentage is the percentage positive of total tests. Mr. Ryan also stated that based on Commonwealth information there were no positive cases in the nursing homes.

Commissioner Eby reminded those in the meeting that the CARES Relief Block Grant applications are still be received and encouraged participation.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

 Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

 Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

Provider	Service	19/20	20/21	Rate increase	Percent Increase
UHS of PA (Roxbury)	Detox	\$266	\$283	\$17	6.39%
	Short Term Rehab	\$230	\$237	\$7	3.04%
	Co-occurring	\$251	\$251	\$0	0.00%
UHS of PA (Roxbury)	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
	Outpatient Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
	Outpatient Group	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.00%
	Intensive Outpatient Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%
	Intensive Outpatient Group	\$26	\$26	\$0	0.00%
H.E.A.R. Inc.	Halfway House for Men	144.00	149.00	\$5.00	3%
	Halfway House for Men	144.00	149.00	\$5.00	3%
	Halfway House for Women	new	154.00		
JFT Recovery & Veteran's Support	Recovery Center	\$17,460	\$17,460	\$0.00	0%
JFT Recovery & Veteran's Support	Warm handoff	\$182,311	\$182,311	\$0.00	0%
Firetree, Ltd	Detox (Conewago Pottsville)	273.00	295.00	\$22.00	8%
	Adult ST Rehab (Conewago Pottsville)	189.00	189.00	\$0.00	0%
	Adult LT Rehab (Conewago Pottsville)	189.00	189.00	\$0.00	0%
	Adult ST Rehab (Conewago Place)	163.00	168.00	\$5.00	3%
	Adult LT Rehab (Conewago Place)	163.00	168.00	\$5.00	3%
	Adult Rehab (Conewago Snyder)	180.00	180.00	\$0.00	0%