

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
July 13, 2020

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via Phone/Onsite: Ed Albright, Karen Barclay, Mary Ann Brownawell, Zoe Burd, Noah Cline, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Taira Little, Dave Magee, Roger Miller, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Michael Steadele, Alyson Thebes, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Eby opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 13, 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: Rich Pluta, representing the Chamber of Commerce, commented that The Center for Rural Pennsylvania announced that 425 small business/nonprofit organizations have received Payroll Protection Program loans. He also stated that based on the center's information there are fewer than 500 businesses in the County. He commended elected officials, banks, staff, and local business for the making this program a success. Mr. Pluta also stated that the unemployment rate for Perry County is 3% less than the state average.

Dave Magee stated that the funds collected in Marysville Borough demonstrate the success of the Payroll Protection Program loans.

Commissioner Eby stated that he received a report from the County's Veteran Affairs office and he noted that there are 24 Class 6 counties in Pennsylvania, and Perry County ranks 3rd in the amount of veteran's claims processed in Class 6 counties and 29th in the state overall. He recognized the Veteran Affairs Director, Jim Scott, for his hard work and dedication to Perry County veterans.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby opened the floor for public comments regarding the 2020/2021 Human Services Block Grant. He provided information on the HSDF portion of the plan and called out the below funding requests that will be included in the plan that is submitted to the Commonwealth:

- Perry County Food Bank - \$8,000 (food services for low income adults)
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 - \$10,000 (Veteran's in Need Program and Transportation Program)
- Perry Human Services - \$22,500 (Adult Services Program – Representative Payee and Homeless Assistance Program)

- Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission - \$9,500 (fund drug and alcohol treatment programs in the County)

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Human Services Block Grant plan. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Greg Wirth, from the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, provided an overview of the contract extension. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Perry County Area Agency on Aging contract. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Increase/Decrease</u> | <u>Contract Dates</u> |
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| Liverpool Senior Citizen's Center | Extension of current agreement | | | |

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the application renewal with the PA Department of General Services Federal Surplus Property Program. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following 2019/2020 Purchase of Service Agreement for Children & Youth Services. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- *Children's Center for Treatment & Edu. d/b/a Beacon Light-CYS-Shelter Care* - \$211.58/day (Avg. Inc. 9%)
- *Concern ---CYS/JPO---*\$41.82-220.20/day (Avg. Inc. 7.8%)
- *Bethany Home---CYS/JPO---* levels from \$75.98 - \$265.00/day (Avg. Inc 4.7%)

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement with Reed E. Hoffman Architect, LLC for services related to the canopy addition project at the morgue entrance. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Intermediate Punishment Treatment Grant application. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrew K. Bustin to the position of Full-Time Deputy in the Sheriff's Office effective July 20, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$19.27 (Grade 7). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the appointment of Joy S. Zerance to the position of Part-Time Deputy in the Sheriff's Office effective July 20, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$19.27 (Grade 7). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt stated that the first bargaining unit session occurred last week with regard to the Court-Appointed, Court Related, and Residual agreement.

Public Comments: Dave Magee questioned why there was no warrant list on the agenda.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10.25 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary