

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**September 14, 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:** Alane Balchunas, Frank Campbell, Gene Cohick, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Dave Magee, Ann Miller, Kenneth Mummah, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Greg Wirth, and Christina Zook

Commissioner Eby opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 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.

**CDBG Final Public Hearing:** Heather Kelly-Weisen, from SEDA-COG, presented the following selected projects for 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program funding:

- Newport Borough Water Authority Well #1 Technology Upgrade and Rehabilitation (Phase 2) - \$81,176
- Loysville Village Municipal Authority Sewer Laterals – \$81,176
- Newport Borough Sidewalks and Curb Improvements - \$60,000

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 for the 2020 CDBG grants. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Alane Balchunas questioned if communication was put out by the Commissioners regarding the mail-in ballot application solicitation as voted on and approved at the previous Election Board Meeting. She stated Cumberland County had issued a press release regarding the matter.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant list dated September 9, 2020 in the amount of \$62,500. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant list dated September 15, 2020 in the amount of \$212,236.80. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion that the bids of Thyssenkrupp Elevator and of Hadfield Elevator, LLC for contract #1 Elevator of the Elevator Modernization at the Perry County Courthouse be rejected and that contract #1 Elevator be rebid. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table action on the bid of Johnson Controls Fire Protection, LP for contract #2 Fire Alarm of the Elevator Modernization of the Perry County Courthouse. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the CDBG Budget Revision Certification to allocate remaining funds to the Loysville Village Municipal Authority 2018 Inflow and Infiltration \$4,832.97. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission 2021 contracts (listed below). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Provider	Service	19/20	20/21	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Twin Lakes Center, Inc	Adult Detox	237.00	251.00	\$14.00	6%
Twin Lakes Center, Inc	Adult Short Term Rehab	196.00	208.00	\$12.00	6%
Nuestra Clinica Residencial	Adult Male Rehab	\$183.00	\$201.00	\$18.00	10%

Commissioner Watson made a motion approve the MH/IDD amendments for Mental Health in the total amount of \$5,044,314 for FY 2019/2020 (listed below). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Visions Inc	MH19-0006	\$ 2,569,038	\$22,640 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional services			
MH Services Provided: Community service; consumer driven; housing support; residential; social rehabilitation			
New Visions Inc	MH19-0084	\$ 2,475,276	\$575,276 increase
Amendment - Increase due to waiver from State to pay entire LTSR construction costs			
<i>out of FY 19-20 funding</i>			
MH Services Provided: Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR)			

Commissioner Watson made a motion approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health in the total amount of \$54,338,601 for FY 2020/2021 (listed below). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

HealthPro Pediatrics LLC	EI20-0103	\$ 5,997	New
New for FY 20-21			
EI Services: Special instruction			
Aspirations LLC	ID20-0167	\$ 2,500	No change
New/Renewal - No change from FY 19-20			
IDD Services: Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)			

Cynthia B. Vriens, M. Ed	ID20-0103	\$ 4,500	\$13,500 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20 because only 3-month contract due to retirement			
IDD Services: Family support			
Cumberland County (Prison)	MH20-0020	\$ 38,156	\$3,635 increase
New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20			
MH Services: Transitional and community integration (contract covers one-half of salary and benefits for counselor position at prison)			
Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries DBA Diakon Family Life Services	MH20-0008	\$ 7,000	No change
New/Renewal - No change from FY 19-20			
MH Services: Outpatient			
Living Unlimited Inc	MH20-0051	\$ 12,913	\$131 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20			
MH Services: Family support			
New Visions Inc	MH20-0006	\$ 2,634,587	\$88,189 increase
New/Renewal - Increase from FY 19-20			
MH Services: Community service; consumer driven; housing support; residential; social rehabilitation			
New Visions Inc	MH20-0084	\$ 1,632,948	\$267,052 decrease
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20			
MH Services: Long Term Structured Residence (LTSR)			
Decrease is due to construction costs paid through FY 19-20 contract. Funding represents some grant funded start-up purchases and fee-for-service program costs when program is fully operational.			

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Domestic Relations and the Sheriff’s Department regarding child support enforcement services. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Perry County’s Emergency Operations Plan, based on Rich Fultz’s updates. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Navarro, Caseworker II, in the Children & Youth Services Department effective October 2, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Cynthia Ziegler, to the position of Full Time Clerk in the Judge's Chamber at an hourly rate of \$14.03 effective September 15, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Nina Hentz, to the position of Full Time Clerk in the Court Administration Department at an hourly rate of \$14.03 effective September 28, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** None

Commissioner Eby commented that the County's website was being updated and is visible online. He stated that website work is ongoing. He also commented that CARES Act Block Grant allocations would be announced at the next Commissioners' Meeting, or possibly before. He said funding announcements would not occur all at one time, as application reviews were ongoing. Additionally, Commissioner Eby provided information on an upcoming COVID Testing event on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. sponsored by Hamilton Health. He said the event would take place at the Newport Family Life Center and no one would be turned away for lack of insurance.

Commissioner Watson reminded every one of the importance of the 2020 Census and stated that Perry County's response rate is better than 10 years ago. She did state that participation is low in the area west of Loysville. Commissioner Watson stated that participation is vital as funding to the County is tied to the information gathered during the census. She encouraged all to spread the word about the Census and to respond.

Commissioner Eby stated that there would be a Salary Board Meeting following the Commissioners' meeting and an Election Board Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary