

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
January 25, 2021

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 via WebEx

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone: Alane Balchunas, Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Wayne Leshar, Kim McMullen, Ann Miller, Rich Pluta, Bob Ressler, Cindy Roney, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, and Melanie Wertz, and Christina Zook

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via WebEx telephone and video conference. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Rich Pluta asked if the truck being purchased for the Sheriff’s Department had any special equipment included.

Wayne Leshar questioned where the truck was being purchased from.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health in the total amount of \$1,294,930 for FY 2020/2021. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Eby commented that the funding for the contracts is covered out of the current allocations, including the prior retained earnings for MH/IDD. All agreed. Motion carried.

<i>Early Intervention</i>				
CENTRAL PA THERAPY CONNECTIONS LLC	EI20-0101	Increase	\$ 32,176	\$18,500
Amendment - Increase due to additional authorized services				
EI Services - Language interpretation; occupational and speech therapies				
FEEDING LITTLE BELLIES LLC	EI20-0098	Increase	\$35,162	\$18,787
Amendment - Increase due to additional authorized services				
EI Services - Nutrition support				
GENEVA WORLDWIDE INC	EI20-0091	Increase	\$ 3,500	\$500
Amendment - Increase due to additional services				

EI Services - Language interpretation				
<i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>				
BOLD INC	ID20-0174	Decrease	\$ 74,965	-\$34,713
New/Renewal - Decrease from FY 19-20				
IDD Services - Respite (renovations for program paid for from prior year retained earnings)				
COMMUNITY OPTIONS INC	ID20-0180	New	\$ 13,000	\$13,000
New				
IDD Services - Community homes (residential renovations paid for from prior year retained earnings)				
GENEVA WORLDWIDE INC	ID20-0168	Increase	\$ 3,500	\$500
Amendment - Increase due to additional services				
IDD Services - Language interpretation				
HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM INC	ID20-0179	New	\$ 44,400	\$44,400
New				
IDD Services - Community homes (residential renovations paid for from prior year retained earnings)				
KEYSTONE SERVICE SYSTEMS INC	ID20-0013	New	\$ 102,058	\$102,058
New				
IDD Services - Community homes (residential renovations paid for from prior year retained earnings)				
THE ARC OF CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES	ID20-0031	Increase	\$ 512,085	\$37,390
Amendment - Increase specific to residential				
IDD Services - Community participation support; family education; in-home and community supports; residential habilitation (residential renovations paid for from prior year retained earnings); supported employment				
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	ID20-0001	Increase	\$ 470,584	\$65,882
Amendment - Increase specific to residential				
IDD Services - Agency with choice administration; community homes (residential renovations paid for from prior year retained earnings);				

community participation support; companion; family aide; in-home and				
community supports; respite				
<i>Mental Health</i>				
GENEVA WORLDWIDE INC	MH20-0090	Increase	\$ 3,500	\$500
Amendment - Increase due to additional services				
IDD Services - Language interpretation				

Commissioner Eby, based on the Sheriff’s recommendation and research, made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder for the Sheriff’s Department at a cost of \$42,439. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Commissioner Watson opposed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson, based on review of the resume, made a motion to approve the appointment of Angela J. Hockenberry to the position of Full Time Clerk in the Court Administration Department effective February 1, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$14.03. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the recommendation by the Court Administration Office. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: None

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz asked if there would be a COVID vaccine update provided.

Rich Fultz, EMA/911 Director, stated that last Tuesday the COVID vaccine eligibility criteria had been revised to include additional groups of individuals, but said no vaccines are available. He said that this is causing frustrations with the public since vaccines are not readily available. Mr. Fultz stated that Weis Market Pharmacy and The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy would be coming online to administer the vaccines in the County, and said he would be checking with the Rite Aid pharmacies to see if they were authorized to give the vaccine as well. He commented that we are still in phase 1, but the criteria is always changing regarding who is covered in each phase. Mr. Fultz said that there are approximately 400 vetted volunteers, known as the Medical Reserve Corp, that can come out to provide vaccines during a vaccination clinic. He said local organization have been approached to see if augmenting their staff with members of the Medical Reserve Corp to just give vaccines, is a possibility. Mr. Fultz said he was on a call last week with the Perry County Health Care Coalition and gave a presentation on where the Emergency Management Office was regarding COVID. He said he also did a call for volunteers for a vaccination clinic, but he said that he predicted smaller clinics throughout the County or vaccinations taking place at doctor’s offices in the future.

Melanie Wertz said she had been calling telephone numbers provided on the map that is on the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s website, but had been on hold for over three hours and then was told there were no available openings within 50 miles. She asked that Mr. Fultz pass along the frustrations to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and said pointing everyone to that website and the telephone numbers is not working and is extremely frustrating.

Rich Fultz stated that unfortunately there is nothing he can do at the County level regarding these frustrations, but did say that moving hundreds of thousands of people into phase 1A, without preparation

for handling the volumes is causing much of the issues. He said he will continue to pass along the concerns.

Melanie Wertz said she understood that it was not a County issue, but requested that the frustrations be passed along to the State.

Wayne Leshner questioned who the point person in the County is regarding the COVID vaccines. He suggested that the County be proactive and there should be a County employee focusing 24/7 on the COVID vaccines.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary