

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
December 2, 2019**

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

Brenda K. Benner – Chairman
Paul L. Rudy Jr. – Vice-Chairman
Shannon Hines - Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt - Solicitor

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public: Brenda Albright, Ed Albright Jr., Brian Allen, Karen Anderson, Harva Owings Baughman, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Gary Eby, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Bob Ressler, Sally Tengeres, Brenda Watson, and Melanie Wertz.

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 2, 2019 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Karen Anderson requested that attendees that speak during the Commissioners’ Meeting be introduced prior to speaking. She also asked if the County had a letter of engagement or contract with the County Solicitor and how payments to the Solicitor are approved. Ms. Anderson responded to a question and confirmed that she was recording the meeting via Facebook Live. She also questioned if the 2018 audit had been completed.

Brenda Albright provided information on the agreement she has with the Solicitor of her office and stated that all departments must budget for their Solicitor each year.

Melanie Wertz commented on Commissioner Rudy’s residency statement made at a prior meeting and requested that he resign as Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the warrant lists dated November 21, 2019 (\$25,000) and December 2, 2019 (\$328,907.22). Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the appointment of Melvin Weaver and David McLaughlin to the Perry County Conservation District Board of Directors. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the following MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention for FY 2019-2020. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Behavior By Design LLC	EI19-0100	\$ 5,000	New
<i>EI Services Provided: Special Instruction-Behavior</i>			
Building Blocks Therapy LLC	EI19-0027	\$ 104,567	Increase of \$44,802
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i>			
Pediatric Therapy Specialists of South Central PA LLC	EI19-0092	\$ 118,025	Increase of

			\$46,450
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i>			

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the change in weight limit to Northeast Madison Township Bridge #13 from 10 tons to 7 tons effective immediately. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the appointment of Jenny Campbell, Office Manager, in the Sheriff's Office effective December 9, 2019. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt reiterated his frustration regarding the meeting be videotaped without notice to those in attendance. He also provided clarification on a question that was asked during last week's meeting regarding the reopening of the County budget by the new Board of Commissioners. Solicitor Bunt stated that a time frame of 10 days must elapse from the date the budget is made public until the time it is approved.

Public Comments: Karen Anderson stated that it was legal for her to be recording the public meeting under the Sunshine Law and a way for other people to participate due to the fact it is during the work day.

Gary Eby questioned if the MH/IDD contracts historically increase by a certain percentage each year.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary