

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
February 10, 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: Karen Anderson, Karen Barclay, Jehnika Barnhart, Nate Beaston, Andrea Bowersox, Frank Campbell, Brandi Clendenin, Liz Frownfelter, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Dave Hammar, Kathy Hoover, Bryan Keller, Sarah Keller, Dan Kilgore, Dave Magee, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Eric Reeser, Alyson Thebes, Michelle Thebes, Melanie Wertz, Greg Wirth, Joy Zerance, and Christina Zook.

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 10, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Karen Anderson.

Public Comments: Dave Magee asked the Commissioners to reach out to local representative regarding Governor Wolf’s budget. Mr. Magee expressed concern about the law enforcement portion of the budget and the financial impact it would have on local boroughs and townships.

Melanie Wertz stated that County budget that was scheduled to be passed included funding to local organizations. She commented that based on previous meetings she learned that the funding to organizations was not tracked. Ms. Wertz urged the Commissioners to track the use of the funding to ensure it is used appropriately. She specifically stated that quarterly reports should be a minimum requirement of the organizations that receive County funding. Ms. Wertz also offered her experience to the Commissioners to assist with this process if needed.

Dave Magee disagreed with Melanie Wertz’ comments as he indicated that during the Marysville Memorial Monument Project, monthly reports of how funding was used were provided to the County.

Karen Anderson stated that past Commissioners did not disclose information on funding to organizations and if it was being accounted for. She asked the Commissioners if they had discussed the future of spending in the County. Ms. Anderson expressed concern regarding spending for the Aging Office and stated that the Commissioners should be looking ahead and planning for spending in the years ahead.

Eric Reeser, from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), presented the Commissioners with a report of services provided by the organization. He stated that 192 trips with a total of 265 passengers had been serviced by DAV. Mr. Reeser also noted that 116 meals had been delivered to shut-in veterans and all drivers are volunteers. He commented that volunteers had logged 1,347 hours and drove 20,611 miles. Mr. Reeser also stated that Rabbit also assists with veteran transportations.

Melanie Wertz commented in regards to her previous statements, that she is not looking to create extra paperwork, but does want financial tracking of public money. She stated it is important that the public knows that funds are accounted for and used appropriately, as this has not been the case previously.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated February 11, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2019 in the amount of \$58,474.84. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated February 11, 2020 for Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$103,524.53, with the exception of an invoice for the bridge weight limit sign until further investigation can be conducted. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to adopt the amended 2020 County budget with expected revenues of \$19,666,172, expected expenditures of \$21,285,824, capital reserve usage of \$818,000, and a net deficit of \$801,652. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to amend the agenda to include an additional topic. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Application for Liquid Fuels Encumbrment in the amount of \$200,000 due to the fact that there will not be a meeting next week and the application must be completed by a deadline. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the recommendation of the engineers. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention and Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in the total amount of \$642,606 for FY 2019/2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Leanne Broadbent, MS, CCC-SLP	EI19-0040	\$19,656	\$8,688 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Speech therapy</i>			
Central PA Therapy Connections LLC	EI19-0101	\$10,000	New
<i>New</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Occupational and speech therapies</i>			
My Therapy Tree LLC	EI19-0095	\$246,595	\$42,909 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction</i>			
Jennifer Snyder, MPT	EI19-0050	\$21,410	\$5,488 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Physical therapy</i>			
Sovia Therapy LLC	EI19-0076	\$252,800	\$83,194 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Occupational, physical,</i>			

<i>and speech therapies; special instruction</i>			
Shannon Sweeney, PT	EI19-0059	\$6,575	\$5,575 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Physical therapy</i>			
TMB Developmental Therapy & Infant Massage Inc	EI19-0079	\$23,261	\$8,610 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Evaluations</i>			
Barbara Weber, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA	EI19-0080	\$15,832	\$9,649 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Speech therapy</i>			
Vision for Equality Inc	ID19-0173	\$41,196	\$5,948 increase
<i>Renewal - Increase per allocation from State</i>			
<i>IDD Services Provided: Independent monitoring (IM4Q)</i>			
PA Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs	N/A	Renewal	
<i>Renewal of administrative agreement that permits MH.IDD to participate in</i>			
<i>Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support, Community Living, and Adult Autism</i>			
<i>Waiver Programs</i>			
Amy Hempt, ME, CCC-SLP	EI19-0022	\$5,281	\$4,281 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services authorized in Pelican</i>			
<i>EI Services Provided: Speech therapy</i>			

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 Purchase of Service Agreements for Children & Youth Services. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the recommendation of the Department Director and the Solicitor. All agreed. Motion carried.

- *Children's Aid Society of Franklin Cty*---CYS/JPO---levels from \$67.10 - \$184.01/day (Avg. Inc. 1.8%)
- *Community Specialists Corp*---CYS/JPO---\$226.72 - \$289.63/day (Avg. Inc. of 2.9%)
- *Diversified Treatment Alt*---CYS/JPO--- levels from \$75.98 - \$265.00/day (No Increases)
- *Lifespan Family Services*---CYS--- levels from \$68.91 - \$95.51/day (No Increases)
- *Merakey*---CYS--- levels from \$29.29 – \$132.91/day (No Increases)
- *Pinkney's Vineyard of Faith Ministries*---CYS--- levels from \$41.77 - \$233.84/day (Decrease of \$0.06)
- *Summit Academy*---CYS/JPO ---levels from \$162.48 - \$289.63/ day (Avg. Inc. 2.9%)

- **United Methodist Home for Children / Board of Childcare**---CYS---\$227.12/day (Avg. Inc 2.9%)
- **White Deer Run/Cove PREP**---CYS/JPO--- \$305.00/day (Avg. Inc. 2.9%)

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 to appoint Commissioner Brenda Watson to the South-Central LEO workforce board. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program contract. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Carla Smith to the position of Part Time Receptionist in the Chief Clerk's department effective February 18, 2020 based on the recommendation of the Chief Clerk. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Olivia Ferguson to the position of Part Time Clerk in the Prothonotary's department effective February 18, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the termination of Rafael Gonzalez-Lopez, Part Time Corrections Officer, at the Perry County Prison effective February 10, 2020 based on information provided by the Warden. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz thanked the Board for the increased detail on the agenda.

Warden Karen Barclay provided information on the state inspection that happened last week at the Prison. She stated that the Prison received a 100% on the inspection and it was due to the hard work of the maintenance staff, all prison staff, and the inmates.

Comments from Press: Jim Ryan asked how the deficit still remaining in the amended County budget will be covered. He stated that he was not aware a County could run a deficit budget.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary