

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

June 1, 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: None

Present from the Public via Phone: Karen Anderson, Karen Barclay, Zoe Burd, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Dave Hammar, Kathy Hoover, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Sarah Keller, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Alyson Thebes, Randy Waggoner, and Joy Zerance

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 1, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via telephone conference and the meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Randy Waggoner thanked EMA/911 Director, Rich Fultz, and EMA/911 Deputy Director, Wes Smith for the notifications the Assessment Office has started to receive from the 911 Center. Mr. Waggoner stated that his office had not been receiving notices of fires or natural disasters but within one day, Rich and Wes had the notifications up and running and coming to his staff.

Alyson Thebes, from the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, gave an update on long term care facilities. Ms. Thebes supervises the Ombudsman Program and stated that the role of the program is to serve as an advocate for residents of nursing homes, personal care homes, and assisted living facilities. She commented that prior to the COVID pandemic, Ombudsman volunteers and staff visited Perry County facilities on a regular basis. The Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, through the Department of Aging, has ordered the suspension of all face to face ombudsman visits to facilities to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. The County Ombudsman Program continues to be in contact with Perry County facilities on a weekly basis. Ms. Thebes stated that the contact is primarily performed by volunteers. She also commented that video conferences and window visits are now being scheduled by appointment at facilities. All Perry County facilities have reported that they have adequate PPE and room to quarantine or house new admissions, if necessary. Ms. Thebes stated that no cases of coronavirus have been reported in long-term care facilities in Perry County. She commented that previously, the Department of Health's website listed four positive cases of coronavirus in a Perry County facility. Perry County Ombudsman contacted local agencies and determined the numbers were incorrect. The numbers on the Department of Health's website have been corrected. Ms. Thebes stated that Aging staff will continue to stay in contact with facilities, staff, residents and families until face to face visits can resume. She commented that virtual family counseling is now available and any questions can be directed to the Perry County Area Agency on Aging Office.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated May 21, 2020 in the amount of \$2,962.66, and the warrant list dated May 26, 2020 in the amount of \$384,313.47 based on the

recommendation of the Fiscal Office. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the quote for the Rhinesmith entrance improvement project at a cost of \$3,998 utilizing safety grant funds. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following Perry County Area Agency on Aging contracts. 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>
Mid Penn Legal	Legal services to eligible consumers	\$75/hour	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Angels on Call	Deliver OPTIONS Personal Care services	\$18.99/hour	2% increase	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Caring Matters Home Care	Provide OPTIONS Personal Care services	\$18.36/hour	2% increase	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Family Care Home Health Agency, LLC	Provide OPTIONS Personal Care services	\$19.08/hour	New Provider	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Medstaffers	Deliver OPTIONS Personal Care services	\$17.65/hour	2% increase	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Medscope	Deliver OPTIONS PERS/MM System services	\$25/mo - \$40/mo	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Wendy Ammerman	Meal Distribution	\$1.93/meal + mileage	2% increase	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
William Bunt Esq	Legal services to eligible consumers	\$15,000/annual	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Charlotte Barrett	Walk with Ease Program	\$28/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Judy Stoltzfus	Healthy Steps in Motion Program	\$25/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Sue Seager	Healthy Steps in Motion Program	\$25/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
Bonnie Luther	Tai Chi for Arthritis Program	\$35/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/24
Lisa Ecker	Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	\$40/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/24
Karen Pelton	Walk with Ease Program	\$28/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/24
Karen Pelton	Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	\$40/session	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/24
GTL Inc. dba Link to Life	Deliver OPTIONS PERS/MM System services	\$25/mo - \$40/mo	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Nicole Kelly to the position of Field Assessor in the Tax Assessment effective June 2, 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the retirement of Joy Zerance, Chief Deputy, in the Sheriff's Office effective June 19, 2020. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. The Commissioners thanked Joy for her service and expressed their regrets in seeing her leave County employment.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Radel, Fiscal Assistant, in the Children & Youth Services Department effective June 2, 2020. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion with deep regrets. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt stated that mail-in and absentee ballot processing will begin on election day at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to be accepted until 8:00 p.m. on election night. He also commented that Elections Director, Bonnie Delancey was organized and ready for the next day.

Public Comments: Joy Zerance stated that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve Perry County for the past 22 years.

Karen Anderson thanked Alyson Thebes on the thorough update on nursing and long-term care facilities within the County. She thanked Commissioner Allen, and those involved, on the responsiveness to public questions.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary