

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
June 22, 2020

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

Brian S. Allen – Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson - Secretary
Gladys Carns – Deputy Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt – Solicitor

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via Phone: Karen Barclay, Jehnika Barnhart, Judy Bentz, Andrea Bowersox, Frank Campbell, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Dave Hammar, Kathy Hoover, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Ann Miller, Nancy Pote, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 22, 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: Melanie Wertz asked what item #8 on the Agenda, Resolution 2020-07, was concerning. Commissioner Allen stated it is in support of all Perry County Law Enforcement.

Ann Miller expressed concerns over explosives, tannerite, and/or fireworks going off near her house in Wheatfield Township. Ms. Miller did contact the State Police direct. Rich Fultz stated that 911 should not be contacted in this situation due to it being a non-emergency incident. A recommendation was also made to contact township supervisors to see if they could pass an ordinance to control such matters.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the revisions made by the Chief Clerk. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of Warrant List: Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Fiscal Office, to approve the warrant list dated June 16, 2020 in the amount of \$7,638.49 and the warrant list dated June 23, 2020 in the amount of \$408,308.07. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the following MH/IDD amendments for Early Intervention, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health in the total amount of \$3,318,372 for FY 2019/2020 based on the information received at an MH/IDD meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion based on information received. All agreed. Motion carried.

Barbara Weber, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA	EI19-0080	\$20,000	\$4,168 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services in Pelican</i>			
EI Services Provided: Speech therapy			
UPMC Pinnacle Hospitals, Pinnacle Infant Development Program	EI19-0005	\$209,445	\$64,130 increase

<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services in Pelican</i>			
EI Services Provided: Diagnostic evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies;			
special instruction			
BOLD Inc	ID19-0174	\$109,678	\$42,881 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services in HCSIS</i>			
IDD Services Provided: In-home and community supports; respite			
Merakey Pennsylvania	ID19-0176	\$5,000	New
<i>New Contract</i>			
IDD Services Provided: Behavioral support (behavior assessments)			
Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries DBA Diakon Family Life Services	MH19-0008	\$5,600	\$1,600 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i>			
MH Services Provided: Outpatient			
Geisinger-Holy Spirit	MH19-0001	\$189,399	\$62,215 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i>			
MH Services Provided: Outpatient; partial; targeted case management			
NHS Stevens Center	MH19-0012	\$2,779,250	74584 increase
<i>Amendment - Increase due to additional services</i>			
MH Services Provided: Administrative case management; assertive community treatment teams;			
community employment; community residential; consumer driven; family based mental health;			
housing support; outpatient; partial; peer support; psychiatric rehab; social rehab; targeted case			
management			

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following Perry County Area Agency on Aging contracts. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the Department Head’s recommendation. All agreed. Motion carried.

Contractor	Service	Cost	Increase/Decrease	Contract Dates
VNA Private Duty	Personal care services	\$19.05/hour	2% increase	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
VNA Private Duty	Personal emergency response systems provider	\$30/month thru \$50/month	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 3-year service agreements with Tom Stephens Generator Service Inc., based on the term limits and service agreements for the 911 tower sites and the courthouse units at a total cost of \$3,255. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07 which states that the Board of Commissioners of Perry County recognize all law enforcement officers for their tireless service and all that they do to serve and protect the residents of Perry County. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Children & Youth Services Agreement for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Capital Region Inc. (RSVP) for a summer program for students grade 1 – 9 of the Newport School District. This program was offered to the other school districts in Perry County but subsequently transportation was the problem. The Commissioners suggested reaching out to the other schools to see if they would consider their schools as future sites. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Karon Beaston, Part Time Clerk, in the Court Administration Department effective July 2, 2020. Commissioner Watson stated that Karon will be missed with her many years of service and wealth of knowledge of the Courts. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitors Report: None

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz said that she also had a situation similar to Ann Miller with regard to explosives and/or fireworks. She contacted the State Police as well and was told to contact her township to pass an ordinance but the township has not taken that action.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Gladys Carns, Deputy Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary