

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**June 29, 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, BJ Berquist, Mary Ann Brownawell, Zoe Burd, Frank Campbell, Kristin Daneker, Rich Fultz, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Rhonda Kennedy Rowe, Terri Lynn, Kimberly McMullen, Ann Miller, Laurie Morris, Rich Pluta, Jim Scott, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, Greg Wirth, and Christina Zook

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 29, 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.

A public hearing was held in the Commissioners Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of public input for distribution of the FY 2020-2021 Human Services Development Funds (HSDF). HSDF affords counties the opportunity to develop services tailored to meet particular needs of individuals that may not be met within the categorical fund structure for low income adults. The following organizations requested funding through the HSDF program: Perry County Food Bank, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49, Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, Perry Human Services, Tri-County Community Action, and the Central Perry Senior Center. Discussion occurred regarding the funding requests received.

**Public Comments:** Karen Anderson asked for an update on the County and COVID-19 tracing or information as it relates to the County's Amish and Mennonite communities. She also stated that she had heard that the virus is spreading through these communities and questioned if the Commissioners had concerns or ideas to address this issue as this affects the County residents as a whole. Commissioner Eby, as the Health Coalition liaison, provided an update on a discussion he had with Hamilton Health and Sadler Health regarding the western end of the County. He also stated that he reached out to the Mifflin County Commissioners for additional ideas and information. Commissioner Eby said that in the next 2 weeks a mobile testing unit should be circulating throughout the County and also provided additional information on future testing efforts. He said that testing is a priority and work would continue to bring awareness to the virus. Ms. Anderson questioned if the mobile testing would be for antibody testing or for virus testing. Commissioner Eby stated it would be virus testing and highlighted the efforts being made by the Commissioners.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the below Perry County Area Agency on Aging contract based on the recommendation of the Director of the Perry County Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

| <u>Contractor</u>  | <u>Service</u>         | <u>Cost</u>  | <u>Increase/Decrease</u> | <u>Contract Dates</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Caregivers America | Personal care services | \$18.25/hour | 2% increase              | 7/1/20 - 6/30/23      |

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 which references the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant. Commissioner Watson stated that there has been much communication regarding the block grant and the resolution was the next step needed to move forward in the block grant process. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the State Food Purchase Grant Agreement with the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Assistance, with the provision that a tracking system of the purchases be put in place with the Fiscal Office if not already done. Mary Ann Brownawell confirmed that a tracking system via QuickBooks is utilized as well as multiple audits are performed. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Glenda Dillman, Secretary, in the Court Administration Department effective June 30, 2020. Commissioner Watson commented on Glenda's years of service and that she will be missed. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Laura Kenyon, Dispatcher Trainee, in the 911 Center effective June 30, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$11.84. commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Eby questioned if the position was part time or full time. Rich Fultz confirmed it is a part time position. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the termination of Olivia Ferguson, Part Time Clerk, in the Prothonotary's Office effective June 26, 2020 based on the discussions with the Prothonotary. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitors Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Eby provided information on the PA Housing and Finance Authority grant program. He stated that applications are being accepted. He commented that additional information could be found on their website and our local representative is Jeanine Matulevich from the Perry Housing Partnership. Commissioner Eby also provided information on the Weatherization Program through SEDA-COG, as funding is still available. This information is available on the SEDA-COG website or by calling 1-800-991-1929

Jim Scott reiterated the important work done by the Disable American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 49 and encouraged individuals to donate to the local chapter.

Karen Anderson asked for clarification on how to donate to DAV Chapter 49.

Terri Lynn stated that all donations can be mailed to: DAV Chapter 49, P.O. Box 490 New Bloomfield, PA 17068.

Commissioner Allen stated that next week's Commissioners' Meeting will be open to the public and will take place in the Extension Office Meeting Room. He stated that individuals should call in to reserve a seat prior to the meeting by calling 717-582-5110. He said that seats would be on a first come, first serve basis and seat reservations calls would be taken beginning Wednesday at noon through Thursday close of business.

Melanie Wertz questioned if the call-in option would still be available for the meeting. Commissioner Allen confirmed the telephone conference option would still be available.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary