

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
July 6, 2020

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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/Onsite: Ed Albright, Mary Ann Brownawell, Frank Campbell, Sue Carbaugh, Jack Carroll, Brandi Clendenin, Kristin Daneker, Sarah Keller, Rhonda Kennedy Rowe, Dave Magee, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Annie Strite, Alyson Thebes, and Robin Tolan

Commissioner Eby opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 6, 2020 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via telephone conference and in person at the Extension Office Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

A public hearing occurred in the Extension Office Meeting Room to discuss the 2020/2021 Perry County Human Services Block Grant Plan. Robin Tolan, Cumberland Perry MH Human Services Program Manager presented the Perry County Human Services Plan. She spoke about the mental health services and referenced the chart included in the plan. Ms. Tolan also talked about the Recovery Oriented Systems Transformation section which lists the goals for the coming year. The draft plan consists of input from the Cumberland-Perry Mental Health and Intellectual Development Disabilities Program, Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission, Perry Human Services, Perry County Food Bank, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #49. Dave Magee questioned the type of security provided in the mental health facilities.

Sue Carbaugh, Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Early Intervention, spoke about the goals and services of the IDD programs. Jack Carroll, Executive Director of the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, spoke about the programs for substance abuse. He detailed the efforts being taken to help deal with the ongoing opioid crisis and provided statistics on overdose deaths and participation in Naloxone trainings. Mr. Carroll also highlighted the vivitrol program at the Perry County Prison. Commissioner Eby questioned if the vivitrol program state funding that is not used in the specified time frame could be carried over and he also commented on the benefits of the naloxone training. Kristin Daneker, Executive Director of Perry Human Services, commented on the Homeless Assistance Program services provided in the County such as rental assistance and temporary housing.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table the approval of the Plan for one week until the next Commissioners' meeting scheduled for July 13th. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Dave Magee thanked the Commissioners for Resolution 2020-07, supporting law enforcement. He also questioned the longevity plan for Perry Historians due to the importance of the documents maintained by the organization.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Warrant List: Commissioner Watson made a motion, based on the review by the Fiscal Office, to approve the warrant list dated July 7, 2020 in the amount of \$521,310.31. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Aly Thebes, from the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, provided an overview of each agreement. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 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>
Lifeline Systems Company	Provider of emergency response buttons	\$30/month to \$43/month	No change	7/1/20 - 6/30/23
GHG Home Care	Personal Care Services	\$19.18/hour	2% increase	7/1/20 – 6/30/21
Central Perry Senior Center	Extension of current agreement			
Blain Senior Center	Extension of current agreement			
Marysville/Rye Senior Center	Extension of current agreement			

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt stated that on July 4, 2020, Counties throughout the state were served with a federal lawsuit instituted by President Donald J. Trump for President Inc. and a number of other individuals regarding changes made to the election system implemented this past spring. He stated that it does request an expediated hearing on discovery and it is against all election boards in the Commonwealth. Solicitor Bunt did not recommend any action be taken at the current time.

Public Comments: Commissioner Eby reiterated the importance of the census and urged County residents to respond. He stated that the Rental Relief program kicked off this week and information on the funding could be found on the PA Housing Finance Agency website. He stated that our local representative is Jeanine Matulevich from the Perry Housing Partnership and she can be contacted by calling the County switchboard and asking for her directly. Commissioner Eby also stated that the PA State Fire Commissioner will be announcing information on grant funding later this week. He also commented that work continues on the County CARES Act Block Grant funding and anyone with questions are encouraged to reach out to the Commissioners’ Office.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary