

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
October 26, 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 via Phone/Onsite: Alane Balchunas, Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Donna Ellenberger, Rich Fultz, Charles Freet, Kristie Gantt, Dave Hammar, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Kim McMullen, Ann Miller, Andy Pepper, Rich Pluta, Ralph Rudy, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Greg Wirth, and Rick Wood

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 26, 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.

Public Comments: Dave Magee requested that the life insurance for retirees be looked into. He stated that the current value of \$5,000 is minimal considering today's standards.

Alane Balchunas asked for clarification on two items listed on the agenda: Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC proposal and the telecommunication service agreement with Richard Garbrick.

Donna Ellenberger stated that she had seen a film regarding the fact that Perry County does not follow the law regarding seniors. She said that the Commissioners took an oath to protect all people in the County. Ms. Ellenberger stated that federal laws are there to protect everyone, including seniors. She commented on the fact that she is unable to live in her home and had called the Department of Aging but had not heard back. She stated that the homes should be investigated and that the seniors in their homes should be protected.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant listed dated October 14, 2020 in the amount of \$212.50. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant listed dated October 14, 2020 in the amount of \$20,000. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant listed dated October 20, 2020 in the amount of \$25,555. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant listed dated October 20, 2020 in the amount of \$10,808.37. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant listed dated October 27, 2020 in the amount of \$556,018.29. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the preventative maintenance agreement with CILS Incorporated for the Prison laundry equipment at a cost of \$360/visit. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Maintenance Director, to approve the maintenance services agreement with NRG for the HVAC units as the Prison and the Veterans Memorial Building at a cost of \$6,810. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the proposals for office space for Magisterial District Justice Offices 41-03-04 and 41-03-05. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- District #41-03-04 office space – Carrie and George Lyter \$1,850/month
- District #41-03-05 office space – C & R Partnership \$2,862/month

Solicitor Bunt opened and read the following bids that were received for the Courthouse Elevator Modernization project:

- Thyssenkrupp Elevator – Base Bid: \$116,912
 Alternate #1 (Add cab interior refurbishment): \$15,122
 Alternate #2 (Add cylinder removal & drill new holes) – \$60,275
- Hadfield Elevator LLC – Base Bid: \$110,000
 Alternate #1 (Add cab interior refurbishment): \$15,000
 Alternate #2 (Add cylinder removal & drill new holes) – \$45,000

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the public hearing and review of the plan, to approve the Perry County Area Agency on Aging Four-Year Plan. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on conversations with Andy Pepper, CARES Act administrator and DCED, to approve the proposal from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for CARES Act funding consulting services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the maintenance department, to approve the agreement with Richard Garbrick for telecommunication services at a cost of \$50/hour. He commented on the large invoices for service calls on the current system and stated that having this former vendor will help decrease repair costs and assist with the development of an RFP for a new system. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD amendment for Mental Health in the total amount of \$2,797,801 for FY 2020/2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

<i>Mental Health</i>			
NHS Stevens Center	MH20-0012	\$2,797,801	\$18,551 increase

Renewal – Increase from FY 19-20			
MH Services – Administrative case management; assertive community treatment teams; community employment (supported employment); community residential services; consumer drive services; housing support; outpatient; peer support; outpatient medications mgmt.; psychiatric rehab; social rehab; targeted case mgmt			

Employee Status: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Jamie York to the position of Deputy Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts in the Prothonotary’s Office effective November 9, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$17.71. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Jean Goodnack to the position of Case Worker II in the Children & Youth Services Department effective October 27, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$23.27. Commissioner Watson commented on the training that Ms. Goodnack possesses and would be bringing to the position. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion based on the recommendation of the Department Head. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: None

Public Comments: Donna Ellenberger commented that Ralph Rudy has a federal case regarding the Clean Water Act. She stated that items and had been stolen from her home in Watts Township and then returned. She said that there is no protection for residents in the Township. Ms. Ellenberger presented photographs of vandalism on her property. She stated that she has called the police but they did not help her. She commented that there needs to be protection for seniors living in their homes.

Ralph Rudy stated that raw sewage is running on his property in Watts Township. He said he has gone through the court system and had the water tested confirming it is raw sewage. He commented that the Township knowingly put the pipes on his property and that he cannot use his property because of the sewage issue. Mr. Rudy stated that DEP said they cannot help as it is a Township issue. He asked if the Commissioners can do anything about the problem or questioned if he should get the Chesapeake Bay group involved.

Comments from Press: Jim Ryan questioned why the County did not take the grant funding for mail-in ballot postage. He said that 2/3 of the Commissioners sit on the Election Board which was why he asked the Board of Commissioners. Additionally, he stated that the County has taken other grant money totaling approximately \$1.3 million and distributed it and wondered why some grant funding is acceptable and others is not.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary