

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
February 8, 2021

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 WebEx Video/Telephone: Karen Anderson, Alane Balchunas, Laura Berra, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Kristie, Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Sarah Keller, Kirby Kitner, Wayne Leshar, Ann Miller, Bob Ressler, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 8, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via WebEx telephone and video conference. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Public Comments: Wes Smith provided a COVID update. He commented that there had been a slight decline in reported confirmed COVID cases. He said that his office is working to get mass vaccinations moving, but there have been constant changes from the Department of Health. Mr. Smith said that information regarding the vaccines will be posted on the County website.

Wayne Leshar asked where the vaccination sites are located and how many vaccine doses are expected to be distributed to the County in the next month. Wes Smith said that vaccine amounts are not available and confirmed that there are three sites being considered in various locations throughout the County. Mr. Leshar again asked how many vaccine doses were coming to the County. He recommended that the County put information on the website stating that vaccine information is not available at this time, but would be made available as soon as it is received.

Kirby Kitner stated that he is the owner of Shermans Valley Stone quarry and had his engineer, Laura Berra, present with him for the meeting. He said that he was participating in the meeting as a courtesy, to alert the County that his quarry is permitted, but they would be working to get a new permit to move to a larger size. Laura Berra commented that the new permit would allow for more stone production, which means the quarry could produce more tonnage.

Melanie Wertz asked for an update on Penn Strategies and the grants the County has received. She questioned if Penn Strategies provided the County with quarterly reports that could be provided to the public.

Ann Miller said she concurred with Wayne Leshar that there needs to be more information coming out about COVID vaccination and the mass vaccination sites. She said that the Department of Health is at the mercy of the federal government. She thanked the Commissioners for putting information on the website that points the user to the Department of Health website and also to the federal site. Ms. Miller stated that on the federal site there is information on available grant funding.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Cumberland/Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission 2020/2021 contracts. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Provider	Service	19/20	20/21	Rate increase	Percent Increase	Last Increase
Gaudenzia, Inc	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%	
	Outpatient Adult and Adolescent Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%	
	Outpatient Adult and Adolescent Group	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.00%	
	Adult and Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Individual	\$80	\$80	\$0	0.00%	
	Adult and Adolescent Intensive Group	\$26	\$26	\$0	0.00%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Detox (Coal Township)	new	260.00			
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Rehab (Coal Township)	new	217.00			
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Detox (Common Ground)	230.00	230.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Rehab (Common Ground)	194.00	194.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Co-occurring (Common Ground)	232.00	232.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Long Term Rehab (Concept 90)	130.00	130.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Female Halfway House (New Destiny)	170.00	170.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Women with Children Rehab (Vantage)	219.00	219.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Women with Children Rehab (Fountain Springs)	195.00	195.00	\$0.00	0%	
Gaudenzia, Inc.	Adult Male Halfway House (Integrity House)	154.00	157.00	\$3.00	2%	FY18-19

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Commissioners Residual and Court-Appointed Professional & Non-Professional bargaining agreements. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the quote from Hershocks for replacement of the interior door at the Rhinesmith Building at a cost of \$8,663. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the contract with Penn Strategies for grant writing services in the amount of \$5,500/month. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion and stated that updates would be posted on the website. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: Solicitor Bunt stated that the bargaining unit agreements had previously been approved by the Teamsters Local 776, and the formal approval by the Commissioners was the last step in the process.

Public Comments: Wayne Leshar stated that the Rhinesmith door project should be sourced locally as it did not need to be bid and there are local contractors that could do the work.

Melanie Wertz thanked the Commissioners for putting Penn Strategies updates on the website in the future. She also recommended that organizations that receive County funding, provide regular reports to the public.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Allen reminded everyone that there would be no meeting on February 15th due to the President's Day holiday.

Commissioner Eby provided an update on County COVID related funding and the allocations of the funding. Ann Miller stated that more funding would likely be needed in the future for COVID expenditures.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary