

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
March 15, 2021

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen – Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Secretary
Bill Bunt – Solicitor
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone: Karen Anderson, Alane Balchunas, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jan Gibboney, Michelle Jones, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Marty Malone, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Melanie Wertz, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 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.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Eby stated that the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. In preparation for this semiquincentennial celebration, he commented that a Perry County volunteer or volunteers are needed to help with the planning, development, and coordination of the Pennsylvania event titled America250PA. He said that anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Commissioners' Office for more information

Jason Finnerty provided information on the Picture Perry surveys. He said there are eight surveys total, and the information will be utilized in the County Comprehensive Plan. He commented that the anyone interested in taking one or all of the surveys can go to the County website or the Tri-County Regional Planning website to complete them.

Rich Fultz commented that there are two potential vaccine clinics scheduled for March 20th both for previously registered individuals. He said he would be doing a site visit with Sadler Health regarding a tentative site, and the possible UPMC event, will again be held at their facility at Red Hill, Newport. Mr. Fultz commented that the current trend is to move towards large regional vaccine clinics due to efficiency. He said he continues to look at smaller facilities in the County to have clinics, but needs a medical/pharmacy partner to make this happen.

Public Comments: Marty Malone, from Lehman Engineering, thanked the Commissioners for recognizing him and being able to join the meeting.

Heather Kelly-Weisen, from SEDA-COG, said that the Utility Assistance program funded through the Community Development Block Grant – COVID, would be beginning soon. She said that the funds have a shorter time frame in which to be spent, as compared to other CDBG funds. She commented that it was important for the Commissioners to meet with SEDA-COG to come up with a plan to get the funds out in a timely manner.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2020 warrant list dated March 16, 2021 in the amount of \$52,732.45. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2021 warrant list dated March 16, 2021 in the amount of \$393,770.42. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contract amendment for Early Intervention for FY 2020/2021 in the total amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
<i>Early Intervention</i>			
JOANNE PETERS, MS, OTR/L	EI20-0019	\$10,000	\$6,991 increase
Amendment - Increase due to additional authorized services			
EI Services - Occupational therapy			

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the CDBG-CV Subrecipient Agreement with Kinkora Pythian for Nonprofit Extended Care Facility Enhanced Non-Construction in the amount of \$10,500 for PPE supplies. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the CDBG-CV Subrecipient Agreement with Kinkora Pythian for Nonprofit Extended Care Facility Enhanced Construction in the amount of \$62,000 for a touchless door system. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase agreement for the 911 communications tower property. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Economic Development & Community Development Initiatives Program grant contract with DCED for the 911 communications tower project. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: None

Public Comments: Melanie Wertz commented that she hoped all the Commissioners would serve on the Election Board during the upcoming election in May.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary