

# COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

May 24, 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 or In Person:** Alane Balchunas, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Jason Finnerty, Kristie Gantt, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Rich Pluta, Roger Miller, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, and Josh Wilson

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. on May 24, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted via WebEx telephone/video conference and in person. The meeting was recorded by the County. There were technical issues due to the County website being down.

**Announcements/Updates:** Commissioner Eby provided information on the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program through the Federal Communications Commission. He stated that the EBB will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households, and up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. He commented that more information can be found on the County website.

Commissioner Eby commented that the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, in cooperation with the PA Department of Agriculture Bureau of Food Distribution would again be offering the Farmer's Market Voucher program. The program is available to eligible, older adult Perry County residents and begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said the vouchers can be redeemed all summer locally at Butcher's Farmers Market, Newport Episcopal Church, Martz Farm, Sample's Vegetable Farm and other participating farmer's markets throughout the state. Commissioner Eby commented that information on the program can be obtained at the Area Agency on Aging and County senior centers.

Commissioner Watson stated that at 11:00 a.m. the Broadband RFP pre-bid meeting would take place.

**Public Comments:** Wes Smith stated that 21,000 Perry County residents had been vaccinated. He also stated that retail pharmacies are now opening up walk-in vaccination appointments for children. Mr. Smith commented that parents must accompany their child to the appointment.

Alane Balchunas questioned if agenda item #10 (U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) was in relation to the American Rescue Act grant funding.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated May 25, 2021 in the amount of \$639,377.28. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated May 18, 2021 in the amount of \$4,449.60. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists in the amounts of \$295.44, \$33,594.60, \$212.50, \$15,316.70 (total \$49,419.24). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Eby, based on discussions with the Maintenance Department, made a motion to approve the proposal from Fisher's Roofing for zone 2 roof replacement on the Courthouse in the amount of \$11,493.85. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve CDBG Subrecipient Agreement for the Loysville Village Municipal Authority 2019 Inflow and Infiltration project in the amount of \$93,590. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2020/2021 Purchase of Service Agreements for Children & Youth Services (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Temporary Abeyance of Vertical Transportation Maintenance Contract with ThyssenKrupp. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the resignation of Phillip Robbins from the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (CPTA). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gary Eby to the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (CPTA). Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Patricia Santarsiero, Case Administrator, in the Domestic Relations Department effective June 25, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Josh Wilson offered his assistance on the transportation advisory board that Commissioner Eby had spoken about at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Watson asked what age children must be in order to be vaccinated at the retail pharmacies. Wes Smith confirmed that they must be 12 years or older.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

**20/21 Purchase of Service Agreements---PERRY CO. CHILDREN & YOUTH-**

- Abraxas*---CYS/JPO---levels from \$185.50 – \$338.26/day (Avg. Increase of 3.2%)
- Adelphoi Village*---CYS/JPO---levels from \$238.59 – \$415.20/day (Avg. Increase of 7.08%)
- Bair Foundation* --- CYS--- levels from \$63.81 – \$92.96/day (Avg. Increase of 2.3%)
- Bethany Christian Svcs*---CYS---levels from \$32.27 – \$135.65/day (Avg. Increase of 5%)
- Bethany Home*---CYS/JPO--- levels from \$236.90- \$252.35/day (Avg. Inc. 3%)
- Central Counties Youth Center*---CYS/JPO---\$290.00/day (Avg. Inc. of 3.57%)
- Children’s Aid Society of Franklin Cty*---CYS/JPO---levels from \$58.01 - \$187.69/day (Avg. Inc. 1.9%)
- City Mission – ASPIRE* - \$305.00/day (New)
- Clear Vision Residential* --- CYS--- levels from \$199.59/day (Avg. Inc. of 2%)
- Community Specialists Corp*---CYS/JPO---\$247.12 - \$350.00/day (Avg. Inc. of 9%)
- Concern* ---CYS/JPO---\$43.49 - \$223.89/day (Avg. Inc. 3.4%)
- CSG Chariots*---CYS--- \$28.87/day (No Increases)
- Diakon* --- CYS/JPO--- levels from \$50.05 – \$99.65/day (No Increases)
- Diversified Treatment Alt*---CYS/JPO--- levels from \$106.99 - \$265.00/day (Avg. Inc. of 9.9%)
- Families United Network* ---CYS--- levels from \$28.65 – \$208.07/day (Avg. Inc. of 3%)
- Family Care for C&Y* --- CYS--- levels from \$37.09 – \$89.41/day (Avg. Inc. of 1.5%)
- George Junior Republic*---CYS/JPO--- \$82.94 – \$342.68/day (Avg. Inc. of 5%)
- Merakey*---CYS--- levels from \$29.29 – \$165.57/day (Avg. Inc. of 3.3%)
- PA Child*---CYS/JPO---\$73.37 – \$133.19/day (Avg. Inc. of 3%)
- Pathways* ---CYS ---levels from \$155.00 – \$185.00/day (Avg. Inc. of 5.2%)
- Pinkney's Vineyard of Faith Ministries*---CYS--- levels from \$41.77 - \$233.84/day (No Increases)
- Summit Academy*---CYS/JPO ---levels from \$208.20 - \$332.00/ day (Avg. Inc. 13%)
- United Methodist Home for Children / Board of Childcare*---CYS---\$231.66/day (Avg. Inc. 2%)
- White Deer Run/Cove PREP*---CYS/JPO--- \$315.00/day (Avg. Inc. 3.28%)
- Northampton County Juvenile Detention Center*---JPO---\$270/day – (New)

