

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
July 12, 2021

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Karen Anderson, Alane Balchunas, Karen Barclay, Tim Beiler, Frank Campbell, Donna Cohick, Gene Cohick, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Dave Gibbons, Sarah Keller, Dan Kilgore, Pat Kilgore, Wayne Lesher, Dave Magee, Jason Malloy, Marty Malone, Sid McConahy, Rich Pluta, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Josh Wilson, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 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.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Allen stated that the Commissioners' meetings will begin to be held once a month at various locations throughout the County at 7:00 p.m. He continued by commenting that the first evening meeting would be held on July 26th at the Blain Fire Company. He said a listing of dates and location could be found on the County website.

Commissioner Allen said that a hearing regarding the HOME Program would be held on July 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Commissioner Allen stated that the second HSDF hearing would occur on July 26th at the Commissioners' meeting being held at the Blain Fire Company at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Allen recognized Chief Assessor, Randy Waggoner, for being appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Real Estate Appraisers. He said that Mr. Waggoner was one of two CPE's in the state to be appointed to the board.

Public Comments: Dave Magee stated that the County should support photo identification for election and voter registration purposes.

Randy Waggoner thanked the Commissioners for the recognition. He also thanked Senator DiSanto for his support, as he had met with the Senator prior to his confirmation to the State Board.

Karen Anderson questioned what Dave Magee had said. Dave Magee repeated his comment.

Commissioner Eby asked Sarah Keller if there was any update at the State level regarding the acceptance of federal funding for HAF Housing Assistance. He said his understanding was that the Commonwealth has until July 31st to apply for the federal funds and he commented that the County has twelve applicants anticipating those funds. Commissioner Eby also commented that there has been an overallocation for rental assistance, but the HAF funding is even more important as it is for home owners and the tax base for the County. He implored the Senate and House to seek those funds.

Commissioner Eby stated that Mr. Waggoner’s appointment to the State Board of Real Estate Appraisers is just one example of the excellence in the County’s Department Heads. He said these employees put Perry County on the map and commended all the Department Heads for working outside the office and networking with the State and organizations.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 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 July 6, 2021 in the amount of \$501,670.06. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the rental and utility assistance warrant lists for the following amounts: \$327.43, \$21,589.85, and \$13,693.78. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Solicitor Bunt opened request for proposals for broadband services:

- Centre WISP - Budget Option #1: \$4,123,316.75 project actual total
Budget Option #2: \$3,290,296.54 project actual total
- ZITO Business - \$1,560,000 County cost and the remaining cost to be provided by ZITO
- Upward Broadband - Tier #1: \$653,016.23
Tier #2: \$2,318,739.41
Tier #3: \$2,685,336.33

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the letter of engagement with Korn Ferry for GASB 75 Disclosures at a total cost of \$7,500. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Senior Center Service Agreement with Liverpool Senior Citizen’s Center. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD Board, to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention for fiscal year 2020/21 in the total amount of \$1,105,113. He also stated the amount is a reduction of \$228,000. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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| ADVANTA THERAPY LLC | EI21-0067 | \$ 5,000 | \$2,500 increase |
| Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22 due to new service | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational and speech therapies | | | |
| ASPIRATIONS LLC | EI21-0069 | \$ 177,845 | \$20,155 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |
| BARBARA WEBER, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA | EI21-0080 | \$ 7,196 | \$10,938 decrease |

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| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Speech therapy | | | |
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| BEHAVIOR BY DESIGN LLC | EI21-0100 | \$ 8,841 | \$1,023 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Special instruction | | | |
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| BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY LLC | EI21-0027 | \$ 90,691 | \$16,060 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |
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| CENTRAL PA THERAPY CONNECTIONS LLC | EI21-0101 | \$ 19,132 | \$13,044 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Language interpretation; occupational and speech therapies | | | |
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| CONNECTIONS EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS | EI21-0102 | \$ 42,916 | \$3,510 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |
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| EARLY INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS INC | EI21-0081 | \$ 80,064 | \$16,259 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Nutrition support; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; | | | |
| special instruction | | | |
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| FEEDING LITTLE BELLIES LLC | EI21-0098 | \$ 44,389 | \$156 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Nutrition support | | | |
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| JENNIFER SNYDER, MPT | EI21-0050 | \$ 31,885 | \$1,210 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Physical therapy | | | |
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| JILL BRICKER, M-ED, CIMI | EI21-0104 | \$ 6,000 | \$1,000 increase |
| Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22 due to authorized services | | | |
| EI Services - Special instruction | | | |
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| JOANNA KARNS, MT-BC | EI21-0075 | \$ 10,929 | \$271 decrease |

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| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Special instruction | | | |
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| JOANNE PETERS, MS, OTR/L | EI21-0019 | \$ 5,289 | \$4,711 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational therapy | | | |
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| KIMBERLY SNOWDEN, MS, CCC-SLP | EI21-0048 | \$ 36,192 | \$17,221 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Speech therapy | | | |
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| LEANNE BROADBENT, MS, CCC-SLP | EI21-0040 | \$ 12,051 | \$2,715 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Speech therapy | | | |
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| LIVING UNLIMITED INC | EI21-0035 | \$ 1,500 | \$3,500 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Special instruction | | | |
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| MATTIKO PEDIATRIC THERAPIES LLC | EI21-0096 | \$ 14,394 | \$606 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Special instruction; speech therapy | | | |
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| MY THERAPY TREE LLC | EI21-0095 | \$ 161,683 | \$65,856 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |
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| NICOLE CUSTER, OTR/L | EI21-0046 | \$ 17,392 | \$7,019 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational therapy | | | |
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| PEDIATRIC THERAPY SPECIALISTS OF SOUTH CENTRAL PA LLC | EI21-0092 | \$ 48,654 | \$46,204 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |
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| SHANNON SWEENEY, PT | EI21-0059 | \$ 3,533 | \$1,138 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |

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| EI Services - Physical therapy | | | |
| SOVIA THERAPY LLC | EI21-0076 | \$ 199,070 | \$27,189 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |
| TMB DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPY & INFANT MASSAGE INC | EI21-0079 | \$ 20,448 | \$717 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Evaluations | | | |
| UCP CENTRAL PA INC | EI21-0003 | \$ 60,019 | \$27,837 decrease |
| Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22 | | | |
| EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction | | | |

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of Maintenance Director, Marty Smith's research, to approve the elevator service agreement with Hadfield Elevator LLC for covered maintenance under modernization for one year. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Steve Cassel, Full Time Corrections Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective August 28, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Warden Barclay commented that Mr. Cassel was a good employee.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Dave Magee commented on the agreement that was signed between the Marysville Lions Club and the Marysville Borough for park management. He said part of the agreement will take care of MS4 projects, but the agreement will also lead to modernization projects that will benefit the community. Commissioner Eby recognized Mr. Magee for his dedication as well as the rest of the volunteers for their hard work and diligence to make the partnership in Marysville happen.

Wayne Leshar asked if the broadband bids were for countywide broad band service. Sid McConahy confirmed that they were. Mr. Leshar requested that the Commissioners do their due diligence and not just award the bid to the lowest bidder. He provided his personal experiences regarding ZITO Business and said his service with them goes down weekly and is very disruptive.

Sarah Keller commented on a positive experience at the Tax Assessment Office and said the staff was helpful and responsive.

Rich Pluta acknowledged the Borough of Newport on the Discover Newport event that occurred during the previous weekend. He said the event was extremely well attended. Mr. Pluta recognized the Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society for their hard work in making the event so successful.

Frank Campbell commented on the exceptional Discover Newport event. He said there was great community support.

Mark Van Noos, from ZITO Business, commented on the rough transition, but said his company is working on making changes to their service and bringing more bandwidth into Perry County. He said the submitted proposal focused on the western end of the county and was for bringing fiber into the home.

Commissioner Watson commented on the success of the Discover Newport event and recognized Frank Campbell and his daughter for their hard work. She also commented on the broadband proposals, and urged residents to have patience as the process is very complicated and there is not one way in which to provide service to the entire County.

Frank Campbell thanked his daughter for her support during the Discover Newport event.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary