

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**August 9, 2021**

**Present at the meeting were**

**Commissioners:**

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

**Present from the Press:** Jim Ryan

**Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person:** Ed Albright, Karen Barclay, Frank Campbell, Jason Finnerty, Heather Kelly-Weisen, Cassandra Lanza, Wayne Leshner, Dave Magee, Ken Morrison, Rich Pluta Josh Wilson, and Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 9, 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 said that the Commissioners' meeting scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> would be held at the Perry County Fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m. in the Oliver Grange Pavilion. He stated that the meeting would be available for in-person participation only.

Commissioner Allen stated that the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners' Meeting would be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Landisburg Fire Company.

Commissioner Allen recognized Dave Magee's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Public Comments:** Dave Magee commented on the passing of Ralph Halter who volunteered his time at the Prison for many years to provide spiritual guidance to the inmates. Warden Barclay remarked on Mr. Halter's contributions to the inmates.

Ken Morrison provided information on the Landisburg Borough Municipal Authority. He stated that there is no one that oversees the local municipal authorities and that this is causing major issues, especially with Landisburg Borough. He said an individual, from the Borough Board, contacted him and stated that Landisburg is one rain event away from shutdown. Mr. Morrison said his major concern is the mismanagement of money. He further commented that he was told that there is only \$50.00 left in their checking account in which to operate, they cannot pay their bills, and checks were not deposited. He said he was the former Waste Water Manager for Landisburg Borough and he stated that he pointed out issues to the Borough when he was in the role. Mr. Morrison said the issue is very concerning to him and he asked the Commissioners for guidance on the critical situation. He also asked for an update on the broadband internet situation. He commented on the number of trees laying on utility lines in the County and said they are a major safety concern.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists (7/22/21, 7/23/21, 7/27/21, 7/28/21, and 8/3/21) in the total amount of \$568,161.01. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the following 2021 CDBG Projects:

- Marysville Borough Lions Club Park Bridge Restoration - \$19,000
- Marysville Borough Cassell Street Trail Rehabilitation – \$27,000
- Loysville Municipal Authority Sewer Lateral Replacement Project - \$90,940.01
- Oliver Township Municipal Authority Sewage System Rehabilitation Phase 5A - \$60,064
- Liverpool Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation - \$88,740

Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission contracts. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Provider	Service	20/21	21/22	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Libertae, Inc.	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B W/C	\$234.00	\$234.00	\$0.00	0%
Libertae, Inc.	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female)	\$143.00	\$143.00	\$0.00	0%
Firetree, Ltd	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Conewago Pottsville)	295.00	350.00	\$55.00	19%
Firetree, Ltd	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Conewago Pottsville)	189.00	233.00	\$44.00	23%
Firetree, Ltd	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Conewago Place)	168.00	210.00	\$42.00	25%
Firetree, Ltd	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Conewago Snyder)	180.00	195.00	\$15.00	8%
Avenues Recovery Medical Center at Valley Forge	4 WM (Medically Managed) Activity 834A	589.37	589.37	\$0.00	0%
	4 (Medically Managed) Adult Activity 834B	589.37	589.37	\$0.00	0%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A	330.00	330.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B	323.00	323.00	\$0.00	0%
Teen Challenge Training Center	3.7 WM Activity 823A	322.00	354.00	\$32.00	10%
Teen Challenge Training Center	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B	204.00	205.00	\$1.00	0%
Nuestra Clinica Residencial	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B Male	\$201.00	\$201.00	\$0.00	0%
Hamilton Health Center	Vivitrol Patient Assessment and Urinalysis	\$200	\$200	\$0.00	0%
	Vivitrol Injections	\$1,006	\$1,006	\$0.00	0%

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the implementation of a fee for filing an application to register for an upset tax sale or judicial sale. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Mifflin-Juniata Area Agency on Aging Inc. to assist with home-delivered meals in the Horse Valley Road area. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Perry Albright, Full Time Correctional Officer, in the Perry County Prison effective August 9, 2021. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Warden Barclay commented on Mr. Perry’s commendable work history and said she was sorry to see him go.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the transfer of Benjamin Harris to the position of Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective August 15, 2021 at an hourly rate of 22.91. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor’s Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Jason Finnerty commented that he will be providing a letter of intent regarding a FEMA grant for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update to the Commissioners for consideration.

Dave Magee thanked the Commissioners for the CDBG grant funding allocated to Marysville Borough.

Ken Morrison questioned if Landisburg Borough applied for CDBG funds.

Ed Albright stated that DEP had conducted their inspection of the New Bloomfield Borough Water Authority and provided a punch list. He said the list will be completed in the next week and the facility will hopefully be in operation in the next month.

Wayne Leshar said that during a conversation with Jason Finnerty, he learned that most townships are not interested in participating in Countywide planning. He said that individuals from Talmudic University could not believe that the municipalities act independently in the area. He questioned how the County can forecast what the broadband needs will be in ten years without a Countywide plan. Mr. Leshar said that Jason is flying solo and other counties, such as Lebanon, you go to the county government center for permits etc. He commented that the easiest way to realize additional revenue in the County is to have more residents and increase the tax base.

Dave Magee commented on the cooperation between Rye Township and Marysville Borough.

Jason Finnerty said the Perry COG has gone together to get building permits under one roof, with the exception of one township. He said that this is the goal to work towards, such as one shared permit officer.

Commissioner Watson commented on the CCAP Conference that she attended last week. She said that she was able to speak with many other counties and realized that Perry County is not as far behind as people think. She stated that Perry County is on the forefront of the broadband initiative as compared to other counties. Commissioner Watson urged people to call the Commissioners' Office if they have questions and said she is looking forward to the next conference.

**Comments from the Press:** None

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

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

