

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

April 4, 2022

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: Mary Ann Brownawell, Frank Campbell, Crystal Failor, Rich Fultz, Jan Gibboney, Stan Good, Taira Little, Kim McMullen, Rich Pluta, Teri Provost, Bill Sloss, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, and Josh Wilson

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2022 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx telephone/video conference in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Rich Fultz provided a COVID update. He stated that currently 24 other Commonwealth counties have lower vaccination rates than Perry County and 68.6% of County residents that will get vaccinated are vaccinated. Mr. Fultz commented that vaccinations have slowed down considerably and local providers are having no issues keeping up with the demand for vaccinations. He said that COVID related deaths dramatically decreased in March 2022, with only 1 death being reported. He stated that since the beginning of the pandemic there was a total of 183 deaths across the County attributed to COVID. Mr. Fultz said that the highest number of positive COVID cases in the County occurred in January 2022 with 1,544 cases reported. He commented that 19% of County residents have tested positive for COVID since March 2020 when tracking began. He said statewide COVID related hospitalizations have decreased and currently 63 patients are reported to be in ICU and 45 on ventilators throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. Fultz stated that the information he provided, as well as additional information, can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website under COVID Data.

Public Comments: Stan Good asked where he could see the federal government broadband standards and he also requested that there be a broadband update at each meeting.

Bill Sloss stated that the last time he attended a meeting he asked if the County was compliant with Act 167 Stormwater and he had not received an answer. He asked if Solicitor Bunt would answer this question. Mr. Sloss requested that the Commissioners direct Solicitor Bunt to answer his question. He said that based on his information from DEP, the County is not in compliance with Act 167. Mr. Sloss questioned why citizens of Perry County are being treated less than equally as compared to residents of Cumberland and Dauphin counties which are in compliance.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Terri Provost, SEDA-COG Director of Housing Rehabilitation, explained that the County began working with them last summer on a competitive request from DCED for \$500,000 for the HOME Program. She stated that the County was awarded the funding which will allow rehabilitation for up to nine homes in the County. She said that there is a current waitlist for the program and the County is currently awaiting a fully executed contract from DCED before moving forward. Ms. Provost explained that the

agreement on the agenda for the Board’s consideration. She said the agreement provides for grant administration fees of 6% and also has delivery fees that will be determined once homes are identified for rehabilitation. Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Professional and Technical Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for administration services for the HOME Program. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 Authorizing the Submission of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Business Plan and Application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for the Clark’s Ferry Tavern Restoration Project. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. It was noted that the previous Resolution 2022-02 regarding this project, while adopted by the Board of Commissioners, was not passed by the Historical Society, thus resulting in Resolution 2022-05.

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

Provider	Service	20/21	21/22	Rate increase
Drug & Alcohol Rehab Services	3.5 Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services (Adolescent)		173.00	new provider
	3.5 Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services (Adolescent SIL)		185.00	new provider

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the proposal from PrimeCare for medication distribution services at the Perry County Prison in the amount of \$110,325.86. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2022/2023 Intermediate Punishment Grant for the Probation Department in the amount of \$99,977. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion, based on the recommendation of Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD and the approval by Cumberland County, to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Mental Health for FY 2021/2022 in the total amount of \$12,000 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Weiner, Probation Officer in the Probation Department, effective April 8, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the resignation of Lorenzo Varisano, Caseworker Supervisor in the Children & Youth Services Department, effective June 1, 2022. He wished each employee luck in their future pursuits. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: None

Public Comments: None

Comments from the Press: Jim Ryan questioned if the RACP grant funding for the Clark’s Ferry Tavern was a new award or the same funding they had previously been awarded. He asked how much the grant award was for. Mr. Ryan also asked what the PrimeCare proposal was for.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

MH/IDD Contracts FY 2021/2022

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
<i>Mental Health</i>					
PA COUNSELING SERVICES INC	MH21-0061	Increase	\$7,613	\$12,000	\$4,387
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional services					
MH Services - Transitional and community integration (outpatient therapy for Cumberland and Perry Prisons)					