

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

November 15, 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:** None

**Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person:** Alane Balchunas, Ed Albright, Zoe Burd, Frank Campbell, Dave Hammar, Michelle Jones, Kim McMullen, Rich Pluta, Becky Smiley, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Sally Tengeres, and Susan Washinger

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on November 15, 2021 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:** Commissioner Allen stated that District Attorney Andrew Bender resigned his position as he would be sworn in as Judge for the Court of Common Pleas on November 19<sup>th</sup>. He commented that First Assistant District Attorney Lauren Eichelberger would assume of the duties of District Attorney on November 19<sup>th</sup> as well.

Commissioner Allen said that recount for the office of Judge of the Commonwealth Court would be begin on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. due to the small percentage of votes between each candidate for the position.

Commissioner Allen also said that the next Commissioners' Meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Newport Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comments:** Susan Washinger, from the PA Health Access Network, provided information on the Be Heard, Be Healthy surveys available to Perry County residents. She stated that the purpose of the monthly surveys was to gather information from residents on the health care needs of the County. Ms. Washinger said individuals could register to take the surveys at [beheardbehealthypa.org](http://beheardbehealthypa.org) or by texting @beheard to 833-676-0268. She also commented that her organization was working with Dickinson College and would hold focus group meetings to solicit input on health needs in Perry County. She said the first focus group would be held on December 8 at the Newport Public Library from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the second meeting would be held on December 14 at the Blain Fire Hall from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Eby commented that the surveys and focus group meetings are very important to the County. He said that in recent years the information received from these sources have resulted in:

- Supporting the establishment of Hamilton Health Center in Newport
- Launching a Landisburg EMS Community Paramedicine program
- Screening for dental and vision care in Perry County schools
- Opening a school-based health center at West Perry
- Training local providers on caring for patients with disabilities

He encouraged County residents to participate and said additional information on these topics would be posted on the County website. Commissioner Eby also mentioned that the Health Coalition through the United Way, is looking for a Community Health Worker and again this information would be posted on the County website.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Solicitor Bunt opened and read bids for fuel oil and propane services for 2022. The following bids were received:

- Swenson Fuels, Inc. – #2 Fuel Oil: \$2.799 per gallon  
Propane: \$1.849 per gallon
- W.C. Eshenaur & Son Inc. – #2 Fuel Oil: \$2.669 per gallon  
Propane: \$1.933 per gallon
- Superior Plus Propane – #2 Fuel Oil: 3.326 per gallon  
Propane: \$2.118 per gallon variable pricing / \$2.190 per gallon fixed pricing
- Suburban Propane – #2 Fuel Oil: \$3.059 per gallon  
Propane: \$2.499 per gallon
- Heller’s Gas Inc. – Propane: \$1.99 per gallon

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following Conservation District appointments:

- Mike Clark – Public Director
- Larry Gildner – Public Director
- Gary Eby – Commissioner Director

Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Commissioner Eby abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the agreement with TeleoSoft Inc. for the software for the Prothonotary’s Office. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Continuing County Adult Probation and Parole Grants agreement (formerly County Adult Probation Grant-in-Aid). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the proposal from JW Fuller Construction for morgue ramp construction at a cost of \$10,800. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Mental Health for fiscal year 2020/2021 and fiscal year 2021/2022 in the total amount of \$4,891,597 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Abbie Good-Garcia to the position of part time Clerk in the Domestic Relations Office effective November 29, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$14.03. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby, after reviewing the applications, made a motion to approve the appointments of the following individuals to the position of part time Corrections Officer at the Perry County Prison effective November 16, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$20.83. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Rodney Kenneth Crimmins
- Jacob Gonzalez-Lopez
- Matthew Stephen Shoemaker

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Comments from the Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 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

**MH/IDD Contracts FY 2020/21**

<b>Provider / Summary of Services</b>	<b>Contract #</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Previous Contract Total</b>	<b>Current Contract Total</b>	<b>Increase / Decrease</b>
<i>Early Intervention</i>					
UPMC PINNACLE HOSPITALS, PINNACLE HEALTH INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	EI20-0005	Increase	\$235,922	\$240,150	\$4,228
Amendment - Increase due to additional services billed					
EI Services - Diagnostic evaluations; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					

**MH/IDD Contracts FY 2021/22**

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<i>Mental Health</i>					
NHS STEVENS CENTER	MH21-0012	Decrease	\$2,797,801	\$2,478,941	(\$318,860)
Renewal - Decrease for FY 21-22					
MH Services - Administrative case management; assertive community treatment teams; community employment; community residential; consumer driven; housing support; outpatient; psychiatric rehabilitation; social rehabilitation; targeted case management					
PENN STATE HEALTH HOLY SPIRIT MEDICAL CENTER	MH21-0001	Increase	\$2,115,949	\$2,172,506	\$56,557
Renewal - Increase for FY 21-22					
MH Services - Administrative case management; crisis intervention; forensic case					

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