

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

November 23, 2021

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: Jim Ryan

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Frank Campbell, Dave Carns, Gladys Carns, Donna Cohick, Polly Eby, Jason Finnerty, Penny Frownfelter, Karen Gable, John Gable, Dave Hammar, Jim Scott, Marty Smith, Mary Smith

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 23, 2021 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx telephone/video conference at the Newport Fire Hall. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Eby stated he was pleased to be in Newport and happy to see Gladys Carns in attendance.

Commissioner Watson thanked everyone for coming to the evening meeting and said she was looking forward to welcoming Gladys Carns back to the office.

Public Comments: Jim Scott, Veterans Affairs Director, said that he will continue to attend the evening meetings to provide information to veterans and their families.

Frank Campbell welcomed the Commissioners to Newport. He said that on Thursday the Turkey Trot would be held, Saturday was Small Business Saturday, and the following Saturday was the tree lighting event.

Bill Bunt also said he was looking forward to having Gladys back.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List(s): Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated November 12, 2021 in the amount of \$24,371.71. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list dated November 17, 2021 in the amount of \$7,450.57, with the exception of the first item on the list in the amount (\$1,550). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant list dated November 23, 2021 in the amount of \$1,617,233.91. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the bid from Swenson Fuels Inc. for propane in the amount of \$1.849/gallon and W.C. Eshenaur & Son Inc. for #2 fuel oil in the amount of \$2.669/gallon. He stated that the contract timeframe would be for six months. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following appointments to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commissioner for the 2022/2023 term. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Tom Graupensperger
- Dana Cotton
- Dan Kirk
- Jim Turner

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2021/2022 Purchase of Service Agreement for Children & Youth Services. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Valley Youth House - \$198,978 / \$16,581.50 per month

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Zampelli Termination of Purchase and Sale Agreement. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the following Records Improvement Fund requests. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Soil Conservation - \$1,270 additional network storage and laptop
- Prothonotary - \$35,000 case management software

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Mental Health for fiscal year 2021/2022 in the total amount of \$246,630 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Brittany Brown to the position of part time Custodian in the Chief Clerk's Department effective November 29, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$11.84. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Commissioner Watson commented to the recent Veteran's Breakfast. She said it was a wonderful event and was well attended. She thanked Jim Scott for his hard work on the event. Commissioner Watson also encouraged participation in the Toys for Tots drive that is ongoing. She stated that there are many boxes around the County and urged everyone to donate. Commissioner Watson also commented on the local government class she was invited to visit. She said it was a learning experience for both herself and the students. Lastly, Commissioner Watson commented on the CCAP Fall Conference. She stated that based on some of the information she received at the conference, she had decided to slow down the County broadband project. She commented that valuable information on potential broadband funding streams and feedback from other counties would be taken into consideration before moving forward. She said she wanted to do what is best for the County.

Comments from the Press: Jim Ryan questioned what specific examples from the conference, Commissioner Watson would be taking into consideration before moving forward with the broadband project. He also questioned the funding used by other counties, and specifically asked if ARPA funding was used for their broadband projects. Mr. Ryan asked what the nature of the Zampelli Termination of Purchase and Sale Agreement was.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

MH/IDD Contracts FY 2021/22

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
<i>Early Intervention</i>					
BARBARA WEBER, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA	EI21-0080	Increase	\$7,196	\$13,072	\$5,876
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
<i>Jena Vander Velden, MSPT</i>					
JENA VANDER VELDEN, MSPT	EI21-0021	Increase	\$10,495	\$28,359	\$17,864
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
EI Services - Physical therapy					
<i>Stacy Foreman, MS, CCC-SLP</i>					
STACY FOREMAN, MS, CCC-SLP	EI21-0061	Increase	\$10,145	\$27,971	\$17,826
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional authorized services					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
<i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>					
ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT RESOURCES INC	ID21-0183	New	-	\$13,000	\$13,000
New for FY 21-22					
IDD Services - IDD certified investigations					
<i>Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services</i>					
AURORA SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES	ID21-0037	Increase	\$16,090	\$32,180	\$16,090
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to extension of contract to June 30, 2022					
IDD Services - Recreation/leisure time activities					
<i>Mental Health</i>					
AURORA SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES	MH21-0015	Increase	\$63,524	\$127,048	\$63,524
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to extension of contract to June 30, 2022					
MH Services - Social rehabilitation					

