

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

April 10, 2023

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public in Person or via WebEx: Frank Campbell, Brandi Clendenin, Rich Fultz, Sarah Geesaman, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Dave Hammar, Donna McMillen, Dave Pundock, Bob Ressler, Wes Smith, Aaron Stephens, Rob Troxell, Randy Waggoner, Greg Wirth

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2023 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' Conference Room. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Allen reminded attendees that the April 17th Commissioners' meeting would take place at the Rye Township building located at 1775 New Valley Road, Marysville PA 17053 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: Rich Fultz noted that it was National Telecommunicators Week and recognized the twenty three 911 dispatchers working in the Perry County 911 Center. He said they are dedicated to keeping the public safe and appreciates everything they do.

Sarah Geesaman stated that Judge of Election training classes were held last week and it was well attended by 28 municipalities. She also thanked the Maintenance staff for providing chairs. Commissioner Allen and Reisinger noted that they had received positive feedback on the training.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 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 totalling \$270,902.71 and noted that \$82,534.20 were ERAP funds. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Allen recognized the following employees for their service to Perry County:

- Robin Gutshall – Children & Youth – 5 years of service
- Sally Tengeres – Soil Conservation – 20 years of service
- Ingrid Albright – Prothonotary – 25 years of service

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to appoint Commissioner Allen signatory for the Liverpool Area Recreation Association LSA grant. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the the 2022/2023 Purchase of Service Agreements for Children & Youth Services (below). Commissionr Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Every Child – CYS – Levels from \$86.23-\$119.24/day (Avg. Increase of 30.2%)
- Northampton Co. Juvenile Justice – JPO - \$290/day (Avg. Increase of 5.71%)

Employee Status: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion a to approve the appointment of Karen Barclay to the position of Part Time Deputy in the Sheriff’s Department effective April 11, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$19.27. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the appointment of Christian Dreibelbis to the position of Caseworker 2 in the Children & Youth Services Department effective April 17, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$22.48. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger, with regrets, made a motion to accept the resignation of Gregory Wirth, Director of the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, effective May 6, 2023. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and noted that she appreciated all the work Mr. Wirth did to make the Aging Office a better department. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor’s Report: Solicitor Bunt stated that he had worked with a number of Perry County Aging Directors and noted that Mr. Wirth came into the department during a very difficult time. He said that Mr. Wirth had overcome the obstacles and due to his leadership the office was able to continue to service the residents of the County. Solicitor Bunt thanked Mr. Wirth for a job well done.

Public Comments: Greg Wirth stated that the staff at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging is what makes the department successful and they should receive the credit.

Rob Troxell noted that the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority had just released the guidelines for a competitive RFP for capital project funds. He said Upward Broadband plans to submit an application for the funds to benefit the unserved and underserved in Perry County. Mr. Troxell commented that he is very interested in partnering with the County and wants to have a conversation with the County about this.

Wes Smith seconded Rich Fultz’s comments. He said there are outstanding individuals working in the Perry County 911 Center 24/7 and noted that he is proud to work with them.

Randy Waggoner noted that in his communications with Greg Wirth he was always professional and said he is a model for other Department Heads on professionalism. Mr. Waggoner also commented that data collector training would begin next Tuesday and trainees would also be doing field training.

Frank Campbell thanked Greg Wirth for his service to the seniors of the County.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Allen again reminded attendees that the April 17th Commissioners meeting would be held at Rye Township at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary