

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

June 19, 2023

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public in Person or via WebEx: Jason Finnerty, Kristie Gantt, Darla McNaughton, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Jim Scott, Sally Tengeres, Randy Waggoner, Larry Willow

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 19, 2023 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 Millerstown Fire Hall located at 7 North Market Street, Millerstown PA 17062. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: None

Public Comments: Jim Scott, Veterans Affairs Director, stated that his office is available to help veterans and their families. He provided an example of an elderly veteran that he assisted and urged attendees to not wait to reach out for assistance. Mr. Scott said he is available to come directly to veterans if needed.

Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor, provided an update on the County wide reassessment and commented that data collectors started in Millerstown Borough that day. He further said data collectors had finished their work in New Bloomfield Borough, Liverpool Borough, Liverpool Township, Howe Township, and Greenwood Township. Mr. Waggoner said a second round of data collector training would begin on the week of July 17th. He provided further information on the areas that data collectors would be moving into in the future and said the project is going well. He commented that the 911 Center is aware of where the data collectors are, in case a property owner calls about an individual on their property with a fluorescent green vest. Mr. Waggoner stated that there are approximately 12 meetings schedule at the municipalities to provide information on the reassessment.

Larry Willow said he lived in Nevada for two years and in Nevada you get four property tax coupons that can be paid quarterly. He questioned why Perry County cannot have a similar quarterly payment option and asked that this be considered.

Randy Waggoner stated that the Tax Payers Relief Act allows school districts to accept partial payments, but there is currently no legal mechanism to allow municipal and county tax collectors to accept partial payments. He further said the law does not allow for a quarterly payment method.

Approval of the Minutes: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion approve the minutes from the June 12, 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 totaling \$379,054.26, and noted that \$37,494 was ERAP expenses. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement with The Nutrition Group for food services at the Perry County Prison effective July 1, 2023. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 In Home Contracts for Children & Youth Services (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Purchase of Services Agreement for Children & Youth Services (below). Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

- KidsPeace – CYS – Program levels from \$120.49 - \$802.23/day

Employee Status: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the appointment of Bailey Miller to the position of Watershed Specialist in the Conservation District effective July 5, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$17.11. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Sally Tengeres, District Manager, said Ms. Miller was a great candidate and fits the position well.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve appointment of Timothy Rush to the position of Caseworker in the Children & Youth Services Department effective June 20, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$19.27. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the appointment of Wendy Alleman to the position of Part Time Receptionist in the Chief Clerk's Department effective June 21, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$13.62. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Bunt confirmed that Mr. Waggoner was correct that there is no legislation that allows what Mr. Willow requested.

Public Comments: Jason Finnerty stated that 20 municipalities have signed onto PICTURE PERRY and Liverpool Borough will be considering the plan at their next meeting. He further said that Marysville Borough recently passed the resolution and he was awaiting a copy.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary

23/24 In-Home Contracts----PERRY CO. CHILDREN & YOUTH

ABC Alternative Behavior Consultants, LLC – (rate increase \$7.00) - \$117.00/hr. FAST Assessments
- (rate increase \$4.00)- \$117.00/hr. SKILLS & Reunification
- (rate increase \$5.00) - \$225.00/session TIPS
- (rate increase by \$4.00) - \$60.00/hr. STEPS Visitation
- (rate increase \$10.00)- \$125.00/hr. Psychological Testing
- (rate increase \$4.00)- \$125.00/hr. Bonding & Diagnostic Evaluations

Benjamin Yoffee – back up for Solicitor Services—No Increase \$82.50/hr.
-Additional rate of \$150.00/hr. (no increase) for appeals and termination preparation and proceedings.

Brian R. Baker- Guardian Ad Litem- No Increase- \$75.00/hr.

Brittany Mae Shetter- Guardian Ad Litem- No increase- \$75.00/hr.

Chrystal Prosser—Guardian Ad Litem— no increase - \$77.50/hr.

Family Link Services – No Rate Increase- 90.00/hr. – Coordinate/Facilitate FGDM

Family Centered Services, LLC – No Increase \$75.00- \$100.00/hr.

JusticeWorks - (rate increase \$5.24) - \$87.00/hr. – WHY TRY Truancy Programs
- (rate increase \$5.24) - \$87.00/hr.- Just Care
- (rate increase \$5.13) - \$90.00/hr. – STOPP Program
- (rate increase \$5.20)- \$88.00/hr. – VIP Program (JPO)
- (rate increase \$3.90) - \$66.00/hr. – Community Service Program (JPO)
- (rate increase \$9.00) - \$159.00/group - Thinking for a Change Program
- (rate increase \$5.00) - \$90.00/hr.- Triple P
- No rate increase - \$250.00/referral - \$3,000.00/conference – Family Group Decision Making

Pinnacle Health Systems (CAC)-Abuse Med. Eval. –No increase - \$525.00/evaluation

Raytown Developmental Services- Family Findings- (Rate Increase \$4.23) - \$102.72/hr.

Tri- County Community Action – No rate increase -\$200/Ages & Stages Screening

William R. Bunt – Agency solicitor – No rate increase - \$62,400/yr.
- Additional rate of \$150.00/hr. (appeals and termination)- (No Increase)
- Additional rate of \$20.00/hr. (for intern work)