

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

June 20, 2022

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

Brian S. Allen - Chairman
Gary R. Eby – Vice-Chairman
Brenda L. Watson - Secretary
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: None

Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person: Brandi Clendenin, Pat Gutheil, and Dave Magee

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 2022 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 New Buffalo Fire Department. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Eby stated that communication had gone out to municipal officials regarding the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study Regional Transportation Program (RTP). He stated that Perry County had been allocated up to \$1 million dollars for safety improvement projects such as pedestrian walkways. He said the application and guidelines for the program were attached to communication. Commissioner Eby stated that the timeframe to submit an application was very short and encouraged municipalities to act quickly and submit projects for consideration by mid-August. He commented that the last time this funding was available to the County, the funding went towards a pedestrian bridge project in Marysville. He said the funding amount could be increased to \$2 million dollars over two years, but currently the funding was set at up to \$1 million dollars. He stated that the program does require a 20% match, but said that ARPA funding at the County level could be considered for municipalities that cannot cover the match amount.

Public Comments: Dr. Pat Gutheil stated that Jason Finnerty had attended her township's planning commission meeting and questioned if what Commissioner Eby spoke about was the same topic Mr. Finnerty had presented.

Commissioner Eby commented that Jason Finnerty would have presented information on the county's comprehensive plan, but the RTP projects would tie into the comprehensive plan. Both Commissioner Eby and Watson reiterated the importance of the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Eby said that a question on the RTP application asks how the project falls into the entities' comprehensive plan. He said that as infrastructure funds begin to surface, the funds will not be allocated. He said they will be available via competitive grants and having an up-to-date comprehensive plan will be needed to compete for the funds.

Dave Magee commented that Marysville had received an extension on the bridge project. He said the project is slated to begin during the last week of August or the first week of September. He said the walking trail project was also moving along. Mr. Magee commented that there are many projects in the works in Marysville and they are good for the County. He mentioned that he would love to see a bicycle trail along the river, as it would be a good tourism booster.

Commissioner Eby said he was part of a meeting regarding the 9/11 Freedom Trail at the Clark's Ferry Tavern. He said inclusion on this trail would boost tourism of the facility. He commented that approximately 15 cyclists, from all over the country, were at the Tavern. He stated that they had recently taken Lower Baily Road

and stated that it was the most beautiful part of the trip so far. Commissioner Eby said this just shows how biking trails could increase tourism in the county.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Warrant List(s): Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant list in the amount of \$1,415,279.38. He commented that approximately \$950,000 is returned funds for the ERAP Program. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the service agreement with the Marysville/Rye and Millerstown Senior Citizens' Centers. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve FY 2022-2023 In Home Contracts for Children & Youth Services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Records Improvement Fund request for an ethernet switch for the 911/EMA Department. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Maintenance Agreement with COMPROS Inc. for the 911 phone system. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Dan Shaffer, Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective June 14, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to accept the resignation of Danny Morrison, Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective June 16, 2022. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Dr. Pat Gutheil asked when and where the next evening meeting would be held. She also questioned how the evening meetings were going as compared to the daytime meetings.

Commissioner Eby stated that he recently attended the Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD meeting and said that the social rehab facility, adjacent to the Literacy Council in Newport, is getting close to completion. He said it should be open the end of July or beginning of August.

Commissioner Allen commented that the Perry County Youth Field Day occurred last Saturday. He said the event hosted over 200 children at the Ickesburg Sportsmen Club. He stated that life skills were taught to the youth participants and said it was a good event.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

22/23 In-Home Contracts – Children & Youth Services

ABC Alternative Behavior Consultants, LLC – rate increase \$3.00 - \$110.00/hr. FAST Assessments
- Rate increase \$6.00- \$113.00/hr. SKILLS & Reunification
- rate increase \$12.00 - \$220.00/session TIPS
- rate increase by \$4.00 - \$56.00/hr. STEPS Visitation
- rate increase Psychological Testing \$5.00 - \$115.00/hr.
- rate increase Bonding & Diagnostic Evaluations \$4.00-\$121.00/hr.

Avanco International ---CAPS Data Program--- Rate Increase \$1,748.36/yr. - \$26,724.96/yr.

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

Children’s Resource Ctr.-Abuse Med. Eval. –No increase - \$525.00/evaluation

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

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

Julie Martzall ---Quality Assurance – no increase - \$60.00/hr.

JusticeWorks

- Rate increase \$2.76- \$81.76/hr. – WHY TRY Truancy Programs
- Rate increase \$2.87 - \$84.87/hr. – STOPP Program
- Rate increase \$2.80 - \$82.80/hr. – VIP Program (JPO)
- Rate increase \$2.10 - \$62.10/hr. – Community Service Program (JPO)
- No rate increase - \$150.00/group - Thinking for a Change Program
- No rate increase - \$250.00/referral - \$3,000.00/conference – Family Group Decision Making

Kevin Prosser – Guardian Ad Litem – no increase - \$77.50/hr.

Newport Counseling Center – No rate increase -\$70.00/hr. for Individual Outpatient Therapy
- No rate increase -\$105.00/1.5 hr. for CANS

Tandem, LLC – Family Preservation/Reunification---Increase \$208.66/mo.- \$20,167.00/mo.

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)