

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

July 11, 2022

### Present at the meeting were

#### Commissioners:

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

#### Present from the Press: None

**Present from the Public via WebEx Video/Telephone or In Person:** Malinda Anderson, Ed Albright, Tim Bassett, Mary Ann Brownawell, Brandi Clendenin, Lauren Eichelberger, Crystal Failor, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Rich Fultz, Roger Miller, Eric Reeser, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Mike Steadele, Rob Troxell, Greg Wirth, and Christina Zook

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 11, 2022 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.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing was held in the Commissioners Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of public input for distribution of the FY 2022-2023 Human Services Development Funds (HSDF). HSDF affords counties the opportunity to develop services tailored to meet particular needs of individuals that may not be met within the categorical fund structure for low-income adults, older adults, dependent and delinquent children, person experiencing homelessness, and individuals with substance abuse disorders, mental health issues or intellectual disabilities. Four organizations had requested funding through HSDF to include Perry Human Service, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 49, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, and Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission. Mary Ann Brownawell, Director of Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank, stated that her organization is expecting an increase in need due to inflation. She also said they have more and more new clients each week and are working to try to reach senior citizens that cannot travel to their location for food. Eric Reeser, from DAV Chapter 49, stated that his organization also has seen an increase in need and said the organization is running the military food share. Malinda Anderson asked what the deadline was for organizations to request funding.

**Announcements/Updates:** Commissioner Eby stated that DAV Chapter 49 and Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank are great opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help people in the community.

Commissioner Eby reminded municipalities of two ongoing funding opportunities. He said the HATS Reginal Transportation Plan (RTP) Implementation Program focuses on interconnectivity and safety transportation needs. He said there are funds earmarked for Perry County and projects are needed for consideration. He commented that the deadline for submission is mid-August. Commissioner Eby stated that the other funding opportunity is the Reconnection Communities Pilot (RCP) and the program is focused on transportation infrastructure. He said this funding source for connecting communities will be administered at the national level through competitive grants and is open through October. He stated that information on the funding sources will be available on the County website. Commissioner Watson said that due to the short turnaround for the RTP Implementation Program funds, projects must be ready to go. Commissioner Eby said the RCP program does have provisions for engineering and planning and has a more liberal construction window. He said the projects submitted for RCP must be in the \$2 million dollar range and he commented he is working to package projects together to meet the requirement.

**Public Comments:** Malinda Anderson, Bloomfield Borough Council President, stated that the Borough made the decision to close the grandstand at the baseball fields due to structural deficiencies. She commented that the Borough does not have funding necessary to replace it, as the last study they had completed estimated a cost of \$60,000. She said it is one of two remaining wooden grandstands in the County. Ms. Anderson said the Borough needs to focus their funds on other community needs and they are receiving public pushback. She asked the Commissioners about possible funding through the County and stated that they are looking into applying for a 501c3 to get a donation program started for the grandstand. Additionally, Ms. Anderson said the Borough Council is looking into options for recycling for borough residents and she had traveled to Cumberland County to view a program there. She said the County should step up and provide direction on facilitating recycling in the borough and County.

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Bloomfield Borough Council Vice President, said he received the grant advisory work group application and they are working on the application to include historical research and obtaining an updated study related to the grandstand. He said based on preliminary research, the Bloomfield grandstand is the oldest in Perry County. Mr. Fitzpatrick commented that they are looking at PHMC for funding as well.

**Employee Recognition:** Commissioner Allen acknowledged Dawn Strohecker, MDJ Clerk, for 5 years of County service. Additionally, he presented certificates of service to Greg Wirth, Area Agency on Aging Director, for 5 years of service, and Michael Steadele, Probation Officer, for 10 years of service with the County.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$669,494.83, and commented that \$21,339.65 were ERAP funds. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the amendment to the FY 2020 SEDA-COG Professional & Administrative Services Agreement. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Perry County Area Agency on Aging service agreement with Lisa Ecker for the "Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program." Commissioner Eby asked if it was the first time the program had been offered and also if there was a cost to the County. Mr. Wirth confirmed that the program is being offered for the first time and there is no cost to the County. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the contract addendum with Cumberland County to extend the vivitrol program at the Perry County Prison through June 30, 2023. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the 2022/2023 Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol commission contracts as listed. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Provider	Service	21/22	22/23	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Daystar	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male)	143.00	159.00	\$16.00	11%
Pennsylvania Counseling Services					
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$80	\$84	\$4	5.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$80	\$84	\$4	5.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$30	\$32	\$2	6.67%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Individual	\$80	\$84	\$4	5.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Group	\$26	\$28	\$2	7.69%

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Rachael Shott, Probation Officer in the Probation Department, effective June 28, 2022. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Graham A. Dicken to the position of Full Time Correctional Office at the Perry County Prison, effective July 12, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.83. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion with the understanding that it was backfilling a position. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Matthew M. Ammerman to the position of Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective July 18, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.83. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of George Lee Emme to the position of Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective July 12, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$20.83. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the appointment of Rose Eckenrode to the position of Full Time Clerk in the Magisterial District Court effective July 12, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$14.03. Christina Zook, Court Administrator confirmed that this was a backfill due to a retirement. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Comments from the Press:** None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Brenda L. Watson, Secretary