

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

July 18, 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: Thomas Allen, Wayne Campbell, Brandi Clendenin, Jason Finnerty, Jim Fuller, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Patrick McIntyre, and Rob Troxell

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 18, 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 Tuscarora Township Building. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: None

Public Comments: Jason Finnerty, Planning Commission stated that the deadline for submitting projects for Picture Perry Comprehensive Plan is the end of July. Municipalities were notified of the deadline and Mr. Finnerty hopes they will see the benefit of signing on. Municipalities can join at any time moving forward. Please contact Mr. Finnerty with any questions. Also, the Township Supervisors Convention will be September 10, 2022. Jason will be present at the Convention.

Dr. Pat Gutheil commented on Watts Township Planning Commission meeting which Mr. Finnerty presented information and was wonderful. He answered all questions and does a great job. Dr. Gutheil encouraged people to reach out to Jason and join in the Comprehensive Plan effort.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 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 \$467,702.78, and commented that \$37,564.78 were ERAP funds. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2021/2022 in the total amount of \$806,386 (attached). Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Commissioner Eby noted that MH/IDD was raised but it is still below the needs level which is due to lack of funding.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention for fiscal year 2022/2023 in the total amount of \$132,181 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2022 Hazardous Material Response Fund grant agreement. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried. Commissioner Eby noted that this is an annual expense.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the service agreement with Newport Senior Citizens' Center. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eby made a motion to approve the Seasons of Justice grant application for the District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Emily McKee to the position of Part Time Clerk in the Domestic Relations Department, effective July 25, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$14.03. Commissioner Eby seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: In process of scheduling Prison arbitration with local 776 and looking at December to schedule.

Public Comments: Jim Fuller questioned how broadband is going.

Patrick McIntyre questioned if the 911 Hazmat Grant is for training.

Commissioner Eby reminded everyone that the RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) applications are due soon. This is for pedestrian safety, bike paths, etc. The municipalities were notified and we are looking for additional projects. There are some projects at County level but are looking for municipality projects.

Commissioner Eby stated that the RCP (Reconnecting Communities Pilot) grant is for connecting communities to reconnect communities and walkways. The community should partner together. The application period ends October 13, 2022. The information is on the County website and for questions please contact the Commissioners' office.

Jim Fuller questioned on how do they as a township get funds to pave roads and who do they contact about this issue.

Wayne Campbell questioned if all sewage lines have been replaced in the County.

Commissioner Watson encouraged municipalities to join the Comprehensive Plan to show that they are planning and want to work. We will not fund municipalities who do not participate.

Commissioner Watson stated on Broadband that no contracts have been accepted or signed yet. They are still gathering information such as end user cost and make sure it is affordable. Zito proposed fiber to homes for approximately 1800 homes in most under-served area of the County. Upward also provided a proposal and we have received good feedback to provide about 60% of the County to be up and running with broadband.

Jim Fuller questioned with the Broadband contracts will that company maintain the lines. This is a big issue in Tuscarora township.

Commissioner Watson stated that Bill Bunt, Perry County Solicitor recommended we partner with a legal team that specializes in broadband/telecommunications. We are not comfortable moving forward with the County consultant and we are looking to find a new partner. CenturyLink and Zito have poor representation in our County. Commissioner Watson met with a company that is buying the broadband portion of CenturyLink and they are willing to bring funding for broadband into the County. Commissioner Watson is looking to meet with them again to meet their team. Also, she is not dragging her feet but just wants to spend money wisely.

Commissioner Allen stated that anything that comes up will need a performance agreement to get a live person.

Commissioner Watson stated they may not have this service but it's not an easy process.

Patrick McIntyre questioned if we are looking to work with only one broadband company.

Jason Finnerty questioned if the schools provide addresses of students that are in need of internet access. It would be good to know those areas in the County that need coverage.

Wayne Campbell stated that COVID is what brought broadband to the for front and shows it is a real issue. It is his understanding that a lot of matching funds will be used for broadband projects. The next thing will be solar panels.

Jason Finnerty stated that the State is operating in an electric deficit and we need to contribute to the grid. He is also trying to find a battery recycler in the area.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Eby made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Brenda L. Watson, Secretary

MH/IDD Contracts FY 2021-2022

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
<i>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>					
BOLD INC	ID21-0174	Increase	\$ 64,052	\$ 104,052	\$40,000
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional services					
IDD Services - Respite (increase was specific to a one-time purchase for the program using PY retained earnings)					
THE ARC OF CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES	ID21-0031	Increase	\$ 482,334	\$ 602,334	\$120,000
Amendment - Increase for FY 21-22 due to additional services					
IDD Services - Community participation support; family support; in-home and community supports; residential; supported employment (increase was specific to residential program renovations using PY retained earnings)					
VISTA AUTISM SERVICES	ID21-0159	Increase	New	\$ 100,000	\$100,000
New for FY 21-22					
IDD Services - Community participation support (specific to program start-up and renovations using PY retained earnings)					

MH/IDD Contracts FY – 2022-2023

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<i>Early Intervention</i>					
JENA VANDER VELDEN, MSPT	EI22-0021	No Change	\$ 34,857	\$ 34,857	No Change
New/Renewal - No change for FY 22-23					
EI Services - Physical therapy					
LEANNE BROADBENT, MS, CCC-SLP	EI22-0040	Decrease	\$ 17,351	\$ 16,346	(\$1,005)
New/Renewal - Decrease for FY 22-23					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	EI22-0003	Decrease	\$ 84,682	\$ 80,978	(\$3,704)
New/Renewal - Decrease for FY 22-23					
EI Services - Nutrition support; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					