

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 14, 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: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public in Person or via WebEx: Marcia Andrews, Ron Andrews, LeAnn Behrendt, Paul Britcher Jr., Lloyd Byers, Frank Campbell, Erin Comp, Jeremy Dudley, Gary Eby, Jessica Fleisher, Richard Gill, George Gochenaur, Eric Grafmyer, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Alice Hilbolt, Gary Hilbolt, Douglas Hockenberry, Ashley Isaacson, Becky Kaucher, Bryan Keller, Sarah Keller, Randy Kessler, Charles Knight, Bill Lyons, Crista Lyons, Robbyn Metz, David Pundock, Faith Pundock, Lisa Reeser, Jim Scott, Marty Smith, and Loarraine Wallett

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 14, 2023 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was conducted in person at the Perry County Fairgrounds. The meeting was recorded by the County.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Reisinger welcomed everyone to the Perry County Fair.

Public Comments: Ashley Issacson, Penn State Extension Agronomy Educator, commented that her job is to help residents with their farming operations. She said on August 22nd the Farming for Success event would be taking place in Manheim at the Southeast Research and Extension Center and noted that Russell Redding would be the keynote speaker. She further commented that registration for the event is \$10 and can be done online or by contacting the Extension Office. Ms. Issacson said that a pesticide recertification training would be held on September 14th at the Southeast Research and Extension Center as well.

Becky Kaucher, Penn State Extension 4-H Educator, introduced Erin Comp, Program Assistant, and Jessica Fleisher, Summer Assistant. She said that 4-H membership is back up to pre-COVID numbers and commented that there are 181 members and 60 volunteers that lead 10 clubs. She said a Newport high school student will serve as an intern for the fall to help with the Farm City Program. Ms. Kaucher said over the summer the following programs were held: 4-H Day Camp, Fun Days, Citizenship Program, and an Animal Science Day.

Erin Comp, Penn State Extension Program Assistant, said students from Juniata, Mifflin, and Perry counties went to Penn State to tour animal facilities and talk to research staff. She said the event went well and opened the students' eyes to professions in the animal industry.

Becky Kaucher stated that the new 4-H program year will start October 1st and encouraged attendees to visit a 4-H member at the fair.

Krista Pontius, Greenwood Agricultural Educator/FFA Advisor, recognized Becky Kaucher for the hard work she does for the 4-H programs. Ms. Pontius said there are six ag educators in the County, with an FFA membership of almost 500. She said West Perry students, Sadie Innerst and Lila Kretzing would be competing with their project at the National FFA Agriscience Fair. Ms. Pontius said Greenwood FFA did a meal packing event and raised \$15,500 in 31 days and packed 50,000 meals that went to Perry and Juniata County food banks. She also said she recently took students to Ireland on an agricultural adventure. She reminded everyone of the

annual Farm to Fork Dinner to be held on October 7th at the Perry County Fairgrounds. Ms. Pontius said tickets cost \$15 and anyone interested in tickets should reach out to her.

Gabe Guthrie, Conservation District Manager, stated that over the last year 2 additional farms were preserved, bringing the County total of preserved farmland to 10,236 acres. He said there are additional farms in the process. Mr. Guthrie commented that there will be funding opportunities for Best management practices and explained several of the available programs. He said the District would have a booth at the fair explaining the funding sources and encouraged everyone to visit the booth. He stated that one of the District's no-till drills would be at the fair at the fair as well and said that in 2022 over 1,200 acres of crops were planted through the Districts no-till drill program. Mr. Guthrie noted the many staffing changes at the District.

Bailey Miller, Watershed Specialist, commented that recycling will be taking place at the fair. She stated that there would be five recycling bins on the fairgrounds and they have partnered with Sylvester's Recycling and bags of recyclables would be going to Oliver Township.

Robbyn Metz provided a Word document with questions to the Commissioners regarding the ARPA funds, the reassessment, and general questions. She said that at the last meeting it was stated that the Commissioners do not look at a Treasurer's report, and questioned how they can act on items at the meeting without know where the County stands financially. Ms. Metz also asked where the County's Strategic Plan is located as she said this is a requirement of the ARPA funds. She also recommended that an interactive FAQ be on the County website to allow people to submit questions and then answers be published on the website. Ms. Metz also recommended a town hall meeting be held.

Randy Kessler again stated that the meeting minutes need to include the answers from the Commissioners so that the public not in attendance at the meetings can see the responses. He said he had requested statements of financial interest forms for the Commissioners and nominees. He commented that Brian Allen's is legible, but Frank Campbell's is not and questioned why the County is not responsible to obtain accurate and legible documents. Mr. Kessler further questioned who's job it was to notify small business of the ARPA funds, as only seven businesses received funds. He said he has asked for the applications for the businesses that received ARPA funds and has talked to the business owners. He further stated that one of the business owners contacted the County after learning about the funding from other sources and this person would make a statement.

Douglas Hockenberry asked when the last evening meeting was held and when the next evening meeting will be scheduled for. He further questioned if it was just an inconvenience for the Commissioners to hold the meetings in the evening.

Charles Knight said all people should be heard and the Commissioners should not limit their availability to the people.

David Mayer requested to give his three minutes to Mr. Kessler. The request was denied.

Lorraine Wallett provided her personal credentials and stated the requirements of the ARPA funds to include: public health response, negative economic impact, public sector revenue loss, premium pay for essential workers, water/sewer/broadband. She said the Commissioners should be aware of the requirements. Ms. Wallett said she pulled up the County website and there is little information on the ARPA funds. She listed the organizations that received funds and said they need to be investigated further.

George Gochenaur asked why money was spent on scanning County records. He recited information from the Commonwealth Constitution and said the Commissioners are the employees of the people. He said that a time

stamp is needed in the Commissioners Office. Mr. Gochenaur also stated that money needs to be pulled from the reserve fund and put into the ARPA fund.

Randy Kessler said he wants answers to the questions.

LeAnn Behrendt said she wants proof that Vision is keeping accurate records on the data collectors that are coming to homes in case there is a problem. She also requested proof on background checks and drug testing being done on the data collectors. Ms. Behrendt said the reassessment should be paused and a direct mailer be sent to all tax payers to alert them of the reassessment.

Erica Grafmyer questioned who's job it was to notify small business of the available ARPA funds. She asked how did the County advertise ARPA fund and who approved the applications that were submitted. She said there was a low response rate and questioned why the County did not try and reach out to the other businesses. Ms. Grafmyer also questioned what formula was used to award ARPA funds to the businesses. She further asked for an update on the website issue regarding minutes being deleted from the website.

LeAnn Behrendt said she had applications and would be providing them to businesses.

Lisa Reeser said she was in attendance as a concerned citizen of the County. She stated that the Commissioners are not doing their job. She said the citizens have a right to know and it was not right to not allow attendees to transfer their three minutes to other individuals to speak.

Frank Campbell recognized the Conservation District, Penn State Extension, FFA and 4-H programs on behalf of the youth and ag community.

Sarah Keller thanked all the fair volunteers and said she is looking forward to the fair.

Gary Eby, former Commissioner, stated that he was not speaking on behalf of the current Board of Commissioners. He said that the COVID Relief Funding that came down from the federal government encompassed many different programs and ARPA was just one part of the package. He said he voted in favor of using ARPA funds to pay for the reassessment, as it used federal dollars instead of Perry County tax revenue. Mr. Eby further said that the object of using the funds was to assist as many of the citizens as possible, and said what better way to affect every parcel of land than through the reassessment process paid for by federal funds. He further said that the current set of Commissioners was the first since 1975 to hold evening meetings, to convert records into digital format, revise a website, and hire a grant writer. He stated that treasurer reports are not provided during state, federal, and school board meetings and reminded everyone that the state and federal government meet during the daytime.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$438,489.94. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contracts. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention for fiscal year 2022/2023 in the total amount of \$393,618 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$7,001,239 (attached). Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Juvenile Probation Services Grant. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Status: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to accept the resignation of Craig Womer, Part Time Dispatcher in the 911 Center, effective August 1, 2023. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Robbyn Metz stated that all West Perry School Board meetings have a treasurer's report. She urged the Commissioners to hold a town hall or create an interactive FAQ which would remedy the frustrations being heard.

Randy Kessler said that Mr. Eby was not shut down and he may have exceeded his 3 minutes. He stated that it doesn't matter how much time is given if no answers are provided. He urged people to submit Right to Know requests to the County to get their questions answered. He said Mr. Eby stated that the money was to be used to help people but why wasn't this funding opportunity advertised to all. Mr. Kessler said he will be making a connection to why only seven people got money.

Douglas Hockenberry said that per a Right to Know response the County was not able to provide copies of information informing tax payers of the reassessment. He further stated that he had heard that the Vision employee that was in charge of advertising quit and asked if Randy Waggoner was in charge of oversight of Vision. He asked if the lack of advertising was a breach of contract and if this would be pursued

Randy Kessler said Randy Waggoner reports to the Commissioners and this question should be able to be answered.

Lorraine Walleth stated that it is the Commissioners job to answer questions and the FAQ idea was a good. She said she is computer literate but many people do not have a computer and that type of communication is not sufficient. She said newspapers and mailers which would be a better way to get the word out. Ms. Walleth said this will snowball and this issue will not be pushed under the carpet. She said do not mess around with her as she will be working on this.

George Gochenaur asked attendees if they had received notice that Vision staff would be coming onto their property. He stated that the data collectors coming onto private property violates the Commonwealth Constitution as people have the right to be secure in their property. He said it is clearly unconstitutional.

Charles Knight said when his property was reassessed in 2009 no one came onto his property.

LeAnn Behrendt stated that she printed out ARPA application and went through Newport handing them out to business owners. She further commented that she spoke to the owner of Seventh and Lavender and she said Commissioner Allen stated she would receive \$17,000, but then only received \$7,205. She said Commissioner Allen said they were running low on funds. Ms. Behrendt said it's the people's money and the County is sitting on the funds. She stated that business owners should see her for an application.

Erica Grafmyer asked who will be responsible for verifying Vision's performance moving forward. She asked for an answer by the next meeting. She questioned what the plan was for the remaining \$8 million of ARPA funds and why the County was sitting on the funds as she understood the funds needed to be used by a certain date. Ms. Grafmyer explained that a data collector had come to her property at 7:00 a.m. and asked if a time was determined of when data collectors can access properties.

Robbyn Metz said a strategic plan for use of the ARPA funds was to be created by the County.

Randy Kessler asked if the County had created a strategic plan.

Charles Knight questioned why Commissioner Allen doesn't quit now since he's done in January. He asked if Commissioner Allen checks the amount of money in his bank account. He further said he will be attending future meetings.

Lisa Reeser stated she will continue to come to more Commissioners' meetings to be more educated.

Lloyd Byers said everyone can run for County Commissioners and he did not see anyone of their names on the ballot. He commented that if everyone is so concerned about misappropriation of funds they should run for public office. Mr. Byers said he knew about the reassessment as he had read about it in the newspaper. He commented that the data collectors who came to his property parked at his mailbox and came to his door and knocked. He said they showed the proper identification and asked what more people want.

Gary Eby stated that County bank account information is reviewed as frequently as needed. He said the press was not in attendance at many of the Commissioners meetings. Mr. Eby said the COVID Relief Funds were used to help over 40 businesses, 12 fire companies, and community organizations. He commented that the County held an ARPA Municipality meeting in the evening to get the information out. He recommended attendees file Right to Knows requests to their municipality to question where those ARPA funds went. Mr. Eby said he is willing to share information to the public to eliminate some of the fallacies. He said organizations had to provide financial records to be eligible for COVID Relief Funding and if they did not they would be denied.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary

Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Contracts

Provider	Service	22/23	23/24	Rate increase	Percent Increase
JFT Recovery & Veteran's Support	Warm handoff	199771	199771	\$0.00	0%
Center for Behavioral Health HA, Inc.	Methadone Maintenance and Outpatient Treatment	17.00	17.00	\$0.00	0%
	Outpatient Individual Session	84.00	90.00	\$6.00	7%
	Outpatient Group Session	32.00	32.00	\$0.00	0%
Discovery House CC, Inc.	Methadone Maintenance and Outpatient Treatment	17.00	17.00	\$0.00	0%
	Outpatient Individual Session	84.00	90.00	\$6.00	7%
	Outpatient Group Session	32.00	32.00	\$0.00	0%
Diakon	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adult	\$84	\$90	\$6	7.14%
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adolescent	\$88	\$94	\$6	6.82%
	.5 Early Intervention Individual Adolescent	\$88	\$94	\$6	6.82%
	.5 Early Intervention Group Adolescent	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult Individual	\$84	\$90	\$6	7.14%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$88	\$94	\$6	6.82%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult and Adolescent Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
Bowling Green Inn, Brandywine	3.5 High Activity 823B	\$353.00	\$353.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B	\$272.00	\$299.00	\$27.00	10%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A	\$400.00	\$432.00	\$32.00	8%
Pyramid Healthcare	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Belleville)	\$240.00	\$290.00	\$50.00	21%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Duncansville)	\$258.00	\$319.00	\$61.00	24%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Duncansville)	\$286.00	\$329.00	\$43.00	15%
	3.7 Intensive Activity 823C (Duncansville)	\$284.00	\$339.00	\$55.00	19%
	3.7 Intensive Enhanced Activity 823C (Duncansville)	\$312.00	\$360.00	\$48.00	15%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Duncansville)	\$322.00	\$364.00	\$42.00	13%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Gratitude House)	\$133.00	\$157.00	\$24.00	18%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Hillside)	\$314.00	\$334.00	\$20.00	6%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Male) (Hillside)	\$328.00	\$349.00	\$21.00	6%
	3.7 Intensive Activity 823C (Hillside)	\$344.00	\$344.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.7 Intensive Enhanced Activity 823C (Hillside)	\$374.00	\$374.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Male) (Hillside)	\$391.00	\$416.00	\$25.00	6%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Langhorne)	\$330.00	\$351.00	\$21.00	6%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Langhorne)	\$390.00	\$416.00	\$26.00	7%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Pine Ridge Manor)	\$125.00	\$146.00	\$21.00	17%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Quakertown)	\$300.00	\$320.00	\$20.00	7%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female) (Tradition House)	\$122.00	\$143.00	\$21.00	17%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Male) (York)		\$329.00	new	
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (York)		\$311.00	new	
Malvern Institute	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Pregnant Women) (Malvern)	\$374.00	\$382.00	\$8.00	2%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Malvern)	\$326.00	\$362.00	\$36.00	11%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Malvern)		\$378.00	new	
	3.7 Intensive Enhanced Activity 823C (Malvern)		\$368.00	new	
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Willow Grove)	\$357.00	\$401.00	\$44.00	12%
	3.5 High Activity 823B (Willow Grove)	\$332.00	\$360.00	\$28.00	8%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Willow Grove)	\$355.00	\$378.00	\$23.00	6%
3.7 Activity 823C (Willow Grove)	\$376.00	\$417.00	\$41.00	11%	
H.E.A.R. Inc.	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female) (Marietta)	\$170.00	\$204.00	\$34.00	20%
H.E.A.R. Inc.	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Lititz)	\$178.00	\$212.00	\$34.00	19%
H.E.A.R. Inc.	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Mountville)	\$175.00	\$209.00	\$34.00	19%

MH/IDD Contracts 2022/2023

MH.IDD Contract Information

FY 2022-2023

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
ASPIRATIONS LLC	EI22-0069	Increase	\$ 279,269	\$ 322,706	\$ 43,437
Amendment - Increase for FY 22-23 based on authorized services					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
PEDIATRIC THERAPY SPECIALISTS OF SOUTH CENTRAL PA LLC	EI22-0092	Increase	\$ 65,715	\$ 70,912	\$ 5,197
Amendment - Increase for FY 22-23 based on authorized services					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
Total All Contracts				\$ 393,618	

MH/IDD Contracts 2023/2024

MH.IDD Contract Information

FY 2023-2024

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
EARLY BIRD THERAPY LLC	EI23-0095	Decrease	\$ 379,630	\$ 355,992	\$ (23,638)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE TRAINING & MARKETING LLC	EI23-0071	No Change	\$ 71,460	\$ 71,460	\$ -
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
POTENTIALITY THERAPY SERVICES LLC	EI23-0109	Decrease	\$ 16,346	\$ 5,000	\$ (11,346)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational therapy					
UPMC PINNACLE HOSPITALS, PINNACLE HEALTH INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	EI23-0005	Increase	\$ 191,219	\$ 229,888	\$ 38,669
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
AHEDD INC	ID23-0017	Decrease	\$ 12,591	\$ 7,988	\$ (4,603)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Supported employment					
ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT RESOURCES INC	ID23-0183	No Change	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - ID certified investigations					
ALMA HEALTH LLC DBA MEDSTAFFERS	ID23-0175	Decrease	\$ 18,710	\$ 10,692	\$ (8,018)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - In-home and community supports					
THE ARC OF CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES	ID23-0031	Decrease	\$ 452,449	\$ 430,276	\$ (22,173)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Community participation support; family support; in-home and community supports; licensed day habilitation older adult; residential; supported employment					

MH.IDD Contract Information

FY 2023-2024

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
ASPIRATIONS LLC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Behavioral support	ID23-0167	Increase	\$ 18,480	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,520
BLOOM HUMAN SERVICES LLC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports	ID23-0181	Increase	\$ 24,118	\$ 35,816	\$ 11,698
SAUNDRA L BOWEN New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Family support (independent living specialist)	ID23-0184	Decrease	\$ 13,500	\$ 12,000	\$ (1,500)
THE CORNERSTONE AGENCY OF PA INC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Behavioral support	ID23-0147	No Change	\$ 8,108	\$ 8,108	\$ -
HARRISBURG HOME HEALTH HOLDINGS DBA ANGELS ON CALL New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Companion	ID23-0165	Decrease	\$ 17,106	\$ 12,861	\$ (4,245)
HEMPFIELD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Community participation support	ID23-0158	Decrease	\$ 21,220	\$ 7,074	\$ (14,146)
KENCREST SERVICES INC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Community participation support; residential	ID23-0029	Decrease	\$ 173,155	\$ 171,277	\$ (1,878)
ONEWELL LLC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - In-home and community supports	ID23-0188	Increase	\$ 3,455	\$ 8,553	\$ 5,098
PA LIFESHARING LLC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports	ID23-0150	Decrease	\$ 43,690	\$ 17,888	\$ (25,802)

MH.IDD Contract Information

FY 2023-2024

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Family support	ID23-0170	Decrease	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)
RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATES PC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Behavioral support	ID23-0005	Decrease	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ (2,000)
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Agency with choice administration; family support; in-home and community support; residential; respite	ID23-0001	Decrease	\$ 505,887	\$ 435,784	\$ (70,103)
YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DBA RABBITTRANSIT New/Renewal for FY 23-24 IDD Services - Transportation	ID23-0157	Decrease	\$ 38,000	\$ 23,920	\$ (14,080)
LIVING UNLIMITED INC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 MH Services - Family support	MH23-0051	Increase	\$ 8,299	\$ 11,883	\$ 3,584
NEW VISIONS INC New/Renewal for FY 23-24 MH Services - Consumer driven services; housing support; residential; social rehabilitation	MH23-0006	Increase	\$ 4,723,142	\$ 5,100,779	\$ 377,637
Total All Contracts				\$ 7,001,239	