

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**October 16, 2023**

**Present at the meeting were**

**Commissioners:**

Brian S. Allen – Chairman  
Brenda L. Watson – Vice Chairman  
Larry F. Reisinger – Secretary  
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

**Present from the Press:** None

**Present from the Public in Person or via WebEx:** Joe Blosser, Frank Campbell, Nevin Funk, Kristie Gantt, Dave Hammar, Randy Kessler, Kimberly McMullen, Dan Rice, Jim Scott, Donna Shatto, Barry Turman, Melissa Turman, Kathleen Wendorf, and Todd Wendorf

Commissioner Allen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 16, 2023 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence and asked everyone to remember what is going in the Middle East. The meeting was conducted in person and via WebEx telephone/video conference at the Blain Firehouse located at 4 East Main Street, Blain PA 17006.

**Announcements/Updates:** Commissioner Reisinger said the Gaza Strip is only 25 miles long and 5 miles wide but over 2 million people live in that space.

**Public Comments:** Dan Rice stated that he is a farmer that lives east of Blain and has served on the West Perry School Board for 12 years. He commented that when they do the school budget, they figure on a 7% delinquency rate. He questioned how would municipalities continue to operate if that figure would raise to 100%. Mr. Rice also stated that if elected officials are not handling their own finances how can we trust them to run the finances of the County.

Donna Shatto asked why there is a wait list for senior meals on wheels and what can be done about this list. She stated that the lottery and gambling funds were supposed to take care of this but it is not.

Barry Turman said there are a lot of senior citizens in the area and it is a struggle to pay taxes. He asked when the taxes are going to slow down. He said the school wants to put money in turf sports fields but only one student he is aware of went on to play professional sports. Mr. Turman stated that this use of funds is ridiculous.

Jim Scott, Perry County Veterans Affairs Director, said his office is available to help veterans and their families. He stated that if you know a veteran or family that is suffering to please reach out to him. Mr. Scott said the Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 4, 2023 in New Bloomfield and encouraged attendance at the event to recognize those that served.

Nevin Funk stated that he was attending his first meeting and had moved into the area in the past couple of years.

Randy Kessler stated that the ARPA application submission period had closed on October 13<sup>th</sup> and asked how many applications had been received. He said that the Commissioners had reviewed applications in-house during the first round and has now hired an outside consultant at \$250/hour to do the review work. He commented that when he asked for records from the previous round of ARPA funding, some of those records did not exist. Mr. Kessler asked if the County was going to go back to review the previous records to ensure they are correct and ask those organizations to provide an application. He further stated that Gary Eby stated

that you could not double dip, but Cross Country Coaches received more than one payment and should not have been eligible for ARPA funds. He said there needs to be a plan on how to handle these issues. Mr. Kessler asked for an update on the Commissioners' plan to use the remaining ARPA funds. He said the County website says ARPA funds must be spent by the end of 2024 but when doing additional research online, he found it should be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. He asked for clarification on ARPA allocation and spending deadlines. Mr. Kessler stated that he wants previous ARPA applications more scrutinized and that funds that should not have been distributed should be returned to the County and distributed to other qualified applicants.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion approve the minutes from the October 9, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the appointment of Ronald Hopkins to the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contract with Hamilton Health Center for vivitrol services to individuals involved with the Perry County Prison Program. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the Children and Youth Services 2023/2024 Purchase of Service agreements (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Natasha Dunn, Full Time Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Department, effective October 27, 2023. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Ashley Kramer to the position of Deputy Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts in the Prothonotary's Department, effective October 17, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$17.11. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Tammy Rohrer to the position of Office Manager in the Probation Department effective October 23, 2023 at an hourly rate of \$17.11. Commissioner Reisinger seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to accept the resignation of Kristen Comp, Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk's Department, effective November 18, 2023. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** Dan Rice said there is no discussion on the agenda items and asked if it is predetermined in advance of the meeting.

**Comments from the Press:** None

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary

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

Julie Martzall-Quality Assurance- \$60.00/hr.

Valley Youth House- Independent Living Program- \$246,923.18/yr.-(\$20,576.93/mo.)

**23/24 Purchase of Service Agreements----PERRY CO. CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Abraxas-CYS/JPO – Levels from \$370.76 - \$524.90/day

Adelphoi Village- CYS/JPO-Levels from \$343.57--\$522.49/day

Bair Foundation- CYS- Levels from \$77.47-\$175.00/day

Chor Youth—CYS- Levels from \$96.69- \$224.93/day

Children’s Aid Society of Franklin Cty- CYS/JPO-Levels from \$62.78-\$205.91/day

Clear Vision Residential – CYS- \$213.80/day

Community Specialists Corp- CYS/JPO- Levels from \$310.80-\$399.72/day

Concern- CYS/JPO-Levels from \$64.41- \$293.82/day

Diakon-CYS/JPO-Levels from \$46.00-\$101.63/day

Diversified Treatment Alt- CYS/JPO- Levels from \$375.00-\$500.00/day

Families United Network-CYS- Levels from \$30.40-\$274.31/day

Family Care for C& Y- CYS- Levels from \$38.56-\$93.00/day

Hoffman Homes- CYS-Levels from \$425.00-\$888.99/day

Jefferson County Detention Center- JPO- \$205.00/day

PA Child- CYS/JPO- Levels from \$99.96- \$216.44/day

Pathways—CYS—Levels from \$230.64--\$267.64/day

Pinkney’s Vineyard of Faith Min.- CYS- Levels from \$55.45- \$293.07/day

Summit Academy –CYS/JPO—Levels from \$264.50-\$750.42/day

The Board of Childcare-CYS- \$471.98/day

Valley Youth House-CYS- Levels from \$233.85-\$525.15/day

White Deer Run/Cove Prep-CYS/JPO-\$375.00/day