

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
October 23, 2023

Present at the meeting were

Commissioners:

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: Frank Campbell, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jan Gibboney, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Randy Kessler, Bill Lyons, Robbyn Metz, Rich Pluta, Patrick Jason Port, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Bob Ressler, Rob Troxell, Randy Waggoner, Josh Wilson

Commissioner Watson opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. on October 23, 2023 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 and Randy Kessler.

Announcements/Updates: Commissioner Reisinger stated that Commissioner Allen was not in attendance due to medical reasons and wished him well. He also commented that the Ickesburg, Landisburg, and Loysville Lions Clubs Halloween parade happened over the weekend and Hershey donated two pallets of candy to the event. He said all the children went away with candy and he had some for all the meeting attendees.

Public Comments: Faith Pundock asked for a broadband internet update. She further questioned how boroughs and townships are informed of the broadband process.

Robbyn Metz asked for a status update on an FAQ document on the County website. She questioned if the Commissioners have thought about utilizing the Perry County Commissioners Facebook page more to alert the public of meetings. Ms. Metz asked if the budget meetings would be available for virtual participation and asked if the minutes from last year's budget meetings are available to the public.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to ratify the actions taken at the October 16, 2023 meeting and approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$390,742.85. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Employee Service Recognition: Commissioner Watson recognized Children & Youth employee, Jehnika Peters for 5 years of service to the County.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Mental Health for fiscal year 2022/2023 in the total amount of \$3,133,997 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Mental Health, Early Intervention, and Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$1,522,143 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report: None

Public Comments: Patrick Port stated that he recently built a house on Hickory Ridge Road and had recently received an interim tax bill of approximately \$10,000 on top of his other tax bill for a total of almost \$20,000. He said he had filed an appeal and received notice that his appeal meeting would take place on October 30th but he is unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Port commented that his understanding was that interim tax bills will be eliminated in 2024 and asked that the interim tax be reevaluated and eventually pushed aside. He stated that this is a burden to families and tax payers.

Solicitor Bunt stated that interim tax bills have not been eliminated.

Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor, said that Mr. Port did file his appeal timely and he had asked him to attend the Commissioners' meeting to be heard due to his scheduling conflict next week for his appeal hearing.

Solicitor Bunt recommended telephone participation for Mr. Port at his appeal meeting.

Comments from the Press: None

Commissioner Reisinger made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

Larry F. Reisinger, Secretary

MH/IDD Contracts FY 2022/2023

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
NEW VISIONS INC	MH22-0006	Increase	\$3,019,463	\$3,133,997	\$114,534
Amendment - Increase for FY 22-23 based on additional services					
MH Services - Community services; consumer driven; housing support; residential;					
social rehabilitation					

MH/IDD Contracts FY 2023/2024

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
LEAH M BLAKE	EI23-0112	New	\$ -	\$ 28,134	\$ 28,134
New for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Special instruction					

GROW AND TELL SEEDLINGS	EI23-0107	Increase	\$ 12,436	\$ 57,297	\$ 44,861
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
AURORA SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES	ID23-0037	No Change	\$ 32,180	\$ 32,180	\$ -
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Recreation/leisure activities					
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	ID23-0009	Increase	\$ 144,705	\$ 150,906	\$ 6,201
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Residential					
DUBEM OKONKWO DBA HAVILAH RESOURCES	ID23-0186	Increase	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,751	\$ 2,251
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Transportation					
KEON ENTERPRISES LLC	ID23-0154	Decrease	\$ 10,294	\$ 3,290	\$ (7,004)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Transportation					
HEATHER TESKA STOEHR, MS	ID23-0190	New	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
New for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)					
AURORA SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES	MH23-0015	Increase	\$ 142,242	\$ 145,798	\$ 3,556
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
MH Services - Social rehabilitation					
KEYSTONE SERVICE SYSTEMS INC	MH23-0009	Decrease	\$ 991,081	\$ 962,499	\$ (28,582)
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
MH Services - Residential					

YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DBA RABBITTRANSIT	MH23-0075	Increase	\$ 128,936	\$ 135,288	\$ 6,352
New/Renewal for FY 23-24					
MH Services - Transportation					