

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**January 15, 2024**

**Present at the meeting were  
Commissioners:**

R. Franklin Campbell – Chairman  
Brenda L. Watson – Vice-Chairman  
William G. Lyons - Secretary  
Gladys Carns – Deputy Chief Clerk  
William R. Bunt – Solicitor

**Present from the Press:** Paul Wyatt

**Present from the Public:** Jay Bratton, Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Dave Hammar, Michelle Jones, Jamie Keener, Nathan Lesh, Scott Martin, Donna McMillen, Darla McNaughton, Rich Pluta, David Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Rober Ressler, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, and Josh Wilson

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

**Updates/Announcements:** Commissioner Lyons stated that they had another busy week. He attended his first Conservation meeting. Also, he and Commissioner Campbell attended a town hall meeting at the Farm Show. Commissioner Campbell thanked Brenda, Shannon, Solicitor Bunt, Gladys, and all the other departments for helping to get them acclimated to the job here. We are scheduling meetings to address some of the issues that are before us.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Warrant List:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$404,080.94. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following Tri-County Regional Planning Commission appointment and reappointments: The appointment was Michael Hartley and the reappointments were James H. Turner, Tom Graupensperger, and Danny Kirk. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Lyons made a motion to table the approval for the following area representative, James Fuller – Perry Southeast Region to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Commissioners Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the following area representatives to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: Nina Fitchet – Perry West Region, Jay Bratton –

Member-at-Large, and Nathan Lesh – Perry Northeast Region. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Campbell stated that if anyone is interested in getting involved in community boards to please reach out to the Commissioners’ Office.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission FU 2023/2024 contracts:

Provider	Service	22/23	23/24	Rate increase	Percent Increase	
UHS of PA (Roxbury)	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$84	\$90	\$6	7.14%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$84	\$90	\$6	7.14%	
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%	
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Individual	\$84	\$90	\$6	7.14%	
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Group	\$28	\$28	\$0	0.00%	
	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 Adolescent Individual	\$88	\$94	\$6	6.82%	
	UHS of PA (Roxbury)	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B	\$254.00	\$254.00	\$0.00	0%
		3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B	\$264.00	\$281.00	\$17.00	6%
3.7 WM Activity 823A		\$283.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	0%	

Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 appointing Commissioner Campbell as the Certifying Officer for the environmental matters related to the CDBG and HOME programs. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with MCM Consulting Group Inc. revising the end date of the agreement to September 1, 2025. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the proposal from Clear Ballot Services for 2024 primary election support services in the amount of \$16,000 total. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the proposal from Clear Ballot Services for replacement batteries at a cost of \$2,138. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the estimate from Bretz & Company for compressor replacement at the food bank building at a cost of \$10,783.48. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the proposal from NRG for the Prison service, JACE upgrade at a cost of \$11,815. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Russell Marks, Jr. to the position of Unpaid Intern in the District Attorney's Office effective January 16, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Raheem Ewing to the position of Dispatcher Trainee in the 911 Center effective January 16, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$12.25. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the retirement of Gary Rosenberry, Sergeant of the Perry County Prison, effective January 13, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None.

**Public Comments:** Randy Waggoner stated that he and Darla McNaughton had been appointed to the Assessors Association Solar Farm Sub-Committee. They attended a very informative Zoom meeting. There have been demonstrations of solar farms on platforms that allow actual farming underneath them. There are two issues that assessors' association is struggling with. Issue number 1 is that these properties that are enrolled in Clean and Green and if they lease to one of these solar companies and put a solar farm on it. The Clean and Green law states that if you have an alternative energy source on your property the majority of the energy must be used on the property. The solar farms sell back to the grids so it is an automatic violation. However, if they are able to farm underneath these or raise animals underneath these then once roll back is paid on the entirety then they can re-enroll and still continue to be in Clean and Green. Issue number 2 is the evaluation of these things. The solar panels are personal property, the concrete they sit on or columns that hold them obviously are not. What one County has done is to try and estimate the square footage of land that is impacted and can no longer be farmed then they make an adjustment against the total acreage. They then determine how many acres is being used by the concrete pad or columns therefore it will be valued at commercial value per acre but the rest of the farm remains in Clean and Green. They are also investigating on the properties that are leased if they can be valued similarly like cell towers. They are working with other counties to find a consistent way of valuing these things Commonwealth wide.

Scott Martin questioned why the RFQ for Broadband services is no longer posted on the County website. He wondered if it was still in play and where it stands. Commissioner Watson stated the time we were accepting RFQ's has expired.

Jason Finnerty asks to clarify that Michael Hartley was not a re-appointment but an appointment.

David Pundock asked if there is a list of vacancies for the Committees and Boards.

Jeff Garman asked what is L & A for Elections. Logic and Accuracy testing on our Clear Ballot Election equipment.

Rich Fultz asked for clarification of item number 10 on the agenda. He stated that the Professional Services Agreement with MCM Consulting was already approved and they were changing the end date.

**Comments from Press:** Paul Wyatt questioned item #7 on the agenda. What happened with James Fullers approval? Commissioner Campbell stated it was based on his disengagement within the commission. We want people to volunteer to serve on these committees but we want them to be actively engaged and be in attendance. Commissioner Watson added that this is week three and we still have two new Commissioners that come to work every day and it has been a pleasure working with them. Their engagement level is amazing, they are asking questions, and they are part of the solution. She is looking forward to them coming in and accomplishing things.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded he motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Gladys Carns, Deputy Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary