

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
January 22, 2024

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

R. Franklin Campbell – Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Vice-Chairman
William G. Lyons - Secretary
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk
William R. Bunt – Solicitor

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Jason Finnerty, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Dave Hammar, Jamie Keener, Rich Pluta, Robbyn Metz, Larry Reisinger, Robert Ressler, John Sledzinski, Marty Smith, Randy Waggoner

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 22, 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 Campbell said that the Board is working on a listing of volunteer opportunities as suggested at a previous meeting.

Public Comments: Randy Waggoner, Chief Tax Assessor, stated that tax bills have been delivered and most tax collectors have picked them up for distribution.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$74,637 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Lyons made a motion to approve the reappointment of Colin Reynolds to the position of Additional Representative on the 2024 SEDA-COG Board of Directors. Commissioners Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposal from NRG that was listed on the agenda was approved at the January 8th meeting so no action was taken on that item.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 23/24 Purchase of Service agreements for Children and Youth Services. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Central County Youth Center – CYS/JPO - \$395/day
- Northampton Co. Juvenile Justice – JPO - \$385/day

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

Commissioner Watson made a motion to table the approval of the LEPC By-Laws and Rules until the Solicitor has a chance for more review. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Alan Keck to the position of Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective January 23, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$22.21. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Charles Snavelly, Part Time Dispatcher in the 911 Center, effective January 16, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None.

Public Comments: John Sledzinski asked when the leftover COVID funds would be addressed by the Board.

Jeff Garman asked if the Children & Youth Services agreements costs were for the entire year. He stated that the pay rate for the correctional officers and sheriff staff is too low. Mr. Garman said the rate could cause potential flaws and he would not do the job for that pay rate. Solicitor Bunt explained that the prison bargaining unit contract was determined via a recent interest binding arbitration.

John Sledzinski stated that Shermans Dale Ambulance Association staff make \$15.00/hour and they cannot afford to pay benefits. He said they lose staff due to the pay and noted that ambulance staff enter homes in horrible conditions. He further said he was told the association made too much money and that was the reason they did not receive COVID funding. Mr. Sledzinski commented that the ambulance has gone to the township about funding but it is not a viable option. He stated that Ickesburg and Marysville Ambulance Associations have gone out of business and without help Shermans Dale could end up that way.

Comments from Press: None.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded he motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

FY 23/24 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
BOLD INC	ID23-0174	New	\$ -	\$50,861	\$50,861
New for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Respite					
VISTA AUTISM SERVICES	ID23-0159	No Change	\$23,776	\$23,776	-
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Supported employment					
<i>Extension of contract to June 30, 2024. No change to dollars.</i>					