

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**February 26, 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:** Bryce Carucu, Jason Finnerty, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jan Gibboney, Jamie Keener, Caiti Lawson, Amber Martin, Donna McMillen, George Paul Mendy, Robbyn Metz, Roger Miller, Rich Pluta, Jeff Potteiger, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, John Sledzinski, Marty Smith, Alyson Thebes

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Commissioner Lyons noted the passing of Fred Noye and asked that he be remembered during the moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

**Updates/Announcements:** Commissioner Lyons stated that there would be no Commissioners' meeting next week due to the Spring CCAP Conference in Harrisburg.

**Public Comments:** Jason Finnerty said he would be going out to the remaining eight municipalities not participating in the Picture Perry Comprehensive Plan to encourage them to sign on to the countywide plan.

Larry Reisinger commented that Fred Noye was a friend of his for many years and an avid Dodgers fan.

Robbyn Metz stated that at the September 25, 2023 meeting Commissioner Watson made a motion to do an RFP for a feasibility study for the County buildings, but it died for lack of a second. She further said that there has been no more public discussion on this issue at any of the meetings she has attended since then, so she sent an email to the Commissioners inquiring about this topic. Ms. Metz stated that Commissioner Watson responded that three firms had been interviewed and they were awaiting the responses. She commented that she then questioned how this could be happening when there was no public discussion on the study. Ms. Metz said that Commissioner Campbell emailed her back and stated that the Board of Commissioners had not decided as to whether to employ a company to perform a feasibility study but the Board was doing its due diligence before making any decisions regarding renovating existing buildings or building a new building. Ms. Metz said that in Commissioner Campbell's email he stated that the Board of Commissioners informally agreed to solicit proposals for consideration. She stated that she does not see how the Board can decide to informally solicit for proposals without bringing it forward publicly for a vote and she questioned how this did not violate the Sunshine Act.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$460,742.65, and noted that \$5,427.66 were 2023 expenses and \$455,314.99 were 2024 expenditures. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Mental Health, Early Intervention, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$413,803 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Children & Youth In-Home contract. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously

- Hugh S. Smith – CYS / JPO New Contract – \$150/hour - \$250/hour & \$400 - \$575 per evaluation

Commissioners Lyons made a motion to approve the collection service contract with Penn Credit Corporation for probation fee collection services. Commissioners Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contract with Substance Abuse Services Inc. (the RASE Project) at a contract maximum for 2024 of \$165,183. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 removing Commissioner Watson and appointing Commissioner Campbell to the South-Central LEO Board of Directors. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber Martin, from SEDA-COG, provided information on the CDBG and HOME items listed on the agenda. She noted that that amendment for the Loysville Village Municipal Authority project was due to the budget modification for the project. She said the project was modified to allow for right of way sewer repairs. Ms. Martin said the amendment for the Newport Borough Sidewalk and Curb project was due to a clerical error which required the fee to be removed from the Professional & Administrative Services Agreement. Lastly, she stated that the procurement policy is a federally mandated policy and noted the intergovernmental cooperation segment and updated bidding threshold information.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Amendment 1 to the CDBG FY 2020 Subrecipient Agreement with Loysville Village Municipal Authority due to a scope of work update. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve Amendment 2 to the CDBG FY 2020 Professional & Administrative Services Agreement removing the \$2,800 Davis-Bacon fee for the Newport Borough Sidewalks and Curb Improvement project. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the CDBG/HOME Program Procurement Policy. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Alyson Thebes, Director at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, said she was requesting the replacement of the department's 2006 Dodge Caravan due to numerous safety issues. She said she obtained multiple quotes from several dealerships and was requesting the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Traverse from Register Chevrolet. Ms. Thebes noted that there were two lower price quotes, but both vehicles had over 50,000 more miles than the vehicle she was requesting.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2019 Chevrolet Traverse for the Perry County Area Agency on Aging at a cost of \$23,199. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of John Schulze to the Tri County Regional Planning Commission as the Perry County Southeast Representative. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Bradley Ferringer, Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective February 16, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Judith Lawyer, Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk's Department, effective March 1, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Keith Taylor to the position of Part Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prisons effective February 27, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$22.21. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None.

**Public Comments:** John Sledzinski stated that ARPA funds were denied to the Shermans Dale Ambulance Association and said that the organization has used the \$200,000 they had in savings. He said the firm that reviewed their application said they made too much money and asked if there was an appeal process. Mr. Sledzinski said the parking lot at their building is used as a landing pad for emergency service helicopters. He commented that the lot is in disrepair and cannot be used for helicopters due to the broken-up asphalt. He stated that he will have a quote by the next Commissioners' meeting for reclaiming of the Association's parking lot.

Amber Martin, from SEDA-COG, stated that the new season for CDBG grants would be happening soon and said that projects will be needed. She said a public hearing would be held and urged the Shermans Dale Ambulance Association to consider the grant.

Faith Pundock asked for a broadband update.

Donna McMillen asked what is being asked for regarding broadband. She said her cell phone does not always work at her home. She also stated that she knows someone whose telephone landline will not be fixed until March 6<sup>th</sup> by Brightspeed.

Jeff Garman asked if anyone used Star Link as it was a satellite provider.

Rich Pluta questioned if the RASE Project was what was offered in the County previously for educational purposes on how to use Narcan. He also asked if an RFQ was done yet regarding the feasibility study. He noted that fact finding is the standard procedure.

**Comments from Press:** None.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary

**MH/IDD Contracts FY23/24**

<b>Provider / Summary of Services</b>	<b>Contract #</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Previous Contract Total</b>	<b>Current Contract Total</b>	<b>Increase / Decrease</b>
CENTRAL PA THERAPY CONNECTIONS LLC	EI23-0101	Increase	\$ 45,054	<b>\$54,915</b>	\$9,861
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Language interpretation; occupational and speech therapies					
CLEAR PATH PEDIATRIC THERAPY LLC	EI23-0115	Increase	\$ -	<b>\$21,652</b>	\$21,652
New for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
FEEDING LITTLE BELLIES LLC	EI23-0098	Increase	\$ 44,321	<b>\$65,658</b>	\$21,337
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Nutrition support					
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CENTER INC	EI23-0106	Increase	\$ 11,083	<b>\$29,934</b>	\$18,851
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Language interpretation					
PEDIATRIC THERAPY SPECIALISTS OF SOUTH CENTRAL PA LLC	EI23-0092	Increase	\$ 58,488	<b>\$71,016</b>	\$12,528
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
BLOOM HUMAN SERVICES LLC	ID23-0181	Increase	\$ 62,442	<b>\$80,075</b>	\$17,633
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports					
BOLD INC	ID23-0174	Increase	\$ 50,861	<b>\$67,815</b>	\$16,954
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Respite					
PA LIFESHARING LLC	ID23-0150	Increase	\$ 17,888	<b>\$22,738</b>	\$4,850
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports					

FRANKLIN/FULTON COUNTIES	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NEW for FY 23-24					
MH Services - MOU for development of long term structured residence (LTSR) for adults of					
Cumberland, Perry, Franklin and Fulton counties who meet criteria for this residential service.					
The state (OMHSAS) has already provided \$3,894,614 of grant funding for this joint project.					