

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
March 11, 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: Mary Ann Brownawell, Noah Cline, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jan Gibboney, Dave Hammar, Wayne Leshar, Marty Malone, Darla McNaughton, Robbyn Metz, Hilary Nace, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Larry Reisinger, Corrin Ruggiero, Marty Smith, Wes Smith

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 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 Watson stated that they had participated in mock interviews at West Perry. She said volunteers are needed for programs at the school districts in the County and said that anyone interested in volunteering at the schools could contact the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Lyons noted that he had attended Junior Achievements at Susquenita School District. He said it was a good event and involved 7th and 8th grade students. He stated that the RASE Program is still available. He noted that the program did not have much success reaching Perry County residents, but said that a certified recovery specialist was at Perry Human Services to provide services. Commissioner Lyons commented that if any group is interested in sponsoring the program in the County, they should reach out to the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Campbell said the school programs are rewarding and noted that the student's participation in these events really prepare them for the future. He commented that information on the Winter Weatherization Program through SEDA-COG will be placed on the County website and encouraged people to get on the waiting list.

Public Comments: Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that L&A testing was rescheduled to the week of March 25th.

Mary Ann Brownawell asked if Perry County is still considered a sanctuary county and if so, what does that mean.

Wayne Leshar questioned if the County's end of year financial statement is available. He asked why there is a delay and why the accounts are not reconciled. Mr. Leshar further asked if he could request the information by the end of March. He then questioned what the new Commissioners have done to date to reduce costs to the tax payers of Perry County. Mr. Leshar asked that with the Salary Board meeting next, had there been consideration of a net 0 based on possible salary increases, such as decreasing programs or services. He questioned if the Department Heads had been challenged to reduce spending and increase savings.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Warrant List(s): Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$769,923.08. Commissioner Campbell noted that \$65,263.84 were 2023 expenses and \$704,559.24 were 2024 expenditures. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell presented a Proclamation to Corrin Ruggiero, Red Cross Regional Philanthropy Officer, proclaiming March 2024 as Red Cross Month. Rich Fultz stated that Emergency Management has been working with the Red Cross for many years. He said they have been integral in helping establish and identify shelter locations in the County and they also administer the smoke detector installation program. He noted that the smoke detector program's next area would be Millerstown Borough in April. Mr. Fultz thanked the Red Cross Harrisburg - Susquehanna Chapter for all their help. Corrin Ruggiero stated that anyone needing a smoke alarm can call the Red Cross and they will come out and install smoke alarms. Commissioner Campbell noted that information on this program is on the County website.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$401,133 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the following appointments to the Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD Advisory Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously

- Leslie Heimbaugh
- Alyson Thebes

Commissioners Watson made a motion to approve agreement with the University of Utah for Virtual Social Work Trainer software for child welfare training. Kristie Gantt, Children & Youth Services Director, said this is virtual reality training for the caseworks to help them with problem solving on the job and said it was a good program. Commissioners Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Ryan Hostetter to the Perry County Planning Commission Board. She noted that he is completing Robert Shaffer's term on the Board. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the polling location lease agreements (attached) except for Toboyne Township 1 and Tyrone Township, as those agreements had not yet been received. Sarah Geesaman, Election Director, stated that these leases were for a 4-year term and the cost per election remained the same. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the 2-year IT system security subscription at a cost of \$7,780.91. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Campbell noted that the system is nearing its life cycle and said at the end of the subscription term the County would be looking at a new system. He also said the 2-year term was less expensive than a 1-year subscription.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the retirement of Roger Miller, Chief Probation Officer in the Probation Department, effective May 3, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Campbell noted that Roger had 32 years of service and expressed appreciation to him. Commissioner Watson also thanked Roger for his service to the County and his diligence running his department.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Holly Hostler to the position of Juvenile Probation Officer in the Probation Department effective March 12, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$23.27. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None.

Public Comments: Robbyn Metz asked that if the budget is reconciled by the end of March, will a monthly balance sheet be provided to the public at the Commissioners’ meetings. She questioned where the Commissioners are at in the investigative process of a building feasibility study. Ms. Metz further asked which vendors were being considered for the feasibility study. She stated that the former Board had brought up doing a feasibility study previously and it did not pass. Ms. Metz said she did not understand how the Commissioners could now get bids for a feasibility study when it was not done publicly.

Commissioner Watson stated that if all the attendees at the meeting, both in the room and on the phone, would volunteer one day in the community it would make a huge difference. She said they attend events and there are no volunteers. She further stated that donating one day of time would make the County stronger.

Commissioner Watson said that last week’s article on Picture Perry was well written and provided accurate information on the program.

Comments from Press: None.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

MH/IDD Contracts FY23/24

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
ASPIRATIONS LLC	EI23-0069	Increase	\$281,872	\$369,360	\$87,488
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
LEANNE BROADBENT, MS, CCC-SLP	EI23-0040	Decrease	\$16,346	\$8,173	(\$8,173)
Renewal for FY 23-24 (decrease due to partial year contract)					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT RESOURCES INC	ID23-0183	Increase	\$13,000	\$23,600	\$10,600
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - ID certified investigations					

PERRY COUNTY POLLING PLACES

UPDATED - 2-12-2024



LOCATION	
Blain Borough	Blain Fire House, 4 W. Main Street, Blain, PA 17006
Bloomfield Borough	Parish House, 38 W High St, New Bloomfield, PA 17068
Buffalo Township	Blessed Hope Church 9 Witmer Road, Liverpool, PA 17045
Carroll Township	Shermans Dale Ambulance Bldg, 260 Richwine Rd, Shermans Dale, PA 17090
Centre Township	Municipal Building, 2971 Cold Storage Rd, New Bloomfield, PA 17068
Duncannon Borough	Borough Office, 428 N High St, Duncannon, PA 17020
Greenwood Township	Millerstown Community Park & Recreation Center, 110 W Juniata Parkway, Millerstown PO Box 197, PA 17062
Howe Township	Family Life Center, 27 W Shortcut Rd, Newport PA 17074
Jackson Township	Municipal Building, 890 Fowler Hollow Rd, Blain, PA 17006
Juniata Township	Municipal Building, 16 Milford Rd, Newport, PA 17074
Landisburg Borough	Landisburg Fire House, 301 E Faculty Ave, Landisburg, PA 17040
Liverpool Borough	Liverpool Fire House, 309 North Market St, Liverpool, PA 17045
Liverpool Township	Municipal Building, 1121 Ridge Rd, Liverpool, PA 17045
Madison Township	Municipal Building 94 Bistline Bridge Road, Loysville, 17047
Marysville Borough	Wesley United Methodist Church, 450 Sylvan Street Marysville, PA 17053
Miller Township	Municipal Building, 554 Old Limekiln Ln, Newport, PA 17074
Millerstown Borough	Millerstown Fire House, 7 North Market St, Millerstown, PA 17062
New Buffalo Borough	United Methodist Church, 35 Mill St, New Buffalo, PA 17069
Newport Borough	Citizens Fire Company #1 of Newport 301 Mulberry St., Newport, PA 17074
Oliver Township	First Church of God, 334 S. Fifth Street, Newport, PA 17074
Penn Township	Municipal Office, 100 Municipal Building Rd, Duncannon, PA 17020
Rye Township	Municipal Building, 1775 New Valley Rd, Marysville, PA 17053
Sandy Hill District	Madison Grange, 77 Emory Green Rd, Loysville, PA 17047
Saville Township	Ickesburg Fire House, 10350 Raccoon Valley Rd, Ickesburg, PA 17037
Spring Township	Municipal Building, 539 Paige Hill Rd, Landisburg, PA 17040
Toboyne Twp. 1 st District	Municipal Building, 50 Lower Buck Ridge Rd, Blain, PA 17006
Toboyne Twp. 2 nd District	Horse Valley Community Association, 6595, Horse Valley Rd, East Waterford, PA 17021
Tuscarora Township	United Methodist Church, 4078 Raccoon Valley Road, Millerstown, PA 17062
Tyrone Township	Community Building, 1204 Montour Rd, Loysville, PA 17047
Watts Township	New Buffalo Fire House, 146 Old Trail Rd, Duncannon, PA 17020 PO Box 288, New Buffalo, PA 17069
Wheatfield Township	Snyder's Church 1724 New Bloomfield Rd, New Bloomfield, PA 17068

