

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

March 25, 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, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jamie Keener, Robbyn Metz, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Alyson Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Josh Wilson, Kay Witmer

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 25, 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 noted that a Mental Health Awareness Walk would be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Carlise. He commented that the registration deadline was March 29<sup>th</sup>. He said the event is aimed at making the community more aware of the shortage of mental health funding and services.

Commissioner Campbell said that last week at Greenwood there was an open house regarding the Innovative Workforce Program named New Paths. He said the program is a partnership between CareerLink, Harrisburg University, all four schools in the County, and the Southcentral PA Workforce. He said the focus of the program is information technology and he noted that students could earn college credits. Commissioner Campbell said it is a good program and all four schools are involved.

**Public Comments:** Randy Waggoner stated that data collection in Carroll Township is finishing up and data collectors will be moving to Spring Township. He said his office alerts the township and the 911 Center when the collectors move into a new municipality.

Larry Reisinger wished everyone a Happy Easter and congratulated the Greenwood Girls Basketball Team on making it to the final four of the region.

Jeff Garman asked for clarification on the Robert Morris service agreement that was on the agenda.

Alyson Thebes, Director of the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, stated that the agreement with Robert Morris has been in place for many years and is part of the department's budget. She also notified attendees that a grandparent scam is current happening in the County. Ms. Thebes said that seniors are being called and told their grandchild is in prison and needs bail money. She stated that the scammers are not only asking for the money to be wired, but are also picking up the funds in post office boxes and mailboxes.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 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 \$678,136.66. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted the expenses were all 2024 expenses. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$280,423 (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the professional service agreement with Robert W. Morris & Company P.C. for financial services at a cost of \$4,743.83/month. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Tyler Holmes, Caseworker 2 in the Children & Youth Services Department, effective April 5, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Tammy Troutman to the position of Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk’s Department effective April 1, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$12.25. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None.

**Public Comments:** Randy Waggoner said his newest staff member, Katelyn, had completed two of the four required classes, needed to sit for her licensing exam. He commented that she is doing extremely well.

Jeff Garman asked if there would be a Salary Board meeting. He stated that he was disappointed that the Judge’s clerk did not get any extra pay for her years of experience. Mr. Garman further commented that the Treasurer’s recommendations were dismissed by the Commissioners. He said it seemed that nothing was discussed other than at the public meeting and he stated that he felt it was a bad idea to not consider the Treasurer’s comments.

Faith Pundock asked for an update on the feasibility study. She also asked for an update on ARPA funds and the allocation of those funds. Ms. Pundock questioned if there was an update on broadband funding. She asked if Robert Morris was an accountant for the Aging Department.

**Comments from Press:** Paul Wyatt asked if he had missed anything due to his arrival after the meeting started.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 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

### **FY 23/24 MH/IDD Contracts**

<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>
CONNECTIONS EARLY INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS	EI23-0102	Increase	\$58,872	<b>\$73,028</b>	\$14,156
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
GROW AND TELL SEEDLINGS	EI23-0107	Increase	\$57,297	<b>\$81,059</b>	\$23,762

Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
BOLD INC	ID23-0174	Increase	\$67,815	<b>\$122,336</b>	\$54,521
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Respite					
HEATHER TESKA STOEHR, MS	ID23-0190	Increase	\$2,000	<b>\$4,000</b>	\$2,000
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)					