

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

June 3, 2024

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Denise Bidwell, Andrew Burke, Jack Carroll, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Kathy Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jason Harvey, Scott Martin, Robbyn Metz, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Bob Ressler, Megan Sellers, Craig Sheaffer, Marty Smith, Randy Waggoner, Ashley Weaver

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 3, 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 stated that the public comment periods are for the public to offer their opinions on items of interest regarding County business and it is not a question-and-answer period. He said questions may be submitted to commissioners@perryco.org and the Commissioners will respond to those questions which are of importance to the general public and to residents in need of County services. Commissioner Campbell stated that questions related to the financial overview will be posted on the County website for everyone's benefit.

Commissioner Campbell commented that Commissioner Watson would not be participating in the meeting.

Public Comments: Larry Reisinger said he hoped everyone had a good Memorial Day. He noted that Eschol held its 137th Memorial Day event. He said he thought it might be the longest running event in the state.

Ashley Weaver stated that on May 22nd West Perry hosted the Special Olympics for all the school districts in the County. She noted that there were over 300 participants and many sponsors that helped at the event. She acknowledged all the athletes and buddies and said it gave her hope for the future. Ms. Weaver stated it was an honor to attend and said to let participants know you are proud of them.

Megan Sellers commented that it has been a couple of months since the issue was raised regarding ballots sitting in Commissioner Watson's office while she was on the ballot. She said the investigation was taking much longer than she had expected, as she said it is clear the election code was violated. Ms. Sellers raised concerns that there are significant issues regarding accountability and transparency. She said the Commissioners are engaging in slanderous remarks towards constituents for raising concerns. She further stated there seems to be collusion with the media, as public comments are not being fairly reported. She commented all elected officials should prioritize the needs and voices of the people they represent instead of serving the needs of a few. Ms. Sellers again said it is troubling that ballots were stored in Commissioner Watson's office while she was on the ballot. She urged the Board to address the concerns properly and take meaningful action to restore faith in the local government and the election.

Robbyn Metz thanked the Commissioners for setting up the June 24th meeting on the County's comprehensive plan. She said people need to understand what the plan is and how important it is to the County. Ms. Metz asked if she should submit questions in advance regarding the plan or if questions will be taken at the meeting that day. She said one question is who prioritizes all the projects in the plan. She commented that an amazing job was done on the plan and everyone should look at it.

Kathy Garman stated that West Perry spent \$750,000 on turf and said the Special Olympics event showed that the high schools can sponsor and hold sports events. She further said that a sports complex is not needed and she commented that she was not sure if the citizens of Perry County even want the complex. Ms. Garman stated that two Commissioners' properties would benefit from the sports complex. She stated that County money should be funneled into the ambulance associations, fire departments, roads, and infrastructure not a sports complex. Ms. Garman asked the Commissioners to take a step back and look what's available in the County already to use.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Campbell 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 \$737,463.43. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Solicitor Bunt opened bids for fuel oil and propane. The following bids were received:

- W.C. Eshenaur Inc. – Propane \$1.229/gal
Fuel Oil \$2.999/gal
- Heller's Gas – Propane \$1.41/gal
- Koppy's – Propane \$1.289/gal
Fuel Oil \$3.399/gal
- Suburban Propane – Propane variable pricing (plant cost + \$0.30 + delivery \$1.33)
Fuel Oil variable pricing (plant cost + \$0.30 + delivery \$2.9456)

No action was taken and the bids would be reviewed by Marty Smith, Maintenance Director.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to allocate \$22,769 of Perry County's opioid settlement funds to share in the cost of the Opioid Mitigation Coordinator position at the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission retroactive to April 21, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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 \$40,430 (attached). Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$1,427,842 (attached). Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Master Services Agreement Addendum Number 4 with Pay Tel Communications, Inc. for inmate telephone service and equipment. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to table the reappointment of Matthew Campbell to the South Central Workforce Development Board for a three-year term. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Termination of Memorandum of Understanding between the Perry County Area Agency on Aging and County of Franklin regarding the Ombudsman Program. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Local Bridge Program Intermunicipal Cost Sharing Agreements with the following:

- Tyrone Township
- Jackson Township
- Newport Borough/Oliver Township

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

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the retirement of Daniel Altemus, Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective June 7, 2024. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Warden Harvey noted that Mr. Atlemus had served the County for 28 years and he would be missed.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Jeff Garman stated that Megan Sellers had made the comment that Commissioners were making disparaging comments about constituents and he said he heard the comments. He said at the last meeting, a Commissioner stated “haters gotta hate” and said this is not an appropriate way for Commissioners to act.

Ashley Weaver said she was replying to the first round of public comments. She said she was in agreement with Ms. Metz and said a website to submit questions would be a good way for everyone to have their voices heard. She commented that she also agreed with Ms. Garman and that funds should go to ambulance, firefighters, and law enforcement. Ms. Weaver commented that she also agreed with Ms. Sellers and referenced several articles of the Pennsylvania Constitution. Lastly, she said she agreed with Mr. Garman.

Kathy Garman stated that she also supported Megan Sellers’ comments.

Comments from Press: Paul Wyatt asked if the fuel oil and propane bids were for all County buildings.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

MH-IDD Contracts 2023-2024

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
LEAH M. BLAKE	EI23-0112	Increase	\$28,134	\$38,702	\$10,568
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Special instruction					
BELLO NURSES LLC	ID23-0192	New	\$-	\$1,728	\$ 1,728
New for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - In-home and community supports					

MH-IDD Contracts 2024-2025

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
ASPIRATIONS LLC	EI24-0069	INCR	\$369,360	\$373,047	\$3,687
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
BEHAVIOR BY DESIGN LLC	EI24-0100	SAME	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ -
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Special instruction					
LEAH M. BLAKE	EI24-0112	INCR	\$38,702	\$56,320	\$17,618
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Special instruction					
BUILDING BLOCKS THERAPY LLC	EI24-0027	DECR	\$84,473	\$52,474	\$(31,999)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
CENTRAL PA THERAPY CONNECTIONS LLC	EI24-0101	DECR	\$54,915	\$50,731	\$(4,184)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Language interpretation; occupational and speech therapies					
CLEAR PATH PEDIATRIC THERAPY LLC	EI24-0115	DECR	\$21,652	\$15,639	\$(6,013)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Speech therapy					

COMMUNICATION BEGINNINGS LLC	EI24-0108	INCR	\$5,000	\$7,496	\$2,496
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
NICOLE CUSTER, OTR/L	EI24-0046	DECR	\$28,361	\$19,083	\$(9,278)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational therapy					
EARLY BIRD THERAPY LLC	EI24-0095	DECR	\$355,992	\$295,235	\$(60,757)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
FEEDING LITTLE BELLIES LLC	EI24-0098	DECR	\$65,658	\$60,018	\$(5,640)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Nutrition support					
GROW AND TELL SEEDLINGS	EI24-0107	DECR	\$81,059	\$78,536	\$(2,523)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
JOANNA KARNS, MT-BC	EI24-0075	DECR	\$13,851	\$9,826	\$(4,025)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Special instruction					
LIVING UNLIMITED INC	EI24-0035	DECR	\$5,045	\$4,037	\$(1,008)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Special instruction					
MATTIKO PEDIATRIC THERAPIES LLC	EI24-0096	DECR	\$5,830	\$3,000	\$(2,830)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
CHRISTY L. MUSSELMAN	EI24-0113	DECR	\$10,549	\$8,536	\$(2,013)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Special instruction					
PEDIATRIC THERAPY SPECIALISTS OF SOUTH CENTRAL PA LLC	EI24-0092	DECR	\$71,016	\$69,154	\$(1,862)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
JOANNE PETERS, MS, OTR/L	EI24-0019	DECR	\$6,350	\$3,516	\$(2,834)

Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational therapy					
JENNIFER SNYDER, MPT	EI24-0050	DECR	\$34,172	\$24,746	\$(9,426)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Physical therapy					
SOVIA THERAPY LLC	EI24-0076	INCR	\$190,336	\$195,978	\$5,642
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
SHANNON SWEENEY, PT	EI24-0059	DECR	\$9,022	\$3,886	\$(5,136)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Physical therapy					
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	EI24-0003	DECR	\$117,423	\$86,811	\$(30,612)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Nutrition support; occupational, physical, and speech therapies; special instruction					
BARBARA WEBER, MS, CCC-SLP, BCBA	EI24-0080	DECR	\$10,826	\$7,773	\$(3,053)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Speech therapy					