

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

July 8, 2024

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Denise Bidwell, Mary Ann Brownawell, Andrew Burke, Noah Cline, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Dr. Pat Gutheil, Jeff Garman, Kathy Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Wayne Leshner, Scott Martin, Darla McNaughton, Robbyn Metz, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Craig Sheaffer, Heather Sims, Marty Smith, Allie Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Ashley Weaver, Josh Wilson, Kay Witmer

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 1, 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 due to the lack of decorum displayed by the public at last week's meeting, the Commissioners will be formally adopting written rules of conduct and civility governing our public meetings in the coming weeks. In the interim, the public comment period will continue to be limited to three (3) minutes per person during each public comment period and participants should act in a manner that is respectful of others.

Public Comments: Ashley Weaver stated that during last week's meeting she mentioned a Sunshine Act violation when the audio was breaking up while a person was speaking and said she later realized it was the Aging Office staff person. She further said people were making comments when she tried to stand up for this person and everyone deserves to have their voice heard. Ms. Weaver said she did not belittle the person who cursed at her when she said First Amendment. She quoted verses from an Upper Room song. Ms. Weaver said people thanked her for reading from the Bible during the last meeting and she thanked Randy Waggoner for sitting with her to read the Bible. Ms. Weaver said she mentions the Sunshine Act to protect the Commissioners. She commented that she hopes Ms. Geesaman will consider putting the Presidential Election on paper ballots and hand counting and help is available to do this. Ms. Weaver said she knows there is middle ground.

Kay Witmer thanked the Commissioners for meeting with her and James about the future of Perry County EMS.

Wayne Leshner said that the lack of decorum at last week's meeting was due to the system. He commented that the system is all the unelected bureaucrats like Randy Waggoner and Bill Bunt. Mr. Leshner stated that whenever you say something the system doesn't like, it comes after you. He said Bill Bunt should resign immediately and should not be on insurance that the tax payers pay for. He questioned why Mr. Bunt has access to something that everyone else does not have. Mr. Leshner said Solicitor Bunt should be ashamed to have County insurance. He stated that his mother-in-law cannot get that level of insurance and has to live with him. He suggested that maybe his mother-in-law should live with Bill Bunt to help shoulder the cost.

Robbyn Metz stated that she did a Right to Know and got the 2022 audit, but she questioned why the audit is not on the County website for all to see. She said the auditor should be coming to a public meeting to present the audit and what the findings were and plans to remedy them. Ms. Metz said the public is owed an explanation of why the County is only now getting the 2022 audit as it raises questions on what is going on with taxpayer money. She again said that the auditors should be coming into a public meeting to do a presentation on the audit and said all public entities do this.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to table the Children & Youth 2023/2024 Purchase of Service agreement with George Junior Republic for further review. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Children & Youth 2024/2025 In-Home contracts (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warranty quote from Clear Ballot Group Inc. in the amount of \$24,000. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the termination of Tyler Ebersole, Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective July 3, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Maureen Borawski to the position of Part Time Clerk Typist 2 at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging effective July 15, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$17.71. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Ashley Weaver said she agreed with Ms. Metz.

Wayne Leshar said he also agreed with Ms. Metz regarding the financial statement. He commented that discussion on why the audit was delayed would go a long way. He said a little bit of detail would be nice to hear on why you're paying what you're paying. Mr. Leshar said the audit should be posted on the website and someone should come in to explain it. He read from the audit and asked what it means. He said this is why someone should come in to explain the audit. Mr. Leshar said it was not the public commenters that caused the discord at last week's meeting, it was the system. He again called for Bill Bunt's resignation and said his pay should be part of the payables.

Kathy Garman stated that she agreed with Robbyn Metz and Ashley Weaver. She said we already have paper ballots but they need to be hand counted. She commented that she will be providing Sarah Geesaman with information on how to accomplish this. Ms. Garman said the comprehensive plan meeting was awesome because they could ask questions and get answers. She stated that everyone is seeing issues and the public wants to understand what is going on. She further said that the stonewalling is causing frustration. Ms. Garman said to bring the auditors in so if there is a problem it can be fixed.

Comments from Press: Paul Wyatt asked for clarification on the Clear Ballot warranty quote. Sarah Geesaman stated that it is the warrant for the Clear Cast, Clear Access, software, and the scanner.

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

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

24/25 In-Home Contracts----PERRY CO. CHILDREN & YOUTH

ABC Alternative Behavior Consultants, LLC – (rate increase \$3.50) - \$120.50/hr. FAST Assessments
- (rate increase \$6.00)- \$123.00/hr. SKILLS & Reunification
- (rate increase \$11.25) - \$236.25/session TIPS
- (rate increase by \$3.00) - \$63.00/hr. STEPS Visitation
- (rate increase \$3.75)- \$128.75/hr. Psychological Testing
- (rate increase \$3.75)- \$128.75/hr. Bonding & Diagnostic Evaluations

Benjamin Yoffee – back up for Solicitor Services—No Increase \$82.50/hr.
-Additional rate of \$150.00/hr. (no increase) for appeals and termination preparation and proceedings.

Brian R. Baker- Guardian Ad Litem- No Increase- \$75.00/hr.

Brittany Mae Shetter- Guardian Ad Litem- No increase- \$75.00/hr.

Chrystal Prosser—Guardian Ad Litem— no increase - \$77.50/hr.

Clarvida- Family Findings- (Rate Increase \$2.64) - \$105.36/hr.
NEW PROGRAMS- Family Preservation & Reunification- \$83.44/hr.
-Family Support Conference- \$205.64/hr.
-Family Connections- \$202.52/hr.
-Family Finding-JPO Funded- \$84.44/hr.

Family Link Services – No Rate Increase- 90.00/hr. – Coordinate/Facilitate FGDM

Family Centered Services, LLC – No Increase \$75.00- \$100.00/hr.

Hugh S. Smith- Psychological Evaluation – No rate increase- Consultation-\$150.00-\$250.00
-No Rate Increase- Diagnostic Evaluation- \$400.00-\$5750.00

Jessica Bentley-Sassaman- Interpretation Services- No Rate Increase- \$45.00-\$50.00/hr.

JusticeWorks - (rate increase \$5.00) - \$92.00/hr. – WHY TRY Truancy Programs
- (rate increase \$5.00) - \$92.00/hr.- Just Care
- (rate increase \$5.00) - \$95.00/hr. – STOPP Program
- (rate increase \$5.00)- \$93.00/hr. – VIP Program (JPO)
- (rate increase \$4.00) - \$70.00/hr. – Community Service Program (JPO)
- (rate increase \$9.00) - \$168.00/group - Thinking for a Change Program
- (rate increase \$5.00) - \$95.00/hr.- Triple P
- No rate increase - \$250.00/referral - \$3,000.00/conference – Family Group Decision Making

Newport Counseling Center, LLC - (rate increase-\$10.00)- \$80.00/hr. for Individual Outpatient Therapy
- (rate increase- \$10.00) \$90.00/hr. for Parent Child Interaction Therapy
- (rate increase - \$15.00) \$120.00/1.5 hr. for CANS
- Mileage Reimbursement- CANS- .67 cents/mile

Tandem, LLC-Family Preservation/Reunification- No Increase- \$28,700.00/mo.

Tri- County Community Action – No rate increase -\$200/Ages & Stages Screening

UPMC Pinnacle (CAC)-Abuse Med. Eval. –No increase - \$525.00/evaluation

William R. Bunt – Agency solicitor – No rate increase - \$62,400/yr.

- Additional rate of \$150.00/hr. (appeals and termination)- (No Increase)
- Additional rate of \$20.00/hr. (for intern work)