

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

July 15, 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: Ed Albright, Dee Anderson, Andrea Bowersox, Zoe Burd, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Kathy Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Paige Goerman, Jason Harvey, Kathy Hoover, Michelle Jones, Taira Little, Amber Martin, Scott Martin, Robbyn Metz, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Nancy Pote, David Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Heather Sims, Wes Smith, Allie Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Ashley Weaver, Brian Weidow, Josh Wilson, Kay Witmer

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence and asked that all remember the victims of public violence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Lyons recognized the Maintenance team for the time they spent over the weekend working on the HVAC unit at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Public Comments: Larry Reisinger stated that what is going on in the nation now, is not the nation he grew up in. He further said no one political party is better than the other and said we need to get back to common sense.

Robbyn Metz asked when answers would be given concerning the 2022 budget. She also questioned why the audit was over a year behind, what were the issues, what did they find, and what deficiencies were corrected. She asked if the public would get any information because she would like to know.

Ashley Weaver said she agreed with the comment about common sense and said we should stop being divided. She said she prays for everyone in the room, in Perry County, the victims at the Trump rally and Trump. Ms. Weaver said she also agrees with Ms. Metz.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 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 \$543,390.61. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Amber Martin, from SEDA-COG, stated that the subrecipient agreements are for the Loysville laterals project that had been modified. She said due to the modification the agreements had to be updated and they were awaiting the completion of the environmental review which was just finished. Ms. Martin provided the dates in which the project funds need to be expended. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the CDBG Subrecipient Agreements for the Loysville Village Municipal Authority for federal fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the FY 2024/2025 Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission contracts (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the box huckleberry sculpture agreement with the Perry County Council of the Arts. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Children & Youth 2024/2025 Purchase of Service agreement (below). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Common Sense Adoption Services-New Contract-Levels from \$117.00-\$147.00/hr.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Children & Youth 2023/2024 Purchase of Service agreement (below). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted this was tabled from last week's meeting. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- George Junior Republic-Levels from \$82.94-\$730.99

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the termination of Jesse Babcock, Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective July 9, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Weidow to the position of Deputy Chief Probation Officer in the Probation Department effective July 16, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$28.22. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Quinn Howell to the position of Aging Care Manager I, at the Perry County Area Agency on Aging, effective July 16, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$19.94. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Bunt said that it was brought to his attention by the Chief Clerk that an item was missed on the agenda. He stated that the item can be added to agenda if the majority of the Board make a motion to amend the agenda to include the item and it passes. Chief Clerk Hines said this was her error. She stated that the item was the appointment of Jeremy Kapp to the position of Probation Officer in the Probation Department effective July 16, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$23.27.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to amend the agenda to include the hiring of a Probation Officer. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Jeremy Kapp to the position of Probation Officer in the Probation Department effective July 16, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$23.27. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Marty Smith congratulated Brian Weidow on his appointment.

Jedd Nessinger stressed transparency and said it would solve the problems. He said the Commissioners should provide weekly updates and said he is curious on the state of the County. Mr. Nessinger said its ridiculous that he can file a right to know request without any information, but to speak to the Commissioners he needs internet access and a computer. He asked if any of the Commissioners had served in the military. He said that it's not about having all the answers but knowing where to look for the answers. Mr. Nessinger questioned the status of the last DCED report and asked if the County is in compliance. He stated he cannot get straight answers and said all we need is transparency. Mr. Nessinger said he gives everyone a second chance and this was the Commissioners second chance.

Larry Reisinger said the Ickesburg Carnival would be going on this week. He also noted that the Perry County Fair was a month away and he had fair books.

Randy Waggoner said Vision will be starting commercial data collection training this week and then data collectors would be going out to businesses and tax-exempt properties in the County. He commented that he will be involved in the process. He stated that he spent three days last week in assessors' meetings and noted that the clean and green committee had come up with an initiative that would be presented at the CCAP Convention next month. He said some of the initiatives involve property size and solar.

Robbyn Metz reiterated the need for transparency and said it would solve a lot of the problems. She commented that there is no discussion in public meeting or explanation at the meetings. Ms. Metz said there are no public work sessions which she said means there is deliberation behind closed doors and that is a Sunshine Act violation. She further stated that its frustrating because emails go unanswered. Ms. Metz asked how she can get answers to her questions and again stated that she is asking for transparency.

Ashley Weaver stated that Bill Bunt and Randy Waggoner were breaking up earlier. She agreed with Ms. Metz and Mr. Nessinger regarding transparency. Ms. Weaver said that the meeting held with Jason Finnerty was great and volunteered to provide coffee and food to facilitate this type of meeting. She commented that coming together would help and we would see huge things in the County.

Kathy Garman said she agreed with Mr. Nessinger, Ms. Metz, and Ms. Weaver. She commented that it is a wonderful idea to have a meeting to talk about things to better the County.

Comments from Press: Paul Wyatt asked what the huckleberry sculpture agreement with the Perry County Council of the Arts was.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

FY 24/25 Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission Contracts

Provider	Service	23/24	24/25	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Dauphin County	Outreach Activities		\$25,000 new contract		
Daystar	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male)	\$175.00	\$186.00	\$11.00	6%
Catholic Charities	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female)	\$143.00	\$143.00	\$0.00	0%
Gaudenzia, Inc	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult and Adolescent Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult and Adolescent Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Adult and Adolescent Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Adult and Adolescent Group	\$28	\$28	\$0	0.00%
Pennsylvania Counseling Services	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Group	\$28	\$28	\$0	0.00%
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%
	.5 Early Intervention Individual Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%
	.5 Early Intervention Group Adolescent	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%