

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 12, 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:** Edward Albright Jr., Jessica Fleisher, Sarah Geesaman, George Gochenaur, Gabe Guthrie, Taira Little, Dave Magee, Ayla Miller, Bailey Miller, Jedd Nessinger, Brenda Pelletier, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Bob Ressler, Donna Scherer, Craig Sheaffer, Jim Scott, Jason Snyder, Marty Smith

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 12, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was held at the Perry County Fairgrounds and Commissioners Campbell thanked the fair for providing the meeting venue. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

**Updates/Announcements:** None

**Public Comments:** Ayla Miller, West Perry Agricultural Educator, stated that she was in attendance representing the three different agricultural programs across the County. She said there are six ag teachers in the County and approximately 500 FFA members enrolled in agricultural classes in the coming school year. Ms. Miller noted that Nathan Lesh, Greenwood FFA member, was elected as a State FFA officer, Newport FFA had an American Degree to recognize, and both Greenwood and West Perry were recognized at the national level as two-star chapters.

Donna Scherer, from Penn State Extension, thanked the Commissioners for their support of their programs in the community. She said a lot of their educators would be represented at the fair during the week. She noted the Food, Families, and Health Community educator and the classes offered to County residents including the Cooking for Crowds, Serve Safe, and Pressure Canning certification.

Dave Magee said that he no longer lives in the County, but does have a financial interest in Perry County. He stated that over the past month, he has read many negative reports on the Commissioners, Solicitor, and some other elected representatives. He stated that this is deplorable and said people should look at other counties as Perry County is fortunate to have the representation they have. Mr. Magee said he has not always agreed with the Commissioners, but he is thankful for them.

Ed Albright also thanked the Commissioners as he had received good news that there is no structural damage to the Rhinesmith Building and noted that repairs should move forward. He asked the Commissioners to get a hold of Tri County regarding the bridge project needed in Bloomfield Borough. Mr. Albright said he would appreciate anything the Commissioners can do to help with the project.

Gabe Guthrie, Conservation District Manager, stated that his department is fully staffed. He said there are currently six farms being worked on for preservation, with a total of over 700 acres of farmland preserved in the County. He said his department has been working on several ACAP projects and noted that the first project was completed last fall and two projects would be started in the coming fall, with eight more projects in the future. Mr. Guthrie talked about the cover crop incentive program and the no till drill program.

Bailey Miller, Conservation District Watershed Specialist, highlighted several of the District's education and outreach events. She said that a lawn conversion program is currently in the works to increase pollinator habitat and water infiltration. She stated that the Tire War event happened last September and said 737 tires were recycled. Ms. Miller provided information on the Envirothon event involving students from the local high schools. She commented that five recycling bins will be on the fairgrounds during the week and talked about the manure application and lawn conversion fair display.

Jason Snyder, representing the Perry County Fair, said that the Fair Board is still working towards modern bathrooms. He recognized the countless hours of work put in by the fair volunteers.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$793,558.05. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission 2024-2025 agreements (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Campbell noted that the next three agenda items are part of a plan to transition the Public Defender's Office under the County umbrella.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Perry County Public Defender Office Organization grant in the amount of \$107,000. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the lease agreement between Barbara L. Wevodau and the County of Perry in the amount of \$1,166.67. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All Agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made the motion to approve the contract amendment between Barbara L. Wevodau and the County of Perry removing reference to the lease of office space. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All Agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the agreement for architectural services with Reed E. Hoffman for the Freedom Building at a cost of \$80/hour for an estimated, not to exceed of thirty hours. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made the motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$85,059. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Intellectual and Development Disabilities for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$349,075. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None

**Post Comments:** Jedd Nessinger stated that the Commissioners should get a megaphone as he could not hear them. He further said that if you think holding people accountable and caring about his civil rights is deplorable, then maybe your part of the problem.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

### 2024/2025 Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission Contracts

Provider	Service	23/24	24/25	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Drug & Alcohol Rehab Services	3.5 Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services	\$191.00	\$208.00	\$17.00	9%
Drug & Alcohol Rehab Services	3.5 Clinically Managed Medium Intensity Residential Services (Specialized Independent Living)	\$185.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	0%
Penn State Health - Holy Spirit Hospital	Maternal Assistance Program	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$0	0%
Huntington Creek Recovery Center	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Adolescent)	\$579.00	\$579.00	\$0.00	0%
Huntington Creek Recovery Center	3.5 Medium Activity 823B (Adolescent)	\$472.00	\$472.00	\$0.00	0%

### FY 2023/2024 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
GROW AND TELL SEEDLINGS Amendment for FY 23-24 EI Services - Speech therapy	EI23-0107	INCR	\$ 81,059	\$ 85,059	\$ 4,000
<b>Total All Contracts</b>				\$ 85,059	

## **FY 2024/2025 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>
ASL SERVICES Renewal for FY 24-25 EI Services - American Sign Language interpretation	EI24-0114	DECR	\$ 15,000	\$ 8,000	\$ (7,000)
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CENTER Renewal for FY 24-25 EI Services - Language interpretation	EI24-0106	SAME	\$ 29,934	\$ 29,934	\$ -
ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFIT RESOURCES INC Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - ID certified investigations	ID24-0183	DECR	\$ 23,600	\$ 13,000	\$ (10,600)
ASPIRATIONS LLC Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Behavioral support	ID24-0167	SAME	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
AURORA SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Recreation/leisure time activities	ID24-0037	SAME	\$ 32,180	\$ 32,180	\$ -
SAUNDRA L. BOWEN Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Family support (independent living specialist)	ID24-0184	SAME	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES INC Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Supports coordination	ID24-0191	SAME	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Family support (rent assistance)	ID24-0170	SAME	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
ERIE COUNTY CARE MANAGEMENT INC New for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Supports coordination	ID24-0193	INCR	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

GOODWILL KEYSTONE AREA INC	ID24-0036	SAME	\$ 66,300	\$ 66,300	\$ -
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Supported employment (Project Search)					
KEON ENTERPRISES LLC	ID24-0154	INCR	\$ 21,336	\$ 31,430	\$ 10,094
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Transportation					
ONEWELL LLC	ID24-0188	INCR	\$ 28,538	\$ 79,691	\$ 51,153
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports					
PA LIFESHARING LLC	ID24-0150	INCR	\$ 22,738	\$ 31,540	\$ 8,802
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports					
RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATES PC	ID24-0005	SAME	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Behavioral support					
HEATHER TESKA STOEHR, MS	ID24-0190	SAME	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Behavioral support					
<b>Total All Contracts</b>				<b>\$ 349,075</b>	