

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 19, 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:** Doug Brubaker, Andrew Burke, Jack Carroll, Mark Evans, Jason Finnerty, Jim Frank, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Kathy Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Morgan Goodling, Cynthia Howard, Taira Little, Amber Martin, Scott Martin, Robbyn Metz, Kristi Parthemore, Larry Reisinger, James Rudy, Rita Schaaf, Wes Smith, Allyson Thebes, Robin Tolan, Ashley Weaver, Josh Wilson

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 19, 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 Watson said it was great being out among the FFA kids during fair week and noted the hard work the children put into their projects. She stated that it was a breath of fresh air to see the responsibility and humbleness of the children.

Commissioner Lyons congratulated the fair board for a successful 2024 fair. He recognized Lloyd Byers for being awarded Friend of the Fair and Farmer of the Year during last week's fair. He also said the livestock sale was successful and raised a lot of funds for the kids.

Commissioner Campbell echoed the comments of his fellow Commissioners and said it was a great fair week.

**Public Comments:** Larry Reisinger thanked the Commissioners for their comments related to the fair. He said the weather was good and also commented on the hard work the kids put into their 4-H projects. He noted the 4-H Educator position on the agenda and encouraged the County and Penn State to fill the position. Mr. Reisinger stated that one of the fair directors passed away on Saturday and he would be leaving the meeting early to attend the services.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business: FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing** – Amber Martin, from SEDA-COG, went over the action items needed to move forward with the CDBG grant submission. She noted that this hearing follows two previous hearings where there were no public comments and said the next step is to move forward with submission of the grant.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to finalize FY 2024 CDBG project allocations. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 authorizing the submission of Perry County's FY 2024 Community Development Block Grant application. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 CDBG Fair Housing. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09 CDBG Compliance Officer and Grievance Procedure. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Campbell noted that the CDBG project allocations were as follows:

- Duncannon – Noye Park Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation project - \$71,521.67
- Liverpool Municipal Authority – Well #2 Chlorine Contact Tank project - \$41,752.67
- Loysville Municipal Authority – Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation project - \$71,752.66

**202/2025 Human Services Block Grant Hearing** – Robin Tolan, from Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD Office, presented the Human Services Block grant plan. She stated that the plan includes five categories: mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, drug and alcohol treatment, human services development fund, and homeless assistance program. Ms. Tolan noted that Perry County is in a joinder with Cumberland County for the first three categories. She said the entire plan is about 100 pages long and is available on both counties' websites. Ms. Tolan commented that the plan covers from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. She provided information on the mental health aspects of the plan. She stated that grant funding had been received for a regional crisis walk in center that would serve Perry County residents and said the center would be located on Cameron Street, Harrisburg. She commented that the goals of the plan include continuing the 988-suicide prevention line service, maintaining and monitoring service levels, expanding mobile crisis services, and continuing the PULSE program. Ms. Tolan also spoke about a grant that had been received to support forensic clients in a long-term structured residence setting.

Mark Evans, representing the IDD side of Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD Office, stated that it was his first day as IDD Director, but noted his service of over 20 years with the organization. He said the goal for the block grant plan continues to focus on providing clients with the means to have an everyday life. He stated that referrals to IDD programs have significantly increased due to the inclusion of autism as an IDD category. Mr. Evans commented that an intake coordinator had to be added to the staff complement due to the large increase. He also said that two additional support coordination agencies were added. He noted that 220 of their clients are working independently in the community and said this is about 25% of their total clients. He also provided information on the large allocation of waivers received by his agency and how they are used for clients. Mr. Evans said staffing in the IDD field continues to be an issue and commented that there are approximately 141 clients on their wait list.

Jack Carroll, from Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, said his organization is responsible for managing public funds for drug and alcohol treatment services and stated that this funding has remained flat. He commented that the priority for the plan continues to be addressing the opioid crisis. Mr. Carroll stated that per CDC data, there were over 107,000 overdose deaths in 2023, which was a slight decrease from the prior year. He said most overdose deaths are linked to fentanyl which is showing up on all types of drugs, but also commented that xylazine, an animal tranquilizer, is also starting to show up in drugs. He said Perry County overdose deaths in 2021 were 15, 13 in 2022, and 4 in 2023. Mr. Carroll noted the following priorities: continuing access to treatment, continuing access to Narcan, expanding early intervention and education services, recruiting and retaining staff, strengthening local recovery services, and continuing to advise the Commissioners on opioid funding and administration of the funds. He commented about the increased demand for county managed treatment services due to medical assistance coverage changes. Mr. Carroll also spoke about the requirement of county prisons to continue medical assisted treatment for inmates. He stated that Narcan can be provided to first responders at no cost through his organization and also promoted the RASE project.

Doug Brubaker, from Perry Human Services, stated that his organization is responsible for Perry County's homeless assistance program. He said that last year approximately \$20,000 of services were provided to individuals facing eviction or homelessness. He commented that his organization would like to increase the number of individuals served. Mr. Brubaker stated that a homeless assistance program case manager was hired and works directly with the program clients.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the submission of the 2024/2025 Human Services Block grant plan. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to make the following 2024/2025 Human Services Development Fund allocations:

- Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank - \$9,000
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 - \$9,000
- Perry Human Services - \$17,500
- Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission - \$8,000
- Join Hands Ministry - \$6,500

Jack Carroll spoke about opioid funding recommendations made by his organization to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to allocate \$29,593 of Perry County opioid funds to cover part of the cost of evidence based and evidence informed drug misuse prevention and early intervention programs for Perry County residents from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to allocate \$19,228 of Perry County opioid funds for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment costs for Perry County residents from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center – Rate increase of \$5.00 - \$180/consultation

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

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the professional service agreement with Larson, Kellet & Associates, P.C. for external audit services. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania State University – Penn State Extension regarding the 4-H Educator position. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Kramer, Deputy Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, in the Prothonotary's Office effective September 6, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None

**Post Comments:** Ashley Weaver questioned what the community can do the help with the drug epidemic Mr. Carroll spoke about.

Jack Carroll said communication with your legislative representatives is helpful. He also said organizations should consider utilizing the RASE project for training on addiction.

Kathy Garman thanked the Commissioners for providing funding the Join Hands. She stated that the organization utilizes their funding very well and commented on the great programs and larch reach the organization has in the community.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary

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

Provider	Service	23/24	24/25	Rate increase	Percent Increase
Ascend Ministries DBA	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B	\$205.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	0%
Teen Challenge Training Center	3.7 WM Activity 823A	\$354.00	\$354.00	\$0.00	0%
H.E.A.R. Inc.	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female) (Marietta)	\$204.00	\$245.00	\$41.00	20%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Lititz)	\$212.00	\$231.00	\$19.00	9%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Mountville)	\$209.00	\$240.00	\$31.00	15%
UHS of PA (Roxbury Treatment Center)	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B	\$254.00	\$254.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B	\$281.00	\$291.00	\$10.00	4%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A	\$283.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	0%
Pyramid Healthcare	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Belleville)	\$290.00	\$304.00	\$14.00	5%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Duncansville)	\$319.00	\$309.00	-\$10.00	-3%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Duncansville)	\$329.00	\$338.00	\$9.00	3%
	3.7 Intensive Activity 823C (Duncansville)	\$339.00	\$367.00	\$28.00	8%
	3.7 Intensive Enhanced Activity 823C (Duncansville)	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	0%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Duncansville)	\$364.00	\$435.00	\$71.00	20%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Gratitude House)	\$157.00	\$170.00	\$13.00	8%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Hillside)	\$334.00	\$365.00	\$31.00	9%
	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Male) (Hillside)	\$349.00	\$380.00	\$31.00	9%
	3.7 Intensive Activity 823C (Male) (Hillside)	\$344.00	\$381.00	\$37.00	11%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Male) (Hillside)	\$416.00	\$475.00	\$59.00	14%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Langhorne)	\$351.00	\$387.00	\$36.00	10%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Langhorne)	\$416.00	\$503.00	\$87.00	21%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Male) (Pine Ridge Manor)	\$146.00	\$170.00	\$24.00	16%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Male) (Quakertown)	\$320.00	\$350.00	\$30.00	9%
	3.1 Low Activity 852B (Female) (Tradition House)	\$143.00	\$165.00	\$22.00	15%
	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Male) (York)	\$329.00	\$362.00	\$33.00	10%
	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (York)	\$311.00	\$348.00	\$37.00	12%
Compass Mark	Student Assistance Program Training	\$40,625.00	\$40,625.00	\$0.00	0%
Diakon	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adult	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adoles	\$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 Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult and Adolescent Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
Mazzitti & Sullivan	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adult	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adult and Adolescent Individual	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Adult and Adolescent I	\$90	\$90	\$0	0.00%
	2.1 Intensive Outpatient Activity 861B Outpatient Group	\$28	\$28	\$0	0.00%
	2.5 Adult Partial Hospital Activity 852A	\$105	\$105	\$0	0.00%
	2.5 Adolescent Partial Hospital Activity 852A	\$115	\$115	\$0	0.00%
Pyramid Healthcare	Case Management - Assessment, GRPA, Coordination - Adoles	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Individual	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%
	1 Outpatient Activity 861A Adolescent Group	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%
	.5 Early Intervention Individual Adolescent	\$94	\$94	\$0	0.00%
	.5 Early Intervention Group Adolescent	\$32	\$32	\$0	0.00%