

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**September 16, 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:** Denise Bidwell, Mary Ann Brownawell, Andrew Burke, Edna Feaster, Jim Frank, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Kimberly Grundon, Harriet Lindsay-Arendt, Dave Magee, Scott Martin, Robbyn Metz, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Megan Sellers, Craig Sheaffer, Marty Smith, Ashley Weaver, Bobbi Wertz-Hoy, Randy Waggoner, Wendy Welfley, Josh Wilson

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 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 stated that the Commissioners had attended the Township Officials seminar on Saturday. She said it was disappointing that only half of the townships attended. She encouraged those in attendance at the meeting to talk to their township officials about the importance of attending the event, as it is extremely educational.

Commissioner Campbell noted that he had the honor of attending the September 11<sup>th</sup> Walk in Liverpool. He said the event is to remember the firefighters that lost their lives on that day. He commented that the walk was 3.43 miles which represented the 343 firefighters that died and said the firefighters wore all their gear for the walk.

**Public Comments:** Sarah Geesaman said that if you are awaiting a mail-in/absentee ballot there is still ongoing litigation which is delaying the ballot printing process. She commented that she anticipated ballots will be mailed out the first week of October.

Megan Sellers stated there is proclamation regarding the Constitution on the agenda. She said that based on her experiences with the Commissioners, hypocrites were presenting the proclamation. Ms. Sellers said there is a lack of transparency and accountability for the election and no chain of custody. She further commented that the Commissioners have tried to infringe on the First and Second Amendment rights of meeting participants. She stated that the Commissioners had recently not acknowledged Jedd Nessinger as press even though he is a blogger and has a YouTube channel. Ms. Sellers said she is dealing with a lack of transparency regarding election chain of custody and she requested that the Commissioners require Sarah Geesaman to turn it over to her or if there is no chain of custody that is a huge issue. She commented that there is unfair reporting by the press as well and she said people need to know what is going on in their County.

Robbyn Metz asked if there would be any comment on the court ruling regarding mail in ballots and dates.

Ashley Weaver said she applauded Megan Sellers and Robbyn Metz on their speeches. She said she fully supports Pennsylvania Constitution article 1, section 5 and 7. She noted that she had sent an RTK request for copies of the chain of custody materials that Ms. Geesaman mentioned at the August 19 election board meeting. She commented that the response to her request was that no such documents exist. Ms. Weaver reiterated article 1, section 5 of Pennsylvania Constitution. She requested the Commissioners explain chain of custody and the ruling Ms. Metz asked about.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Campbell recognized the Wendy Welfley for 40 years of service to the residents of Perry County. Dave Magee, former Perry County Register & Recorder, stated that Wendy came to his office from other offices and he said she was a quality employee and very knowledgeable. Mr. Magee stated she was a great employee and was happy she was elected to the position of Register & Recorder. Commissioner Watson commented that she had worked with Ms. Welfley prior to being elected for many years and said working with her is educational and commented that she does a great job.

Commissioner Campbell presented a proclamation to members of the Perry County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorating the 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution and noted that it was Constitution Week. Kimberly Grundon stated that on September 17, 1787, 39 of the 55 delegates to Congress approved the Constitution. She said that they were so excited they ran out and rang church bells and said in honor of the signing, at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow bells will be rung across the nation. Ms. Grundon commented that every borough, most townships, Representative Stambaugh, Senator Rothman, and Governor Shapiro all signed a proclamation declaring this week Constitution Week and stated she would like the Commissioners to do the same. Bobbi Wertz Hoy, also representing the Perry County Daughters of the American Revolution, stated that the chapter would be starting a project that every September 17 would be noted by bells ringing in church towers. She said that at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Newport Lutheran Church, the church bell would be rung for one minute and then the preamble of the Constitution would be recited. Ms. Wertz Hoy commented that the event was open to the public and she encouraged everyone to attend.

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 MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention and Healthchoices for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$190,158 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$2,620,332 (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the software support agreement with Optical Storage Solutions Inc. for Landex in the amount of \$19,340. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Wendy Welfley, Register & Recorder, stated that this is yearly maintenance contract for the computer system for her office. She noted that some of the cost is covered by Records Improvement funds. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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  - o Weekend Alternative Program (rate increase of \$9.66) - \$202.86
  - o Center Point (rate increase of \$9.15) - \$192.17
  - o Center Point Plus (rate increase of \$10.96) - \$230.24
  - o Bridge Program (rate increase of \$2.49) - \$52.42

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Rebecca Radel, Ag Resource Specialist in the Soil Conservation District, effective September 27, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Bunt stated Wendy Welfley is recognized statewide as a go to person regarding the

offices of Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds, and Clerk of the Orphan's Court. He commented that she is highly respected and does a great job for the people of Perry County. Solicitor Bunt stated that over the weekend the Supreme Court vacated their previous decision and dates will need to be on mail-in ballots based on what he had read.

**Post Comments:** Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor, echoed the comments about Wendy Welfley. He said she was an integral part of the implementation of the UPI project with his department. He noted she has a team atmosphere and thanked her for her cooperation.

Dave Magee stated that he was honored to be able to speak about Ms. Welfley today. He said she has been with the County since Reagan was President and Terms of Endearment was best picture and won an academy award. He commented that she leads an intelligent team and makes her coworkers feel valued and important. He closed by reading that Wendy is a great asset to Perry County and he hoped she would continue for 40 more years.

Ashley Weaver thanked the individuals that spoke about Constitution Day. She asked if there would be a Zoom or live feed of the bells being rung. She thanked Commissioner Campbell for trying to get an answer to her chain of custody question. Ms. Weaver said it is vital to understand Article 1, Section 1 and 2 of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Faith Pundock questioned if the information about the Election Education Forum could be announced.

Sarah Geesaman stated that an Election Education Forum would be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 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

## Cumberland- Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission Contracts

Provider	Service	23/24	24/25	Rate increase	Percent Increase
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Allenwood)	\$360.00	\$371.00	\$11.00	3%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Allenwood)	\$310.00	\$325.00	\$15.00	5%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Allenwood)	\$323.00	\$336.00	\$13.00	4%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Cove Forge)	\$344.00	\$363.00	\$19.00	6%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Cove Forge)	\$284.00	\$303.00	\$19.00	7%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Cove Forge)	\$338.00	\$362.00	\$24.00	7%
White Deer Run	2.5 Partial Activity 852A (Adult) (Cove Forge)	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$0.00	0%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Lancaster)	\$355.00	\$379.00	\$24.00	7%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Lancaster)	\$323.00	\$352.00	\$29.00	9%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Lancaster)	\$335.00	\$361.00	\$26.00	8%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (Lehigh)	\$364.00	\$382.00	\$18.00	5%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (Lehigh)	\$280.00	\$297.00	\$17.00	6%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (Lehigh)	\$313.00	\$325.00	\$12.00	4%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (New Perspectives)	\$344.00	\$379.00	\$35.00	10%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (New Perspectives)	\$262.00	\$272.00	\$10.00	4%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (New Perspectives)	\$283.00	\$301.00	\$18.00	6%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (York-Davies) Female	\$425.00	\$463.00	\$38.00	9%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (York-Davies) Female	\$343.00	\$361.00	\$18.00	5%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (York-Davies) Female	\$418.00	\$439.00	\$21.00	5%
White Deer Run	3.7 WM Activity 823A (York-Zion) Male	\$315.00	\$331.00	\$16.00	5%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Adult Activity 823B (York-Zion) Male	\$244.00	\$263.00	\$19.00	8%
White Deer Run	3.5 High Enhanced Activity 823B (York-Zion) Male	\$275.00	\$299.00	\$24.00	9%
White Deer Run	2.5 Partial Activity 852A (Adult) (York)	\$122.00	\$122.00	\$0.00	0%

### FY 2023/2024 MH/IDD contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE TRAINING AND MARKETING LLC	EI23-0071	INCR	\$71,460	<b>\$73,686</b>	\$2,226
Amendment for FY 23-24					
EI Services - Language interpretation					
MARANATHA - CARLISLE	HC23-0012	INCR	\$81,000	<b>\$116,472</b>	\$35,472
Amendment for FY 23-24					
HC Services - Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)					

### FY 2024/2025 MH/IDD contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
AHEDD INC	ID24-0017	DECR	\$10,317	<b>\$5,230</b>	(\$5,087)
Renewal for FY 24-25					

IDD Services - Supported employment					
FOCUS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INC	ID24-0189	SAME	\$25,659	<b>\$25,659</b>	-
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - In-home and community supports					
GENEVA WORLDWIDE INC	MH24-0090	INCR	\$7,500	<b>\$8,000</b>	\$500
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI/IDD/MH Services - Language interpretation					
NEW VISIONS INC	MH24-0006	DECR	\$5,100,779	<b>\$2,581,443</b>	(\$2,519,336)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
MH Services - Consumer driven; housing support; residential; social rehabilitation					