

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

August 26, 2024

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

R. Franklin Campbell – Chairman
Brenda L. Watson – Vice Chairman
William G. Lyons – Secretary
Shannon Hines – Chief Clerk

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Ed Albright, Gabrielle Brandt, Andrew Burke, Jeff Garman, Kathy Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jason Harvey, Wayne Leshar, Taira Little, Amber Martin, Darla McNaughton, Robbyn Metz, Carol Moyer, Jedd Nessinger, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Alyson Thebes, Randy Waggoner, Ashley Weaver

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 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 stated that there would be no Commissioners' meeting next week due to the Labor Day holiday.

Public Comments: Larry Reisinger commended the Commissioners on the broadband internet accomplishments. He also wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

Rich Pluta said he represented the Economic Development Authority at the broadband event last week and said it was great to see state and federal officials, as well as business executives all together commenting on the how good the County did to secure funding. Mr. Pluta noted that broadband is lacking in Perry County and he said everyone was so excited to help the County with this issue. He recognized Commissioner Watson for her efforts in bringing broadband to Perry County and the public private partnership she facilitated. Mr. Pluta commented that one takeaway is that the state and federal officials and business people want to help Perry County and the broadband effort impressed them, so keep it up. He also stated that Perry County is lucky to have three Commissioners working together and doing a great job.

Taira Little, from the Chamber of Commerce, noted Commissioner Watson's years of hard work to bring broadband service to the underserved western part of Perry County and thanked her for her efforts.

Ashley Weaver said the video feed was not working for her as she could not see anyone in the room.

Alyson Thebes stated she could see everyone via the video feed.

Kathy Garman also said she can see the video feed. She thanked the Commissioners for making broadband accessible to everyone.

Robbyn Metz commented that she can see everyone as well. She thanked the Commissioners for their efforts on broadband. She recommended the County homepage link on broadband be updated with the most recent information. Ms. Metz said she hearing a lot of questions from the community regarding broadband and listed some of the questions she has heard. She recommended that the questions with answers be placed on the County website.

Wayne Leshar said kudos on the agenda for the details on it. He reiterated his kudos to Commissioner Watson for the broadband efforts. Mr. Leshar said that since he cannot get an answer to his question on why Solicitor

Bunt can participate in County benefits, he asked Bill Bunt how this can happen. He stated that he does not understand why he cannot get an answer to this question and said the floor was Bill Bunt's to answer.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 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 \$769,854.66. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell stated that the financial overview document was attached to the agenda for review. He noted the following:

- As of July 31st, 58% of the year has been completed and revenue equaled 59% and expenditures are only at 40%
- The left side of the document is calculated on an accrual basis and the right side of the document is on a cash basis
- Funds are kept in interest bearing accounts when possible

Commissioner Campbell thanked the department heads for being fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to allocate approve the FY 2025/2026 Children & Youth budget. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Kristie Gantt, Director of Children & Youth, noted that a public hearing was held on Friday to discuss the expenditures. Commissioner Campbell stated that the total budget was \$7,072,537 and said that the County commitment totaled \$1,501,072.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the Child Welfare Information System Data Sharing Agreement. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that this is how the department communicates with the state. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Professional & Administrative Services Agreement for CDBG FY 2023. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that the agreement totals \$57,900 including environmental reviews and labor standard fees. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the agreement with Judy Parrish for Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program services with the Perry County Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell said it was a \$35/session cost. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement with Theresa Sellers for registered nursing services for the Perry County Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$629,233 (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 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$972,375 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10 approving the submission of a STMP grant. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11 establishing the rate of compensation for tax

collectors. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Carol Moyer, representing the late Peter Thompson, said the tax collectors appreciate the consideration on the matter. Commissioner Campbell noted that the last increase was in 2017.

Employee Status: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Shatto to the position of Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective August 27, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$22.21. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Brittany Fisher, Part Time Custodian, in the Chief Clerk's Department effective August 30, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously. Shannon Hines thanked Ms. Fisher for her service to the County and wished her well.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the promotion of Jacob Eshleman to the position of Caseworker 2 in the Children & Youth Services Department effective August 27, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$23.27. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the letter from Ashley Kramer, Deputy Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, rescinding her resignation. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor, said the first round of data verification mailers have gone out and said they cover the northeast part of the County. He said any calls regarding the mailer should be directed to the Reassessment Office and commented that signage would be posted in the building directing the public to the office if anyone brings the mailers back in person.

Ashley Weaver gave a shout out to Commissioner Lyons for reaching out to her after her request at last week's meeting regarding combatting the opioid crisis. She said she will be unable to attend the next Election Board meeting and asked if Ms. Geesaman could explain the chain of custody process.

Robbyn Metz stated that as a follow up to her previous comments on updating the broadband information on the County website. She said that several news outlets reported that the area receiving broadband services was Newport and Duncannon which is not the western end of the County. Ms. Metz thanked Commissioner Campbell for the explanation on the financial statement today and also for his time speaking with her and Gabrielle Brandt about their questions.

Wayne Leshner commented that he appreciated the temporary clarity on some things but once again asked Bill Bunt how he can participate in County benefits. He said he does not know why someone cannot answer this question. Mr. Leshner asked if any independent contractor can be on County insurance.

Jedd Nessinger questioned the MH/IDD United Cerebral Palsy of Central PA contracts on the agenda. He asked why a fiscal year 23/24 contract was just being approved now. Mr. Nessinger also questioned why the fiscal year 23/24 and fiscal year 24/25 contracts had a \$200,000 difference between the years.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

FY 23/24 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	ID23-0001	INCR	\$435,784	\$629,233	\$193,449
Amendment for FY 23-24					
IDD Services - Agency-with-choice administration; community links/employment first;					
community participation support; companion; in-home and community supports; PY					
retained earnings (residential and technology); residential; respite; transportation					

FY 24/25 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
EASTER SEALS WESTERN AND CENTRAL PA INC	EI24-0037	INCR	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$3,000
Renewal for FY 24-25					
EI Services - American Sign Language interpretation					
TUMMY TIME ACADEMY	EI24-0116	NEW	\$ -	\$20,000	\$20,000
New for FY 24-25					
EI Services - Occupational and physical therapies					
THE ARC OF CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES	ID24-0031	DECR	\$430,276	\$347,194	(\$83,082)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Community participation support; family education; in-home and community					
supports; residential; supported employment					
BELLO NURSES LLC	ID2400192	INCR	\$1,728	\$6,415	\$4,687
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - In-home and community supports					

BLOOM HUMAN SERVICES LLC	ID24-0181	DECR	\$80,075	\$54,526	(\$25,549)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Companion; in-home and community supports					
KEYSTONE SERVICE SYSTEMS INC	ID24-0013	NEW	\$ -	\$35,219	\$ 35,219
New for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Residential					
LIVING UNLIMITED INC	ID24-0121	SAME	3,439	3,439	\$ -
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Supported employment					
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL PA INC	ID24-0001	INCR	\$435,784	\$478,238	\$42,454
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Agency-with-choice administration; community links/employment first;					
community participation support; in-home and community supports; residential; respite;					
transportation					
YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DBA RABBITTRANSIT	ID24-0157	DECR	\$23,920	\$19,344	(\$4,576)
Renewal for FY 24-25					
IDD Services - Transportation					

Perry County
 2024 Final General Fund Budget and Revenue and Expenditures
 31-Jul-24

Perry County
 Cash/Investment Balances as of 7/31/2024
 TOTAL Unrestricted Cash/Investment Balances - 29,587,662

2024 General Fund Budget Summary

CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS FOR CASH/INVESTMENT BALANCES:

General Government	YTD	Broadband	6,400,000
Judicial Government	REVENUE	Building (New or Consolidation) plus Feasibility Study	6,900,000
Public Safety	2024	Infrastructure Bank	2,000,000
	14,706,447.46	Digital Records - Various Offices	400,000
	411,880.75	Public Defender's Office Reorganization	250,000
	703,159.12	Economic Development	3,000,000
Total Revenue	<u>15,821,487.33</u>	Farmland Preservation	250,000
		New Software System	500,000
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	YTD	Security Measures on County Occupied Properties	500,000
General Government	EXPENDITURES	2024 Budget Deficit	3,100,000
Judicial Government	2024	Fund Balance Policy - Maintain at least 10% of CY General	2,700,000
Public Safety	4,202,139.92	Fund Expenditures on Hand	
Veterans Affairs	2,044,985.48	Unrestricted/Unassigned Funds	3,587,662
AG Extension	4,368,103.36		
	54,982.68		
	5,705.90		
Total Expenditures	<u>10,675,917.34</u>	Total Assignments of Cash/Investment Balances	<u>29,587,662</u>