

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
November 18, 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: Malinda Anderson, Tim Bassett, Rich Fultz, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Taira Little, Darla McNaughton, Jed Nessinger, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Megan Sellers, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Dave Unger, Ashley Weaver, Brian Weidow

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on November 18, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County, Paul Wyatt, and Jed Nessinger.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Watson stated that the local municipal bridge project is now in PennDOT's site phase. She said an engineer will be reviewing the bridges to determine needs.

Commissioner Watson provided a broadband update. She commented that the Broadband Authority has released the maps that counties need to use. She said she has been working on the application for two and a half weeks and now all the addresses need to match the maps. Commissioner Watson said broadband updates will be posted on the website as they occur, but stated there may not be updates each week based on deadlines.

Commissioner Watson congratulated the West Perry field hockey team for being 2024 state champions. She commented that when the team bus and parade came through the town it showed community support and it is a great day to live in a small community.

Commissioner Campbell thanked Commissioner Watson for her work on the broadband project and also seconded her congratulations to the West Perry field hockey team.

Commissioner Lyons said he had attended many of the field hockey games over the years and congratulated them on their accomplishment. He also noted the large amount of work on broadband.

Commissioner Lyons stated that on November 6th his farm hosted the land judging contest. He noted that all four schools attended and the students were attentive.

Commissioner Lyons commented that he had got to tour the mental health crisis center at 1100 Cameron Street. He said the ribbon cutting was scheduled for December 3rd and would officially open on December 4th. He commented that the center would be an asset to the three counties involved in the project.

Commissioner Campbell said the facility was well thought out. He also stated that there would be no Commissioners' meeting on Monday, November 25th due to attendance at a County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania conference.

Public Comments: Malinda Anderson said the final walk through with DCNR, who provided the grant funds for the project, would be taking place the next day at the community park. She noted that an ADA handrail still needed to be installed and the Borough would be absorbing the cost as it was not covered by the grant. Ms. Anderson also stated that a special meeting was being held that evening to appoint a mayor to serve the remaining term of the late Ed Albright.

Larry Reisinger wished everyone a great Thanksgiving. He congratulated the West Perry field hockey team and noted that the Greenwood girls were also in the running until the end.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 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 \$662,787.82. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell said proposals would be opened for aerial photography. Dave Unger, GIS Mapper, stated that the County had solicited for proposals to have aerial photography flown in the spring of 2025 as the previous flight was in 2022. He said having the flight done in the spring will provide the updated imagery by late spring/early summer next year. Mr. Unger stated that with the countywide reassessment going on, having the updated imagery was important so it can be used for the appeal process and by the Assessment Office. He said the flight is flown based on specifications that are certified to be used for assessment purposes. He noted that the software has measuring tools and will show new construction or demolished buildings.

Solicitor Bunt opened the one proposal that was received. He stated that the proposal was from Pictometry International Corporation dba Eagleview for the contract price of \$158,640. He recommended that the proposal be reviewed by the Tax Assessment Office for compliance and then be acted upon at the December 2nd meeting.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the following appointments to the Perry County Conservation District Board. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell and Watson approved. Commissioner Lyons abstained. Motion carried.

- Marsha Snyder – Farmer Director
- William Lyons – Commissioner

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

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Cumberland-Perry MH/IDD contracts for mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$165,543 (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the proposal from Summit Correctional Services for food management services at the Perry County Prison. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell said Summit's pricing was lowest at all meal levels and it was recommended. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13 approving the application for a Local Share Assessment grant for a fleet upgrade project. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that the average age of the County vehicle fleet is about 12 years old. He said the grant would help replace many of the aged vehicles. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Tara Collier to the position of District Manager of the Perry County Conservation District effective November 19, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$31.68. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Dalene Wentz to the position of Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk's Department effective November 19, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$12.25.

Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Troutman, Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective November 22, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Ashley Weaver thanked the Commissioners for acknowledging the West Perry students and for Larry Reisinger mentioning Greenwood students. She said the Sheriff's Department and Pennsylvania State Police are amazing because on election day there were issues and they came in and made sure the community was safe. She said last week she commented on the Sheriff's Department vehicle not being approved and asked if the purchase could be approved. Ms. Weaver stated that the Election Board meeting was being held virtually and asked why the Commissioners' meeting was not virtual as well.

Jed Nessinger asked if the grant (item 11) will be for vehicles going to the Sheriff's Department. He asked if the Commissioner will decide how the grant funds will be allocated for vehicles. Mr. Nessinger asked who recommended the prison food service vendor. He questioned which five bridges are part of the municipal bridge project.

Megan Sellers asked if property owners will be able to request the aerial images or if it for government use only. Dave Unger said the updated imagery would be available on the County website, but the dimension will not be. Ms. Sellers asked if property owners can get the dimension information and Mr. Unger said they can. She also said that the Sheriff vehicle should be a priority. She stated that she reached out on November 6th but had not received a response. Ms. Sellers asked if the Commissioners are being told not to respond to her and stated all other questions were answered during the meeting, but hers and she is treated differently. She asked why counting was stopped after the bomb threat was cleared on election day. She also asked if ballots are being live surveilled and if it is 24/7. Ms. Sellers said she is looking for open conversations and dialogue. She commented on her right to know appeal that she won and stated if there is nothing to hide there should be transparency. Ms. Sellers said she is not the enemy.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

2024/2025 Children & Youth Purchase of Service Agreements

Abraxas-CYS/JPO – Levels from \$370.76 - \$543.56/day

Adelphoi Village- CYS/JPO-Levels from \$354.32--\$1,132.46/day

Bair Foundation- CYS- Levels from \$74.97-\$175.00/day

Children's Aid Society of Franklin Cty- CYS/JPO-Levels from \$62.78-\$245.03/day

Clear Vision Residential – CYS- \$224.49/day

Community Specialists Corp- CYS/JPO- Levels from \$330.23-\$423.70/day

Concern- CYS/JPO- Levels from \$67.31- \$362.35/day

Diakon-CYS/JPO-Levels from \$46.00-\$101.63/day

Diversified Treatment Alt- CYS/JPO- \$581.56/day

Families United Network-CYS- Levels from \$21.79-\$282.54/day

Family Care for C& Y- CYS- Levels from \$37.87-\$75.67/day

George Junior Republic – CYS/JPO – Levels from \$82.94- \$730.99/day

Hoffman Homes- CYS-Levels from \$425.00-\$888.99/day

PA Child- CYS/JPO- Levels from \$102.96- \$216.44/day

Pathways—CYS—Levels from \$253.70--\$615.00/day

Pinkney’s Vineyard of Faith Min.- CYS- Levels from \$55.45- \$293.07/day

Summit Academy –CYS/JPO—Levels from \$281.03-\$795.45/day

The Board of Childcare-CYS- \$540.00/day

Valley Youth House-CYS- Levels from \$266.10-\$577.67/day

White Deer Run/Cove Prep-CYS/JPO-\$390.76/day

FY 2024/2025 MH/IDD Contract

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION DBA DEVEREUX ADVANCED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	ID24-0009	INCR	\$150,906	\$165,543	\$14,637
Renewal for FY 24-25 IDD Services - Residential					
DAUPHIN COUNTY	MH23-0096	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	
MOU amendment between Cumberland, Perry, and Dauphin Counties to identify additional					
HealthChoices funding of \$1,000,000 for the regional crisis program. Total funding for regional crisis program is \$18,593,364					
(\$13,093,364 ARPA/CMHSBG plus HealthChoices reinvestments of \$5,500,000)					
