

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION
December 23, 2024

Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:

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

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Tony Campbell, Jack Carroll, Noah Cline, Jim Frank, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Jason Harvey, Brenda Illiff, Robbyn Metz, Dave Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Bob Ressler, Ryan Simon, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 23, 2024 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. Marty Smith, Maintenance Director, stated that four years ago Nick Shawver passed away in a snowmobile accident and asked that he be remembered. The meeting was recorded by the County, Robbyn Metz, and Paul Wyatt.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Campbell stated that the recently held blood drive was a success and the Red Cross provided positive feedback as well. He also noted that a blood drive was also held at the Masonic Lodge.

Public Comments: Robbyn Metz stated that the 2025 budget was on the agenda for action. She said the last balance sheet was from July 2023 and noted that this is not the same as the incomplete financial statements which are provided monthly. She questioned how the Commissioners can pass a budget without an updated balance sheet. Ms. Metz further stated that the 2023 audit is not complete and per the State it should be done within six months of the end of the fiscal year. She said via a right to know a check was bounced and noted that County investments are not monitored for the best rates. She commented on a \$2.5 million cd rolling over into a lower interest rate. She questioned what amount of interest has been lost on County investments. Ms. Metz said that the chief fiscal officer received a 14% pay increase and the County is still using a contracting firm with no balance sheet, audit completion, or investment management. She stated that the public's confidence is shaken.

Wayne Leshar asked if the \$30,000 paid to ZA is per month or per year. He said the Commissioners treat the public like children and said he can't believe they treat people like this. Mr. Leshar stated that instead of pacifying the public the Commissioners should come clean. He said he had his company's balance sheet and his balances, while the County's does not. He asked about the County's investment policy and asked about interest funds being lost by having funds in one bank. He questioned who the Commissioners ask for advice. Mr. Leshar said that to pass the budget with no discussion is ridiculous. He further commented that if the presentation by ZA is considered public discussion, then the Commissioners are not fit for their position.

Larry Reisinger stated that he did not plan to make a comment but said that Jan Gibboney is very knowledgeable about banking and investments. He said while he was in office he tried to use him and hopes that the Commissioners are using him to guide their investments.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to adopt the 2025 proposed County budget. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-14 which sets the 2025 millage rate on taxable

real estate at 4.5625 mils and noted it was unchanged. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to set the medical insurance premium share for non-bargaining unit employees at 11%. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that this sets the premium share at the same rate for all employees. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the renewal from Thomson Reuters for online Westlaw access for the law library at a monthly cost of \$1,044.49. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the reappointment of Becky Smiley to the Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission Community Advisory Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that she will be serving as chair of that board. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the following opioid settlement fund allocations:

- Perry County Prison MAT Program - \$30,000
- Prevention & Student Assistance Services - \$95,907
- Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Services - \$29,000
- Paramedicine Outreach Program - \$28,300

Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Jack Carroll, from Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, stated that the first three allocations are continuation of programs. He noted that that the Prison program will be funded through 2025. Mr. Carroll stated that Perry Human Services provides the prevention and student program and the funds will cover an 18-month period. He further said the opioid treatment services are specifically for Perry County residents that cannot pay for treatment and will cover 18 months. Mr. Carroll commented that the outreach program is new and will train paramedics to do overdose follow up visits to do an intervention and refer to treatment. Wayne Leshar asked how people can access the programs and Mr. Carroll said to call Perry Human Services. Commissioner Lyons thanked Jack Carroll for his 44 years of service to the Commission and noted his guidance and wisdom in his role. Wes Smith said that Jack and his team are providing Narcan to the EMS units in the County and said he appreciated all his hard work. Commissioner Watson said it had been a pleasure working with Mr. Carroll and appreciated everything he has done for Perry County. Commissioner Campbell said Jack Carroll is a wealth of knowledge and his shoes will be hard to fill. Commissioner Campbell called for the vote. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Mental Health for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$1,191,999 (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the agreement with the Perry County Community Fair Association for acceptance of the Local Share Account Grant. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the agreement with Summit Food Service LLC for food services at the Perry County Prison. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and noted that we will need to watch this contract closely. Warden Harvey stated that the services need to go out for bid due to the current vendor not being able to abide by the cost calculation of the contract. He also noted that the current food service staff would be retained by the new vendor. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement with Mission Critical Partners for consulting services for the 911 Center at a cost of \$54,862.20. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Wes Smith, Deputy Director 911/EMA, stated that Mission Critical is the consultant used to keep the 911 funds on track due

to the strict regulations. He also noted that the cost for this service is covered by the 911 restricted fund account. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Heather Crockett to the position of Full Time Dispatcher Trainee in the 911 Center effective January 12, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.61. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Alex Kolivras to the position of Full Time Dispatcher Trainee in the 911 Center effective January 12, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.61. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the termination of Gavin Dobyms, Part Time Deputy, in the Sheriff's Office effective December 9, 2024. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Helen Britcher, Fiscal Assistance, at Children & Youth Services effective December 27, 2024. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Tony Campbell said he was glad to see 911 trainees coming in but said he was disappointed in the hourly rate. He asked Commissioner Watson why she did not second the motion made by the Treasurer to move the pay grade of dispatchers. Mr. Campbell said worked in the public and commented that if someone was doing a better job than they got a pay increase. He said if you want a pay increase you work for it. He stated that in government it is not that way. Mr. Campbell said that the funds to pay the dispatchers more come from 911 funds not tax money. He further stated that if County employees feel the dispatchers make too much money than they should become dispatchers. He said people should be taught to work for want they want. Mr. Campbell said last week the Conservation District hired new employees and he was not aware they needed a bachelors degree for the job. He asked if their degrees were in a related field.

Robbyn Metz formally requested that virtual access to meetings be reinstated. She said virtual access costs nothing to provide. She commented that removing virtual access deters public participation. Ms. Metz said the Commissioners had stated very little people had reached out about virtual meetings but asked if those little people's voices do not matter. She commented that after the Commissioners' meeting a Salary Board meeting was scheduled and she said she hopes the 911 first responders pay be addressed. Ms. Metz asked when an update on the feasibility study would be given.

Wayne Leshar asked what does a draft feasibility study actually mean. He questioned what the starting pay rate of a 911 dispatcher was. He further asked what pay the trainees receive when they move to a dispatcher. Mr. Leshar said the Treasurer proposed moving the 911 dispatchers from a grade 5 to a 6 and asked if this would be fully funded by 911 accounts. He asked why it matters how it affects the other departments and questioned if the same consideration was given when directors received raises.

Larry Reisinger wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeff Garman said there seems to be a lot of MH/IDD contracts and asked if they are all different.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Campbell wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 2024/2025 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
AURORA SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES	MH24-0015	INCR	\$ 71,116	\$ 142,232	\$ 71,116
Amendment for FY 24-25 to extend contract to June 30th and fund for full FY					
MH Services - Social rehabilitation					
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	MH24-0002	INCR	\$ 132,354	\$ 224,708	\$ 92,354
Amendment for FY 24-25 to extend contract to June 30th and fund for full FY					
MH Services - Housing support					
KEYSTONE SERVICE SYSTEMS INC	MH24-0009	INCR	\$ 595,371	\$ 682,971	\$ 87,600
Amendment for FY 24-25 to extend contract to June 30th and fund for full FY					
MH Services - Residential					
YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DBA RABBITTRANSIT	MH24-0075	INCR	\$ 71,044	\$ 142,088	\$ 71,044
Amendment for FY 24-25 to extend contract to June 30th and fund for full FY					
MH Services - Family support (transportation)					