

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

February 3, 2025

**Present at the meeting were
Commissioners:**

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

Present from the Press: Paul Wyatt

Present from the Public: Andrew Burke, Rich Fultz, Kristie Gantt, Sarah Geesaman, Darla McNaughton, Robbyn Metz, Michelle Orris, Larry Reisinger, Bob Ressler, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Ashley Weaver, Brian Weidow

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 3, 2025 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. He asked attendees to remember the lives lost in last week's tragedies and their families. The meeting was recorded by Robbyn Metz and the County.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Campbell commented on a news article stating that homicides numbers are down in all neighboring counties, except Dauphin. He said in 2023 there were no homicides in Perry County.

Public Comments: Ashley Weaver thanked the Commissioners for putting ZOOM and posting of meetings on the agenda. She asked if the Commissioners would be upholding PA Constitution Article 1 Section 7 freedom of speech as well. Solicitor Bunt stated that the position is that the County does abide by the First Amendment and the Constitution of the United States. He said the Commissioners are considering action to record the meetings so that it is more accessible to the public not able to attend in person.

Approval of the Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve recording the Commissioners' meetings. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Solicitor Bunt said the motion should also address how the recording will be made available to the public. Commissioner Campbell stated that the video recording will be posted on the County website each week. Robbyn Metz asked if it would be live or after the meeting. She also asked if it is after the fact, how long will the video be posted. Commissioner Watson said that the recording will be posted after the meeting and will stay posted until the next meeting, at which point a new recording will be posted. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Campbell recognized Wes Smith for 20 years of service to the County. Rich Fultz stated that Wes Smith goes above and beyond his regular County job duties. He noted his duties include EMA, 911, LEPC, EMS Strategic Committee and he also volunteers at the Blain Fire Company and Ambulance.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contract for Early Intervention for fiscal year 2023/2024 in the total amount of \$5,439 (attached). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that this expense was due to late billing. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$2,727,957 (attached). Commissioner Lyons second the motion. Commissioner Campbell said that the expenses were due to additional services for Cumberland and Perry counties and are user driven. He also noted it was a decrease. All agreed. Motion carried

unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the software service agreement with Tyler Technologies for fiscal system software in the amount of \$245,416. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that the software was to improve the efficiency of the fiscal office and was budgeted. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: None

Post Comments: Sarah Geesaman recognized Wes Smith for his help with elections and constable trainings.

Robbyn Metz thanked the Commissioners for the action to record and post the meeting videos. She said it is reaching people and it is not all negative.

Ashley Weaver said Wes Smith is an amazing person and people speak very highly of him. She thanked the Commissioners for passing the video recording action and makes the Constitution much stronger.

Randy Waggoner said he just received a copy of a proposed piece of legislation for mandated cyclical reassessments. He stated that he sits as a co-chair on the Assessors Association Reassessment Committee and said they have been asked to review the proposed legislation. He said a ZOOM meeting would be held later this week regarding it. Robbyn Metz asked if funds would be provided to fund the mandate. Mr. Waggoner commented that there may be some funding made available and they are looking at putting the State Tax Equalization Board under the Department of Revenue. He said he will provide updates as he has information.

Comments from Press: None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

2023/2024 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
EASTER SEALS WESTERN AND CENTRAL PA INC	EI23-0037	INCR	\$5,000	\$5,439	\$439
<i>Amendment for FY 23-24 due to additional services</i>					
EI Services - American Sign Language interpretation					

2024/2025 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES INC	ID24-0191	INCR	\$5,000	\$15,918	\$10,918
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25 due to additional services</i>					
IDD Services - Supports coordination					
NHS STEVENS CENTER	MH24-0012	INCR	\$1,469,285	\$2,712,039	\$1,242,754
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25 to extend contract to June 30th and fund for full FY</i>					
MH Services - Administrative case management; assertive community treatment teams;					
consumer driven; family based, housing support; outpatient; partial hospitalization; peer					
support; psychiatric rehabilitation; residential; social rehabilitation; supported employment;					
targeted case management (ICM/RC)					