

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

March 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

**Present from the Press:** None

**Present from the Public:** Rich Fultz, Sarah Geesaman, Brooke Holley, Jed Nessinger, Michelle Orris, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Gary Raub, Corrin Ruggiero, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Brian Weidow

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 2025 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Updates/Announcements:** Commissioner Lyons stated that Perry County has a new 4-H Educator, Rachel Seeley, and her first day was today.

Commissioner Campbell said that they took part in the Junior Achievement Yes Program at Susquenita on Friday. He stated it was great to be able to provide educational enhancements and real-life experiences to the students. He further commented that they attended the Diamond Clover event for Mikayla Deiter and her project was AED units for the Perry County Softball leagues. He said a hands-on event was held at Otterbein Church and the Diamond Clover award is similar to the Eagle Scout program.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Campbell presented a Proclamation to Corrin Ruggiero from the Red Cross and announced that March is Red Cross month. He noted that the Red Cross relies heavily on volunteers and donations to provide lifesaving services. He commented that the Commissioners have partnered with the Red Cross and will continue to have blood drives in the County. Rich Fultz, EMA/911 Director, stated that the Red Cross has an excellent smoke alarm program and it has been done in Liverpool and Millerstown. He commented that he had them put smoke alarms in his home and it was great and encouraged attendees to utilize the program. Mr. Fultz said the Red Cross responds to those displaced from fires and are always looking for volunteers.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Juvenile Probation Services grant agreement in the amount of \$32,266. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Michelle Orris, Chief Probation Officer, noted that these are state funds that have been received annually after the submission of an implementation plan. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Brenda Illiff to serve on the Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Lyons said she was appointed to fill a vacancy for Perry County on the board. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention, Mental Health, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$5,598,864 (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that these were amendments to residential services. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of John Christensen, Telecommunicator Trainee in the 911 Center, effective February 25, 2025. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Seth Zorn to the position of Full Time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison, effective March 4, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$22.93. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None

**Post Comments:** Jed Nessinger stated that the last couple of times he has been through County buildings with his camera he has not had any problems with any employees. He said he does not know if employees have been directed or were educated on working in the public. Mr. Nessinger said he is excited to see this change, especially since the first time Commissioner Campbell tried to have him thrown out of the building for recording.

Randy Waggoner, Chief Assessor, commented that two thirds of the County have received their preliminary change of assessment notices and the remaining notices should be out around March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah Geesaman said petition time is still underway and March 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to collect signatures and file a petition. She further commented that there have been a lot of petitions filed and information is on the County website.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary

**FY 202/2025 MH/IDD Contracts**

<b>Provider / Summary of Services</b>	<b>Contract #</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Previous Contract Total</b>	<b>Current Contract Total</b>	<b>Increase / Decrease</b>
BABY AND ME LLC	EI24-0118	NEW	\$ -	\$ <b>12,000</b>	\$ 12,000
<i>New for FY 24-25</i>					
EI Services - Special instruction					
ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOR CONSULTANTS LLC	ID24-0134	INCR	\$ 5,000	\$ <b>7,000</b>	\$ 2,000
<i>New/Renewal for FY 24-25</i>					
IDD Services - Behavioral support					
NEW VISIONS INC	MH24-0006	INCR	\$ 5,057,133	\$ <b>5,579,864</b>	\$ 522,731
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25</i>					
MH Services - Consumer driven services; housing support; residential; social rehabilitation					