

COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

April 7, 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: Melissa Border, Kristie Carl, Brandi Clendenin, Rich Fultz, Sarah Geesaman, Maggie Gouse, Brooke Holley, Gerald Holman, Erin Larzelere, Donna McMillen, Darla McNaughton, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, John Sledzinski Jr., Wes Smith, Brian Weidow

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2025 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County and Paul Wyatt.

Updates/Announcements: Commissioner Watson stated that a Reassessment Townhall would be held on April 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Perry High School auditorium. She commented that the townhall would be an informational session about the reassessment process and would not be specific to any one property.

Commissioner Campbell said he participated in the Youth Art Day on Saturday and recognized the art talent of County students. He reminded attendees that the first round of public comments was for items on the agenda and the second round was for topics of general interest.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2025 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 \$973,739.66. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Business: Commissioner Campbell recognized the following employees for their service to the County:

- Erin Larzelere – Children & Youth Services – 10 years
- Margaret Gouse – Fiscal – 15 years

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the MH/IDD contracts for Early Intervention, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and Mental Health for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of \$3,217,026 (attached). Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that one was a new contract and the remaining were amendments to the current agreements. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. Marshals for per diem and transportation rates at the Perry County Prison. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that the per diem rate was increasing from \$75 to \$99 and the transportation rate was increasing from \$35 to \$44. He thanked Deputy Warden Basset and ZA for their work on getting the increased federal rates. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Status: Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Dalene Wentz, Part Time Custodian in the Chief Clerk’s Department, effective April 3, 2025. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the resignation of Nick Birbeck, Supervisor at the Children & Youth Services Department, effective April 18, 2025. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Kristie Gantt, Children & Youth Director, stated that Mr. Birbeck’s departure will leave a large hole in her department and while he will be missed, she wished him luck in his new endeavor. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Bunt stated he had the privilege of working with Mr. Birbeck as both a caseworker and supervisor at Children & Youth Services. He further commented that he was an asset to the department and, together with his fellow supervisors, have handled some very challenging cases over the past couple of years. Solicitor Bunt said he will be missed and recognized the two good supervisors remaining in the department, Megan Radel and Erin Larzelere.

Post Comments: Gerald Holman stated that tax collector hours for taking tax payments are not always convenient for tax payers and more than a two-hour window should be offered. He said he mailed his taxes in last year and due to getting lost in the mail he had a 10% penalty imposed. Mr. Holman reiterated that tax collectors should have more than a two-hour window to accept tax payments.

Comments from Press: None

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

Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

William G. Lyons, Secretary

2024/2025 MH/IDD Contracts

Provider / Summary of Services	Contract #	Status	Previous Contract Total	Current Contract Total	Increase / Decrease
BARBARA WEBER, MS, CCC-SLP	EI24-0080	INCR	\$7,773	\$12,254	\$4,481
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25</i>					
EI Services - Speech therapy					
THE ARC OF CUMBERLAND AND PERRY COUNTIES	ID24-0031	INCR	\$347,194	\$394,518	\$47,324
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25</i>					
IDD Services - Community participation support; family support; in-home and community					
supports; residential; supported employment					

RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATES, P.C.	ID24-0005	INCR	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$6,000
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25</i>					
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)					
HEATHER TESKA STOEHR, MS	ID24-0190	INCR	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25</i>					
IDD Services - Behavioral support (psychological evaluations)					
WORK OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED CONTRACTS, INC.	ID24-0195	NEW	\$ -	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>New for FY 24-25</i>					
IDD Services - Supported employment					
NHS STEVENS CENTER	MH24-0012	INCR	\$2,712,039	\$2,787,254	\$75,215
<i>Amendment for FY 24-25</i>					
MH Services - Administrative case management; assertive community treatment teams;					
community employment; consumer driven (half year); family based; housing support; outpatient;					
partial hospitalization; peer support; psychiatric rehabilitation (half year); residential; social					
rehabilitation; targeted case management					