

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

April 14, 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:** None

**Present from the Public:** Melissa Border, Kristie Gantt, Jeff Garman, Sarah Geesaman, Brooke Holley, Darla McNaughton, Robbyn Metz, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Dave Pundock, Faith Pundock, Larry Reisinger, Bob Ressler, Marty Smith, Wes Smith, Randy Waggoner, Brian Weidow

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 14, 2025 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Updates/Announcements:** Commissioner Watson commented that a Reassessment Townhall would be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the West Perry High School Auditorium. She said that the reassessment process would be discussed and not individual properties. She further stated that she had been speaking with legislators over the past two weeks regarding Perry County's broadband application. Commissioner Watson said the application was for \$24 million dollars of broadband funding and she hopes to hear back on the status in the next two and a half to three weeks.

Commissioner Lyons said he had attended CPR training last Friday with employees. He thanked Kevin McMullen and Adam Briggs for instructing the class. He also commented that he had attended the Tunnel to Towers event last week focused on housing for disabled veterans and first responders.

Commissioner Campbell stated that the Tunnel to Towers organization started small but has grown significantly. He commented that he, Rich Fultz, and Wes Smith had visited the Juniata County Commissioners to thank them for the assistance they provided to the 911 Center last year.

**Public Comments:** Robbyn Metz asked if attendees at the reassessment townhall would be able to ask questions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the quote from Mike Cleck Paving for blacktop repair at the Perry County Prison at a cost of \$7,350. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Marth Smith, Maintenance Director, stated that the quote was to repair five blacktop areas and noted the safety issue as four of the areas are where people walk. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the 2025/2026 Children & Youth contract (below). Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Kristie Gantt, Children & Youth Director, stated that the contract was for the mandated case and data management system that allows communication with the State system and other counties. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

- Avanco (CAPS Data System) - \$28,919.56 annual (increase of \$1,660.10)

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the agreement amendment with Aging Well PA. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell stated that this was for the Area Aging Office and was for

recalculation of rates. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the resignation of Glenn Holliman as co-chair of the Perry County America 250 Committee. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell thanked Mr. Holliman for his efforts. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Gabrielle Appleby to the position of Clerk in the Public Defender's Office effective May 6, 2025 at an hourly rate of \$15.03. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** None

**Post Comments:** Wes Smith stated that Telecommunicators Week had just began and recognized the work they do. He also stated that the Emergency Health Services Federation would be hosting EMT classes at the West Perry New Bloomfield Elementary. He thanked West Perry School District for the use of the building and said anyone interested in the class should reach out to their local EMS organization.

**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.

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Shannon Hines, Chief Clerk

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William G. Lyons, Secretary