

## COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION

June 15, 2026

**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:** Donald Brown, David Council, Rich Fultz, Sarah Geesaman, Dave Hammar, Taira Little, Darla McNaughton, Michelle Orris, Rich Pluta, Ashley Weaver

Commissioner Campbell opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 15, 2026 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded by the County.

**Updates/Announcements:** Commissioner Watson stated that the Commissioners had attended a public jazz concert in Liverpool over the weekend. She said it was nice to see the community using the new outdoor space for the event, as it was part of the downtown revitalization projects.

Commissioner Lyons noted that many individuals attended the concert even though it was a hot day.

Commissioner Campbell commented that it was a nice event and it was good to see what the community had done in their town center through the efforts of the EDA and Liverpool's Downtown Committee.

**Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) Public Hearing:** Chief Clerk Hines stated this was the first hearing regarding the 2026/2027 HSDF funds. She noted that this fund is part of the Human Services Block Grant, and allots \$50,000 to the County for human service needs. She said in the past the funds had been used for transportation services, life skills services, counseling, and food services for those that are food insecure. Chief Clerk Hines commented that the County had received the following five funding requests:

1. Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank - \$14,000 (supplemental food services for seniors, children, individuals, and families within the County who are food insecure)
2. Disabled American Veterans Chapter 49 - \$9,000 (Veteran's in Need Program and Transportation Program)
3. Perry Human Services - \$6,000 (Homeless Assistance and Emergency Shelter programs)
4. Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission - \$12,000 (drug and alcohol treatment programs for Perry County residents)
5. Join Hands Ministry Inc. - \$12,500 (financial literacy program)

She said the current requests total \$53,500 and noted that \$50,000 is the funding amount that will be received and noted that this amount has not changes for many years. Chief Clerk Hines stated that no action was required and said if there are any organizations that offer human services and are interested in the funding, to please call the Commissioners' Office. She commented that a second hearing would take place at a later date and at that public hearing the Commissioners would make their funding allocations. Chief Clerk Hines said that the second hearing would take place at the beginning of the Commissioners' meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>. She asked for any questions.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Warrant List(s):** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the warrant lists totaling \$795,763.97. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Recognition:** Commissioner Campbell recognized the following employees for their service to the County:

Donald Brown (Sheriff's Office) – 5 years  
Denielle Urich (Duncannon MDJ Office) – 10 years  
Brian Weidow (Probation Office) – 15 years

Michelle Orris, Chief Probation Officer stated that Mr. Weidow is a valuable employee and a great Deputy Chief.

**Meeting Business:** Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the agreement with Perry Human Services for a certified recovery specialist at the Perry County Prison. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Commissioner Lyons stated that there is already a recovery specialist at the Prison, but the current agreement is between Perry Human Services and Cumberland-Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission. He further stated that opioid funds are used to pay for this program and said it made sense to have a direct agreement between Perry Human Services and the County to utilize the funds. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the appointment of Rian Peters to the position of full time Correctional Officer at the Perry County Prison effective June 16, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$24.43. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. Commissioner Campbell noted that this employee was transitioning from part time to full time. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons made a motion to approve the appointment of Aubree Myers to the position of full time Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office effective June 29, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$21.36. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Post Comments:** Ashley Weaver stated that on May 19<sup>th</sup> the Perry County Special Olympics took place at West Perry. She said it was a wonderful event and all the students and volunteers did a great job. She provided information on the Peyton Walker Foundation which focuses on getting AED machines into rural areas. Ms. Weaver said she would provide the Foundation Director's contact information to the Commissioners to help non-profits and business get AEDs. She commented that she helps with Green Light Operation and Justice House of Hope, both focused on stopping human trafficking. Ms. Weaver said that Green Light Operation is in need of volunteers and they are also having classes on identifying human trafficking and noted that this occurs more in rural areas than urban areas. She commented that they are holding an event on July 9<sup>th</sup>. She said she coordinated communication between Wreaths Across America and West Perry High School and an event is planned for July 13<sup>th</sup> to help learn about military history. Commissioner Campbell noted that there was a 4-H student that organized AED machines at local ball fields and questioned if this was part of the Peyton Walker Foundation. Ms. Weaver said she thought so, but the Director is really looking to help Perry County.

**Comments from Press:** None

Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Lyons seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried unanimously.