

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION**  
**April 9, 2012**

**Present at the meeting were**  
**Commissioners:**

Brenda K. Benner-Chairman  
Stephen C. Naylor – Vice-Chairman  
William R. Bunt-Solicitor  
Kathy Burkholder-Chief Clerk

**Present from the Press:** NONE

**Present from the Public:** Dave Taylor, Trudy Kessler, Jack Carroll, Silvia Herman

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on April 9, 2012 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

**Public Comments:** David Taylor, Perry County Historical Society, attended the meeting to inform the board of the Red Covered Bridge that is in need of repair. The bridge is located in Liverpool Township. The historical society was awarded a grant which requires an 80/20 match for federal funding. The historical society hired an engineering firm to access what was needed as far as monetary funding. The main concern with the bridge is to stabilize the retaining walls. Red Bridge is one of 14 covered bridges in the county and serves as a popular stop for tourists. The commissioners will do some checking and see if any local money is available.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to sign the warrant list in the amount of \$107,550.88 for the week of April 9, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack Carroll, Cumberland–Perry Drug & Alcohol Commission, provided documents regarding Governor Corbett’s proposed budget to cut an additional 20% for funding for seven separate county human services funding streams totaling 842 million. The total loss in funds to Cumberland and Perry County Drug & Alcohol from 2003-2004 through the current year has been \$97,550. The latest cut would amount to an additional loss of \$85,276. Since untreated addiction does not disappear, those individuals that are turned away from treatment will likely show up in jails, emergency rooms, and crisis services. The County Commissioners Association is working with the Department of Public Welfare to develop pilot programs for the allocation of county human services funding as multiple purpose grants to allow counties flexibility and improve efficiency in the administration of county-managed human services funding.

Silvia Herman, Mental Health, IDD Commission, provided the board with figures that will limit availability of services like Assertive Community Treatment, Extended Acute Care, Crisis Intervention and Psychiatric Rehabilitation that has been effectively used to decrease the use of long term inpatient treatment and to promote recovery. During fiscal year 2010-2011 over 3,363 individuals received services under base funding. I.D.D. services are being cut \$700,000 along with transitional housing funding. No specific services would be cut but a cut back would be made on existing programs. It is not just one service that keeps an individual well but the blending of services. In 2008-2009, the budget for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Programs amounted to \$10,137,246. The proposed reduction for 2012-2013 is \$7,633,383.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Naylor made the motion to accept the resignation from Emily Vislocky as the Victim Witness Coordinator effective April 16, 2012. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of the District Attorney, Commissioner Naylor made the motion to hire Emily Vislocky for the position of Clerk, Grade 6, effective April 16, 2012 in the District Attorney’s office. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of Tom Bell, 911 Coordinator, Commissioner Naylor made the motion to hire Eric Berger as a part time dispatcher, effective April 9, 2012, grade 6. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of Tom Bell, 911 Coordinator, Commissioner Naylor made the motion to hire Marcy Tharp, 911 dispatcher from a part time to full time position, effective April 29, 2012, grade 7. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Solicitors Report:** Nothing that required Action.

**Open forum for the Press:** None.

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Rudy recently attended a PCOMP Board meeting where Perry County was presented with a plaque for outstanding efforts to reduce claims for worker compensation injuries to county employees for 2012. Also, plaques were presented to the Perry County Senior Citizen Centers for being members for 17 years and the county as a 20 year member.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

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Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

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Paul L. Rudy Jr. – Secretary