



MINUTES

Cumberland County

Finance Meeting

April 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
Commissioners Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

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Present: Commissioners Kelly Neiderer, Jean Foschi, and Gary Eichelberger.

Staff Present: Stacy M. Snyder, Chief Clerk; Angela Smyser, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Staff Present via Zoom: Audrey Whary, Executive Assistant.

Department Staff Present: Jill Kurutz, IMTO; Carl Goshorn, Vince McCollum, Conservation District; Annie Strite, Mark Evans, Linda McCulloch, MH/IDD; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Nikki Gresh, Lisa Reider, Children and Youth Services; Katie Zimmerman, Grant Administration; Brenda Iliff, Ryan Simon, Drug and Alcohol; Keri Finkenbinder, Ron Snow, Stephanie Phillips, Brandon Yeager, Logan Neumann, Jake Hykes, Hem Bharati, Finance; Christine Bowden, Kim Winton, Aging and Community Services.

Department Staff Present via Zoom: Keeter Kallam, Veterans Affairs; Bob Shively, Public Safety; Holly Sherman, Human Resources; Shane Henry, IMTO; Dana Best, Finance.

Call to Order: Commissioner Neiderer called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Commissioners Neiderer, Foschi, and Eichelberger were present.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 2, 2025. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion, and it unanimously carried.

Conservation District Update

Carl Goshorn provided a six-month update on the Conservation District. He highlighted the Annual Golf Tournament, the Conservation College Scholarship results, and the Cover Crop Program, which is the largest program of its kind in the state. Vince McCollum highlighted the ACAP Award Program, the NPDES Program results, and 2024-2025 financial information (see attached).

Fiscal Budget 2025/2026 Roundtable Discussion

Finance: Keri Finkenbinder shared that the fiscal budgets are scheduled to go on view May 7, 2025 with approval tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2025. She explained the fiscal budgets are based on estimates because the majority of funding is from the state and we do not know what our allocations will be yet. Keri called on representatives from each department to speak about their budgets.

Aging and Community Services: Christine Bowden reported there are increases in costs for all services and expressed concerns with state funding. She shared they are managing expenses within their means. Kim Winton reviewed the programs and funding sources for Community Services and shared that budget cuts at the Central PA Food Bank will impact the department.

Children and Youth: Lisa Reider reported their budget is a needs-based budget and that for the first time ever, they have received a certification from the state for 100% of their request. Nikki Gresh added that they are seeing a large increase in in-home services and a decrease in placement numbers. She also discussed funding needs and grant opportunities and mentioned a new evidence-based program for truancy.

Criminal Justice Services: Erin Gardner shared that there are no changes in the department for funding in the new fiscal year. She also shared that they would be reorganizing the specialty courts but does not anticipate any cost savings for the department as a result. She reported they are seeing an increase in costs for services but are working hard to find competitive rates from alternative vendors.

Drug and Alcohol: Brenda Iliff shared that their department operates under a five-year agreement with the state that will end on June 20, 2025, and they have not received their new agreement from the state yet. Brenda shared that they are able to offset two full-time positions with the Opioid Settlement Funds. She expressed concerns with the current climate and that they are keeping an eye on the Medicaid situation. Commissioner Neiderer echoed her concerns. Discussion ensued.

Mental Health/Intellectual and Development Disabilities/Early Intervention: Mark Evans shared that there will be no waiver capacity increases for this upcoming year for IDD/EI. He explained that ODP is moving towards a capacity management by budget which includes a flat budget allocation and quarterly review process. Annie Strite shared that Mental Health continues to struggle with flat funding, high turnover, and rising expenses. She shared that they saw a deficit in 2024-2025 and can anticipate another year of deficits. She explained they continue to seek alternate revenue sources while also being mindful about spending funds and making cuts. Commissioner Neiderer shared her hopes of the new Connections Crisis Walk-In Center helping in alleviating some pressure off county services. Discussion ensued.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: With no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Foschi made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Whary, Executive Assistant