



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was convened at 10:00 AM by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem and Administrator Margaret Gray.

County personnel present included Mary Kay Williams, Ray Stolinas, Anne Messner, Jeff Wharran, and Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman.

Representatives from the news media included Marley Parish, Evan Hinkley and Gary Sinderson.

Guests present included Mitzi Gallagher Long, Kristina Taylor Porter and Donna Schwenzer.

CNET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, September 22, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation No. 21 of 2020 – Proclaiming October as a Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 21 of 2020.*

VI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

A. COVID Alert PA App

Meghna Patel, Deputy Secretary for Health Innovation at the Pennsylvania

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Department of Health introduced the COVID Alert PA app that was released on September 22, 2020. It is an opt-in app and voluntary for the public. The app only uses Bluetooth technology and does not collect, use or track location.

COVID Alert PA is the official mobile app by the Pennsylvania Department of Health that uses the exposure notification system provided by Apple and Google.

B. County Relief Block Grant Update

- i. Mary Kay Williams provided an update on the Small Business and Non-Profit grants. She has been working with the Small Business Development Center and Centre Foundation to compile and review information received during the application process.
- ii. Administrator Margaret Gray presented the Recipient Agreements executed by Municipalities acknowledging guidance from the US Treasury and PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) regarding the expenditure of CARES Act funding as allocated by Centre County through the County Relief Block Grant (CRBG). This includes Bellefonte Borough, Benner Township, College Township, Ferguson Township, Miles Township, Millheim Borough, Potter Township, Snow Shoe Borough, Spring Township, State College Borough, Taylor Township, and Walker Township – Dept. 111.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Recipient Agreements from municipalities.*

VII. CONTRACTS

- A. District Attorney – Kristina Taylor Porter and Donna Schwenzer presented the contract with Donna Schwenzer to perform the duties of Grant Coordinator for the STOP Violence Against Women grant through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The contract rate is \$20 per hour, not to exceed \$6,125 for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 – Dept. 221.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to the contract with Donna Schwenzer to next week's Agenda.*

B. Human Services

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

- i. Adult Services – Contract addendum with Service Access Management, Inc. to extend fiscal management services to December 31, 2020 and increase the contract total from \$8,000 to \$24,000 – Dept. 501.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract addendum with Service Access Management, Inc. to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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ii. MH/ID/EI

1. Contract renewal with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to provide mental health outpatient services including psychiatric evaluation/medication visits, psychotherapy, tele-psychiatry and outpatient services at the Centre County Correctional Facility. The contract total is \$10,417, which is funded as follows: State \$9,937 and County \$480 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
2. Contract renewal with Cen Clear Child Services, Inc. to provide early interventions services including occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, speech language pathology, and IFSP teaming. The contract total is \$39,583, which is funded as follows: State \$35,625 and County \$3,958 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
3. Contract renewal with Cen Clear Child Services, Inc. to provide mental health services including outpatient (psychiatric evaluation/medication clinic, tele-psychiatry, peer support, and family based mental health services. The contract total is \$13,333, which is funded as follows: State \$12,718 and County \$615 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
4. Contract renewal with the Center for Community Resources to allow for crisis intervention services including mobile crisis, telephone crisis and walk-in crisis. The contract total is \$83,333, which is funded as follows: State \$79,491 and County \$3,842 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add MH/ID/EI items 1-4 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- C. Elections – Facilities Use Agreement with the Pennsylvania State University for the use of the Bryce Jordan Center for a Satellite Elections Office and Polling Location – Dept. 131.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement with the Pennsylvania State University.*

VIII. GRANTS

- A. Emergency Management – Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant. The total award is \$105,343 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022 – Dept. 351.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the FFY 2020 EMPG Grant to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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B. Planning

- i. Director of Planning Ray Stolinas and SEDA COG's Mitzi Gallagher Long presented the Community Development Block Grant project recommendation for selection for Federal Fiscal Year 2020. The projects recommended are Penn Township Water Tank Project and Haines Aaronsburg Water Well rehab for a total of \$351,058. The Haines Aaronsburg Water Well rehab project totals \$4.5 million and will include a competitive CDBG application. The Penn Township Water Tank Project totals \$457,320, this project includes funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority – Dept. 817.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2020 CDBG Projects.*

- ii. Subrecipient agreement with the Haines Woodward Municipal Water Authority for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant project for development of a drinking water well supply and related piping, treatment, controls, and appurtenances, to be located near the existing well southeast of the village. The total grant shall not exceed \$276,088 for the period of March 3, 2020 through December 31, 2021 – Dept. 817.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the subrecipient agreement with the Haines Woodward Municipal Water Authority to next week's Consent Agenda.*

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve this week's Consent Agenda.

- A. **Capital Projects** - Contract addendum with Weber Murphy Fox, Inc. to include an additional 45 hours of project management for the Courthouse Renovations and Additions project. The total cost is \$6,525 – Dept. 971.
- B. **Emergency Communications** – Quote from Tower Services Unlimited, Inc. to construct at 180 foot replacement tower including fence removal and replacement, weed barrier and grave, and a cable ice bridge from the tower to the shelter at the Centre Hall tower site. The project total is \$257,415, which will be paid in four installments as work is completed. – Dept. 354.

Action: *Add the quote from Tower Services Unlimited, Inc. to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- C. **Planning** – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Final Land Development/ Subdivision Plan of Lands of LSC RP, LLC; CCPCDO File No. 5-20. This proposal represents a final plan submission showing the subdivision of three (3) lots, with two (2) of the three lots proposed to have residential duplexes thereon (each duplex being 3,750 square feet with each unit being 1,785 square feet) with the remaining lot having an existing single family residence, with corresponding infrastructure such

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as private street, utilities, storm water management controls, etc. to service the proposed lots and units. This development is located along the northern boundary of Fishburn Hill Road (T-342), approximately 300 feet west from its intersection with Benner Pike (State Route 0550) in Benner Township – Dept. 151.

D. Human Services

i. Adult Services

1. Contract addendum with Central Pennsylvania Community Action to increase the annual State Food Purchase Program allocation in the amount of \$2,421.10. This increased the project total from \$85,295.07 to \$87,716.17, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 - Dept. 501.
2. Contract with Central Pennsylvania Community Action to serve as the County's local lead agency for the CARE State Food Purchase Program (SFPP). The contract total is \$71,697.45, which is State funded for the period of March 27, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Dept. 501.
3. State Food Purchase Program Expense and Data Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The project total is \$89,965, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 501.
4. Contract renewal with Central Pennsylvania Community Action to serve as the County's local lead agency for the State Food Purchase Program and The Emergency Food Assistance Program. The contract total is \$84,545.63, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.

ii. MH/ID/EI

1. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Human Services Block Grant Report – Dept. 561.
2. Contract renewal with Community Services Group to provide mental health services including family based and community based psychiatric rehabilitation, community residential rehabilitation and outpatient (psychiatric evaluation, tele-psychiatric services, individual and group psychotherapy). The contract total is \$210,317, which is funded as follows: State \$200,621 and County \$9,696 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
3. Contract renewal with Beacon Light Behavioral Health to provide outpatient mobile medication management. The contract total is \$16,667, which is funded as follows: State \$15,899 and County \$768 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

E. GRANTS

- i. Capital Projects - Grant agreement with West Penn Power Sustainable Energy**

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Fund for the Solar Array at the Centre County Correctional Facility. The grant amount, not to exceed \$25,000 will be awarded to Centre County and passed through to Solar Renewable Energy, LLC upon completion of the terms and conditions – Dept. 971.

X. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioner Higgins asked the Board to consider a letter to legislators in support of continued funding for the Small Business Development Center.

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XII. LIQUID FUELS - FEE FOR LOCAL USE

A. Anne Messner presented the following letters of support for the use of 2019 funding allocated for application to the Department of Community and Economic Development through the Multimodal Transportation Fund program.

i. Gregg Township for improvements to Bitner Hollow Road Bridge and Reconstruction project. Centre County's 2019 Fee for Local Use allocation to Gregg Township was in the amount of \$100,000 – Dept. 151.

ii. Milesburg Borough for improvements to the Railroad Street Bridge. Centre County's 2019 Fee for Local Use allocation to Milesburg Borough was \$50,000. SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority is requesting to use only \$45,000 for the application – Dept. 151.

iii. Port Matilda Borough for improvements to State Route 3017 (High Street. Centre County's 2019 Fee for Local Use allocation to Port Matilda Borough was \$65,000, they are requesting to use only \$55,000 for the application – Dept. 151.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add approve the letters of support for Gregg Township, Milesburg Borough and Port Matilda Borough.*

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$1,822,074.23 dated September 25, 2020.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated September 25, 2020.*

XV. C-NET REQUESTS

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve sponsorship of the taping of an environmental election forum hosted by the Moshannon Group of the Sierra Club.

XVI. RECOGNITION

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XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 109,809 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #87 Spring South West with 1,061 registered voters. In the Primary Election there were 435 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 41%.

B. Announcements

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

To receive notification when meeting agendas are posted, visit www.centrecountypa.gov/notifyme.

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Virtual

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Board of Commissioners – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB
Employee Benefits Trust – 11:00 AM – Room 146 WB

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Virtual

XX. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

XXI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 19, 2020

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

XXII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator