



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The public work session of the Board of Commissioners was convened at 11:05 AM by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr., and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

County personnel present included Controller Jason Moser.

Guests present included Kim Stank and Corey Troutman.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

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In accordance with the Sunshine Act, attendees will be given the opportunity to comment on matters of concern, official action, or deliberation before the Board of Commissioners. For items not on the agenda, the Board of Commissioners will accept public comment at the beginning of each meeting. For items that are on the agenda, the Board will accept public comment prior to each official action. Persons desiring to comment should raise their hand to be recognized by the Chair. Anyone addressing the Board will be given a five-minute time period in which to do so.

V. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Kim Stank reported the revenue shortfall for the 2022 Budget has been adjusted to \$3.8 million. Of the \$31 million in funding there is \$11 million that has been allocated. She noted that the affordable housing study is currently under revenue replacement. Once the project is complete it will then be moved under affordable housing.

On January 31, 2022 the first report is due covering the period of March through December 31, 2021. The portal is not yet open so she is not sure what the report will entail.

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John Franek presented two new funding requests. The first was an informal request from the Centre Volunteers in Medicine to receive funding for purchase of COVID-19 vaccinations. The County has not received a figure or formal request.

Commissioner Pipe asked if there would be an opportunity for funding through the Federal Government?

The County received two letters of support from Congressman Glenn Thompson and Representative Kerry Benninghoff regarding the request from the Benner Township Water Authority. They are supportive of an application for funding. John explained that relative to responding to these requests, the County sent an initial letter stating to watch our website for a formal application process if the County should decide to create one.

Commissioner Pipe suggested looking into the Federal Transportation Bill, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, that was passed and asking Federal officials for advice on the Federal approach for applications. Commissioner Higgins and Commissioner Dershem agreed.

VI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator