



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25, 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, Administrator Margaret Gray, Solicitor Betsy Dupuis and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

County personnel present included Dale Neff, Mike Bloom, Chad Joyce, Chris Schell, and Natalie Corman.

Guests present include Cathy Brown, Thomas Schrack, Anissa Ilie, Tom Charles, Ernest Greene, and Bryan Roach.

Representatives from the news media included Gary Sinderson, Chris Morelli, and Marley Parish.

CNET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, February 18, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

V. RESOLUTION

A. Hospital Authority

- i. Resolution 6 of 2020 – Solicitor of the Hospital Authority Thomas Schrack joined the Board with Mount Nittany's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Bryan Roach and Executive Vice President, System Development and Chief Strategy Officer Tom Charles, to request a resolution approving the financing by Centre County Hospital Authority of a project for Mount Nittany Medical Center, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation; declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of

the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the residents of Centre County and others in the area served by the Medical Center's facilities to have the project financed through the Authority. The Authority desires to assist the Medical Center in undertaking a project including: 1) Current refunding of all or a portion of the Series 2012A and all of the Series 2012B Bonds and 2) Advance refunding, on a taxable basis, all of or a portion of the Series 2012B Bonds and 3) Paying certain expenses incurred in connection with the financing. The Authority, upon request of the Medical Center, desires to undertake the issuance of hospital revenue bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000

The refinancing was approved by the Hospital Authority on February 13, with closing planned for next Wednesday, March 4. This is strictly refinancing for cost savings, with no new money. Tom Charles explained that the financing was used for a series of projects including the emergency department, surgical services expansion, and renovations throughout the facility. Mount Nittany is continuously investing in infrastructure and upgrades throughout the medical center. Commissioner Dershem asked how much the refinancing would save and Bryan Roach said nearly \$900,000 per year – Dept. 111.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 6 of 2020.

VI. CONTRACTS

- A. Correctional Facility – Administrator Margaret Gray introduced Warden Chris Schell and Executive Director of Centre Peace Cathy Brown to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Centre on behalf of the Centre County Correctional Facility and CentrePeace, Inc. a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. This agreement establishes the joint responsibility of each party in completing protocols, programming, and work activities to support eligible inmates participating in Project Restore at CentrePeace for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Dept. 333.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the MOU with Centre Peace, Inc. to next week's Consent Agenda.

B. Human Services

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

- i. Resubmission of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Human Services Block Grant Report – Dept. 561.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve resubmission of the FY 2018-2019 HSBG Report.

- ii. Contract addendum with Skills, Inc. to allow for \$26,500 in additional funds to provide mental health vocational rehabilitation services. This increases the mental health contract total from \$205,000 to \$231,500 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

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

- C. Information Technology Services – Chief Information and Records Officer Chad Joyce asked the Board to approve a notice of termination for the contract with Iron Mountain Secure Shredding effective April 1, 2020. A contract with a new provider is forthcoming – Dept. 142.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the notice of contract termination for Iron Mountain Secure Shredding.

- D. Emergency Communications

Director Dale Neff presented the following items:

- i. Grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for 9-1-1 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding. The following projects are outlined in the grant for funding: SAC ESInet Maintenance project \$40,417; Regional ESInet Battery Replacement project \$27,896.91; SAC CHE and ALI Maintenance project \$16,140; and Regional Protocol Software Solution project \$13,098 for a total grant award of \$97,551.91 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Dept. 354.
- ii. Proposal from Mission Critical Partners to provide Next Gen consulting services for the Southern Alleghenies 9-1-1 Cooperative grant projects. Mission Critical Partners will provide support related to technology planning, evaluation, procurement, configuration, migration, transition, and implementation support. Total proposal is \$31,815, which is State funded – Dept. 354.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the grant agreement with PEMA and the proposal from Mission Critical Partners to next week's Consent Agenda.

- E. Planning

Assistant Director Mike Bloom presented the following items:

- i. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Centre Regional Planning Agency establishing joint rights and responsibilities of each party in completing transportation and project development activities on behalf of the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO). The County's contribution for the MOU is \$131,322 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Dept. 151.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the MOU with Centre Regional Planning Agency to next week's Consent Agenda.

- ii. Submission of the 2018 Final Financial Summary to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries for the completion of the Holt Memorial Library HVAC Project funded in part A Keystone Grant. Denise Sticha, Executive Director of the Centre County Library joined Mike to thank the Commissioners, Philipsburg Borough, and Friends of the Holt Memorial Library for their contributions to this project. She said Joseph C. Hazel was a wonderful partner to work with and patrons of the library have noticed the change and are grateful. – Dept. 151.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission of the 2018 Final Financial Summary to the Department of Education.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Court Administration – Lease agreement with S-C Joint Venture for Magisterial District Office 49-3-05 located at 121 South Pugh Street in State College. The lease is \$5,960 per month for the period of March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 with a yearly escalator of approximately 2.5% through August 31, 2023 – Dept. 257.
- B. Planning - Memorandum of Understanding for the Final Subdivision Plan – Deerhaven Phase 3A CCPCDO File No. 12-20. This proposal represents the next phase of the Deerhaven Subdivision, showing an additional ten (10) residential lots with corresponding infrastructure comprising a total of 4.450 acres. This subdivision is located in Walker Township, north of Zion Back Road (T-461) and east of Archer's Glen Road (T-369) serving the existing Deerhaven Subdivision, approximately one mile east of the Zion Back Road intersection with State Route 64 – Dept. 151.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

IX. LIQUID FUELS

X. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XI. PRESENTATION

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XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIII. ABC Appointment/Re-Appointment/Term Expiration/Resignation

ABC	Name	Action	Term
Drug and Alcohol Planning Council	Terry Loring	Re-Appointment	February 1, 2020 - January 31, 2023
Drug and Alcohol Planning Council	Kathy Matason	Re-Appointment	February 1, 2020 - January 31, 2023
Drug and Alcohol Planning Council	DeAnn Patterson	Re-Appointment	February 1, 2020 - January 31, 2023
Drug and Alcohol Planning Council	Sandra Podgurski	Re-Appointment	February 1, 2020 - January 31, 2023
Drug and Alcohol Planning Council	Cindy Sergeant	Re-Appointment	February 1, 2020 - January 31, 2023

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the ABC re-appointments.

XIV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$1,104,198.17 dated February 21, 2020.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated February 21, 2020.

XV. C-NET REQUESTS

XVI. RECOGNITION

XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 109,237 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #64 Patton North 1 with 2,589 registered voters. In the General Election there were 720 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 27.81%.

B. Announcements

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board met in executive session on February 20, 2020 from 11:00-11:30 AM. They will also meet following this meeting.

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

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Thursday, February 20, 2020

Finance Committee – 9:00 AM – 146WB

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – 146WB

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

BOC Meeting– 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, March 5, 2020

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – 146WB

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

BOC Meeting– 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Prison Board of Inspectors – 8:00 AM – CCCF

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – 146WB

XX. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions.

Monday, April 13, 2020

Last day to REGISTER before the primary.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

GENERAL PRIMARY

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots.

Must be received by 8PM.

XXI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRES

- A. Gary Sinderson asked about proposed changes to the State law for the mail in ballot application process.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator