



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 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 11:16 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, Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr. and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

County personnel present included Controller Jason Moser and Travis Walker.

Guests present included Kim Stank and Corey Troutman.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Kim Stank provided an overview of the project summary. She has added an allocation of \$15,000 for payment to the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority in recognition of COVID related expenses and providing space for the COVID-19 testing site. Administrator Margaret Gray added that the testing site has been at this facility for seven months and they have incurred over \$375,000 in COVID related expenses. The Authority had requested funding under the County Relief Block Grant but were not eligible under guidelines. Controller Moser noted that the allocation would be provided in a manner similar to Mount Nittany. The Board discussed increasing the allocation to \$24,000.

Kim reviewed allocations for the Central Booking Center and revenue replacement in the 2022 Budget.

To date there is \$5.8 million of ARPA funds expended and \$11 million committed.

V. Requests

- A. Wildlife for Everyone requests \$500,000 to be committed toward the Soaring Eagle Wetland project. Commissioner Pipe recommended that Deputy Administrator John Franek send correspondence thanking them for the request and explaining that at this

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time we do not have any funding available. The County will let them know if that should change in the future.

- B. Pine Glen Fire Company requests \$8,500 to purchase a Lucas Device. They utilized their own funds to secure grant funding and they are seeking reimbursement through this request.
- C. The Board of Commissioners participated in an informational meeting with Delta Development to hear about several projects their clients are working on that may be eligible for funding. Delta requested the County provide information if an application for funding should become available.

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 11:34 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator