



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the 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, Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr. and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

County personnel present included Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman, Ray Stolinias and Chad Joyce.

Guests present included Mimi Cooper, Chris Potalivo, Matt Germino and Mary Beth Allegar.

Representatives from the news media included Gary Sinderson.

C-Net staff were present.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Potalivo of Boalsburg, Harris Township regarding mental health and proposed use of the former Centre Crest facility.

### IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

### V. MEETING MINUTES

The Board will consider approving the minutes from the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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

### VI. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 4 of 2022 – Proclaiming March 13-19, 2022 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week in Centre County.

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Matt Germino joined the Board and provided a highlight of events that 4-H members enjoy:

The livestock judging group won the State competition last year and were invited to the National competition in Colorado. They had to respectfully decline due to health and safety concerns with COVID-19.

At the Grange Fair, member submitted 317 animal projects with another 134 projects in other categories.

Ag Literacy Week will be celebrated in 42 schools with books provided by the Centre County Farm Bureau and Pomona Grange.

In 2022, 4-H camp will be offered once again. This time it is being hosted by Camp Harmony in Somerset.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 4 of 2022.*

**VII. CONTRACTS – AUTHORIZATIONS**

- A. Correctional Facility – Administrator Margaret Gray asked the Board to table the contract with Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. formerly known as Advanced Disposal, to provide non-hazardous waste services. The contract rate is \$999.77 per month, for the period of March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2025 – Dept. 333.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to table the contract with Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.*

- B. Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority

Mimi Cooper joined the Board to present the following items:

- i. Municipal Waste Planning Grant award through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to assist with costs associated with the Waste Characterization Study, Long Range Strategic Plan, Market Pay Rate Study, Solid Waste Disposal Capacity RFP, financial model and legal services. The project total is \$93,750, which is funded as follows: State \$75,000 and CCRRA \$18,750 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Dept. 444.
- ii. Household Hazardous Waste Education Grant award through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for education costs incurred from print, radio, television, web and social media outlets for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. The project total is \$93,750, which is funded as follows: State \$75,000 and CCRRA \$18,750 for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 – Dept. 444.

The Household Hazardous Waste Event is April 29 and April 30, 2022.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CCRRA items i-ii.*

- C. Human Services

Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

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- i. Children and Youth Services – Act 148 Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Report – Dept. 511.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Act 148 Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-22 Report.*

- ii. Transportation – Submission of the disclosure of lobbying activities and Federal funding accountability and transparency act sub-recipient data sheet as required to receive Federal funding through the Section 5310 Program – Dept. 531.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission as required for the Section 5310 Program.*

**D. Planning and Community Development**

Director Ray Stolinas presented the following items:

- i. Application for Payment #4 for submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Budget Office for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) in the amount of \$454,454 for Titan Park Plant 1 Improvements. Total funding awarded was \$2,500,000, with \$2,414,678 paid to date and \$85,322 remaining – Dept. 151.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission of the application for payment.*

- ii. IDIS Online Access Request form to authorize Kelly Rowe of SEDA Council of Governments (SEDA COG) to access IDIS funds relative to Centre County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program – Dept. 817.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the IDIS request for Kelly Rowe.*

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Elections – Contract with Phoenix Graphics, Inc. to provide absentee and mail-in ballot printing and mailing services for the 2022 General Primary. The contract total is estimated at \$21,000 - Dept. 131.

**B. Planning**

- i. Resolution 4 of 2022 – Authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for funding through the Community Conservation Partnership Program for the Soaring Eagle Wetland Phase 2 Project – Dept. 151.

- ii. Letter in support of the Wildlife for Everyone Foundation to extend accessibility improvements in the Soaring Eagle Wetland as Part of its Phase 2 expansion – Dept. 151.

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IX. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

X. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$546,981.76 dated March 4, 2022.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated March 4, 2022.*

XI. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

XII. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Support for the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) Phase 2 application, “PA Wilds Outdoor Recreation Industry Cluster Development,” submitted by the Pennsylvania Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship (PA Wilds Center) on behalf of a coalition of partners from rural PA.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the support for this proposal by participating in a regional sign-on letter.*

XIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 105,016 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #55 Halfmoon with 895 registered voters. In the municipal election there were 369 ballots cast for a 41.23% voter turnout.

B. Announcements

The Broadband Strategic Plan’s online internet survey and speed test is available online at <https://centrecountypa.speedsurvey.org> through Friday, March 25, 2022. The 5-minute survey is open to all Centre County residents and businesses who want to provide feedback on their internet services.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board will meet in executive session following this meeting.

XV. BID AND PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

**Friday, March 18, 2022**

RFP – Copier Lease Services – Proposals Due – 4:00 PM

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

RFP – Copier Lease Services – Proposal Opening – 10 AM - Willowbank

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

RFP – Homemaker Services and OPTIONS Program – Proposals Due – 4 PM

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

RFP – Homemaker Services & OPTIONS Program – Proposal Opening – 10 AM – Willowbank

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XVI. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

Board of Commissioners – Salary Board – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners Work Session – ARPA – 11 AM – Willowbank 146

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

Board of Commissioners – Salary Board – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

XVII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 10:36 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray

Administrator