



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 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 called to order at 10:02 AM on May 21, 2019 by Chair of the Board, Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Chair; Commissioner Mark Higgins; Commissioner Steven Dershem; Administrator, Margaret N. Gray; Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs; and Executive Assistant, Natalie Bird.

County personnel present included Karri Hull, Dave Lomison, Chad Joyce, Norm Spackman, Krista Davis, Mike Bloom, Deb Smeal and Ray Stonlinas.

Guests present included Johnathan Packer, Jonathan Paladina, Tim Nilson, Kent Knable, Lou Brungard, Kurtis Brungard, Kelly Smith, Amy Jorgensen, Mark Ott, Rich Kelley, Ed LeClear, Gary Brandeis.

Representatives from the news media included Chris Morelli and Gary Sinderson
CNET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2019.

V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation No. 15 of 2019 – Emergency responders joined the Board this week in recognition of Emergency Medical Services Week. Rich Kelley reported eight ambulance services, 4 quick response services and 28,197 responses in Centre County last year. Currently there are 416 certified providers. As the system continues to get busy, Rich said they continue to struggle with manpower and the need for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping out should contact their local fire or EMS service. Lou Brungard added that one of the biggest ways the public can help is to follow the recommendations of Senate Resolution 6. This establishes a legislative commission to recommend improvements to the delivery of emergency services in the Commonwealth. Lou said as costs continue to increase, reimbursements stay stable at best if not reduced. Ken Knable also suggested that

citizens take CPR and First Aid classes. Emergency medical services are a very valuable resource that Commissioner Dershem said are often underappreciated.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation No. 15 of 2019 proclaiming May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Centre County, with the theme EMS Strong: Beyond the Call.

Commissioner Pipe recognized Larry Oberle who was recognized this year by the National EMS Memorial Foundation. Mr. Oberle was injured in an ambulance accident in 1971 and succumbed to his injuries a few days later. He was an ambulance attendant for Alpha Community Ambulance service, which is now Centre LifeLink EMS.

VI. RECOGNITION

Commissioner Higgins introduced Centre County Emergency Responder Scholarship recipients Jonathan Paladina and Johnathan Packer. Mr. Paladina will study IT at South Hills and is joining HOPE Fire Company in Philipsburg. Mr. Packer will study Heavy Equipment Operation at CPI, previously serving as a junior firefighter he is now an adult fireman training at the Public Safety Training Center. Each has received a \$2,500 scholarship that can be used for any certificate program offered by CPI or South Hills.

VII. ORDINANCE

Ordinance 3 of 2019 – Margaret Gray introduced the proposed Ordinance 3 establishing a real estate tax abatement schedule for rehabilitation of commercial property, in designated areas of State College, pursuant to the improvement of deteriorating real property or areas of tax exemption act 72, P.S. §§ 4711-101, ET SEQ. The abatement is established under Act 76 of 1977 known as the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance law (LERTA). It provides tax exemption to new construction to deteriorated areas of communities and for improvements to those properties for commercial purposes. This proposed ordinance incorporates the Borough's Ordinance in its entirety with all the terms and conditions set forth. State College Borough held a public hearing on April 29 and unanimously passed Ordinance 2127 on May 6. Ed LeClear, Director of Planning and Community Development for the Borough of State College, joined Margaret to provide an overview of the properties, most of which are relatively small and mixed use. Only commercial space would qualify, not residential – Dept. 111.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of Ordinance 3 of 2019.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 1 of 2019 – Director of Transportation Dave Lomison introduced a resolution in opposition of the changes to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) going from direct operated with the Department of Human Services to a brokerage service. Dave explained that the industry has done research to prove that a brokerage service would be detrimental to the services provided. Several counties across the state have already done or are considering adoption of a similar resolution – Dept. 531.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution 1 of 2019 to next week's Consent Agenda.

- B. Resolution 2 of 2019 – Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs introduced a resolution authorizing submission of the application for funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant of \$4,000,000 for the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI) Health Sciences Building – Dept. 151.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution 2 of 2019 to next week's Consent Agenda.

IX. GRANTS

- A. Planning - Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program grant documents for the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology Health Sciences Building. Bob Jacobs explained that governmental entities are required to sponsor the grant for nonprofit organizations, schools, etc. The County would be the sponsor, however will not be administering the grant.
- i. Submission of a statement of compliance with the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program requirements – Dept. 151.
 - ii. Submission of an opinion of counsel stating there is no litigation pending involving the County related to the RACP Grant and/or the Project – Dept. 151.
 - iii. Submission of forms RDA-300 Sources of Funds and RDA-301 Uses of Funds for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project – Dept. 151.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program grant document items 1-3 to next week's Consent Agenda.

X. CONTRACTS

- A. Commissioners – Doug Berry, CEO and Seth Berry, Project Manager of Centre County Solar Partners, LLC joined Bob Jacobs to introduce a solar energy power service agreement with Centre County Solar Partners, LLC. for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining, replacing, and repairing an

approximate 1,196kW of solar photovoltaic electric generation system. Centre County Solar Partners is the selected vendor of the three responses received for the RFP issued in December 2018. Doug explained that the 1.2 mw solar array will offset 100% of the energy required to operate the Correctional Facility. The system will be located within a fenced in area next to the Correctional Facility. The County can sell excess energy, Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs), to suppliers that generate electricity who are forced to buy SRECS or they pay a penalty. Commissioner Pipe asked when the County can begin to sell the SRECS and Doug said anytime and they can offer guidance on how to maximize the value. Commissioner Dershem asked what guarantees the County will see the projected savings from the process? Doug said the panels are guaranteed for a specific amount of production. He projected \$4.3 million in savings with the most conservative SRECS in years 6-40. The County is enjoying historically low energy prices for the next three years and Commissioner Dershem cannot support this program. Commissioner Pipe said this is the County's opportunity to beat many other municipalities and entities to the punch when it comes to being leaders in renewable energy. With SREC prices increasing dramatically it would be advantageous to be able to receive that additional inflow of cash. In 40 years, technology is going to change and Commissioner Dershem sees no certainty. Recent upgrades in LED lighting and HVAC have tangible and immediate results. Commissioner Higgins said if he could spend \$1.6 million today and be cash flow positive by year seven, with a savings of \$4.8 million over time then he is in favor of the project. Over the last 20 years, the cost of electricity has increased by 2.4% and he doesn't see the current low energy prices continuing. Seth Berry confirmed for Commissioner Pipe that the panels are under warranty for 30 years and the inverters for 20 years. Commissioner Pipe explained that the vast majority of the savings would be in years 21-40. The County would spend \$1.6 million with \$1.4 million in savings plus \$400,000 of interest payments that would be avoided with the buyout.

Bob Jacobs stated that the agreement is for a period of 25 years. The cost includes an advance contract service payment of \$600,000, annual service payments of \$101,000 for years 1 through 5, and an early termination fee of \$567,411 in year six to purchase the solar photovoltaic electric generation system. The total cost is \$1,672,411 – Dept. 971.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted 2-1 with Commissioner Dershem opposed to add the agreement with Centre County Solar Partners, LLC to next week's Consent Agenda.

B. Risk Management – Krista Davis presented the following items:

- i. Submission of a grant application to Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP) in the amount of \$19,957.90. This is for projects or equipment that promote safety to avoid accidents or damage. Outlined in the application are the Courthouse handrails, floor mats for the Mental Health Office, CPR supplies, ice cleats, a body scanner at the Correctional Facility and 21 new bullet proof vests for the Sheriff's department – 112.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add submission of the grant application to PCoRP to next weeks' Consent Agenda.

- ii. Liability, property, and crime insurance policy renewal through Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP). The total cost is \$337,887 for the period of June 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020 – Dept. 112.
- iii. Volunteer accident policy renewal through Berkley Accident and Health Insurance. The total cost is \$7,725 for the period of July 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 – Dept. 112.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the policy renewals with PCoRP and Berkley Accident and Health Insurance to next week's Consent Agenda.

- C. Criminal Justice Planning – Director Karri Hull presented a contract renewal with Public Health Management Corporation for annual licensing, maintenance and support for the DUI Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) software. This assessment will be performed on all individuals being considered for the DUI Court program. The contract total is \$1,100 and is grant funded for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 – Dept. 306.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract renewal with Public Health Management Corporation to next weeks' Consent Agenda.

- D. Emergency Communications – Norm Spackman presented an agreement with ComPros, Inc. to provide and install new VESTA phone equipment with one year of onsite support. The total cost is \$529,933.59 and is completely funded by State grant. This is part of the Southern Alleghenies Cooperative CPE Expansion project 2018-73 that includes Blair, Huntingdon, Bedford, Fulton, and Centre Counties. Upon completion, Centre County 9-1-1 will have new phone equipment and will be connected to the Blair/Huntingdon server – Dept. 354.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the agreement with ComPros, Inc. to next weeks' Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Pipe thanked Dale, Norm and the 911 team for their work to secure this grant funding.

XI. LETTER OF SUPPORT

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Commissioners

Proposal from Howard Industries for the completion of an interior sign survey for the Centre County Courthouse Annex. Deliverables to include full technical drawings and production costs for all required interior signage. The total proposal is \$2,880 for the period of May 6, 2019 through December 30, 2019 – Dept. 111.

B. Correctional Facility – Contract with Mahaffey Laboratory, LTD to provide sampling and analysis services at the Correctional Facility in order to comply with the Borough of Bellefonte Wastewater Contribution Permit. The contract total is not to exceed \$2,080 for the period of March 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020 – Dept. 333.

C. Facilities Management

Proposal from McClure Company for the alignment of four well pumps at the Correctional Facility. The total cost is \$2,993 – Dept. 161.

XIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no report this week.

XIV. LIQUID FUELS

XV. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

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

The citizens listed in the table below have offered their time and energy to serve on the indicated authorities, boards or committees.

ABC	Name	Action	Term
Centre County Industrial Development Authority	Kevin McGarry	Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Russell Brooks	5/21/2019 – 12/31/2019
Centre County General Authority	Kevin McGarry	Appointment to fill the unexpired term of Russell Brooks	5/21/2019 – 12/31/2019

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

XVII. CHECK RUN

Commissioner Higgins reported \$5 million being transferred from the checking account to the money market account. The checks of the week were to West Penn Power in the amount of \$8,410.28. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted to approve the check run in the amount of \$5,565,350.88 dated May 16, 2019.

XVIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Pipe introduced Betsy Lockwood and Liz Herman from SEDA COG for follow up to last week's discussion regarding a dairy processing facility in Centre County. Commissioner Higgins said that three potential dairy processing sites were identified in the 11 county SEDA COG region. Betsy explained that there is a fluid milk surplus in the region that is hurting the dairy industry. The Centre for Dairy Excellence and Penn State University have been working on a study to mitigate the fluid milk surplus by building a dairy processing facility. Three potential sites were identified that fit the infrastructure criteria for a dairy processing facility: large amount of acreage, large capacity for sewer and water, excellent transportation network, and close proximity to existing dairy farms. The project proposed was not able to secure funding from the PA Dairy Investment Program. The Appalachian Regional Commission was still interested in the project, however SEDA COG was not able to come up with the required match. Betsy said SEDA COG plans to make an outreach to the developer and work with the County to market the site to the Governor's Action Team.

XIX. RECOGNITION

- A. A Court of Honor was held on Saturday, May 18 for Nicholas Mitchel of Boy Scout Troop 370 of Buffalo Run Valley. Nicholas has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- B. A Court of Honor was held on Sunday, May 19 for Sean Kelleher, Benjamin Krantweiss, Samuel Krantweiss, Ethan Locke, and David Wasson of Boy Scout Troop 31 of State College. Sean, Samuel, Ethan, and David have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

XX. C-NET REQUESTS

XXI. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Voter Registration Report

There is no voter registration report, today is Election Day.

- B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

XXII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board will meet in executive session following this meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

XXIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

BOC Meeting - 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Thursday, May 23, 2019

BOC/Salary Board - 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

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Tuesday, May 28, 2019

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Finance Committee – 9:00 AM - Room 146WB

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Friday, May 31, 2019

Criminal Justice Advisory Board – 11:45 AM - CCCF

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, June 6, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

XXIV. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Friday, May 24, 2019

RFP – Holt Memorial Library – Responses Due

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

RFP – Holt Memorial Library – Opening

Friday, May 24, 2019

RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Responses Due

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

RFP – Holt Memorial Library – Contract Award

RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Opening

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Contract Award

XXV. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Municipal Primary

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

First day to REGISTER after the Primary.

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 PM on May 20).

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.

Monday, August 12, 2019

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the Primary.

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XXVI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator