



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 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 10:02 AM by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator John Franek Jr. and Executive Office Supervisor Erin Good.

County personnel included Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman, Dave Lomison, Quentin Burchfield, Joni MacIntyre, Sheriff Bryan Sampsel and Tanya Hofford.

Guests present included Jennifer Coran with Eckert Seamans, Garrett Moore (zoom), Dan Kozloff (zoom) with Plante Moran and Solicitor Betsy Dupuis.

Representatives from the news media included Gary Sindersen.

C-NET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

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, June 7, 2022 and the Work Sessions held on May 10, and 24, 2022.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Board of Commissioners meetings and Work Sessions.

VI. ORDINANCE

Jennifer Coran with Eckert Seamans gave a brief description of the Ordinance. Joni MacIntyre explained the process of how the County received the rating of AA, which shows the County is in a very stable environment. Dan Kozloff with Plante Moran also commented on the process of how the County received the rating that was given, which is the second highest category. Dan commented about the parameters piece being \$40 million, which he pointed out that will not be the actual amount that will be taken out but more of the maximum amount that may be taken out, which gives the County a flexibility amount and cushion if they would need it. The pricing of the bonds will be on June 22nd and Dan stated

the Kish Bank loan of \$6 million will also be refinanced with this amount as long as the market will allow it to be.

Ordinance 2 of 2022 –Authorizing, among other things, the issuance of general obligation bonds to refund certain outstanding indebtedness of the County and to fund certain capital projects of the County, as described in the Ordinance – Dept. 971.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 2 of 2022.

Administrator John Franek Jr. asked for a roll call of approved vs. opposed for the Ordinance since Commissioner Higgins was not able to attend today's meeting. Commissioner Pipe and Commissioner Dershem both were in favor of approving Ordinance 2 of 2022.

- VII. PROCLAMATION
- VIII. BIDS AND PROPOSALS
- IX. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
- X. CONTRACTS – AUTHORIZATIONS

Human Services

A. Aging

Quentin Burchfield asked the Board for approval of the following items:

1. Contract with The Nutrition Group to provide services to Office of Aging for the Centre County Meals Program. The contract rate for the following meals are as follows: congregate meals \$6.01, in-home meals \$6.14, in-Home frozen meals \$6.14 and shelf stable meals \$4.89 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 – Dept. 521.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with The Nutrition Group for the Centre County Meals Program.

2. Contract with Valued Relationships, Inc. to provide services to older adults in Centre County including personal emergency response systems (PERS) and medication dispensers. Both services are provided through the Homemaker Services & OPTIONS program. The contract total is \$9,500 funded by the State for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 – Dept. 521.
3. Contract with Automated Security Alert, Inc. to provide services to older adults in Centre County including personal emergency response systems (PERS) and medications dispensers. Both services are provided through the Homemaker Services & OPTIONS program. The contract total is \$7,000 funded by the State for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 – Dept. 521.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Aging items 2-3.

B. MHID

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman asked the Board to approve the following items:

1. Contract renewal with The ARC of Centre County to provide services to individuals with intellectual disabilities including in-home and community supports, supported employment, transportation, respite care and behavioral support services. The contract total is \$63,000 funded as follows: State \$60,096 and County match \$2,904 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
2. Contract renewal with Eagle Ridge Personal Care Home, LLC to provide mental health and supported living services. The contract total is \$9,674 funded as follows: State \$9,228 and County match \$446 for the period of March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 521.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to add the MH/ID items 1-2 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- C. Transportation – Dave Lomison asked the Board to consider approval of the Participation Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Bureau of Managed Care Operations Division of Medical Assistance Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. This agreement will allow the County to continue providing transportation for individuals covered by the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP). The grant total is \$830,750 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 531.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to add the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Grant Agreement to next week's Consent Agenda.*

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Information Technology Systems – Contract with RBA Professional Data Systems for a GUI software enhancement for Tax Collections and Claims Department. The integration will create an online search portal and web payment application that allows the collection of County-wide delinquent real estate taxes and the collection of current year real estate county tax levies for Districts 19, 24 and 36. The contract total is \$5,000 for the period of June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – Dept. 142.
- B. Geographic Information Systems – Contract renewal with Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. (ESRI) for technical support and software updates. The contract total is \$23,500 for the period of August 22, 2022 to August 21, 2023 – Dept. 155.

Human Services

C. MH/ID

- A. Letter of agreement with Sunny Days Adult Daily Living Center to provide intellectual disability services including community-based services and transportation. The agreement total is \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$23,848 and County Match \$1,152, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- B. Letter of agreement with Cares of Central PA, Inc. to provide intellectual disability services including community participation, transportation and supported employment. The agreement total is \$96,000 funded as follows: State \$91,574 and County Match \$4,426 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- C. Contract addendum with Eagle View Personal Care Home, LLC to allow additional funds to provide community residential services in the amount of \$100,000. The service provider’s contract maximum will increase from \$437,000 to \$537,000 which is funded as follows: State \$512,244 and County Match \$24,756 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
- D. Contract addendum with Eagle Valley Personal Care Home to allow additional funds to provide additional housing support services in the amount of \$100,000. The service provider’s contract maximum will increase from \$483,292 to \$583,292, funded as follows: State \$556,402 and County Match \$26,890 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
- E. Letter of agreement with Care for People Plus, Inc. to provide intellectual disability services including home and community-based services, homemaker chore service and medical environment services. The agreement total is \$23,000, funded as follows: State \$21,940 and County Match \$1,060 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- F. Letter of agreement with Elizabeth Beckman-Nemenz to provide early intervention services including physical therapy. The agreement total is \$7,000, funded as follows: State \$6,300 and County Match \$700 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- G. Letter of agreement with Jana Marie Foundation to provide suicide prevention training, mental health first aid, youth mental health first aid and staff training. The contract total is \$40,952, funded as follows: State \$39,064 and County Match \$1,888 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
- D. Children & Youth Services – Contract renewal with Children’s Aid Society of Clearfield to provide foster care placement and Positive Parenting Program (Triple P). This program is a comprehensive system of parenting and family support and is designed to promote positive parenting practices and reduce family risk factors as they relate to maltreatment and behavioral and emotional problems. The contract total is \$47,000 funded as follows: State \$37,600 and County Match \$9,400 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.

XII. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

XIII. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$290,771.80 dated June 10, 2022.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated June 10, 2022.

- XIV. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
- XV. C-NET REQUEST
- XVI. LETTER OF SUPPORT
- XVII. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE
- XVIII. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem stated there are no voter registration to report at this time.

B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 for Juneteenth.

- XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT
- XX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 16, 2022

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

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

- XXI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS
- XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Dershem, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM.

ATTEST:

John Franek Jr.
Administrator