The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 AM on June 4, 2019 by Chair of the Board, Michael Pipe.

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

County personnel present included Nick Barger, Tom Martin, Chris Demyan, Glenn Irwin, Dale Neff, Chad Joyce, Mike Bloom, and Natalie Corman.


Representatives from the news media included Chris Morelli.

CNET staff were present.

Melanie Morrison offered public comment related to mental health services.

Minutes from the Tuesday, May 28, 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 28, 2019.*

Director Dale Neff announced the 25th Anniversary of Centre County 911 Emergency Communications. Dale introduced Chris Demyan, David Rowles, Norm Spackman and Barb Barenty. Dale and Norm then gave a presentation reviewing the history of the department. In April of 1993, Commissioners Bumberger, Sciabia, and Bierly began the concept of a County-wide communications system with the appointment of its first coordinator Elwood G. Williams Jr. The system officially went on the air on June 1, 1994 and handled 83 calls for service that day. In 1998, the department began a County-wide review of addressing and in 2002 completed a system of computerized address and GIS data. Construction of the new 9-1-1 Center
was completed in the Willowbank Building in 2013. The County then joined the Southern Alleghenies Cooperative in 2017, which started a regional phone system project just two years later to refresh Motorola Vesta phone equipment, provide connectivity to a regional phone system, and introduce new software, hardware, workstations, and servers. This was made possible by a grant through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, saving the County over $529,000. New for this year the department is adding Rabid Lite, a free 911 service that provides improved location in buildings. Dale offered thanks to all of the dedicated 911 staff and the Board of Commissioners for their continued support.

VI. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 17 of 2019 – Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Centre County 911 Emergency Communications.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 17 of 2019.

VII. ORDINANCE

Ordinance 3 of 2019 – Establishing a real estate tax abatement schedule for rehabilitation of commercial property pursuant to the improvement of deteriorating real property or areas of tax exemption act 72, P.S. §§ 4711-101, ET SEQ. Margaret Gray reported that the ordinance was first introduced on May 21 and then advertised in the Centre Daily Times. It incorporates Ordinance 2127 which was unanimously passed by the Borough of State College on May 15. A corresponding ordinance will be considered by the State College Area School District in late June or early July – Dept. 111.

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

VIII. CONTRACTS

A. Correctional Facility – Deputy Warden Glenn Irwin presented an agreement with Nuctech US Inc. for the purchase of a body inspection system to be used for non-contact head to toe inspections. This vendor was selected after a review and presentation from five different manufacturers. They currently have fourteen systems being operated in Pennsylvania, in Counties including Clinton, Cambria, Erie, Tioga, and Wayne. The system will only be used on inmates, and will benefit the safety of both inmates and staff. It offers the ability to see when the system was operated, who the operator was, the inmate scanned, and the number of scans. This agreement includes the body inspection system, two-year warranty, transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training and technical support. The purchase price is $95,000 with an additional extended annual warranty for three years at a cost of $6,000 per year. The total cost is $113,000 – Dept. 333.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the agreement with Nuctech US Inc. to next week’s Consent Agenda.
B. GIS – Nick Barger reviewed a maintenance contract renewal with ESRI, Inc. to provide support and software updates. The contract total is $23,750 for the period of August 22, 2019 through August 21, 2020 – Dept. 155.

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

C. Human Services – Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items for MH/ID/EI – D&A

   i. Contract renewal with Treatment Trends, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services to include halfway house services and non-hospital detoxification rehabilitation. The contract total is $5,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.

   ii. Contract renewal with Pyramid Healthcare Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services to include non-hospital inpatient treatment and rehabilitation, impatient detox, halfway house services, outpatient services, and partial hospitalization services. The contract total is $40,000, which is funded as follows: Federal $20,000 and State $20,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.

   iii. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide mental health services that include family based and family support services (respite services). The contract total is $12,000, which is funded as follows: State $11,447 and County $553 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

   iv. Contract renewal with J. S. Transport to provide emergency transportation services. The contract total is $25,000, which is funded as follows: State $23,848 and County $1,152 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

   v. Addendum No. 1 with Beacon Light Behavioral Health System to provide funds for additional mental health mobile medication management services in the amount of $33,000. This increase the contract total from $35,000 to $68,000, which is funded as follows: State $64,865 and County $3,135 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 561.

   Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add MH/ID/EI items i-v to next week’s Consent Agenda.

IX. LETTER OF SUPPORT

X. CONSENT AGENDA

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

i. Contract with Oasis Lifecare, LLC to provide services that include mental health outpatient, therapeutic prophylactic or diagnostic injection, and individual psychotherapy. The contract total is $5,000, which is funded as follows: State $4,770 and County $230 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

ii. Letter of Agreement with Central Intermediate Unit #10 for the provision of early intervention services to include special instruction for hearing and vision and interpretation services. The contract total is $10,000, which is funded as follows: State $9,000 and County $1,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

iii. Letter of Agreement with Carl Frels, LLC to provide intellectual disability services to include deaf interpreter services. The contract total is $8,000, which is funded as follows: State $7,631 and County $369 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

iv. Contract renewal with Bauer’s All About Kids, LLC to provide early intervention services to include occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, and speech language pathology. The contract total is $50,000, which is funded as follows: State $45,000 and County $5,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

v. Contract renewal with The Law Office of Denise M. Bierly to provide legal counsel for mental health and intellectual disability commitment hearings. The contract total is $5,000, which is funded as follows: State $4,770 and County $230 for the period of July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

vi. Contract renewal with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to provide mental health outpatient services that include psychiatric evaluation/medication visits, psychotherapy, tele-psychiatry, and outpatient services at the Centre County Correctional Facility. The contract total is $30,000, which is funded as follows: State $28,617 and County $1,383 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

vii. Letter of Agreement with Mary Ann Kresen, Esquire to provide inside counsel for mental health and intellectual disability hearings, legal review of court orders, hearing reports, appeals, etc. pertaining to commitment hearings. The contract total is $10,000, which is funded as follows: State $9,539 and County $461 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.
viii. Contract addendum with Central Intermediate Unit #10 to provide additional funds for early intervention services in the amount of $3,000. This increases the contract total from $5,000 to $8,000, which is funded as follows: state $7,200 and County $800 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 561.

ix. Contract addendum with PA Care, LLC dba State College Medical to provide additional drug and alcohol outpatient services in the amount of $3,000. This increases the contract total form $2,800 to $5,800, which is funded as follows: State $5,533 and County $267 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 562.

XI. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Margaret reported that the Centre Crest Parking Lot and Stormwater Improvements Project is now complete. Deputy Administrator provided a brief presentation showing photos of the work completed by contractor Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. Centre Crest is a 120,000 square foot facility with 142 parking spaces and stormwater issues that needed to be addressed. The project not only fixed the stormwater issues, but added an additional 70 parking spaces for the facility. Bid at $424,000, several change orders allowed the project came in under budget at $374,000.

XII. LIQUID FUELS.

Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Bloom asked the Board to consider a change of scope for the 2015 County Liquid Fuels award to Taylor Township in the amount of $45,517, from a maintenance building project to a tar and chip roadway project.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change of scope for the 2015 County Liquid Fuels award to Taylor Township.*

XIII. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIV. CHECK RUN

Commissioner Higgins reported the check of the week is to the Centre County Youth Service Bureau in the amount of $4,477.50 for the declutter program. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run in the amount of $1,182,974.52 dated May 31, 2019.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XVI. RECOGNITION
XVII. C-NET REQUESTS

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted to approve CNET sponsorship for the taping of the Flag Day Ceremony to be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Boalsburg Military Museum.

XVIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

There was no voter registration report.

B. Announcements

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 4, 2019
BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, June 6, 2019
BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, June 13, 2019
BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB
EBT – 1:00 PM – Room 146WB

XXI. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
RFP – Holt Memorial Library – Contract Award
RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Opening

Friday, June 14, 2019
RFP – Office Space/Locations – MDJ Offices – Responses Due

Friday, June 14, 2019
RFP – Office Space/Locations – MDJ Offices - Opening

Tuesday, June 25, 2019
RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Contract Award

July 2019
RFP – Office Space/Locations – MDJ Offices – Contract Award

XXII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

XXIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator