



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 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 10:00 AM, by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Chairman Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs, and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

County personnel present included Chad Joyce, Krista Davis, Tom Martin, Natalie Corman, Dave Lomison, and Bryan Sampsel.

Guests present included Dawn McKee, Rebecca Zelner, Keith Bierly, Vicki Fong, Margie Swoboda, Rick Garis, Stan LaFuria, Eric Klemson, and Faith Maguire.

Representatives from the news media included Gary Sinderson, Chris Morelli and Marley Parish.

CNET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn McKee of CentreSafe introduced Rebecca Zelner from Marsy's Law for Pennsylvania, an effort to amend state constitutions and extend enumerated rights to victims of crime. Dr. Henry Nicholas first proposed Marsy's Law in 2009 in memory of his sister who was murdered at the hands of her ex-boyfriend. Since passage in California in 2008, eleven states have adopted constitutional provisions for crime victims. Currently, Pennsylvania is one of nine states that does not provide constitutional provisions for crime victims. Marsy's Law includes rights to notification of and presence at court proceedings, notification when a perpetrator is released on bail, and timely restitution. Passed by both chambers of the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 2017-18 and 2019-20, the constitutional amendment now qualifies to be on the November 2019 ballot as a voter referendum.

Commissioner Dershem asked what accommodations would need to be made at the County Level. Dawn explained that Centre County is very good about providing notification to victims and many of these practices are already in place. Rebecca said it is important that voters make sure to answer the ballot question. According to Commissioner Pipe, there will be three copies posted at each precinct and the question will be on the back of the Centre County ballot in the middle column.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, September 3, 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation No. 25 of 2019 – Commissioner Pipe welcomed Keith Bierly, Chair of Constitution Day, who joined the Board with Vicki Fong, Margie Swaboda, and Rick Garis. Keith announced that the third annual event will be held at Tussey Mountain with keynote speaker Attorney General of Pennsylvania Josh Shapiro. New this year is the James Madison Award for civility in the community. The inaugural winner is Pat Daugherty, owner of The Tavern Restaurant. The event is free to attend and offers nearly 50 exhibits, a demonstration of the new voting machines, and several food trucks.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation No. 25 of 2019 proclaiming September 15 as Constitution Day in Centre County.

VI. INVITATION FOR BIDS

Capital Projects – Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs requested approval for an invitation for bid for paving of the existing gravel parking areas located along High Street and Penn Street in the Borough of Bellefonte. The gravel lots were once houses acquired by the County that are now utilized for parking. Due to varying elevations, the best option is to do minimal grading and apply pavement to improve safety and make it easier for plowing and maintenance. Commissioner Dershem asked about storm water runoff and Bob explained that curbing in perimeter areas will direct storm water and minimize impacts to adjoining properties – Dept. 971.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of the IFB – High Street/Penn Street Parking Area Paving Project.

VII. CONTRACTS

- A. Criminal Justice Planning – Director Karri Hull reviewed the subgrant award notification letter from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the Centre County HOPE Initiative Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) projects. The total award is Federally funded in the amount of \$114,356 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 306.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the subgrant award notification letter from the PCCD.

- B. Risk Management – Krista Davis asked the Board to consider submission of a 2019 – 2020 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program application in the amount of \$9,500

toward a body scanner at the Correctional Facility. The scanner was purchased for a total cost of \$95,000 and is currently in place. Funding is for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 – Dept. 112.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant application to next week's Consent Agenda.

C. Human Services – Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

- i. Aging – Contract renewal with MidPenn Legal Services to provide legal advice and representation for persons with need, as determined by the Centre County Office of Aging. The contract total is \$23,615, which is funded as follows: Federal \$11,807.50 and State \$11,807.50 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 521.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract renewal with MidPenn Legal Services to next week's Consent Agenda.

- ii. Transportation – Director Dave Lomison asked the Board to consider the acquisition of two vehicles to be placed in the County's business fleet. These vehicles will be provided as a Penn State In-Kind Service in the total all-inclusive amount of \$31,377.50– Dept. 532.

1. 2015 Ford Explorer with 74,769 miles total all-inclusive amount \$11,550 (Sheriff's Office)
2. 2015 Ford Expedition 81,549 miles total all-inclusive amount \$19,827.50 (Coroner's Office)

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the vehicle acquisitions from Penn State University to next week's Consent Agenda.

iii. Children and Youth Services

1. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$66,157, which is funded as follows: State \$52,926 and County \$13,231 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 511.
2. Contract renewal with Professional Family Care Services, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$250, which is funded as follows: State \$200 and County \$50 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 511.
3. Contract renewal with Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The

contract total is \$118.56, which is funded as follows: State \$94.85 and County \$23.71 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 511.

4. Contract renewal with the YMCA of Centre County – Moshannon Valley to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$9,000, which is funded as follows: State \$7,200 and County \$1,800 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
5. Contract renewal with Step by Step School for Early Learning to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$20,000, which is funded as follows: State \$16,000 and County \$4,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
6. Contract renewal with A Mindful Village (Dr. H. Peter Montminy) to provide counseling services. The contract total is \$1,000, which is funded as follows: State \$800 and County \$200 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
7. Contract renewal with Centre Safe to provide Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) Services. The contract total is \$4,900, which is funded as follows: State \$3,920 and County \$980 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
8. Contract renewal with Children's Advocacy Center to provide forensic interview services. The contract total is \$24,000, which is funded as follows: State \$19,200 and County \$4,800 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
9. Contract renewal with Professional Family Care Services, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$22,500, which is funded as follows: State \$18,000 and County \$4,500 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
10. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$70,000, which is funded as follows: State \$56,000 and County \$14,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
11. Contract renewal with Families United Network, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$40,000, which is funded as follows: State \$32,000 and County \$8,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
12. Contract renewal with Adelphoi Village, Inc. to provide foster care/residential services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$185,000, which is funded as follows: State \$148,000 and County \$37,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30,

2020 – Dept. 511.

13. Contract renewal with Children's Aid Society of Clearfield to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$15,000, which is funded as follows: State \$12,000 and County \$3,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
14. Contract renewal with Child to Family Connections to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$17,600, which is funded as follows: State \$14,080 and County \$3,520 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add items 1-14 for Children and Youth Services to next week's Consent Agenda.

iv. MH/ID/EI – D&A

1. Addendum No. 1 with Universal Community Behavioral Health /The Meadows Psychiatric Center to provide additional emergency services in the amount of \$2,503. This increases the contract total from \$290,000 to \$292,503, which is funded as follows: State \$279,019 and County \$13,484 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 561.
2. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 reports for the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. Total funds expended total \$1,108,135 for a variety of services including detox services, outpatient, prevention, treatment, case management, and recovery – Dept. 562.
3. Contract renewal with White Deer Run to provide drug and alcohol services that include detoxification and inpatient treatment for adult and adolescent clients diagnosed with addiction, halfway house services, and drug and alcohol partial hospitalization services to adult men and women. The contract total is \$70,000, which is funded as follows: Federal 31,500 and State \$38,500 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.
4. Contract renewal with Centre County Youth Service Bureau to provide drug and alcohol services that include performance based prevention (information dissemination, education, alternative activities, and environmental). The contract total is \$174,609, which is funded as follows: Federal \$69,009, State \$103,183 and County \$2,417 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add items 1-4 for MH/ID/EI – D&A to next week's Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Dershem asked Natalie Corman for an update on the crisis assessment services facility. Natalie reported that Center for Community Resources has secured a location and started to hire staff. The facility will soon undergo renovations that will take two to three weeks to complete. The expected opening date is October 1, 2019.

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add item D.

- D. Commissioners – Contract with Larry Coploff, Esquire of Coploff, Ryan, & Welch Attorneys at Law to provide conflict counsel at a rate of \$120 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours. Margaret explained that the Board has received a KOZ extension request for a single parcel in the Bellefonte Commerce Park. The developer is also represented by our County Solicitor's law firm and the County needs to secure separate legal counsel to review the resolution – Dept. 111.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Larry Coploff, Esquire.

VIII. LETTER OF SUPPORT

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Resolution 11 of 2019 – Delegating Margaret N. Gray Administrator and Chief Clerk the authority to execute contracts, financial documents, and other official documents not to exceed \$10,000 on behalf of the County of Centre – Dept. 111.
- B. Capital Projects – Proposal from Rentokill North America doing business as J.C. Erlich Pest Control Company to install an elevated vulture deterrent system on the roof of the Willowbank Building. The total proposal is \$25,565 – Dept. 971.
- C. Central Booking – Contract renewal with Keyser Consulting Group, LLC to provide maintenance and support for the PolyCom system. The contract total is \$695 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 – Dept. 334.
- D. Court Administration - Contract renewal with Stenograph for writer protection plans, which includes a loaner as needed for four of the Court Reporters. The contract total is \$1,556 for the period of September 19, 2019 through September 18, 2020 – Dept. 271.
- E. Probation – Juvenile Probation Services Grant Agreement with the Juvenile Court Judges Commission in the amount of \$104,043 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 301.

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray reported that the Mental Health Task Force will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 26 at Noon.

XI. ACT 13

Director of Financial Management Tom Martin asked the Board to approve payment in the amount of \$8,528.02 to Worth Township for the Ardery bridge project. With approval, funds disbursed will total \$28,464.37 of the \$75,000 allocated for this project.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment to Worth Township.

XII. LIQUID FUELS

XIII. CHECK RUN

Commissioner Higgins reported the check of the week was to Centre County Solar Partners in the amount of \$600,000. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run in the amount of \$1,449,205.29 dated September 5, 2019.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Higgins introduced Eric Klemson, Faith Maguire, John Hubler, and Stan LaFuria

- A. Eric Klemson of the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation (PRC) provided an update on recent growth in Philipsburg. The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership (MVDEP) has offered financial and administrative support. The PRC has welcomed nine new businesses, administered a \$50,000 façade grant, and reestablished partnerships with the MVDEP and Philipsburg Borough. Eric would like to strengthen ties with Centre County and establish a working relationship with Centre County Government. In August, the PRC submitted a letter to the Commissioners requesting \$10,000 per year for the next three years, to in part, fund a full time position for a mainstream manager.
- B. John Hubler is utilizing the Philipsburg Business Incubator for his company, Right Creative. He specializes in website design and graphic design. The support, resources, and tools available at Dixoncom have been instrumental in helping him get his company off the ground.
- C. Executive Director of the Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership (MVDEP) Stan LaFuria spoke about attending the State of the County Address. He had the opportunity to network and talk about the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA). The MVDEP is now authorized and certified to administer the PIDA loan program Countywide. They have assisted Homeland Manufacturing and Advanced Powder Products in securing PIDA loans for their projects. He stressed the importance of having the tools available, building space, sites, financing, and KOZ; to stimulate private investment and new economic development. KOZ designation has helped Diamondback Truck Covers and Advanced Powder Products, who are both entrepreneurial success stories.

XV. C-NET REQUESTS

XVI. RECOGNITION

XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 107,898 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is Ferguson North 2 with 1,242 registered voters. In the Primary Election there were 320 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 25.76%.

B. Announcements

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

There were no executive sessions to report.

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Prison Board of Inspectors - 8:00 AM - CCCF

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Records Improvement Committee - 2:00 PM - Room 144WB

Thursday, September 19, 2019

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Joint Town Hall with Bellefonte Borough - Courthouse Annex

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Finance Committee - 9:00 PM - Room 146WB

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

Retirement Board - 11:00 AM - Room 146WB

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Thursday, October 3, 2019

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

XX. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Optional Pre-Proposal Meeting - RFP Card Access Control System Upgrade

Friday, September 20, 2019

Deadline for Submission of Proposals – RFP Card Access Control System Upgrade

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Opening of Submitted Proposals – RFP Card Access Control System Upgrade

XXI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 7, 2019

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

XXII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator