



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Virtual – Zoom

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County 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, Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith and Staff Assistant Jillian Savage.

County personnel present included Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman, Liz Lose, Chad Joyce, Ray Stolinas, Faith Ryan, Travis walker and Jury Commissioner Laura Shadle.

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

Guests present included Mary Ann Volders, Alicia Yoder, Erin Letavic, Mark Maggs, and Madison Corman.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

### V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 2 of 2021 – The Board was joined by representatives of the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology and South Hills School of Business to recognize the month of February as Career and Technical Education Month.

Mary Ann Volders of the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology introduced two high school students, Alicia Yoder of Penns Valley and Madison Corman of Bellefonte, both of whom attend CPI. Madison spoke about the

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importance of her studies at CPI in the Medical Science classes. Alicia added that CPI has helped her to grow as an individual. Both students will be enrolled in the LPN program next year.

Mark Maggs of South Hills spoke of the challenges the past year working through the COVID-19 pandemic. The school has made many accommodations to continue education and was able to continue classes without missing any days.

Commissioner Higgins announced that the County is providing a total of \$15,000 to eligible students who volunteer within the Centre County community to provide emergency services. Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 are available to students of CPI, South Hills, and the Central Pennsylvania Phlebotomy Institute.

Commissioner Dershem thanked CPI and South Hills for the hands-on education that they provide.

**Action:** *The Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 2 of 2021 proclaiming February 2021 as Career and Technical Education Month.*

### VI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

Administrator Margaret Gray asked the Board to consider extending the current full remote work status. Between January 29 and February 5, the Centre County positivity rate was moved by the State Department from Moderate to Substantial. This has caused several provider service agencies to remain closed at this time.

The three options presented were, return to a less restrictive work setting with an open rotation or extend the remote status until March allowing departments to make arrangements for returning in person, or continuing to follow the State guidance regarding telework where possible.

Commissioner Pipe noted the return of Penn State students to the community and a newly recognized strain of COVID-19. His recommendation is to continue following the state guidance with telework where possible. Commissioner Higgins agreed and suggested an extension of four weeks. The positivity rate in Centre and surrounding counties remains high. Commissioner Dershem agreed that the County should follow State guidelines but would like to review and reconsider the remote work status every two weeks. It was the consensus of the Board to extend the full remote work status until March 12 with a review by the Board on February 23.

### VII. CONTRACTS

- A. Court Administration – Administrator Margaret Gray asked the Board to consider installation of a silent panic alert system from Vigilant Security at the Centre Hall Magisterial District Judges Office. The equipment installation and cost are \$1,959.83. Monitoring service can be included for \$51 per month, for a total cost of \$2,520.83. Court Administration will submit application to the AOPC for cost of the equipment an installation, monitoring service is not eligible to be covered under the grant – Dept. 971.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the installation from Vigilant Security to next week's Consent Agenda.*

B. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI – D&A

Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

1. Contract addendum with Kimberly Rimmey to allow for State allocations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to provide community mental health Children's services in the amount of \$16,042. This will increase the contract total from \$11,458 to \$27,500, which is funded as follows: State \$23,232 and County \$1,268 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
2. Contract addendum with Bauer's All About Kids, LLC to allow for State allocations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to provide early intervention services to include occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, and speech pathology in the amount of \$27,083. This increases the contract total from \$22,917 to \$50,000, which is funded as follows: State \$45,000 and County \$5,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
3. Contract addendum with Penn State University on behalf of the Penn State Psychological Clinic to allow for State allocations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to provide mental health outpatient and community services in the amount of \$17,500. This increases the contract total from \$12,500 to \$30,000, which is funded as follows: State \$28,617 and County \$1,383 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
4. Contract addendum with Quest Services, Inc. to allow for State allocations for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to provide drug and alcohol services to include screening and assessment, outpatient services, individual and group intervention and MAT in the amount of \$33,333. This will increase the contract total from \$16,667 to \$50,000, which is funded as follows: Federal \$43,000, State \$6,500 and County \$500 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 562.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MH/ID/EI – D&A items 1-4.*

ii. Adult Services

Director Faith Ryan presented the following items:

1. Contract addendum with Centre Helps for the 24/7 information and referral hotline. This will increase the contract total from \$29,400 to \$70,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.

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2. Contract addendum with Centre Helps for the Basic Needs Case Management Program. This will increase the contract total from \$9,745 to \$83,205.48, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
3. Contract addendum with Centre Safe for the Bridge Program (transitional housing). This will increase the contract total from \$30,888.90 to \$73,545, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
4. Contract addendum with Centre Volunteers in Medicine for the Basic Needs Medical Case Management Program. This will increase the contract total from \$4,860 to \$11,665, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
5. Contract addendum with Housing Transitions for the Homemaker Services Case Management Program. This will increase the contract total from \$8,137.05 to \$19,529, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
6. Contract addendum with Housing Transitions for the Bridge Program (transitional housing). This will increase the contract total from \$24,968.35 to \$59,924, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
7. Contract addendum with Housing Transitions for the Housing Case Management Program. This will increase the contract total from \$25,441.25 to \$61,059, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
8. Contract addendum with Interfaith Human Services for the Financial Care Program. This will increase the contract total from \$5,182.80 to \$12,340, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
9. Contract addendum with Centre County Youth Services Bureau for administrative assistance with the Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program. This will increase the contract total from \$53,381.16 to \$127,098, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.
10. Contract addendum with Service Access Management, Inc. to extend their contract for administrative assistance with the PHARE Rental Assistance Program for an additional six months. The contract total is \$52,000, which is funded as follows: State \$22,000 and County \$30,000 for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.

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11. Contract with Service Access Management, Inc. to provide administrative assistance with the PHARE Rental Assistance Program. The contract total is \$52,000, which is funded as follows: State \$18,000 and County \$34,000 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Dept. 501.

Commissioner Dershem stated that in the future he would like to have a conversation about how Act 1 of 2021 will affect the human service area. Commissioner Pipe explained that they are still looking out for regulations to be put out by DCED on how the money will be allowed to be spent. Faith added that their department expects funding starting April 1. Please still contact the department as funding is limited. The housing program specialist has been talking to people about the CDC form in order to prevent evictions due to lack of payment. There are also resources through the DOJ for tenants who have questions or concerns about inability to pay and landlords trying to process evictions. The application process should be similar to the CARES Rent Relief, it will still be the responsibility of the landlord and tenant to apply. Faith believes it will be through COMPASS, the system the state used for Food Stamps, paper applications will still be accepted.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Adult Services items 1-11 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**VIII. GRANTS**

**A. Human Services**

**i. Adult Services**

Director Faith Ryan presented the following items:

1. Submission of a request to the Department of Agriculture regarding the State Food Purchase Program grant agreement for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. This request is to change the payee from Central PA Community Action as the Local Lead Agency to Centre County Government – Dept. 501.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission of a grant modification to the Department of Agriculture.*

2. Submission of a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant – Cares Act (ESG-CV) agreement for the period of July 8, 2020 through January 8, 2022. This request is to reallocate \$115,500 awarded for homeless prevention to the rapid re-housing program – Dept. 501.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission of a grant modification to the DCED.*

3. Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES (ESG-CV 2).
  - a. Resolution 3 of 2021 – A Resolution authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Dept. 501.
  - b. Submission of an application for the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES (ESG-CV 2) requesting a total of \$182,739.76 to support a rapid re-housing program. This program is federally funded for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 - Dept. 501.
  - c. Amendments to the Citizen's Participation Plan, for Centre County's Emergency Solutions Grant – CARES Act application, to enable expending of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) – Dept. 501.
  - d. Language Access Plan Certification - Dept. 501.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 3 of 2021 and approve submission of an application to the DCED for the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES (ESG-CV 2) including items b-d.*

B. Planning

- i. Liz Lose asked the Board to consider submission of Payment Request #9 for Contract C000069496 to the Department of Community and Economic (DCED) for disbursement of funds from the Development Keystone Communities Grant in the amount of \$3,900 for costs incurred by contractor J.C. Orr on the Mountain Top Activity Center project. This is the third and final invoice from contract or J.C. Orr and the final drawdown of the Keystone Communities Grant – Dept. 151.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the payment request to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- ii. Director Ray Stolinas joined the Board with Erin Letavic of HRG to introduce a contract addendum with Herbert, Rowland and Grubric, Inc. (HRG, Inc.) to provide supplemental engineering and related services for the implementation phase of the Countywide Action Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. The contract total of \$95,000 is State funded for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract addendum with HRG, Inc. to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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**IX. 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. Emergency Communications – Proposal from Mission Critical Partners for the Southern Alleghenies 911 Cooperative grant projects including the regional CAD project \$10,000, regional ALI service project \$16,140 and the regional ESINet port monitoring project \$19,053.25. Mission Critical Partners will provide support related to technology, planning, evaluation, procurement, configuration, migration, transition and implementation support. The project total is \$45,193.25, which is funded through a PEMA grant for the period of February 9, 2021 through February 8, 2022 – Dept. 354.

B. GRANTS

- i. Emergency Management – Submission of the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness assessment for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 352.

**X. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

<b>ABC</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Term</b>
MH/ID Advisory Board	April Detar	Resignation	July 1, 2018 – February 9, 2021
MH/ID Advisory Board	Melissa Pell	Resignation	August 1, 2019 – May 31, 2021
Higher Education Authority	David Gray	Resignation	January 1, 2018 – January 14, 2021
Higher Education Authority	Sarah Thorndike	Appointment to fill the unexpired term of David Gray	January 15, 2021 – December 31, 2022
Aging Advisory Council	Joe Davidson	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023
Aging Advisory Council	Mary Dupuis	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023
Aging Advisory Council	Judy Geshwindner	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023
Aging Advisory Council	Ralph Locklin	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023
Aging Advisory Council	Christine King	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022
Aging Advisory Council	Joyce White	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022
Aging Advisory Council	Carol Hine	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022
Aging Advisory Council	Bonnie Wood	Re-Appointment	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022

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*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the ABC resignations, appointment, and re-appointments.*

- XI. LETTER OF SUPPORT
- XII. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE
- XIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
- XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- XV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$1,094,546.64 dated February 5, 2021.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated February 5, 2021.*

- XVI. C-NET REQUESTS
- XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 105,302 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #10 with 632 registered voters. In the General Election there were 506 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 80.06%.

- B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President’s Day.

- XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

There were no executive sessions to report.

- XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Virtual

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

Prison Board of Inspectors – 8:00 AM - Virtual

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Virtual

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

Board of Commissioners – 10:00 AM – Virtual

Records Improvement Committee – 2:00 PM – Virtual



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XX. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions.

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions.

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

First day to file nomination papers.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

Last day to file objections to nomination petitions.

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions.

XXI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

There were no questions from the press.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:59 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator