



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Virtual – Zoom

To join the meeting please visit: www.centrecountypa.gov/zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Board of Commissioners was convened at 10:01 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 Margret Gray, Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith and Staff Assistant Jillian Savage.

County personnel present included Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman, Chirs Schnure, Karri Hull, Jeff Wharran, Kristen Simkins, Chad Joyce, David Lomison, Anne Messner and Travis Walker.

Guests included Patricia and Jodi Morelli.

Representatives from the news media included Marley Parish.

C-Net Staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the March 1 Board of Commissioners Work Session and March 9 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 March 1 Work Session and March 9 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

V. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

VI. CONTRACTS

- A. Criminal Justice Planning – Director of Criminal Justice Planning Karri Hull introduced the submission of a project modification request to the Pennsylvania Commission on

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Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the COVID-19 Response Grant. This will modify the grant allocations to better support the County's COVID response. The total award is \$154,346, which is Federally funded for the period of February 20, 2020 through January 31, 2022 – Dept. 306.

This is a modification of \$26,542 for the Probation department and the Centre County Correctional Facility. The Probation department will be reallocating funds from overtime to purchase three (3) laptops for remote work, and 22 jackets for probation officers to be worn only for work purposes. The Correctional Facility will be reallocating funds for a trash compactor to purchase a system for inmate property for safety and decontamination purposes.

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

- B. Court Administration – Submission of the Court Interpreter Services Grant Application for Language Access Reimbursable Costs to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$43,108.73 – Dept. 271.

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

- C. Emergency Management – Director of Emergency Management Jeff Wharran introduced the Centre County Emergency Operations Plan – Dept. 351.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the Centre County Emergency Operations Plan to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- D. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI – D&A

Director of Human Services Natalie Corman presented the following items:

1. Contract addendum with State College Medical to allow for additional funds to provide drug and alcohol services including screening and assessment, individual, group and family counseling, and methadone maintenance in the amount of \$21,667. This increases the contract total from \$8,333 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. 562.
2. Contract addendum with Housing Transitions, Inc. to allow for additional funds to provide drug and alcohol services to include emergency housing assistance in the amount of \$5,833. This increases the contract total from \$4,167 to \$10,000, which is funded as follows: State \$9,539 and County \$461 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 562.

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3. Contract addendum with The Devereux Foundation to allow for additional funds to provide intellectual disability services to include community residential services in the amount of \$7,541. This increases the contract total from \$3,333 to \$10,874, which is funded as follows: State \$10,373 and County \$501 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
4. Contract Addendum No. 2 with Skills, Inc. to allow for additional funds to provide intellectual disability services to include supported employment in the amount of \$13,833. This increases the contract total from \$14,167 to \$28,000, which is funded as follows: State \$26,710 and County \$1,290 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

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

5. Linkage agreement with Peerstar LLC to satisfy a licensing requirement with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. There is no cost associated with this agreement for the period of March 30, 2021 through March 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the linkage agreement with Peerstar LLC to next week's Consent Agenda.*

E. Information Technology Services

- i. Director of Human Resources Kristen Simkins introduced a contract with Governmentjobs.com, Inc. (dba NEOGOV) to provide the Human Resources Management Suite. This service will allow for customized performance evaluations, online job applications, increase the hiring committees access to applications and further enhance recruitment efforts. The contract total is \$77,348 for the period of March 15, 2021 through March 14, 2024 – Dept. 142.

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

- ii. Chief Information and Records Officer Chad Joyce introduced a contract renewal with Egnyte, Inc. to provide secure cloud file sharing and storage. The contract total is \$23,760 for the period of March 28, 2021 through March 27, 2022 – Dept. 142.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract renewal with Egnyte, Inc.*

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- F. Planning – Chris Schnure presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Final Plan – Subdivision of Lands for Philip and Kathleen Bosak (Re-Subdivision of Lot 2) located in Centre Hall Borough; CCPCDO File No. 127.20. This proposal represents a Final Plan submission showing the subdivision of four (4) residential lots, with corresponding infrastructure, consisting of approximately 20.97 acres. This subdivision is located along the northern boundary of East Church Street (State Route 0192) approximately 975 feet east of its intersection with State Route 0144 – Dept. 151.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the MOU for Philip and Kathleen Bosak to next week's Consent Agenda.*

VII. 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. Controller - Letter of Engagement with Baker Tilly US, LLP for the audit year 2020. The contract total is \$78,000 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Dept. 125.
- B. Emergency Communications – Agreement with ComPros, Inc. to provide CPE maintenance and support for the VESTA phone system hardware and software. The contract total is \$328,980.01, which is State funded through the PEMA Southern Alleghenies Cooperative Grant for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024 – Dept. 354.

VIII. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

IX. LETTER OF SUPPORT

X. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

Anne Messner introduced a request for assistance from Snow Shoe Township in the amount of \$56,195 of Fee for Local Use funding for the milling, paving, scratch coat and shoulder work project on Guenot Road and Walnut Road. The project total is \$105,195 with proposed funding of \$29,000 Liquid Fuels, \$56,195 Fee for Local Use and \$20,000 municipal match – Dept. 412.

Action *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the request for assistance from Snow Shoe Township to next week's Consent Agenda.*

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on the Mental Health Crisis Services Task Force

Administrator Margaret Gray reported the Board of Commissioners and the State College Borough Council met on February 5, 2021 to discuss the implementation of 21 recommendations presented by the Mental Health Crisis Services Task Force. The

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meeting focused on two (2) administrative recommendations. It was agreed that a Progress Review Committee would be established. The Committee would be comprised of a diverse representation from the original Task Force to meet periodically and receive updates on the progress of the recommendations. The Committee is scheduled to begin July 1st, 2021 and end June 30th, 2022.

The Board was in agreement with the plan. Commissioner Higgins thanked Margaret and Natalie Corman for their work on the Task force.

B. Free Rides to Vaccination Appointments

Margaret announced the County is offering free rides to vaccination appointments for Centre County residents. Director of Transportation David Lomison explained to request a ride, individuals should call (814) 355-6807 before 2:00 PM the day prior to their appointment.

Commissioner Pipe thanked Dave for his work throughout the pandemic and expressed his hope that residents utilize this program.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIII. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$1,209,564.73 dated March 12, 2021.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated March 12, 2021.*

XIV. C-NET REQUESTS

XV. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 105,224 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is precinct #15 Rush North Central with 252 registered voters in the last election with 202 ballots cast, for a turnout of 80.16%.

B. Announcements

i. The Centre County Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021 is cancelled for the Board's attendance at the virtual CCAP Conference.

Centre County Government Offices will be closed on Friday, April 2 for Spring Break.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XVII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

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Board of Elections – 11 AM – Virtual

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Board of Elections – 10 AM – Virtual

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Board of Commissioners – CANCELLED

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Finance Committee – 9 AM - Virtual

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10 AM – Virtual

XVIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

XIX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Marley Parish – Centre Daily Times

i. Can community members join the Progress Review Committee, if so, how do they get involved?

XX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator