



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Virtual – Zoom

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### 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 Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr., Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman, Julia Sprinkle, David Lomison and Travis Walker.

Guests included Mary Ann Zimmerman, 8143598605, Robert Zeigler (Millheim, He/Him).

Representatives from the news media included Chris Morelli, Peyton Kennedy and 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 16, 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 March 16 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

### V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 5 of 2021 – Proclaiming the month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mary Ann Zimmerman stated that April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, in addition to the traditional blue ribbons and pinwheels, there will be two virtual events. The Chalk the Walk event asks businesses to write messages of support and inspiration for prevention and support of survivors. Images of the messages can be posted on social media

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using #centrecountycares. The second event, Kindness Rocks, will be a yearlong event. Two-hundred rocks will be painted with messages of hope and inspiration and placed across the County. When a rock is found, an image may be posted to social media using #centrecountycares and placed back where it was found or placed in a new spot.

Commissioner Pipe thanked Mary Ann for the work the agencies have done to prevent child abuse. Creativity is needed to produce initiatives, such as these, to generate awareness.

Commissioner Higgins urged that if abuse is suspected, please report it. The child abuse hotline is 1-800-932-0313.

Commissioner Dershem thanked the agencies for all their work and continuing to protect Centre County's children. Over the last 10 to 12 years the County has made improvements and needs to continue to improve to ensure the youth are protected as well as possible.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 5 of 2021.*

**VI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE**

**County Office Protocols**

Administrator Margret Gray reported that Centre County Government offices are working under full remote work status through April 2. Unfortunately, the amount of COVID hospitalizations and positivity rates are trending upwards for the month of March. It is recommended that full remote work status be extended to Friday, April 16. This will be reevaluated on Tuesday, April 13. It was the consensus of the Board to extend full remote work status until April 16.

**VII. CONTRACTS**

**A. Human Services**

**i. Transportation**

Director of Transportation David Lomison presented the following items:

1. Contract extension with Community Integrations LLC to provide transportation services under the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) outside of Centre County and on holidays as requested. The extension is for the period of April 5, 2021 through April 4, 2026 at the following rates: \$60 minimum fee for trips 40 miles and less, \$2.55 per loaded mile single rate, \$2,80 per loaded mile group rate with an annual rate increase of \$0.05 per mile – Dept. 531.
2. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Transit Funding Consolidated Capital grant award which will provide complete funding for eight new paratransit vehicles for the shared ride service. The total award is \$640,000, which is funded as follows: Federal \$480,000 and State \$160,000 – Dept. 531.
3. Resolution 6 of 2021 – Authorizing the sale of surplus county property by online auction sale – Dept. 532.

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4. Contract with IronPlanet, Inc. and Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Inc. to offer and sell county surplus vehicles online through GovPlanet. Auction revenue will be shared with 85% received by the County and 15% retained by the company – Dept. 532.

Currently there are 19 vehicles listed for auction, with potentially six more vehicles being taken out of service before the deadline. Nine of these are PennDOT purchased vehicles, with the remaining 16 being business fleet vehicles purchased by the County for various departments. The vehicles will be sold as-is.

Commissioner Dershem inquired how people would access the auction data. Dave responded that once approved, the information will be available on [www.govplanet.com](http://www.govplanet.com), as well as <https://centrecountypa.gov/2252/Online-Auction>. The auction is anticipated to start April 10th, and run for 2 weeks.

Commissioner Dershem stated that anytime assets are liquidated, the County is required to distribute the assets to another municipality or open them for public auction.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Transportation items 1-4 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**VIII. 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. Probation**

- i. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Grant-In-Aid application and agreement with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The application total is approximately \$99,500 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 301.
- ii. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 State Offender Supervision Fund agreement, which enables the County to receive reimbursement for a portion of offender supervision fees collected by Probation and sent to the Board of Probation and Parole. The agreement total is approximately \$325,000 is for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 301.

**B. Commissioners' Office**

- i. Contract with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for provision of accounting and consulting services related to the general administration of the various COVID 19 related Federal and State grant funding programs received by the County with specific deliverables related to technical assistance and advice in administering the grant programs. Billing is structured on an hourly basis – Dept. 111.

Commissioner Dershem asked if any more guidance had been given on how this funding is to be distributed. Commissioners Pipe and Higgins have not received any more guidance.

**C. Emergency Communications**

- i. Contract addendum with Tyler Technologies as part of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency – Southern Alleghenies Cooperative 911 Regional CAD Project. The contract total is \$141,281 for the period of March 30, 2021 through March 29, 2022, it is an automatic renewal with a 3-5% annual increase, which is funded through a PEMA Grant – Dept. 354.
- ii. Tyler Technologies third-party hardware, software, services and products for the Southern Alleghenies Cooperative 911 Regional CAD Project. Total one-time cost is \$219,810 with Centre County’s share totaling \$43,962 – Dept. 354.

**D. Information Technology Services**

**i. Cybersecurity Assessment**

- 1. Letter of engagement with the Pennsylvania National Guard to perform a cybersecurity assessment. There is no cost for this agreement for the period of April 12, 2021 through April 16, 2021 – Dept. 142
- 2. Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to provide cybersecurity support services. This MOU will commence on the last date of signature and remain in effect for five years – Dept. 142.
- 3. Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to share confidential or proprietary information. This agreement will commence on the last date of signature and will remain in effect for two years – Dept. 142.

- ii. Contract with Reclamere Data Security Experts to develop an Information Technology Managed Services Provider Request for Proposal. The contract total is \$14,550 for the period of March 25, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Dept. 142.

**IX. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

<b>ABC</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Term</b>
Drug and Alcohol Planning Council	Deirdre O’Sullivan	Appointment	April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2024

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

**X. LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**XI. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE**

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**XII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Margaret Gray introduced the County's new Deputy Administrator, John Franek, Jr.

Margaret announced that blue and teal lights, as well as kindness rocks will be placed around the Courthouse in support of Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Starting today, the AMI testing site will be operating under the Department of Health. The site is located at the Patton Township Municipal Building at 100 Patton Plaza, near Home Depot and Lowes in State College. The site will be open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, through May 1. Information on the site can be found at <https://centrecountypa.gov/2225/COVID-19-Testing-Site>.

**XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Re-Opening Centre County Senior Centers**

Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman proposed that the Centre County Senior Centers reopen on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Centers would be open one day a week, to allow for the necessary cleaning. CDC recommendations will be followed, including social distancing and masking. This includes the Centers in Philipsburg, Bellefonte, Centre Hall and Madisonburg. The part-time position at the Snow Shoe Center has been posted, and the Center is scheduled to open once the position is filled. The Centers will work under the 10% threshold guidance from the State regarding Adult Day Programs. An estimated 20% of senior centers have opened across the Commonwealth, with more anticipated to open the week after Easter.

Commissioner Pipe asked if the Department of Health or Aging has announced what category senior center managers will be in to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Natalie is not aware of this but will look into it.

**XIV. CHECK RUN**

Check run in the amount of \$5,588,924.02 dated March 26, 2021.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated March 26, 2021.*

**XV. C-NET REQUESTS**

**XVI. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Voter Registration Report**

Commissioner Dershem reported 105,165 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is precinct #16 State College North with 874 registered voters. In the last election there were 678 ballots cast, for a turnout of 77.57%.

**B. Announcements**

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

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- XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT
- XVIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Virtual  
Board of Elections – 11 AM - Virtual

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM - Virtual

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

Prison Board of Inspectors – 8:00 AM - Virtual  
Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10 AM – Virtual

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM - Virtual

- XIX. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, May 3, 2021**

Last day to REGISTER before the Primary.

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

**MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 PM).

- XX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

- A. Peyton Kennedy - WJAC

- i. From the recent announcement by the Governor, Centre County will be receiving an estimated \$20 million for K through 12 schools. What is the importance of the allocation and what types of opportunities it might bring?

- XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator