



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Virtual – Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the 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, Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr., Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith and Staff Assistant Jillian Savage.

County personnel present included Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman, Robin Cain, Ray Stolinas, Leah Raker, David Lomison, Controller Jason Moser, Jeff Wharran and Travis Walker.

Guest present included Marisa Vicere and Miriam Powell.

Representatives from the news media included Peyton Kennedy, Chris Morelli 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 April 27, 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 April 27 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

V. PROCLAMATION

A. Proclamation 13 of 2021 – Proclaiming May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Centre County.

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman discussed the mental health resources available in Centre County. A booklet, Mental Health Services in Centre County, is available on the County website.

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Marisa Vicere of the Jana Marie Foundation announced that several courses focusing on mental health education will be offered during the month. The Jana Marie Foundation's Community Engagement Manager Miram Powell announced a virtual movie series titled Trilogy. The movies will be available on May 12, May 19, and May 26. More information regarding these events can be found on the Jana Marie Foundation website.

The Board expressed their thanks to those who provide mental health services. Bringing awareness to Mental health and wellbeing is important at all ages.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 13 of 2021.*

B. Proclamation 14 of 2021 – Proclaiming May 2021 as Foster Care Awareness Month in Centre County.

Leah Raker reported that Centre County is one of the few counties to have its own foster care program. Foster Care Specialist Robin Cain stated there is currently a need for local foster families for several areas within Centre County. Those interested in becoming a foster parent can contact Centre County Children and Youth Services.

The Board thanked foster parents and foster care agencies for their dedication to supporting children who enter the foster care system.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 14 of 2021.*

VI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

A. COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP)

i. Announcement of CHIRP Grant Recipients

Commissioner Higgins reported that Centre County awarded the remainder of the CHIRP funds during the second round of applications. A total of 84 companies were awarded funding through CHIRP. The program will no longer be accepting applications for Centre County.

B. Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)

i. Commissioner Higgins reported that beginning at Noon on Monday, May 3, the Small Business Administration began accepting applications for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Under the American Rescue Plan, restaurants and similar businesses whose sales were at least 33% to the general public are eligible to apply. Businesses may apply at the Small Business Administration's website at www.sba.gov/restaurants. Questions regarding the application may be directed to the Small Business Administration at 844-279-8898.

VII. CONTRACTS

A. Court Administration – Administrator Margaret Gray presented a contract renewal with the Center for Alternatives in Community Justice (CACJ). The contract includes the pre-trial release program (\$136,086), Youth Aid Panel (\$2,500) and Mediation Custody Court Program. The CACJ is requesting that time spent in court and travel expense be

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paid (\$3,969). The pre-trial release program is funded equally by the Court and Correctional Facility (\$68,043). The contract total is \$142,555 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 – Dept. 271.

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

B. Human Services

i. Transportation – Director of Transportation David Lomison asked for the Boards approval for the acquisition of four vehicles for the County Business Fleet, each being replacement vehicles. The purchase of these vehicles will be provided as a Penn State In-Kind Service in the total all-inclusive amount of \$39,160 – Dept. 531/2.

1. 2014 Dodge Caravan with 33,000 miles all-inclusive amount of \$11,192.50 – Dept. 531.
2. 2014 Jeep Patriot with 61,513 miles all-inclusive amount of \$9,322.50 – Dept. 532.
3. 2014 Jeep Patriot with 63,663 miles all-inclusive amount of \$9,322.50 – Dept. 532.
4. 2014 Jeep Patriot with 63,489 miles all-inclusive amount of \$9,322.50 – Dept. 532.

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

C. Emergency Management – Director of Emergency Management Jeff Wharran introduced PEMA Directive 2019-02 Attachment 3A County Agreement with the Eagle Hazardous Materials Team to affirm county sponsorship as required for Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) recertification – Dept. 352.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add PEMA Directive 2019-02 Attachment 3A County Agreement with the Eagle Hazardous Materials Team to next week's Consent Agenda.*

VIII. RESOLUTION

Resolution 8 of 2021 – Director of Emergency Management Jeff Wharran introduced a resolution adopting the Centre County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This plan is updated every five years and has been approved by FEMA and PEMA – Dept. 351.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution 8 of 2021 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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IX. GRANTS

D. Planning

Director of Planning and Community Development Ray Stolinas presented the following items:

- i. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract for Federal fiscal year 2020 in the amount of \$466,379 for a period of January 27, 2020 through March 8, 2025. Projects included in the contract are the Penn Township water tank, the Haines-Aaronsburg water well revitalization, and Bellefonte Boroughs streetscape safety improvements. There will be administrative costs for SEDA-Cog to support the CDBG program for the 2020 applications – Dept. 817.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CDBG FFY 2020 Contract.*

- ii. Execution of revised financial documents, RDA-300 and RDA-301 Forms, outlining the funding sources for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RACP) for Titan Park Plant 1 Improvements – Phase 1 – Dept. 151.

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

X. 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. Human Services

- i. MH/ID/EI - Letter of Agreement with Elizabeth Beckman-Nemenz, DPT to provide early intervention services to include physical therapy. The total cost of this agreement is \$7,000, which is funded as follows: State \$6,300 and County \$700 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

B. Planning

- i. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the final subdivision plan, Deerhaven, Phase 2B; CCPCDO File No. 39-21. This proposal represents the next phase of the Deerhaven Subdivision, showing an additional seventeen (17) residential lots with corresponding infrastructure comprising a total of 7.054 acres. The subdivision is located in Walker Township, north of Zion Back Road (T-461) and east Deerhaven Road (T-368) serving the existing Deerhaven subdivisions, approximately one mile east of Zion Back Road intersection with State Route 64 – Dept. 151.
- ii. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for S&A Homes, Inc. subdivision of Lot 2RR of Plat Book 92, Page 67 into Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 located in Walker Township; CCPCDO File No. 38-21. This proposal represents a Final Plan submission showing the subdivision of five (5) residential lots, with

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corresponding infrastructure, consisting of approximately 11.840 acres. This subdivision is located along the southern boundary of Walizer Road (T-471) approximately 1/2 mile from its intersection with Nittany Valley Drive (State Route 0064) – Dept. 151.

- C. Risk Management – Renewal of the professional liability insurance policy for the District Attorney’s Office through National District Attorney’s Association (NDAA) Insurance Services. The total premium is \$29,651 for the period of June 6, 2021 through June 5, 2022 - Dept. 112.

XI. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

XII. LETTER OF SUPPORT

XIII. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIV. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray announced the Department of Health (DOH) has extended the free AMI Testing Site in Centre County through May 28, 2021. The site will be moved to the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority’s Interpretive Center located on Transfer Road, just beyond the Centre Daily Times building, and will operate from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday. More information for the testing site can be found at www.centrecountypa.gov.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XVI. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$381,248.39 dated April 30, 2021.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated April 30, 2021.*

XVII. C-NET REQUESTS

XVIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 105,105 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is precinct #20 State College South 2 with 1,507 registered voters. In the last election there were 1,093 ballots cast, for a turnout of 72.53%.

B. Announcements

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

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XX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Virtual

Board of Commissioners Work Session – 3:30 PM - Virtual

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10 AM – Virtual

Retirement Board – 11 AM – Virtual

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Virtual

XXI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 PM).

Tuesday, May 19, 2021

First day to REGISTER after Primary.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 17)

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 10:55 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator