



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public work session of the Board of Commissioners was convened at 11:17 AM by Chair of the Board Mark Higgins.

In attendance were Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Amber Concepcion, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator John Franek Jr., and Executive Office Supervisor Erin Good.

County personnel present included Controller Jason Moser, Deputy Administrator Natalie Corman, Human Services Administrator Julia Sprinkle, Liz Lose, Ray Stolinis and Richard Killian.

Guests present included Kim Stank.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### III. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Administrator John Franek Jr. stated we have one new ARPA request that has been received from Penn Township related to Coburn Community Park requesting funding for new playground equipment. The park has secured funding from DCNR from C2P2 grant for \$40,000, DCNR Professional Service Grant for \$10,000, Penn Township cash match at \$10,000, Penn Township volunteer In-Kind Match at \$10,000 and are requesting \$100,000 of ARPA funding for a total project cost of \$170,000.

Some of the funding would also go towards ADA parking stalls as well as ADA playground equipment that needs updated.

The Board decided to send a letter to the requestor and at this time decided not to allocate any funds to the project.

Kim stated a little over \$7 million has been spent of ARPA funds. Kim broke down the total cumulative obligations as well as the total cumulative expenditures, which totals a little over \$17.5 million of funds allocated towards projects.

The Valentine Street houses demolition IFB Project cost was updated to reflect \$28,477 for the Centre County LATCF Project.

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Kim asked if the Board would like to show all of the revenue loss funds as expended, which would take the ARPA funds restricted funds to an unrestricted funds bucket. The Board agreed unanimously that the funds should be moved over as Kim recommended.

Richard stated the Board committed \$250,000 for the University Airport tourism grant incentive project for direct flights to Charlotte through American Airlines but due to staff shortages it was shut down pretty quickly. They started test flights during Spring Break in March. There is a total of \$355,000 with funds from other municipalities.

Richard stated the airport plans on collecting data points from the direct flights to Chicago that they are currently offering and plan to have another meeting in mid-July to go over the data and what the next steps would be moving forward.

IV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Concepcion seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 AM.

ATTEST:

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John Franek Jr.

Administrator