



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

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

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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 John Franek Jr. and Executive Office Supervisor Erin Good.

County personnel included Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman, Julia Sprinkle, Leah Raker, Chad Joyce, Jen Pettina, Nick Barger, Amanda Vandermark, Austin Garlitz, Briana Wheatley, Dylan James, Isabella Taffera, Jane Yi, Katie Webb, Lacy Gates, Marissa Greene, Mary Stamm, Ryan Clancy, Tasha Tedrow, Kaylyn Nero, Stephanie Haldeman, Tara Peters, Misty Benedict and Tyrus Lundy.

Representatives from the news media included Gary Sindersen.

C-NET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

V. MEETING MINUTES

The Board will consider approving the minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from May 31, 2022.*

VI. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 23 of 2022 – Director of Children & Youth Services, Julia Sprinkle joined the Board in Proclaiming **June 6-10** as **Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week** in Centre County.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 23 of 2022.*

Commissioner Pipe read through the list of all Children & Youth employees to recognize them of their hard work and service. Commissioner Higgins and Commissioner Dershem both thanked the C&YS employees for everything they have done for Centre County's children.

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VII. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

VIII. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

IX. CONTRACTS – AUTHORIZATIONS

A. Information Technology Systems

Chad Joyce asked the Board to approve the following item:

- i. Contract renewal with AT&T to provide managed threat detection and response services. The contract total is \$90,868.05 for the period of June 15, 2022 to June 14, 2023 – Dept. 142.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with AT&T.*

Jen Pettina asked the Board to consider approving the following item:

- ii. Contract with RBA Professional Data Systems for a GUI software enhancement for Tax Collections and Claims Department. The integration will create an online search portal and web payment application that allows the collection of County-wide delinquent real estate taxes and the collection of current year real estate county tax levies for Districts 19, 24 and 36. The contract total is \$5,000 for the period of June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 – Dept. 142.

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

- B. Geographic Information Systems – Nick Barger asked the Board to approve the contract renewal with Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. (ESRI) for technical support and software updates. The contract total is \$23,500 for the period of August 22, 2022 to August 21, 2023 – Dept. 155.

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

Human Services

C. MH/ID

Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman asked the Board to approve the following items:

- i. Letter of agreement with Sunny Days Adult Daily Living Center to provide intellectual disability services including community-based services and transportation. The agreement total is \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$23,848 and County Match \$1,152, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- ii. Letter of agreement with Cares of Central PA, Inc. to provide intellectual disability services including community participation, transportation and supported employment. The agreement total is \$96,000 funded as follows: State \$91,574 and County Match \$4,426 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.

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- iii. Contract addendum with Eagle View Personal Care Home, LLC to allow additional funds to provide community residential services in the amount of \$100,000. The service provider's contract maximum will increase from \$437,000 to \$537,000 which is funded as follows: State \$512,244 and County Match \$24,756 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
- iv. Contract addendum with Eagle Valley Personal Care Home to allow additional funds to provide additional housing support services in the amount of \$100,000. The service provider's contract maximum will increase from \$483,292 to \$583,292, funded as follows: State \$556,402 and County Match \$26,890 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
- v. Letter of agreement with Care for People Plus, Inc. to provide intellectual disability services including home and community-based services, homemaker chore service and medical environment services. The agreement total is \$23,000, funded as follows: State \$21,940 and County Match \$1,060 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- vi. Letter of agreement with Elizabeth Beckman-Nemenz to provide early intervention services including physical therapy. The agreement total is \$7,000, funded as follows: State \$6,300 and County Match \$700 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- vii. Letter of agreement with Jana Marie Foundation to provide suicide prevention training, mental health first aid, youth mental health first aid and staff training. The contract total is \$40,952, funded as follows: State \$39,064 and County Match \$1,888 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the MH/ID items i-vii to next week's Consent Agenda.*

D. Children & Youth Services

Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman asked the Board to approve the following items:

- i. Contract renewal with Children's Aid Society of Clearfield to provide foster care placement and Positive Parenting Program (Triple P). This program is a comprehensive system of parenting and family support and is designed to promote positive parenting practices and reduce family risk factors as they relate to maltreatment and behavioral and emotional problems. The contract total is \$47,000 funded as follows: State \$37,600 and County Match \$9,400 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract with Children's Aid Society of Clearfield to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- ii. Consider approval of Act 148 Quarterly Reports for the period of July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Act 148 Quarterly Reports.*

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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.*

Human Services

- A. Aging – Consider approval of AmeriCorps Seniors American Rescue Senior Demonstration Program (SDP) Grant for the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). The grant provides necessary funding to work with member agencies such as Meals on Wheels and the County designated food pantries. Volunteers are provided through the RSVP for these locations to enhance distribution of food and social interaction. The grant total is \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 – Dept. 521.
- B. MH/ID
- i. Contract addendum with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to provide additional housing support/CHIPP enhancement services. The addendum will increase \$20,000, increasing the service provider's contract maximum from \$1,169,584 to \$1,189,584 funded as follows: State \$1,134,744 and County \$54,840 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
 - ii. Contract addendum with Skills, Inc. to provide additional psychiatric rehabilitation services. The addendum will increase \$14,000, increasing the service provider's contract maximum from \$214,606 to \$228,606 funded as follows: State \$218,067 and County \$10,539 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
 - iii. Contract addendum with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to provide additional outpatient services and recovery house services. The addendum will increase \$64,000, increasing the service provider's contract maximum from \$140,000 to \$204,000 funded as follows: State \$143,070, Federal \$50,019 and County \$10,911 for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
 - iv. Contract renewal with Bauer's All About Kids, LLC to provide early intervention services that include occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction and speech pathology. The contract total is \$50,000 funded as follows: State \$45,000 and County \$5,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
 - v. Contract renewal with Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc. to provide early intervention services that include occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, speech pathology and IFSP teaming. The contract total is \$125,000 funded as follows: State \$112,500 and County \$12,500 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Dept. 561.
- C. Adult Services
- i. Contract with Housing Transitions Inc. to provide Emergency Shelter Services. This contract is funded through the Human Services Block Grant-Homeless Assistance Program (HSBG-HAP). The contract total is \$57,115 funded through the State for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.
 - ii. Contract addendum with Centre Helps for the Basic Needs Case Management Program to provide resource management, budgeting, and advocacy services to individuals and families living in Centre County who are struggling financially. The addendum will increase the contract total from \$23,290 to \$62,395 funded through the State for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.

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iii. Contract addendum with Centre Helps to increase the allocation for the Information and Referral Hotline from \$70,000 to \$94,000 funded through the State for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.

D. Transportation – Consider acceptance of a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation/Bureau of Public Transportation in the amount of \$462,000 for the period of March 10, 2022 to March 10, 2023. The funds will be used in the purchase of up to five new handicapped-accessible vans – Dept. 531.

XI. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

XII. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$516,421.30 June 3, 2022.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated June 3, 2022.*

XIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XIV. C-NET REQUEST

XV. LETTER OF SUPPORT

XVI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

XVII. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem stated there are no voter registration to report but confirmed the General Primary Election certification and recount has been completed.

B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 for Juneteenth.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

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XX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session at 10:28 AM to discuss personnel matters and an un-related legal matter.

The Board met in Executive Session from 10:28 AM to 11:32 AM.

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On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 AM.

ATTEST:

John Franek Jr.

Administrator