



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County 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, and Administrator Margaret Gray.

County personnel present included Sheriff Bryan Sampsel, Betsy Barndt, and Tom Martin.

Representatives from the news media included Evan Hinkley and Gary Sinderson.

CNET staff were present.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, May 26, 2020 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 May 26, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

IV. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

Personnel

Correctional Facility – On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve of the reinstatement of Danielle Minarchick, Drug and Alcohol Therapist Coordinator, from reduced hours furlough to regular full-time status effective June 7, 2020, pay period 12 - Dept. 333.

V. RESOLUTION

Resolution 13 of 2020 – Adopting a Fair Housing Policy, making known the County's commitment to the principle of Fair Housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to further fair housing. The Resolution was introduced by Betsy Barndt, Housing and Community Development Coordinator– Dept. 815.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution 13 of 2020 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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VI. CONTRACTS

- A. Capital Projects – Administrator Margaret Gray asked the Board to consider Change Order No. 4 for the Courthouse Renovation Project to purchase of signage from Howard Industries in the amount of \$4,985.04 to comply with Code requirements. Commissioner Dershem asked that the County be more conservative and thoughtful about the number of signs that are placed – Dept. 917.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of signage from Howard Industries.*

- B. GIS- Administrator Margaret Gray introduced a contract renewal with ESRI, Inc. to provide technical support and software upgrades. The contract total is \$23,740 for the period of August 22, 2020 through August 21, 2021 – Dept. 155.

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

- C. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Journey Center, LLC to facilitate coordination of care and/or interagency referrals to provide mental health care for Centre County residents. There is no cost for the agreement for the period of May 20, 2020 through May 20, 2025 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the Memorandum of Understanding with Journey Center, LLC. to next week's Consent Agenda.*

VII. GRANTS

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve this week's Consent Agenda.

Correctional Facility – Contract renewal with Central Intermediate Unit #10 to provide WorkKeys class for two and half hours, twice per week for a total of five hours. The contract rate is \$32.42 with the contract total not to exceed \$10,114 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 333.

IX. LETTER OF SUPPORT

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XI. LIQUID FUELS

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XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$1,083,597.55 dated June 5, 2020.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated June 5, 2020.*

XV. C-NET REQUESTS

XVI. RECOGNITION

XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported the total registered voters eligible for the primary election were 89,121. A total of 18,316 Democratic ballots were cast including 13,512 absentee and mail in ballots. Republican ballots totaled 14,593, including 5,400 absentee and mail in ballots. The voter turnout was 36.93%. He thanked Commissioner Pipe for his work to organize the counting of absentee and mail in ballots.

B. Announcements

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board of Commissioners met in executive session on Friday, June 5 from 4:20 to 5:22 PM to discuss a legal matter. The Board will met in executive session following this meeting.

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

BOC/Salary Board Meeting- 10:00 AM - 146WB

Board of Assessment Revision of Taxes - 11:00 AM - Room 146WB

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Prison Board of Inspectors - 8:00 AM - Virtual

BOC/Salary Board Meeting- 10:00 AM - Virtual

Retirement Board - 11:00 AM - Virtual

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

BOC/Salary Board Meeting- 10:00 AM - 146WB

XX. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

XXI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

XXII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

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A. Evan Hinkley

- i. Is there an ideal timeline for when all the votes will be counted for the November election?
- ii. How many furloughed employees have been brought back and when will the rest come back?
- iii. Will there be students voting at the HUB this fall?

B. Gary Sinderson

- i. Are there plans to bring employees back to the office setting or will they work from home?
- ii. Any other general observations from the primary election?
- iii. Where do you stand with the Courthouse Renovation project?
- iv. What is the total cost of the project?

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 10:28 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator