



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 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 Centre County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 AM on June 11, 2019 by Chair of the Board, Michael Pipe.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Chair; Commissioner Mark Higgins; Commissioner Steven Dershem; Administrator, Margaret Gray; Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs; and Executive Assistant, Natalie Bird.

County personnel present included Ray Stolinas, Natalie Corman, Tom Martin, and Chad Joyce.

Guests present included Lewis Lazarow, Geoff Landers-Nolan, Elaine Meder-Wilgus, and Vanessa Peduzzi.

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

CNET staff were present.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

### IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, June 4, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from June 4, 2019.*

### V. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- A. **Planning** – Director Ray Stolinas reported that Alpha HVAC submitted the only response to the RFP for Design/Replacement of Holt Memorial Library HVAC System. On Friday, June 7, the County received notice from Alpha HVAC that upon further review of the budget and associated requirements under the State grant contract, they will be withdrawing their submission. The project subcommittee will meet later today to discuss their options and continue to work with the County to move forward. – Dept. 151.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to table RFP – Design/Replacement of Holt Memorial Library HVAC System for contract negotiations.*

- B. Human Services – Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman provided an overview of the RFP – Crisis Assessment Services. Deputy Controller Hank Fifield reported that three submissions were received in response to the RFP – Dept. 561.

Oasis LifeCare LLC	State College, PA
Peer Star LLC	Johnstown, PA
Center for Community Resources	Butler, PA

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to table RFP – Crisis Assessment Services until June 25 for review.*

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 3 of 2019 - A resolution in support of Restore Pennsylvania, a \$4.5 billion infrastructure improvement plan. Commissioner Pipe explained that this resolution was proposed by Governor Wolf earlier this year and last week was introduced as House Bill 1585 and Senate Bill 725. He said projects funded would include high-speed broadband, flood control infrastructure, disaster response, green infrastructure, blight demolition and redevelopment, energy efficiency, and transportation infrastructure. State College Borough and Bellefonte Borough have approved similar resolutions.

Commissioner Dershem said he is not in support of the resolution and said it is a tax increase on natural gas. According to Commissioner Pipe, there would be a severance tax on the natural gas industry. Pennsylvania is one of few States that does not have a severance tax; it does have an impact fee that is a small amount in terms of what other states charge. Commissioner Dershem expressed concern about what impact the tax will have on the impact fee and how the County will know the funding will not be allocated elsewhere such as Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. He is hesitant to lobby State Government for something that is not a County issue. Commissioner Pipe said this would not affect the impact fee in any way. Commissioner Dershem asked if the Board was lobbying for a tax increase and Commissioner Pipe said he is lobbying for the funding needed to do these projects.

Every other state in the United States that has natural gas does charge a severance tax according to Commissioner Higgins. He added that the proposed legislation includes green infrastructure, the farmland preservation program, regional trail networks for ATVs, storm preparedness and disaster recover as well as rural and urban broadband. Commissioner Dershem is concerned that there are no guaranteed outcomes or specific plan for where the money will go and everyone who uses or heats with natural gas is going to pay more in fees and service costs. He doesn't appreciate the way that the funding is being generated and the impact it will have on families and local businesses – Dept. 111.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Pipe, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the Board voted 2-1 with Commissioner Dershem opposed, to add Resolution 3 of 2019 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

VII. CONTRACTS

- A. Planning – Director Ray Stolin asked the Board to consider submission of a revised Payment Request #1 to the Department of Community and Economic (DCED) for disbursement of funds from the Development Keystone Communities Grant in the amount of \$34,000 for installation of a new metering pit vault in the Mountaintop Regional Water Authority system. The new vault will improve system wide loss and water quality. The total grant is \$100,000 for the period of June 20, 2018 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 151.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve submission of the revised Payment Request to DCED.*

VIII. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Commissioners – Commissioner Higgins asked the Board to approve submission of a letter in support of Appalachian Food Works efforts to secure funding from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Local Food Promotion Program – Dept. 111.

*Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support for Appalachian Food Works.*

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Correctional Facility – Agreement with Nucltech US Inc. for the purchase of a body inspection system to be used for non-contact head to toe inspections. This agreement includes the body inspection system, two-year warranty, transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training and technical support. The purchase price is \$95,000 with an additional extended annual warranty for three years at a cost of \$6,000 per year. The total cost is \$113,000 – Dept. 333.
- B. GIS – Maintenance contract renewal with ESRI, Inc. to provide support and software updates. The contract total is \$23,750 for the period of August 22, 2019 through August 21, 2020 – Dept. 155.
- C. Human Services
- i. Contract renewal with Treatment Trends, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services to include halfway house services and non-hospital detoxification rehabilitation. The contract total is \$5,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.

- ii. Contract renewal with Pyramid Healthcare Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services to include non-hospital inpatient treatment and rehabilitation, inpatient detox, halfway house services, outpatient services, and partial hospitalization services. The contract total is \$40,000, which is funded as follows: Federal \$20,000 and State \$20,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.
- iii. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide mental health services that include family based and family support services (respite services). The contract total is \$12,000, which is funded as follows: State \$11,447 and County \$553 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.
- iv. Contract renewal with J. S. Transport to provide emergency transportation services. The contract total is \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$23,848 and County \$1,152 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.
- v. Addendum No. 1 with Beacon Light Behavioral Health System to provide funds for additional mental health mobile medication management services in the amount of \$33,000. This increases the contract total from \$35,000 to \$68,000, which is funded as follows: State \$64,865 and County \$3,135 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 561.

X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray reported that responses to the RFP for Office Space/Locations are due this Friday, June 14 at 4:00 PM. Next week a new RFP will be introduced for upgrades to the card access system. She then announced that the County has received partial reimbursement from the Department of State in HAVA funds for the purchase of voting machines.

XI. LIQUID FUELS

XII. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIII. CHECK RUN

Commissioner Higgins reported that the check of the week was to Dixoncom LLC in the amount of \$898. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run in the amount of \$582,485.11 dated June 7, 2019.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elaine Meder-Wilgus announced the Central PA Theatre and Dance Festival that will be held June 21 through 23 at over 12 locations in downtown State College. The festival will feature over 125 events and is made possible by a grant from the Central Pennsylvania Visitors Bureau.

XV. RECOGNITION

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XVI. C-NET REQUESTS

XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

There is no report this week.

B. Announcements

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, June 13, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

EBT – 1:00 PM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Records Improvement Committee – 2:00 PM – Room 144WB

Thursday, June 20, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Finance Committee – 9:00 AM – Room 146WB

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

XX. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

RFP – Holt Memorial Library – Contract Award

RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Opening

Friday, June 14, 2019

RFP – Office Space/Locations – MDJ Offices – Responses Due

Friday, June 18, 2019

RFP – Office Space/Locations – MDJ Offices - Opening

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

RFP – Crisis Assessment Services – Contract Award

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RFP – Office Space/Locations – MDJ Offices – Contract Award

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XXI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.

Monday, August 12, 2019

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the Primary.

XXII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Geoff Landers-Nolan of Pine Grove Mills offered public comment related to the mental health system in Centre County.

XXIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator