



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 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 convened at 10:01 AM by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins and Administrator Margaret Gray.

County personnel present included Sheriff Bryan Sampsel, Dave Lomison, Karri Hull, Controller Jason Moser and Tom Martin.

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

CNET staff were present.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

### IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

### V. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

- A. Resolution 16 of 2020 – A Resolution encouraging those who live, work, learn, and play in Centre County to continue wearing masks to save lives and bring back jobs – Dept. 111.

Commissioner Pipe provided a presentation and offered his thanks to the Centre County community for their efforts to keep everyone safe. In states where masks are not required cases of the virus have gone up. The number of cases has declined in states where masks are required, but cases have increased where masks are recommended or only required by employers or businesses. He shared videos from the National Association of Manufacturers and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. US Senator Pat Toomey tweeted, "Research shows that fluids spread when coughing/sneezing are big transmitters of COVID-19. Each of us needs to do

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what we can to stop the spread. One easy thing we can all do, today, is wear homemade masks in public. My mask could help you, your mask could help me.”

On Friday, June 26, Governor Tom Wolf issued a press release reminding residents and businesses that masks are mandatory.

The Resolution endorses and supports Governor Wolf's mandatory mask wearing for Pennsylvanians when in a public space where social distancing cannot be maintained or when in a business.

Commissioner Higgins added that this is a stressful time and the first pandemic in over 100 years. In Centre County, we need to come together.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution 16 of 2020 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**B. COVID-19 Relief Statewide Small Business Assistance Program**

Commissioner Higgins announced that there are two community finance groups available in Centre County. The online grant application is now open with \$5,000 to \$50,000 awarded to qualifying businesses.

**C. County Relief Block Grant**

- i. Proposal from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC (ZA) to provide technical assistance and advice in relation to the policies, procedures, accountability and monitoring of the expenditures of the CARES Act funding from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 on a periodic basis at the request of the Board of Commissioners. The county was approached by ZA, who is also working with other counties across the Commonwealth. Commissioner Pipe was in favor of tabling the proposal until the Board learns more – Dept. 111.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously table the proposal from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC until Thursday, July 2, 2020.*

- D. Criminal Justice Planning – Director Karri Hull asked the Board to consider submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the Federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding. The funds will be utilized to support efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The total grant funding is up to \$107,146. Funding must be utilized for State and local law enforcement efforts to prevent, prepare and respond to the coronavirus. This includes the correctional facility, juvenile detention center, local law enforcement, District Attorney's Office, probation and parole, Courthouse, and victim service providers – Dept. 306.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application to the PCCD.*

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**VI. CONTRACTS**

**A. Correctional Facility**

- i. Contract renewal with Penn State Psychological Clinic to provide services for staff and those incarcerated. Services will be provided three hours per week for 45 weeks totaling \$16,875, which will be provided as a Penn State In Kind Service for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 333.
- ii. Assurance agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 10 additional body cameras at the Correctional Facility. The agreement includes maintenance and software licensing for each camera. This purchase will be made from the commissary account and will be reimbursed through a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant. The total cost over a period of 4 years is \$26,496, which is funded as follows: State \$9,216 and County \$17,280 – Dept. 333.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract renewal with Penn State Psychological Clinic and the assurance agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**B. Information Technology Services**

Chief Information and Records Officer Chad Joyce presented the following items:

- i. Notice of termination of the contract with Sage Technology Solutions, Inc. effective August 2, 2020. This contract is for support for the county's phone system, a contract with a new vendor will be presented in the coming weeks – Dept. 142.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously approve the notice of contract termination for Sage Technology Solutions.*

- ii. Contract renewal with Arctic Wolf through RBA Professional Data Systems for security services. The contract total is \$83,083.20 for the period of July 11, 2020 through July 10, 2021 – Dept. 142.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to add the contract renewal for Arctic Wolf to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**VII. GRANTS**

**A. Human Services**

**Transportation** – Director Dave Lomison presented the Community Public Transportation (CPT) Service Programs Grant Agreement from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation / Bureau of Public Transportation for the Shared Ride Lottery and Persons with Disability programs for 2020-2021. The total grant award is \$653,000, which is allocated as follows: Shared

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Ride Lottery \$576,000 and Persons with Disabilities \$77,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 531.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to add the CPT grant agreement to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

*On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to table A. i. Assignment of Cooperation Agreement until Thursday, July 2.*

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

**A. Planning**

i. Assignment of Cooperation Agreement between Navitus, LLC and Centre 1ST for securing a line of credit, which is a contingency of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). This agreement is given to secure (1) payment of the indebtedness and (2) performance of any and all obligations of Navitus, LLC under the promissory note, this assignment, and the related documents – Dept. 151.

ii. Contract with J.C. Orr and Son, Inc. to complete the Mountaintop Activity Center Improvements Phase V Restroom Facilities project utilizing Keystone grant funds. The contract total is \$39,000 ending November 30, 2020 - Dept. 151.

**B. Criminal Justice Planning** – Contract renewal with Tracy Small an independent contractor for the role of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator. The contract total is \$32,452, which is funded as follows: State \$11,562, County \$506 and Local contribution \$20,384 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 306.

**C. Emergency Communications** – Proposal from Mission Critical Partners to provide professional consultant services to connect the CAD to CAD interface between Centre County 911 and Clearfield County 911. The proposal includes project management, network configuration, additional network card capacity, vendor coordination, and specific software application support. The total proposal is \$10,000 for the period of June 30, 2020 through June 29, 2021 – Dept. 354.

**D. Human Services**

**i. Adult Services**

Contract renewal with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP). This is for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 – Dept. 501.

**IX. LETTER OF SUPPORT**

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X. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray announced that there will be a public hearing this evening at 5:00 PM for the Human Services Block Grant Program.

The County was approved by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to administer the 2020 Pennsylvania CARES Rent Relief Program. More information is available on the County's website.

XI. LIQUID FUELS

XII. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$714,519.42 dated June 26, 2020.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated June 26, 2020.*

XV. C-NET REQUESTS

XVI. RECOGNITION

XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Friday, June 26, from 3:32 to 4:15 PM to discuss personnel and legal matters. The Board will meet in executive session today.

XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Thursday, July 2, 2020**

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Virtual

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

Board of Commissioners– 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

Prison Board of Inspectors – 8:00 AM – Virtual

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Virtual

XX. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

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XXI. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

XXII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Marley Parish

i. What should residents do if they see someone not wearing a mask?

B. Evan Hinkley

i. What do you feel is the best method to get college students to mask up?

ii. Would there be consideration in Centre County to do the same as in Allegheny County?

iii. What grade would you give Centre County masking?

iv. Was there any damage following the protest at the Courthouse? Was there discussion with protesters to ensure there is no future damage?

C. Gary Sinderson

i. What is the status of Primary Election results?

ii. When the county approved the drop off box, was there any discussion about its legality?

iii. Has the county suspended the program for early release of inmates?

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 11:07 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator