



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellevue, 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.

Representatives from the news media included Marley Parish 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, July 7, 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 July 7, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 16 of 2020 – Proclaiming the month of July as Park and Recreation Month and Friday, July 17, 2020 as Park and Recreation Professionals Day.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 16 of 2020.*

VI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

VII. CONTRACTS

- A. Sheriff – Sheriff Bryan Sampsel asked the Board to consider a contract renewal with Dr. Cassandra Botti to provide medical oversight for the purchase, training, storage, and administration of naloxone. The contract total is \$500 for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 – Dept. 211.

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

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B. Human Services

- i. Adult Services – Administrator Margaret Gray introduced the 2018 PHARE Rental Assistance close out report in the amount of \$22,000 for the period of August 1, 2019 through January 31, 2021. The grant was for \$22,000 and served 17 municipalities across the County who are impacted by Marcellus shale and 24 households – Dept. 501.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the 2018 PHARE Rental Assistance close out report to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- C. Planning – Director of Planning and Community Development Ray Stolinas asked the Board to approve official municipal notification letter to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program to facilitate financing of clean energy and energy efficiency projects for commercial properties. This is a requirement prior to adoption of a resolution to implement the program – Dept. 151.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the official municipal notification letter.*

VIII. GRANTS

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. Prothonotary

- i. Contract with Helen Stolinas, Esquire of The Mazza Law Group, P.C. to serve as solicitor for the Centre County Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts office. The contract rate is \$125 per hour, not to exceed \$3,750, for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Dept. 223.
- ii. Contract with Justin P. Miller, Esquire to serve as conflict counsel for the Centre County Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts office. The contract rate is \$125 per hour, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 223.

B. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI – D&A

1. Letter of agreement with Beacon Light Behavioral Health System and Beacon Light Adult Residential Services to ensure collaboration with the Beacon Light Behavioral Health System and provide care coordination services to eligible individuals. There is no cost for this agreement for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

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2. Linkage Agreement with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to ensure the continuance of established referral procedures, compliance with confidentiality requirements, and the continued collaboration between both parties in the provision of services for the benefit of clients served. There is no cost for this agreement, which is in effect until terminated by either party – Dept. 561/562.

ii. Children and Youth Services

1. Contract with Joni Litzinger's Childcare to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$1,500, which is funded as follows: State \$1,200 and County \$300 for the period of October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
2. Contract renewal with the Children's Home of York to provide foster care and independent living services for dependent and delinquent youth. The contract total is \$20,000, which is funded as follows: State \$16,000 and County \$4,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
3. Contract renewal with Kids Peace National Centers, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$36,000, which is funded as follows: State \$28,800 and County \$7,200 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
4. Contract renewal with Premier Biotech to provide lab services and drug testing. The contract total is \$5,000, which is funded as follows: State \$4,000 and County \$1,000 for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Dept. 511.
5. Contract with Alternative Living Solutions to provide transitional living/supervised independent living services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$5,147, which is funded as follows: State \$4,118 and County \$1,029 for the period of April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
6. Contract renewal with H. Denning Mason, Esquire to provide legal services. The contract total is \$10,000, which is funded as follows: State \$8,000 and County \$2,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
7. Agreement with Avanco International, Inc. for the Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) application service. The contract total is \$34,990, which is funded as follows: State \$22,044 and County \$12,946 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
8. Consulting services addendum with Avanco International, Inc. to the Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) service provider agreement. The contract total is \$20,000, which is funded as follows: State \$12,600 and County \$7,400 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.

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9. Contract renewal with George Jr. Republic in PA to provide residential services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$552,000, which is funded as follows: State \$331,200 and County \$220,800 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
10. Contract renewal with Pathways Adolescent Center to provide residential services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$210,000, which is funded as follows: State \$168,000 and County \$42,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
11. Contract renewal with Child to Family Connections to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$5,000, which is funded as follows: \$4,000 and County \$1,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
12. Contract renewal with Professional Family Care Services, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$23,000, which is funded as follows: State \$18,400 and County \$4,600 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
13. Contract renewal with The Children's Aid Home Program of Somerset County, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$3,000, which is funded as follows: State \$2,400 and County \$600 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
14. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$160,000, which is funded as follows \$128,000 and County \$32,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
15. Contract renewal with Alternative Living Solutions to provide transitional living/supervised independent living services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$72,500, which is funded as follows: State \$58,000 and County \$14,500 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.

C. GRANTS

Human Services - Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Human Services Block Grant Plan. This plan outlines the services and spending for providers in the Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Drug & Alcohol and Adult Services Programs. The total is \$6,044,283, which is funded as follows: State \$5,761,544 and County \$282,739 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 521.

X. LETTER OF SUPPORT

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XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Resolution 2 of 2020 - Designation of Signatory of Contracts – Administrator Margaret Gray provided the second quarter report of contracts approved in accordance with the Resolution.

XII. LIQUID FUELS

XIII. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Pipe announced the Centre Strong Initiative that began yesterday. Local businesses and other organizations can pledge the Centre Strong Initiative to promote masking, hygiene and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the consensus of the Board to also pledge the Centre Strong Initiative.

XV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$928,351.72 dated July 10, 2020.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated July 10, 2020.*

XVI. C-NET REQUESTS

XVII. RECOGNITION

XVIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 109,305 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #76 Snow Shoe East with 665 registered voters. In the June election there were 284 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 42.71%.

B. Announcements

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The Board will meet in executive session following this meeting.

XX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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

Board of Elections – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Finance Committee – 9:00 AM – Virtual

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

Retirement Board – 1:30 PM – Virtual

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Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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

Thursday, July 23, 2020

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

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Virtual

XXI. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

XXII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 3, 2020

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers.

Monday, August 10, 2020

Last day to withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary.

Monday, October 19, 2020

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

XXIII. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Gary Sinderson

i. Has the County had any discussions about the enforcement of face masks?

ii. Can the county shut down the county on its own?

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Pipe, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 10:24 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator