



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Belleville, 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 Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman, Dale Neff, Mary Kay Williams, and Faith Ryan.

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, July 21, 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 21, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

V. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE

A. County Relief Block Grant (CRBG)

i. Business Grants for Restaurants and Bars

County Relief Block Grant Coordinator Mary Kay Williams provided an update on the business grants for restaurants and bars. Commissioner Pipe recognized that the community has questioned why the first round is for restaurants and bars. He explained that this decision was in response to the Governor's targeted mitigation efforts.

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VI. PRESENTATION

Director of Adult Services Faith Ryan provided an overview of the CARES Rent Relief Program. This program is administered by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and is Federally funded through the CARES legislation. It is open The Rent Relief Program began on March 1, 2020 and will continue through December 30, 2020 with \$150 million available to renters across the Commonwealth. New applications cannot be accepted after September 30, 2020. Participants can receive a maximum of \$750 per month in rental assistance and participating landlords must accept \$750 as a full month's rent payment, even if the tenant's rent exceeds that amount.

To be eligible, households must show proof that their employment/income was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The household must be experiencing at least a 30% reduction in income and the gross annual income may not exceed 100% of the County's Area Median Income, adjusted for household size.

The Rent Relief Program Application and additional information can be accessed at <http://phfa.org/pacares>. For those without access to a computer or printer, applications are available at the State College, Bellefonte, Penns Valley, and Moshannon Valley YMCA. Applications can be submitted to the Office of Adult services by mail or email.

As of Tuesday, July 28, the county has received over 65 applications from tenants and landlords.

Faith reported that Centre County has a \$2.3 million funding allocation which can help nearly 511 households if each were to receive 6 months of assistance.

VII. CONTRACTS

- A. Emergency Communications – Director Dale Neff presented the CAD CFS Export Interface and Export Installation agreement with Tyler Technologies. The contract total is \$12,100 for the period of August 4, 2020 through August 3, 2021 – Dept. 354.

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

- B. Human Services

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

i. Children and Youth Services

1. Contract renewal with Peggy Nadenichek, M.Ed. to provide counseling services. The contract total is \$1,000, which is funded as follows: State \$800 and County \$200 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.

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2. Contract renewal with Midstep Centers for Child Development DBA A Mindful Village to provide counseling services. The contract total is \$2,500. Which is funded as follows: State \$2,000 and County \$500 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
3. Contract renewal with the YMCA of Centre County – Bellefonte 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 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
4. Contract renewal with the YMCA of Centre County – State College to provide child care services. The contract total is \$1,000, which is funded as follows: State \$800 and County \$200 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
5. Contract renewal with Calvary Kid Care to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$1,000, which is funded as follows: State \$800 and County \$200 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
6. Contract renewal with Kids Court Childcare and Learning Center to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$14,000, which is funded as follows: State \$11,200 and County \$2,800 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
7. Contract renewal with St. John's Lutheran Church and Childcare Center to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$8,100, which is funded as follows: State \$6,840 and County \$1,620 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
8. Contract renewal with the Tipton Baptist School and Childcare to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$6,500, which is funded as follows: Stat \$5,200 and County \$1.3200 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
9. Contract renewal with Kids Peace National Centers to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$40,200, which is funded as follows: State \$32,160 and County \$8,040 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
10. Contract renewal with the Children's Aid Society of Clearfield to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$32,000, which is funded as follows: State \$25,600 and County \$6,400 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
11. Contract renewal with Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc. to provide residential services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$20,000 and County \$5,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.

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12. Contract renewal with Bobbie Rabuck, Esquire to provide legal services. The contract total is \$35,000, which is funded as follows: State \$28,000 and County \$7,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
13. Contract renewal with Stephanie Cooper, Esquire to provide legal services. The contract total is \$7,000, which is funded as follows \$5,600 and County \$1,400 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
14. Contract renewal with James Johnson, Esquire to provide legal services. The contract total is \$11,000, which is funded as follows: State \$8,800 and County \$2,200 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.
15. Contract renewal with Sign Language Specialists of Western, PA to provide sign language interpreter services. The contract total is \$600, which is funded as follows: State \$480 and County \$120 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 511.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Children and Youth Services items 1-15 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

VIII. GRANTS

A. Human Services

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

i. Drug and Alcohol

1. Request for a no cost extension of the grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice through the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Drug Court Discretionary Grant. The requested extension would be for a twelve month period through September 30, 2021 for approximately \$180,000 in unspent funding– Dept. 562.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for a grant extension with the Bureau of Justice Assistance.*

2. Grant agreement with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to develop and implement a comprehensive plan of addiction services relative to substance use and problematic gambling disorders. The grant total is \$4,046,336, which is funded as follows: Federal \$2,074,750 and County \$1,971,586 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 – Dept. 562.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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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. Coroner – Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to participate in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. This agreement is for reporting during the periods of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2020 with the Coroner's Office to receive revenue in the amount of \$10,000 – Dept. 212.
- B. Information Technology Services
 - i. Contract renewal with CDW-G for Microsoft. The contract total is \$429,129.37 for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023 – Dept. 142.
 - ii. Contract with Morefield Communications, Inc. to provide support for the county's Mitel phone system. The contract total is \$54,750 for the period of August 2, 2020 through August 1, 2023 – Dept. 142.
- C. Planning
 - i. Resolution 17 of 2020 – Establishing a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program and taking and authorizing other related actions in connection therewith – Dept. 151.
 - ii. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the final land development plan of Breezy Acres Flowers for Christian L. and Mary R. King; CCPCDO File No. 76-20. This proposal constitutes a Final Plan submission showing the removal of two (2) existing greenhouses and one (1) greenhouse that was approved but not yet constructed and replaced with a new Sales Office (7,200 sf), greenhouse (10,944 sf) and two future greenhouses (each being 5,184 sf). This proposal is located in Penn Township along Penns Valley Road (State Route 0045) approximately ½ mile east of the Penns Valley High School – Dept. 151.
- D. Human Services
 - i. MH/ID/EI – D&A
 - 1. Contract addendum with Drug and Alcohol treatment providers to add attestation language as required by the Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, specific to the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funding received for treatment, prevention and other services. This added language provides additional clarification on how SABG funding is to be utilized and the Department has required that the language be added to all contracts starting with Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – Dept. 562.
 - a. State College Medical
 - b. Treatment Trends Recovery Center

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- c. Gaudenzia Erie, Inc.
 - d. Hear, Inc.
 - e. White Deer Run, Inc.
 - f. Roxbury Treatment Center
 - g. Firetree LTD.
 - h. Gaudenzia, Inc.
 - i. Twin Lakes Center
 - j. Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.
 - k. Bowling Green Brandywine
 - l. Coleen Heim
 - m. Discovery House
- ii. Letter of Agreement with Sunny Days Adult Daily Living Center to provide services for intellectual disability clients including community based in home and community supports, community participation, and companion services. The contract total is \$6,250, which is funded as follows: State \$5,962 and County \$288 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
- iii. Letter of Agreement with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to provide services for early intervention clients including occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, speech language pathology, and IFSP teaming. The contract total is \$187,500, which is funded as follows: State \$168,750 and County \$18,750 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
- iv. Contract renewal with Oasis Lifecare, Inc. to provide mental health outpatient services, therapeutic prophylactic or diagnostic injection, individual psychotherapy, and emergency services. The contract total is \$15,800, which is funded as follows: State \$15,072 and County \$728 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
- v. Contract addendum to the contract with Housing Transitions, Inc. to allow for funds to provide additional drug and alcohol emergency housing assistance to drug and alcohol clients in the amount of \$10,000. This increases the contract maximum from \$10,000 to \$20,000, which is funded as follows: Federal \$2,840, State \$17,065, and County \$95 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.
- vi. Contract addendum with St. Francis University to allow for funds in the amount of \$807 to provide additional services for intellectual disability clients due to a change in the cost per National Core Indicator Surveys. This increases the contract maximum from \$33,025 to \$33,832, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

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vii. Transportation - Acquisition of four replacement vehicles for the County Business Fleet. These vehicles will be provided as a Penn State In-Kind Service in the total all-inclusive amount of \$46,145.

1. 2013 Ford Explorer with 64,898 miles all-inclusive amount of \$9,542.50
2. 2016 Ford Fusion with 71,160 miles all-inclusive amount of \$11,330.00
3. 2013 Chevy Maxi Van with 48,634 miles all-inclusive amount of \$16,417.50
4. 2013 Dodge Caravan with 51,559 miles all-inclusive amount of \$8,855

E. GRANTS

Criminal Justice Planning – Submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program. These funds support the county's Intermediate Punishment Program and the DUI Treatment Court. The project total is \$130,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 306.

X. LETTER OF SUPPORT

- A. Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman asked the Board to consider a letter of support for The Pennsylvania State University Arts and Design Research Incubator's grant funding request to the National Endowment for the Arts for the Bounce Back project – Dept. 511.

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

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray reported that the Board will meet this afternoon for a Work Session to further discuss allocations for the County Relief Block Grant.

XII. LIQUID FUELS

XIII. FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$2,111,197.23 dated July 24, 2020.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated July 24, 2020.*

XVI. C-NET REQUESTS

XVII. RECOGNITION

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XVIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 108,918 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #78 Spring Township North with 1,0255 registered voters There were 593 ballots cast in the June Primary for a voter turnout of 47.25%.

B. Announcements

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

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

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Finance Committee - 9:00 AM - Virtual

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

Retirement Board - 1:30 PM - Virtual

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Board of Commissioners/Salary Board - 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

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

Thursday, August 6, 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. Evan Hinkley

i. How many restaurants or bars can the County Relief Block Grant support?

1. Any amount of money that might be budgeted at this point?

2. How long after restaurants and bars will businesses get their chance?
When will business get an opportunity to receive CRBG support?

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3. The benefits of a research institution at Penn State outweigh being guinea pigs, is that a fair assessment?

B. Gary Sinderson

- i. Have you heard anything from the Department of Health regarding Sunday's case numbers?
- ii. The Department of Health and Coroner do not agree on the number of deaths. How much faith do you have in the Department of Health?
- iii. Thoughts about an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer about Centre County becoming a Penn State research project?

C. Marley Parish

- i. How is communication between Mount Nittany Health and the County and the Department of Health and the County?

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 11:05 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator