



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 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 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, Administrator Margaret Gray, Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr., and Staff Assistant Jillian Savage.

County personnel present included Jeff Wharran, Ray Stolinas, Anne Messner, Chris Schnure, Julia Sprinkle, and Leah Raker.

Guests present included Mitzi Gallagher-Long, Alan Ulher, Bob Fisher, and Alan Runkle.

Representatives from the news media included Halie Kines.

C-Net Staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the July 20, 2021 work session, and the August 17, 2021 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 20, 2021 work session, and the August 17, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

V. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Director of Planning and Community Development Ray Stolinas presented a request from Unionville Borough for the Cover Water Tank Replacement project in the amount of \$34,500 – Dept. 120.

The project has been designed and permitted through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to replace two inground Stone reservoirs and install a 102,000 gallon modern glass fused steel bolted panel above ground water storage tank, with an

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estimated service life of 40 years This is an ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) infrastructure project originally funded for \$301,000, however, the total combined construction cost is estimated at \$350,591.

Public comment regarding the project was offered by Alan Ulher of Kerry Ulher and Associates, and Bob Fischer of the Unionville Borough Council. Mr. Ulher inquired if the Board would consider an additional 5% to be used for unseen costs related to construction. The Board suggested returning at a future time to request an additional 5% if needed.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Unionville Borough.*

VI. CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS

A. Commissioners

Deputy Administrator John Franek, Jr. presented the following items:

- i. Increase Centre County's portion of the revised Cost Sharing agreement to procure an energy services consultant in the amount of \$652. This increases the total cost of the agreement from \$4,238 to \$4,890 – Dept. 111.

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

- ii. Authorization for Centre County's representative on the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA) Working Group to vote on the recommendation that State College Area School District (SCASD) hire GreenSky Development Group. Greensky will assist the SPPA Working Group in the exploration of a potential investment in a joint Solar Power Purchase Agreement – Dept. 111.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the authorization for Centre County's representative on the SPPA Working Group to vote on the recommendation for SCASD to next week's Consent Agenda.*

- iii. Appointment of Deputy Administrator John Franek, Jr. to serve as a representative on the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA) Working Group. – Dept. 111.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment John Franek, Jr. to serve as a representative on the SPPA Working Group.*

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B. Human Services

i. Children & Youth Services

Director Julia Sprinkle and Leah Raker presented the following items:

1. Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Children & Youth Needs Based Budget review. The County Match requested is \$2,702,365 which includes increases to foster care rates and two additional employees – Dept. 511.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 22-23 Children & Youth Services Needs Based Budget.*

2. Child Welfare Information System Data Sharing Agreement for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 – Dept. 511.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Data Sharing Agreement.*

3. Quarterly Reports 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 approve Children & Youth Services Quarterly Reports.*

ii. MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol

Administrator Margaret Gray presented the following items:

1. Contract with Valley Forge Medical Center and Hospital, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services including hospital based inpatient and inpatient non-hospital treatment and rehabilitation. The contract total is \$10,000, which is funded as follows: State \$9,539 and County Match \$461, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 – Dept. 562.
2. Contract addendum 3 with Community Services Group to allow for funds to provide additional mental health psychiatric rehabilitation services in the amount of \$2,341. This will increase the contract total from \$498,235 to \$500,576, which is funded as follows: State \$477,499 and County Match \$23,077, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
3. Contract addendum 3 with Skills, Inc. to allow for funds to provide additional intellectual disability services to include vocational and behavioral support services in the amount of \$3,181. This will increase the contract total from \$28,000 to \$31,181, which is funded as follows: State \$29,744 and County Match \$1,437, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

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4. Contract renewal with Brockerhoff Housing Corporation to provide mental health and intellectual disability services including representative payee. The contract total is \$15,780, which is funded as follows: State \$15,053 and County Match \$727, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
5. Contract renewal with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to provide outpatient mental health services including psychiatric evaluation and medication visits, psychotherapy, and tele-psychiatry. The contract total is \$28,000, which is funded as follows: State \$26,709 and County Match \$1,291, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
6. Contract renewal with Kimberly Rimmey to provide mental health services including community services for children. The contract total is \$27,500, which is funded as follows: State \$26,232 and County Match \$1,268, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
7. Contract renewal with Pennsylvania State Constable Clinton Ripka, LLC to provide mental health services including constable transport and emergency transport. The contract total is \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$23,848 and County Match \$1,152, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
8. Letter of Agreement with Keep Safe Transportation Services to provide mental health services including constable transport and emergency transport. The contract total is estimated at \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$23,848 and County Match \$1,152, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
9. Letter of Agreement with Nicole Morgan to provide data analyst consultation services. The agreement total is \$31,200, which is funded as follows: State \$29,762 and County Match \$1,438, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
10. Letter of Agreement with Steve Wicks, Esquire to provide legal services. The contract total is estimated at \$7,000, which is funded as follows: State \$6,677 and County Match \$323, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol items 1-10 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

C. Planning & Community Development

i. Transportation Funding Update

Anne Messner presented the following items:

1. Resolution 13 of 2021 – Revising and replacing Resolution 9 of 2019 and Resolution 4 of 2021 to substitute Fee for Local use funds for Act 13 funds in the 2018 Bridge Bundle – Dept. 151.

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2. Letter of Amendment B to the Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Transportation for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Bridge Bundle Project for Spring, Curtin and Miles Townships. The amendment to Exhibit A documents the change in funding source from Act 13 to Fee for Local Use. The project total is \$1,950,000, which is funded as follows: MTF Grant \$1,365,000, and Fee for Local Use \$585,000 – Dept. 151.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution 13 of 2021 and the Letter of Amendment B to next week's Consent Agenda.*

Chris Schnure presented the following items:

- ii. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the "Final Land Development Plan -- St. Joseph Institute for Addiction -- Detox Center" located in Taylor Township; CCPCDO File No. 18-21. This proposal constitutes a Final Plan submission showing the development of a single building being 5,490 square feet to be used as a detox facility as part of St. Joseph Institute campus – Dept. 151.
- iii. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the "Preliminary I Final Land Development Plan-Happy Valley Blended Products" located in Benner Township; CCPCDO File No. 109-21. This proposal constitutes a Final Plan submission showing the development of a single commercial building being approximately 75,000 square feet, which includes a future building addition, along with corresponding infrastructure located on Lot 6 within the Benner Commerce Park – Dept. 151.

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

VII. GRANTS

- A. Emergency Management – Director Jeff Wharran introduced a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF). The project total is \$14,337 which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 351.

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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to table Adult Services item a to next week's Consent Agenda.

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

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A. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI

1. Letter of Agreement with Peerstar, LLC to provide mental health services including peer support. The agreement total is \$3,500, which is funded as follows: State \$3,339 and County Match \$161, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
2. Contract renewal with The Arc of Centre County to provide intellectual disability services including supported employment, home and community services, transportation, and behavioral support. The contract total is \$50,000, which is funded as follows: State \$47,695 and County Match \$2,305, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
3. Contract renewal with Central Intermediate Unit #10 to provide Early Intervention services including special instruction (hearing/vision), IFSP teaming and interpretation. The contract total is \$20,000, which is funded as follows: State \$18,000 and County Match \$2,000, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

B. GRANTS

i. Human Services

1. Adult Services

- a. Contract amendment 2 with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED) to include increased funding for rental application fees, security deposits, and last month's rent to clients enrolled in the DCED Rapid Re-Housing Program, case management for clients receiving the new Emergency Housing Voucher (Housing Authority) in the amount of \$136,210. This increases the contract total from \$341,549 to 477,579 for the period of July 8, 2020 to September 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.
- b. Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) for funds from the Marcellus Shale Impact Tax in the amount of \$16,000 to support the fifth round of funding for the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Rental Assistance Program for the period of June 10, 2021 to December 10, 2022 – Dept. 501.

IX. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

X. LETTER OF SUPPORT

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XI. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

- A. Anne Messner introduced the Letters of Solicitation to Municipalities for 2022 Liquid Fuels Program Applications. The letter will be mailed on Friday, August 27, 2021. Applications must be received by the County no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, October 22, 2021 – Dept. 411.

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

- B. Anne Messner introduced a request for assistance from Harris Township for the emergency repair of the Mary Elizabeth Street Culvert. The following is requested:

- i. Reallocation of Harris Township’s 2021 Liquid fuels allocation of \$45,000, originally awarded for the replacement of the West main Street Culvert, to the Mary Elizabeth Street project.
- ii. Authorization of Act 13 funding to Harris Township for the Mary Elizabeth Street project in the amount of \$60,000. This will leave approximately \$1.3 million in the Act 13 fund.

The project total is estimated at \$237,000 with proposed funding of \$45,000 Liquid Fuels, \$60,000 Act 13 and \$132,000 municipal match – Dept. 411.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the request for assistance from Harris Township to next week’s Consent Agenda.*

- C. Administrator Margaret Gray presented a reimbursement payment in the amount of \$242.59 to Centre County Government for 2020 costs related to the traffic light located at Rishel Hill Road – Dept. 411.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reimbursement payment to Centre County Government.*

XII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray reported that the COVID-19 Testing Site will remain at the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority Interpretive Center, 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823 through August 31, 2021. More information may be found at <https://centrecountypa.gov/2225/COVID-19-Testing-Site>.

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$602,447.36 dated August 20, 2021.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated August 20, 2021.*

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XV. C-NET REQUESTS

XVI. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 104,866 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is precinct #35 Unionville Borough with 196 registered voters. In the last election there were 74 ballots cast, for a turnout of 37.76%.

B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XVIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners Work Session – Centre Crest Adaptive Reuse Study – 1 PM – Willowbank 146

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Finance Committee – 9 AM – Willowbank 146

Salary Board/Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Retirement Board – 1 PM – Willowbank 146

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners Work Session – American Rescue Plan – 11 AM – Willowbank 146

XIX. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

XX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Halie Kines – Centre Daily Times

- i. Has the Board considered a Vaccine Mandate for County Employees?

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator