



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The public work session of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was convened at 1:05 PM by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Deputy Administrator John Franek, Jr., and Office Floater Jolene Kitko.

Representatives from the news media included Halie Kines.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Centre Crest Adaptive Reuse Study

Deputy Administrator John Franek, Jr. presented drawings of the proposed layout of Centre Crest from the architect to the Board. Department Head Interviews were conducted, and a questionnaire distributed to gather information regarding department operations to generate these drawings.

The Board discussed the importance of allowing room for departmental growth and expansion, future needs, and flexibility, particularly within Children and Youth Services, and Adult services.

Commissioner Pipe asked if the architect had an overlay of the current design for centre crest, as well as drawings for the Willowbank Building. John will reach out to the architect regarding these.

The Board suggested adjustments to the drawings including, relocation of the Facilities Management office, inclusion of son-premises storage space, private and public restroom placement, reducing to one welcome desk at the front entrance, and locating the Department of Aging and the Senior Center close to each other. The Coroner's Office has requested to move to the new building for the potential to have more space, and a morgue and/or a holding center.

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Commissioner Dershem inquired if structural issue will occur if walls are removed. John stated that the building is structurally sound; however, the mechanical and electrical work in the building need attention.

John reported that the next step is to have a meeting with the Board and the architect. This meeting may be held at the Centre Crest building in September.

IV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Halie Kines – Centre Daily Times

- i. What is the projected timeline?
- ii. What is the estimated cost?

V. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 PM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator