



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, August 31, 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 Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman, Warden Chris Schell, Treasurer Colleen Kennedy, Norm Spackman, Karri Hull, Chad Joyce, and Dave Lomison.

Guests present included Marissa Vicere.

Representatives from the news media included Halie Kines, Peyton Kennedy, and Gary Sinderson.

C-Net Staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the July 6, 2021, 1 PM work session, and the August 24, 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 6, 2021 work session, and the August 24, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

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V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 25 of 2021 – Proclaiming September 2021 as “Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month” and September 10, 2021 as “Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day” in Centre County. Marisa Vicere of the Jana Marie Foundation spoke on the importance of this proclamation.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 25 of 2021.*

VI. CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS

- A. Controller’s Office – On behalf of Controller Jason Moser, Treasurer Colleen Kennedy presented an Investment Advisory Agreement with PFM Asset Management LLC to provide Investment Advisory services for the Employees’ Retirement System. The agreement total for years one, two and three are \$95,000, \$115,000, and \$130,000 – Dept. 125.

Treasurer Colleen Kennedy reported that in the fall of 2020 the Centre County Retirement Board began planning for the investment consultant RFP to provide constant review and oversight on the retirement fund investments on a total fund level. The RFP was issued on January 5, 2021, followed by an exhaustive scoring and review process, presentations to the Retirement Board, and a final scoring. PFM Asset Management LLC was selected as the Retirement Board's investment consultant. PFM will work to ensure that the total fund investments are being maximized to maintain the funding and longevity of the fund for all current and future Centre County retirees. All fees will be paid by the retirement fund and will not impact the general fund.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Investment Advisory Agreement with PFM Asset Management LLC.*

- B. Emergency Communications 911 – Director Norm Spackman introduced a payment to Tyler Technologies for the CAD Maintenance Agreement. The payment total is \$70,090.51 for the period of July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 – Dept. 354.

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

- C. Criminal Justice Planning – Warden Schell and Director Karri Hull introduced a Letter of Commitment with Decision Points Authors, LLC to provide training in the Decision Points curriculum for the Correctional Facility treatment staff. The total cost for the training is \$17,485, which is funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Bryne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the period of August 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021 – Dept. 306.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Commitment with Decision Points Authors, LLC.*

D. Human Services

MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

1. Contract renewal with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to provide additional drug and alcohol services including case management, outpatient, intensive outpatient, recovery support, intervention and MAT. The contract total is \$140,000, which is funded as follows: State \$41,355 and County Match \$6,804, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
2. Contract renewal with Allegiance Rehabilitation Center to provide drug and alcohol services including medically monitored inpatient withdrawal management, clinically managed high intensity residential, case management, and MAT services. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is Federally funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
3. Contract renewal with Bowling Green Brandywine to provide drug and alcohol services including high intensity residential, co-occurring residential, inpatient withdrawal management, case management, and MAT. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
4. Contract renewal with Bradford Recovery Center to provide drug and alcohol services including medically monitored inpatient withdrawal management, high intensity residential, case management, and MAT. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
5. Contract renewal with Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services including non-hospital-based rehabilitation. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is Federally funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
6. Contract renewal with Gaudenzia, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services including low intensity residential, high intensity residential, and case management. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
7. Contract renewal with Treatment Trends, Inc. - Keenan House to provide drug and alcohol services including high intensity residential, low intensity residential, case management, and MAT. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
8. Contract renewal with Strawberry Fields to provide mental health services including community residential services, case management and housing support. The contract total is \$1,169,584, which is funded as follows: State \$1,115,666 and County Match \$53,918, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

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9. Contract renewal with Sunny Days Adult Daily Living Center to provide intellectual disability services including community-based services. The contract total is \$6,250, which is funded as follows: State \$5,962 and County Match \$288, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
10. Letter of Agreement with Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania, and Community Care Behavioral Health for the Mutual Cooperation and Coordination Agreement. This allows for the administration of the Behavioral Health HealthChoices managed care program through the Department of Human Services. There is no cost for this agreement for the period of July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2026 – Dept. 561.

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

- E. Records Management – Chief information and Records officer Chad Joyce introduced the Security Microfilm Program Disposition Form and Security Microfilm Program Release Form submission to the Pennsylvania State Archives to allow 2,039 rolls of microfilm, which include 1,982 Prothonotary rolls, 67 Orphans Court or Recorder of Deeds rolls, and 8 Elections rolls, to be moved from Iron Mountain to the PA State Archives in Harrisburg – Dept. 143.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the submission of the two forms to the Pennsylvania State Archives to next week's Consent Agenda.*

VII. RESOLUTION

Resolution 14 of 2021 - Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the resolution authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Dept. 501.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt resolution 14 of 2021.*

VIII. GRANTS

Human Services

Transportation – Director Dave Lomison introduced the Community Public Transportation Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Public Transport. The grant total is \$653,000, which will provide funding for the Shared ride program in the amount of \$576,000, and Person with Disabilities Transportation in the amount of \$77,000, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 531.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Public Transport.*

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IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Commissioners

- 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.
- 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.

B. Human Services

MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol

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.
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.

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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.

C. Planning & Community Development

i. Transportation Funding Update

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.
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.

- 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.

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- 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.

D. GRANTS

- i. Emergency Management - 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.

- ii. Human Services

Adult Services - 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 June 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.

E. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

Request for assistance from Harris Township for the repair of the Mary Elizabeth Street Culvert. The following is requested:

1. 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.
2. Authorization of Act 13 funding to Harris Township for the Mary Elizabeth Street project in the amount of \$60,000.

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.

X. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

XI. LETTER OF SUPPORT

XII. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$2,288,283.69 dated August 27, 2021.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated August 27, 2021.*

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- XVI. C-NET REQUESTS
- XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS
- A. Voter Registration Report
- Commissioner Dershem reported 104,963 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is precinct #36 Benner Township North with 1,476 registered voters. In the last election there were 529 ballots cast, for a turnout of 35.84%.
- B. Announcements
- Centre County Government Offices will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.
- XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT
- Administrator Margaret Gray reported that the Board will need to meet in executive session following this meeting to discuss a personnel matter
- XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE
- Tuesday, August 31, 2021**
Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146
Board of Commissioners Work Session – American Rescue Plan – 11 AM – Willowbank 146
- Tuesday, September 7, 2021**
Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146
Employee Benefits Trust – 3 PM – Willowbank 146
- XX. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Monday, October 18, 2021**
Last day to REGISTER before the November election
- Tuesday, October 26, 2021**
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot
- XXI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS
- A. Peyton Kennedy – WTAJ
- i. What are your thoughts on Senator Corman’s renewed efforts to do a full forensic audit of the 2020 election?
 - ii. Do you still have confidence in the way the election was run?
 - iii. What is the significance of showing visible signs of support for Drug Overdose Awareness Day?
- B. Gary Sinderson - WJAC
- i. Has the County been asked to provide Elections materials to Harrisburg?
 - ii. Has the County changed the preparations for the next election?
 - iii. Has the County Commissioners Association put out a statement on the possibility have the audit?

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iv. Does the County plan to request a census recount?

v. Have you had any more talks with Penn State administration on their COVID prevention plans, whether it's the vaccination policy or the non-vaccination policy?

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 10:34 AM.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:59 AM.

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator