



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 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 Prothonotary Jeremy Breon, Recorder of Deeds Joe Davidson, Sheriff Bryan Sampsel, Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman, Ray Stolinas, and Liz Lose.

Guests present included Ryan Prater, Celia Hockenberry, Denise Sticha, Lisa Rives Collens, Brady Clemens, Carl Inglesby, and Marilyn Byers.

Representatives from the news media included Payton Kennedy and Gary Sinderson.

C-Net Staff were present.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Celia Hockenberry of Boggs Township provided public comment regarding a feral cat issue in Boggs Township.

### IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the September 7, 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 September 7, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

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**V. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamation 27 of 2021 – Proclaiming September 2021 as “Hunger Action Month” in Centre County. Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Community Engagement Associate Ryan Parter, and Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman spoke on the impact food insecurity has on the Centre County community and resources available for those who are facing food insecurity.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 27 of 2021.*

Proclamation 28 of 2021 – Proclaiming September 2021 as “National Library Card Sign up Month” in Centre County. Centre County Library and Historical Museum Executive Director Denise Sticha and Schlow Centre Region Library Director Lisa Rives Collens were joined by Carl Ingelsby, Brady Clemens, and Marilyn Beyers to speak about the benefits of libraries to the local community.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 28 of 2021.*

**VI. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)**

Administrator Margaret Gray introduced an ARPA funds allocation in the amount of \$250,000 to the Airport Authority. The allocation will be put towards an incentive pool to attract American Airlines to institute a connecting flight of at least twelve flights per week between the University Park Airport and the Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina – Dept. 120.

The Board discussed the various benefits these flights would bring to Centre County residents including, increased tourism opportunities. If American Airlines declines the offer, the County would retain the allocation.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the ARPA allocation.*

**VII. CONTRACTS/AUTHORIZATIONS**

- A. Prothonotary – Prothonotary Jeremy Breon introduced an Agency Service Agreement with PayGOV.US, LLC to provide operator-assisted and internet processing payment services to accept payments on the County’s behalf made using credit and debit cards. Cardholders will be charged a service fee. This contract is at no cost to the County – Dept. 223.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the agency service agreement with PayGOV.US, LLC to next week’s Consent Agenda.*

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**B. Human Services**

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

- i. Adult Services - State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) Expense and Data Report for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Since July 1, 2020 the State Food Purchase Program has served 1,254 Centre County households through 14,076 visits. The project total is \$80,801, which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 501.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SFPP expense and Data Report for FY 2020/2021.*

ii. MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol

1. Waiver to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to allow for telehealth work to be conducted as needed to address client service requests – Dept. 562.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Waiver to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.*

2. Contract renewal with Community Integrations, LLC to provide services including emergency transportation. The contract total is estimated at \$7,500, which is funded as follows: State \$7,154, and County Match \$346, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
3. Letter of Agreement with UPMC Home Healthcare of Central Pennsylvania, d/b/a Home Nursing Agency to provide early intervention services including occupational and physical therapy, speech pathology, special instruction, and IFSP teaming. The agreement total is \$25,000, which is funded as follows: State \$22,500, and County Match \$2,500, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
4. Contract renewal with Eagle Valley Personal Care Home to provide mental health services including supported living housing support services. The contract total is \$483,292, which is funded as follows: State \$461,012, and County Match \$22,280, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
5. Contract renewal with Eagle Ridge Personal Care Home to provide mental health services including housing support services. The contract total is \$30,000, which is funded as follows: State \$28,617, and County Match \$1,383, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
6. Contract renewal with Eagle View Personal Care Home to provide mental health services including Community Residential services. The contract total is \$437,000, which is funded as follows: State \$416,854, and County Match \$20,146, 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 2-6 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

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VIII. GRANTS

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. Planning & Community Development

i. Construction and Acquisition/Rehabilitation for Sustainable Housing (CASH) Program Applications – Project Selection in the total amount of \$75,000 – Dept. 815.

1. State College Community Land Trust Housing Rehabilitation Project at 1505 University Drive \$10,000.
2. State College Community Land Trust Housing Rehabilitation Project at 1507 University Drive \$10,000.
3. State College Community Land Trust Housing Rehabilitation Project at 1140 Old Boalsburg Road \$10,000.
4. State College Community Land Trust Housing Rehabilitation Project at 1360 Old Boalsburg Road \$10,000.
5. State College Community Land Trust Housing Rehabilitation Project at 1021 South Atherton Street \$10,000.
6. Habitat for Humanity for Greater Centre County/Centre County Housing & Land Trust project at 401 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street \$25,000.

B. Human Resources – Contract renewal with PowerDMS to provide comprehensive compliance and content management for county polices and online trainings. The contract total is \$13,035.25 for the period of September 4, 2021 to September 3, 2022 – Dept. 114.

C. Human Services

MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol

1. Contract renewal with Hear, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services including clinically managed low intensity residential for males and females, 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.
2. Contract renewal with Twin Lakes Center to provide drug and alcohol services including medically monitored inpatient withdrawal management, clinically managed 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.

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3. Letters of agreement with the following entities to provide drug and alcohol and/or mental health services to schools and their students through the contracted Student Assistance Program service providers:
  - a. Bald Eagle Area School District (BEASD)
  - b. Penns Valley Area School District
  - c. Philipsburg-Osceola Area School District
  - d. State College Area School District (SCASD)
  - e. Sugar Valley Rural Charter School
  - f. Young Scholars Program Charter School

There is no cost for these agreements for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022 – Dept. 561/562.

4. Letter of agreement with Mary Ann Kresen, Esquire to provide legal services for MH/ID commitment hearings. The agreement total is \$10,000, which is funded as follows: State \$9,539, and County Match \$461, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

**X. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

<b>ABC</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Term</b>
MH/ID/EI Advisory Board	Greg Koehle	Resignation – effective September 20, 2021	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022
Planning Commission	Angelica Wutz	Resignation – effective August 17, 2021	January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignations of Greg Koehle and Angelica Wutz.*

**XI. LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**XII. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE**

**XIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Margaret Gray announced that the newly appointed Director of Elections Beth Lechman started on Monday, September 13, 2021.

**XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS/UPDATES**

**A. Solar United Co-Op**

Deputy Administrator John Franek, Jr. reported the Solar United Co-op officially launched at a press conference on September 9 in the Centre Region. College and Patton Township, Bellefonte Borough, the Centre Region Council of Governments, and the local chapter of the Sierra Club have all officially announced becoming full partners in the Co-op.

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If Centre County has interest in participating in the promotion of the Co-op, there are two options:

1. The County may send a letter to all Centre County municipalities informing them of the co-op and how residents can take advantage of the programs that are offered.
2. In addition to the letter, the County may become a Co-op member. The County would receive a media promotion toolkit from solar united to further inform residents on the benefits of the program.

The Board agreed to take action on this discussion at a future Board of Commissioners meeting.

**B. RAIN System**

Recorder of Deeds Joe Davidson provided information on the Recording Activity Information Notification (RAIN) System. This is a free service that allows Centre County residents to register to receive notifications of documents using their name recorded with the County. To register for a free account please visit <https://centrecountypa.gov/418/Recorder-of-Deeds>.

**XV. CHECK RUN**

Check run in the amount of \$471,755.01 dated September 10, 2021.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated September 10, 2021.*

**XVI. C-NET REQUESTS**

Sponsorship of the broadcasting of the Centre County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame's Annual Induction Banquet on November 7, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

***Action:** On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sponsorship for the Annual Induction Banquet.*

**XVII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Voter Registration Report**

Commissioner Dershem reported 104,997 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is precinct #38 Boggs East with 761 registered voters. In the last election there were 222 ballots cast, for a turnout of 29.17%.

**B. Announcements**

**XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

**XIX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Employee Benefits Trust – 2:30 PM – Willowbank 146

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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. Gary Sinderson – WJAC

- i. What is included in the \$250,000 package for American Airlines?
- ii. Have studies been done on the need for this service?
- iii. Does the DOH have projections on COVID cases in the future?

B. Peyton Kennedy – WTAJ

- i. CATA is suspending routes. Is there anything citizens who rely on these rides can do?

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator