



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 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 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 Service Administrator Natalie Corman, Mary Kay Williams, Dave Lomison and Ray Stolinias.

Representatives from the news media included Evan Hinkley and Gary Sinderson.

Guests present included Dr. Patricia Best, Mitzi Gallagher Long and Molly Kunkle.

CNET staff were present.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

### IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, September 8, 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 September 8, 2020 Board of Commissioners' meeting.*

### V. PRESENTATION

Update on the Mental Health Crisis Services Taskforce

Chair of the task force Dr. Patricia Best provided the update to the Board including a revised work plan. In June, the task force was divided into four separate teams: a mobile team, a delegate team, a law enforcement team and an emergency department team. A core group including two to three members of each team have continued to meet during the pandemic.

At the beginning of September, the Task Force began to review and prepare draft recommendations. They will review relevant research, professional standards, effective models, best practices in Pennsylvania and the Nation, as well as pertinent laws as they apply to their recommendations. The Task Force will finalize their recommendations at their meeting on Wednesday, October 7. The report will be finalized in the month of October with a report to the Board of Commissioners and

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State College Borough the second week of November.

Dr. Best thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the Mental Health Task Force, it has been a privilege.

**VI. COVID-19 PLANNING AND RESPONSE**

**County Relief Block Grant Update**

Grant Coordinator Mary Kay Williams reported 546 applications received for the Centre County Relief Small Business grant application. The Small Business Development Center, Chief Information and Records Officer Chad Joyce and Mary Kay are now working to review the data.

On Monday, September 14, the Centre County Relief Non-Profit grant application was opened yesterday in coordination with the Centre Foundation. The grant program will be open through Monday, September 28 at 5 PM.

**VII. PROCLAMATION**

**VIII. CONTRACTS**

- A. Information Technology Services – Chief Information and Records Officer Chad Joyce presented a contract renewal with Comcast Business to provide Ethernet services. The contract includes an upgrade to the main internet connection from 50 Mbps to 500 Mbps and an increase at MDJ 49-03-2 from 5 Mbps to 30 Mbps. The contract total is \$210,720 for the period of September 15, 2020 through September 14, 2025 – Dept. 142.

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

- B. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI

Human Service Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

1. Contract renewal with Kimberly Rimmey to provide community mental health services for children. The contract total is \$11,458, which is funded as follows: State \$10,930 and County \$528 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
2. Contract renewal with Susquehanna Software, Inc. to provide quarterly CCRI submission, annual maintenance, custom programming, quarterly HCSIS SC tracker maintenance and quarterly SC Pelican maintenance. The contract total is estimated at \$41,500, which is funded as follows: State \$39,587 and County \$1,913 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

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3. Contract renewal with Central Intermediate Unit #10 to provide early intervention services including special instruction for hearing, vision, and interpretation services. The contract total is \$8,333, which is funded as follows: State \$7,500 and County \$833 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
4. Contract renewal with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to provide mental health services including peer support, community residential rehabilitation, targeted case management and housing support. The contract total is \$468,577, which is funded as follows: State \$446,976 and County \$21,601 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
5. Contract renewal with Eagle Valley Personal Care Home, Inc. to provide mental health services including housing support. The contract total is \$201,372, which is funded as follows: State \$192,089 and County \$9,283 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
6. Contract Addendum No. 2 with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to allow for \$6,220 in additional funds to provide additional peer support services and targeted case management. This increases the contract total from \$1,189,201 to \$1,195,421 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.
7. Contract Addendum with the Centre County Youth Service Bureau to allow for \$180,739 in additional funds for drug and alcohol prevention services. This increases the contract total from \$174,609 to \$355,348, which is funded as follows: State \$338,966 and County \$16,382 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.
8. Contract Addendum with Eagle View Personal Care Home, LLC to allow for \$80,687 in additional funds to provide mental health community residential services. This increases the contract total from \$437,000 to \$517,687, which is funded as follows: State \$493,822 and County \$23,865 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 561.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add MH/ID/EI items 1-8 to next week's Consent Agenda.*

ii. Transportation

Director of Transportation Dave Lomison presented the following items:

1. Acquisition of four vehicles for the County Business Fleet, each being replacement vehicles. These vehicles will be provided as a Penn State In-Kind Service in the total all-inclusive amount of \$53,515.

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- a. 2018 Dodge Caravan with 65,600 miles all-inclusive amount of \$14,712.50
- b. 2018 Dodge Caravan with 68,1008 miles all-inclusive amount of \$14,712.50
- c. 2016 Jeep Patriot with 73,068 miles all-inclusive amount of \$10,862.50
- d. 2017 Ford Fusion with 65,750 miles all-inclusive amount of \$13,277.50

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

2. Acquisition of a 2020 Ford F-150 truck with a cap for the Weights and Measures department from Hoffman Ford.
  - a. Total cost to purchase \$29,603.
  - b. Lease for three years with an annual payment of \$10,414.70 a total cost of \$31,244.10 with a \$1.00 buyout at the completion of the lease.
  - c. Lease for four years with an annual payment of \$8,004.19 a total cost of \$32,016.76 with a \$1.00 buyout at the completion of the lease.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the acquisition from Hoffman Ford to next week's Consent Agenda with purchase option a.*

**C. Planning**

Director of Planning Ray Stolinas and SEDA COG's Mitzi Gallagher Long presented the following CDBG items:

- i. Community Development Block Grant revision for Federal Fiscal Year 2017
  1. Authorizing the reallocation of \$44,563 from the Millheim Water Main Replacement Project to the Unionville Portable Water Storage Tank Construction project – Dept. 817.
  2. On behalf of Bellefonte Borough authorizing the reduction of Borough Administration to \$500 and the reallocation of \$17,430 from Borough Administration to the Talleyrand Park Bridge project – Dept. 817.
- ii. Community Development Block Grant revision for Federal Fiscal Year 2018

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1. On behalf of Bellefonte Borough authorizing the reduction of Borough Administration to \$500 and the reallocation of \$19,210 to the Talleyrand Park Bridge project – Dept. 817.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the CDBG FFY 2017 and CDBG FFY 2018 reallocations to next week's Consent Agenda.*

**IX. GRANTS**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Emergency Communications – Agreement with the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc., also known as APCO. The project will be completed as described under the provisions of the 2019 SAC Regional Protocol Software Solution project from the PEMA 2020 Interconnectivity Grant. The contract total is \$20,000 for the period of September 15, 2020 through December 30, 2020 – Dept. 354.
- B. Information Technology Services
  - i. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Pennsylvania Department of State to provide an Albert Network Security Sensor. The MOA will commence on the date signed and will remain in effect for as long as services are made available to the County. There is no cost for this agreement – Dept. 142.
- C. MH/ID/EI – D&A
  - i. Contract addendum with Oasis Lifecare, LLC to allow for additional funds in the amount of \$10,000 to provide mental health emergency services. This increases the contract total from \$15,800 to \$25,800 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
  - ii. Contract renewal with Carl Frels to provide intellectual disability services to include deaf interpreter services. The contract total is \$8,000, which is funded as follows: State \$7,631 and County \$369 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
  - iii. Contract renewal with Eagle Ridge Personal Care Home, LLC to provide mental health services including housing support. The contract total is \$12,500, which is funded as follows: State \$11,924 and County \$576 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
  - iv. Contract renewal with Eagle View Personal Care Home, LLC to provide mental health services including housing support. The contract total is \$182,083, which is funded as follows: State \$173,689 and County \$8,394 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.
  - v. Contract renewal with the Pennsylvania State University on behalf of the

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Penn State Psychological Clinic to provide mental health services including outpatient (psychiatric evaluation/medication review, individual psychotherapy, psychological testing, and neuro-psych testing) and community service consultation. The contract total is \$12,500, which is funded as follows \$11,924 and County \$576 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

vi. Contract renewal with Community Integrations LLC to provide emergency transportation services. The contract total is estimated at \$7,500, which is funded as follows: State \$7,154 and County \$346 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 – Dept. 561.

XI. LETTER OF SUPPORT

XII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Margaret Gray reported the County has started to receive recipient agreements from municipalities for allocation and release of County Relief Block Grant funds.

XIII. LIQUID FUELS - FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$291,115.04 dated September 11, 2020.

**Action:** *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated September 11, 2020.*

XVI. C-NET REQUESTS

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add the CNET request from Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

- A. Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs for a Central Pennsylvania Virtual Town Hall, Counted and Ready to Vote to be held on Thursday, September 17 at 12:00 PM.

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the CNET request from Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

XVII. RECOGNITION

XVIII. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem reported 109,208 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #85 Worth with 474 registered voters. In the Primary Election

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there were 213 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 44.94%.

**B. Announcements**

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XX. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

To receive notification when meeting agendas are posted, visit  
[www.centrecountypa.gov/notifyme](http://www.centrecountypa.gov/notifyme).

**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

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

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

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

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

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

XXI. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

XXII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator