



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 AM, by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Chairman Michael Pipe, Commissioner Mark Higgins, Commissioner Steven Dershem, Administrator Margaret Gray, Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs, Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith, and Staff Assistant Rhonda Kelly.

County personnel present included Elizabeth Lose, Robert Jacobs, Sue Hannegan, Tom Martin, Natalie Corman, Chad Joyce

Guests present included John Bonislawski, Jennifer Bonislawski, Jacob Buery, Anna Childe, Brian Querry, Jeanette Moore, Ron Baker.

Representatives from the news media included Gary Sinderson, Chris Morelli and Marley Parish.

CNET staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

V. PROCLAMATION

Proclamation No. 26 of 2019 – Commissioner Pipe stated that the Board of Commissioners will present this proclamation at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Foster Joseph Sayers Dam. The proclamation commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Foster Joseph Sayers Dam, the safety and protection it provides, as well as recognizing the Army Corp of Engineers for their operation and maintenance of this critical piece of infrastructure.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation No. 26 of 2019 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Foster Joseph Sayers Dam.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT

A Salute to Our Veterans – Commissioner Pipe welcomed Veterans' Affairs Director Brian Querry and introduced Jeanette Moore and Ron Baker from the Bald Eagle Valley Community Church, who are spearheading a free event for Veterans and their families. This first annual; event will be held on September 28, 2019, at their church in Milesburg, PA (behind Sheetz). The event will provide an opportunity for veterans and their families to interact and share their experiences, make connections and learn about the resources available to them. Activities include hot air balloon rides, many children's activities and food will be available. A list of the agencies were named that will be on site at the event.

In the future it is a hope that Bald Eagle Valley Community Church will be able to open its doors to the community for other events/meetings.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 12 of 2019 – Commissioner Pipe welcomed to the table, John Bonislawski, who presented on behalf of CME Investments, LLC and Homeland Manufacturing to request the Commissioners' support for an application to extend KOZ benefits. The application has been approved by the Benner Township Board of Supervisors and the Bellefonte School District.

Resolution No. 12 is in support of tax abatement for Homeland Manufacturing to extend the term of exemptions, deductions, abatements, and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in Benner Township, Centre County designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ)/Expansion Zone (KOEZ). The extension period is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2026 for Lot #9R, within the Benner Commerce Park. **DEPT??**

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution No. 12 of 2019 to next week's Consent Agenda.

- B. Resolution No. 13 of 2019 – Commissioner Pipe explained that a representative from Centre Safe and from Marsy's Law provided background of Marsy's Law at last week's meeting; Marsy's Law affords equal rights to the victims of the accused/convicted. Commissioner Pipe stated there is support from the Governor, Attorney General and State Senators and State Representatives for Resolution No. 13, which supports the Pennsylvania Marsy's Law Crime Victims' Rights Amendment. It is also the intention that this Resolution will heighten community awareness and educate and encourage the community's due diligence of Marsy's Law, as it will be on the November Election Ballot – Dept. 111.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution No. 13 of 2019 to next week's Consent Agenda.

Resolution No. 14 of 2019 – Commissioner Pipe welcomed Liz Lose from the Planning Department. Liz explained that the Centre County Comprehensive will be

fully adopted by the end of the year. She further explained that the Community Facilities and Services Chapter Phase II Implementation Strategies is the next-to-last chapter of the Plan, and provides the tools and resources needed at the municipal planning level to identify vacated or underused buildings as multi-purpose. She noted that three, nonprofit organizations have approached Planning to identify funding sources to utilize church buildings they own as a community center. Commissioner Pipe stated that this Chapter is available for public review. – Dept. 151.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Resolution No. 14 of 2019 to next week's Consent Agenda.

VIII. INVITATION FOR BIDS

Capital Projects – Commissioner Pipe welcomed Centre County Deputy Administrator Bob Jacobs to the table and introduced Jacob Buery and Anna Childe from Weber, Murphy and Fox. Bob is requesting approval to advertise an Invitation For Bid (IFB) for the Courthouse Renovation/Sprinkler System, which is being called Phase II of the Courthouse Renovation Project. First floor renovations were completed last year. Anna reviewed an outline and explained that Phase II renovations will include a new 4th floor security vestibule, interior renovations on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors and a new sprinkler system in the court house and a dry sprinkler system in the attic. Bids will be due on October 11, with bid opening on October 15 and the award of bid on October 22. – Dept. 971.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of the IFB – Courthouse Renovations, including a new 4th floor security vestibule, interior renovations to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor and a new Sprinkler System and fire alarm.

IX. LETTER OF SUPPORT - Commissioner Higgins asked the Board and Department Heads to indulge his guest, Travis Lesser from Appalachian Food Works. Travis thanked the Commissioners for the letter of support in the spring and updated them to state that the letter of support assisted Appalachian Food Works in obtaining \$10,000 in USDA grant funds that will be used in part to remunerate business expenses for this growing business.

X. CONTRACTS

A. Human Services - Natalie Corman presented the following items:

i. Adult Services – Grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) for funding to support the 2019 PHARE Rental Assistance Program. The total award is \$22,000, which is State funded for the period of August 1, 2019 through January 31, 2021 – Dept. 501.

Action: Add the grant agreement with PHFA to next week's Consent Agenda.

ii. Aging – Submission of a grant application to the Centre County Council for Human Services Robert T. Ott Seed Money Grant. The total application is \$3,000 for replacement of laptops used for the VITA Program – Dept. 521.

Action: Add the grant application to next week's Consent Agenda.

B. Planning – Sue Hannegan presented the following item:

Contract for the \$1.5 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) with the Pennsylvania Office of Budget to support the Centre County Grange Fair's expansion of the Equine Center at Grange Park – Dept. 151.

Action: Add the contract with the Pennsylvania Office of Budget to next week's Consent Agenda.

XI. 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. Risk Management - Submission of the 2019 – 2020 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program application in the amount of \$9,500 toward a body scanner at the Correctional Facility. Funding is for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 – Dept. 112.
- B. Human Services
- i. Aging – Contract renewal with MidPenn Legal Services to provide legal advice and representation for persons with need, as determined by the Centre County Office of Aging. The contract total is \$23,615, which is funded as follows: Federal \$11,807.50 and State \$11,807.50 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 521.
 - ii. Transportation - Acquisition two vehicles to be placed in the County's business fleet. These vehicles will be provided as a Penn State In-Kind Service in the total all-inclusive amount of \$31,377.50– Dept. 532.
 - 1. 2015 Ford Explorer with 74,769 miles total all-inclusive amount \$11,550
 - 2. 2015 Ford Expedition 81,549 miles total all-inclusive amount \$19,827.50
 - iii. Children and Youth Services
 - 1. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$66,157, which is funded as follows: State \$52,926 and County \$13,231 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 511.
 - 2. Contract renewal with Professional Family Care Services, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$250, which is funded as follows: State \$200 and County \$50 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 511.
 - 3. Contract renewal with Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries

to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$118,566, which is funded as follows: State \$94,855 and County \$23,711 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 511.

4. Contract renewal with the YMCA of Centre County – Moshannon Valley to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$9,000, which is funded as follows: State \$7,200 and County \$1,800 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
5. Contract renewal with Step by Step School for Early Learning to provide childcare services. The contract total is \$20,000, which is funded as follows: State \$16,000 and County \$4,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
6. Contract renewal with A Mindful Village (Dr. H. Peter Montminy) to provide counseling services. The contract total is \$1,000, which is funded as follows: State \$800 and County \$200 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
7. Contract renewal with Centre Safe to provide Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) Services. The contract total is \$4,900, which is funded as follows: State \$3,920 and County \$980 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
8. Contract renewal with Children's Advocacy Center to provide forensic interview services. The contract total is \$24,000, which is funded as follows: State \$19,200 and County \$4,800 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
9. Contract renewal with Professional Family Care Services, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$22,500, which is funded as follows: State \$18,000 and County \$4,500 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
10. Contract renewal with Merakey Pennsylvania to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$70,000, which is funded as follows: State \$56,000 and County \$14,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
11. Contract renewal with Families United Network, Inc. to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$40,000, which is funded as follows: State \$32,000 and County \$8,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
12. Contract renewal with Adelphoi Village, Inc. to provide foster care/residential services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$185,000, which is funded as follows: State \$148,000 and County \$37,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30,

2020 – Dept. 511.

13. Contract renewal with Children's Aid Society of Clearfield to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$15,000, which is funded as follows: State \$12,000 and County \$3,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.
14. Contract renewal with Child to Family Connections to provide foster care services for dependent/delinquent youth. The contract total is \$17,600, which is funded as follows: State \$14,080 and County \$3,520 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 511.

iv. MH/ID/EI – D&A

1. Addendum No. 1 with Universal Community Behavioral Health /The Meadows Psychiatric Center to provide additional emergency services in the amount of \$2,503. This increases the contract total from \$290,000 to \$292,503, which is funded as follows: State \$279,019 and County \$13,484 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 – Dept. 561.
2. Fiscal Year 2018-2019 reports for the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs – Dept. 562.
3. Contract renewal with White Deer Run to provide drug and alcohol services that include detoxification and inpatient treatment for adult and adolescent clients diagnosed with addiction, halfway house services, and drug and alcohol partial hospitalization services to adult men and women. The contract total is \$70,000, which is funded as follows: Federal 31,500 and State \$38,500 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.
4. Contract renewal with Centre County Youth Service Bureau to provide drug and alcohol services that include performance based prevention (information dissemination, education, alternative activities, and environmental). The contract total is \$174,609, which is funded as follows: Federal \$69,009, State \$103,183 and County \$2,417 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Dept. 562.

XII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – No Report.

XIII. ACT 13

XIV. LIQUID FUELS

XV. CHECK RUN

Commissioner Higgins reported the check of the week was to west Penn Power in the amount of \$4,732. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run in the amount of \$627,326.59, dated September 13, 2019.

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XVI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XVII. C-NET REQUEST

Sponsorship for the taping of the Joint Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Centre County Board of Commissioners and Bellefonte Borough Council on Wednesday, September 25 in the Courthouse Annex.

Action: On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve sponsorship for the taping of the Joint Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Centre County Board of Commissioners and Bellefonte Borough Council on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the Courthouse Annex.

XVIII. RECOGNITION

XIX. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Voter Registration Report Commissioner Dershem reported 108,150 registered voters in Centre County. The precinct of the week is #47 Ferguson Northeast 1 with 2,279 registered voters. In the Primary Election they had 437 ballots cast for a voter turnout of 19.81%.

B. Announcements

- i. On Wednesday, September 25, the Board of Commissioners will host a Joint Town Hall Meeting with the Bellefonte Borough Council in the Courthouse Annex at 7 PM.
- ii. A Ribbon Cutting will be held at the Centre County Public Safety Training Center on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XXI. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Records Improvement Committee - 2:00 PM - Room 144WB

Thursday, September 19, 2019

BOC/Salary Board - 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Joint Town Hall with Bellefonte Borough - Courthouse Annex

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Finance Committee - 9:00 PM - Room 146WB

BOC/Salary Board - 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Retirement Board - 11:00 AM - Room 146WB

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
BOC Meeting- 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

Thursday, October 3, 2019
BOC/Salary Board - 10:00 AM - Room 146WB

XXII. BID / PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Friday, September 20, 2019
Deadline for Submission of Proposals - RFP Card Access Control System Upgrade

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Opening of Submitted Proposals - RFP Card Access Control System Upgrade

Friday, September 27, 2019
Deadline for Submission of Bids - IFB High and Penn Street Parking Area Paving

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Opening of Bids - IFB High and Penn Street Parking Area Paving

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Contract Award - IFB High and Penn Street Parking Area Paving

Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Contract Award - RFP Card Access Control System Upgrade

XXIII. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 7, 2019
Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

XXIV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator