



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 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, Deputy Administrator John Franek Jr., and Executive Office Supervisor Natalie Smith.

County personnel present included Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman, Jim Coslo, Ray Stolinas, and Liz Lose.

Guests present included Thomas and Shirley Boldin.

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

C-Net Staff were present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

V. MEETING MINUTES

The Board will consider approving the minutes from the Board of Commissioners meeting, ARPA and budget work sessions held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 and the budget work session held on Thursday, October 28, 2021.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the Board of Commissioners meeting and work sessions.*

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VI. RECOGNITION

Tom Boldin, Conservation District Board of Directors

Manager of the Conservation District Jim Coslo stated that the Board of Commissioners declared the county a Conservation District in October 1954. The Conservation District includes seven board members. Jim recognized Tom Boldin for his 50 years of service on the Conservation District's Board of Directors. Tom joined the Board in the spring of 1970 and has served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman on several committees.

Tom operates a dairy farm with his wife Shirley and their two children. In 1982, he was awarded the Conservation District's Farmer of the Year award.

Commissioner Dershem has served on the Board with Tom for the last 18 years. He recognized Shirley for her dedication as well and thanked their family for the time, effort, and knowledge they have provided to Centre County and its natural resources.

VII. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development Liz Lose presented the contract with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation dba CTC Technology and Energy for professional consultant services to prepare a countywide broadband strategic plan. The contract total is \$175,000, which is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the period of November 18, 2021 to November 18, 2022 – Dept. 120.

The study will begin with a kickoff meeting followed by some stakeholder meetings. Additionally, CTC staff is also agreeable to provide assistance with an online survey to allow Centre County to have a much better understanding of where broadband service gaps are. Centre County's Emergency Communications 911 and Emergency Management departments will also be part of this process as they provide crucial services during outages.

Commissioner Pipe noted that throughout the interview process CTC demonstrated their extensive experience in working with governments and the ability to drawdown State and Federal funds.

Commissioner Dershem added that this is more than a study, this is an action plan and resource to use as a strategy moving forward to provide internet and broadband to underserved areas.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with CTC Technology and Energy.*

VIII. CONTRACTS – AUTHORIZATIONS

A. Emergency Communications 911

Commissioner Pipe presented the following items:

- i. Addendum to the Generator Maintenance Agreement with Breon's Inc. to provide enhanced Generator Maintenance for eighteen (18) 911 Tower Sites, including the Willowbank tower. The contract total is \$29,475.76 for the period of November 16, 2021 to November 16, 2022 – Dept. 354.

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- ii. Contract addendum two with Centre WISP Venture Company, LLC. to modify the approved attachments on the Centre Hall tower and increase Centre WISP's rent to \$400 per month. The total revenue is \$17,135.62 for the period of April 2019 to April 2024. – Dept. 354.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to add Emergency Communications items i-ii to next week's Consent Agenda.*

B. Human Services

i. MH/ID/EI – Drug & Alcohol

Human Services Administrator Natalie Corman presented the following items:

1. Contract renewal with Avenues Recovery Medical Center at Valley Forge (previously Valley Forge Medical Center) to provide drug and alcohol treatment services including medically managed/withdrawal management, residential, inpatient withdrawal, and high intensity residential, case management, and medication assisted treatment. The contract total is estimated at \$5,000, which is State funded through the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
2. Contract renewal with White Deer Run, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol treatment services including inpatient withdrawal management, high intensity residential to include co-occurring, partial hospitalization, and case management services. The contract total is \$70,000, which is funded as follows: Federal \$20,000, State \$48,156, and County \$1,844, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
3. Contract addendum two with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. to allow for funds to provide additional drug and alcohol outpatient services in the amount of \$48,233. This increases the contract total from \$125,000 to \$173,233, which is funded as follows: Federal \$88,519, State \$81,726, and County \$2,988, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 562.
4. Contract renewal with Oasis Lifecare, Inc. to provide mental health services including outpatient, therapeutic injection, psychotherapy, and involuntary commitment psychiatric support. The contract total is \$25,800, which is funded as follows: State \$24,611 and County \$1,189, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.
5. Contract renewal with Pennsylvania State University Psychological Clinic to provide mental health services including psychiatric evaluation and medication visits, individual and group psychotherapy, psychological testing, and community service evaluation. The contract total is \$30,000, which is funded as follows: State \$28,617 and County \$1,383, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 – Dept. 561.

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6. Letter of Agreement with St. Francis University. to provide Intellectual disability services including National Core Indicator surveys, PFDS and IM surveys. The contract total is \$32,500, which is State funded 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 1-6 to next week’s Consent Agenda.*

IX. GRANTS

- A. Planning & Community Development – Director Ray Stolinis presented a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the 2022 Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program. The total grant award is \$80,433.63, which is State funded for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This grant includes Centre, Clinton, and Clearfield counties – Dept. 151.

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

X. 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. Treasurer – Contract with Fairfield Computer Services, LLC to provide online dog licensing services, as well as online payment processing services for a variety of other licenses offered by the Treasurer’s office. The contract total is not to exceed \$8,500 for the period of November 9, 2021 to November 9, 2023 – Dept. 124.
- B. Probation & Parole – Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Grant-in-Aid grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The project total is approximately \$99,500 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 301.

XI. LIQUID FUELS – FEE FOR LOCAL USE

XII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

XIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS – UPDATES

XIV. CHECK RUN

Check run in the amount of \$273,993.77 dated November 5, 2021.

Action: *On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to approve the check run dated November 5, 2021.*

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XV. C-NET REQUESTS

XVI. REPORTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Voter Registration Report

Commissioner Dershem announced that write-in results are available online at centrecountyvotes.gov. This afternoon the Board of Elections will certify the unofficial election results.

B. Announcements

Centre County Government Offices will be closed Thursday, November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans' Day.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

XVIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners Work Session – ARPA – 11 AM – Willowbank 146

Retirement Board – 1 PM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners Work Session – 2022 Budget – 2 PM – Willowbank 146

Board of Elections – 4 PM – Willowbank 146

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Centre County Government Offices are closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Board of Commissioners – 10 AM – Willowbank 146

Board of Commissioners Work Session – 2022 Budget – 1 PM – Willowbank 146

XIX. BID/PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Friday, November 12, 2021

IFB – Centre County Roof Replacement – Bids Due– 4 PM – Controller's Office

Tuesday, November 19, 2021

IFB – Centre County Roof Replacement – Bid Opening– 10 AM – Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

IFB – Centre County Roof Replacement – Bid Award – 10 AM – Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

RFP – IT Managed Services – Contract Award – 10 AM – Board of Commissioners Meeting

XX. ELECTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday November 9, 2021

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 PM on November 1)

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XXI. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

A. Gary Sinderson

- i. Has the County received any break down from the new infrastructure bill regarding how much funding maybe available?
- ii. How long will it be until the County has a report from the Broadband study?

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator