

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

The Commissioners' Meeting was conducted remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency declaration. The public was invited to view and participate in a live, moderated broadcast.

Participating in today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Ray D'Agostino, Vice-Chairman
Craig E. Lehman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
CHIEF CLERK

Christina Hausner, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Other participants were:

Phil Colvin, Director
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Cheri Modene, Director
OFFICE OF JUVENILE PROBATION

Crystal Natan, Executive Director
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY

Matthew Wagner, Reentry Services Manager
PRISON

Michael Weaver, Director
COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS

Randall Wenger, Chief Clerk/Chief Registrar
ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Parsons announced the postponement of approval of the January 15, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and April 15, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Parsons announced that the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters.

Commissioner Parsons also announced this is another remote meeting so anyone who takes part is being recorded and there is opportunity to ask questions at the end. He said it is helpful if they get those questions in ahead of time, noting information is on the website where you can email Chief Clerk Larry George.

Commissioner D'Agostino thanked the businesses, residents, healthcare workers and our staff of Lancaster County for their sacrifice, concern for their neighbor and following mitigation guidance during this time of crisis, because their efforts have helped our hospitals systems manage their resources ensuring that all who need care and treatment are getting it. He noted it is unfortunately too easy to feel disconnected during this time of social distancing but know that the Board is thinking of them all the time.

Commissioner Lehman said we all see the many heroes working in our community every single day and thinks one silver lining of this whole pandemic is it has changed our understanding of what work is important; we are learning that all work is important and deserves respect. He also thanked County employees, noting County government's transition from physical to remote operations is extraordinary, and our IT staff has led the way. He noted our 24-hour facilities are doing fantastic work in keeping their operations running in a safe and effective manner, their dedication and commitment to the job is amazing to see and we are grateful for their service. Commissioner Lehman thanked everyone watching for all the mitigation practices they are following to flatten the pandemic curve, noting as Commissioner D'Agostino said this has had a positive impact on the capacity at our local health systems and hospitals

Commissioner Parsons agreed, adding they are going to have an update from Dr. Ripchinski, from LGH, later today but there is positive news as the rate of infection slows in Lancaster County. He is hopeful we can have a conversation about restarting the economy in a careful, prudent manner; recognizing the health aspect focus, but expressing concern about the economic devastation which is taking a great toll on individuals and businesses.

Commissioner Parsons made the following re-announcement:

- There is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2020, and there is no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Health for the Release of COVID-19 Data and Authorization to Sign Non-Disclosure Agreement

Mr. Colvin shared they have learned there are about 17 out of 67 counties that have signed the agreement, but the contractor agreement has not changed in the last week.

Mr. Weaver said he did not have anything to add to Mr. Colvin's statement.

Ms. Hausner has not heard about any changes to the agreement; the concerns she addressed last week remain; and she is not aware of any work-around that would meet those issues; but noted there is legislation in committee, a Senate bill that would mandate the release of this information to first responders.

Commissioner Parsons said he reached out to the contact we have on the Governor's staff as well as Department of Health and the Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs, requesting changes and has not received any favorable or other response. CCAP has also worked on this and he does not have anything to report there as far as progress.

Commissioner D'Agostino said the State, which has the ability through existing law, to release this data, data which many of our first responders have in some other ways, to have something this onerous and untenable in this crisis is beyond frustrating. This is about working together and getting this information so we can continue to do the best job we can to save lives and mitigate the spread of this virus. Commissioner D'Agostino said he would lend his support to the Legislature acting at this point.

Commissioner Lehman apologized about leaving the discussion last week because of a CCAP Board meeting and said he believes this information is important for our emergency responders. He thinks the NDA should be focused on what the County can control and if we handle the data responsibly, he does not think there should be any penalty associated. However, he cannot say whether the State would or would not impose penalties or how far they would go if folks outside of the County's control did something inappropriate with the data. Commissioner Lehman said if we are not going to be able to go forward with this NDA we need to make sure first responders are using whatever PPE and social mitigating practices they can as they are conducting their official duties and responsibilities.

Commissioner Parsons said the troubling part for him is the agreement essentially says that not only if a dispatcher in a 911 center or a first responder uses this in a way that is convoluted, it opens them up to a host of penalties. He is hopeful we can get some change either through the legislation or some consensus to modify the agreement, but as of now we are at the status quo.

Lancaster County Property Tax Collection

Commissioner Parsons said this is an update based on our earlier discussion regarding extending the base period through the end of the year and Mr. George said he had no update to provide.

Commissioner Lehman thinks the County is going to have to lead by passing a resolution saying this is what the County is willing to do and ask municipalities to join us in passing a similar resolution. He is not criticizing any efforts to date but thinks this would improve our chance of getting consensus and make sure some of our more vulnerable folks have additional time to get their real estate taxes paid without penalty.

Ms. Hausner said she had some communication with County Treasurer Amber Martin over a week ago, who told her it appeared as though several municipalities wanted to extend the base period through the end of November but not December 31st as we had initially thought the proposal would be. Ms. Hausner did note there has been legislation signed by the Governor that gives municipalities flexibility as to the base and penalty period. She said a resolution has been drafted and can be put on the agenda for next week if they would like.

Commissioner D'Agostino is in favor of waiting, noting there is an effort to work with municipalities on coming up with a consensus and it looks like there is a coalescence around the November time frame. He does not feel there is a need for us to go first, saying we should let the municipalities have a chance to discuss this and figure out what is best for them as everybody is in a different situation.

Commissioner Parsons said let us see what the growing consensus is out there, sounds like it is going to be end of November or end of December and once we understand what the consensus is, he does not have any objection to passing a resolution contingent on everyone doing the same thing so we do not confuse taxpayers more.

**PROCLAMATION
Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2020**

April 22, 2020

WHEREAS, Lancaster County's greatest resource is our children, and it is crucial that we take on the responsibility to guide and nurture their development. We strive to ensure every child in our County has the opportunity to have a healthy and safe upbringing by working together to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Each year, thousands of reports of suspected child abuse are made to Pennsylvania's Child Abuse Registry and many more go unreported. In 2019, Lancaster County Children and Youth investigated over 1,788 cases of suspected abuse. Child abuse is a tragedy for our children and a tragedy for our County. When children are able to grow and develop in a caring and nurturing home environment, they are much more likely to have brighter futures, and make a positive impact in their community; and

WHEREAS, We must work collaboratively to protect the children of Lancaster County. We applaud Lancaster County's law enforcement community, Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency and other public services, as well as the countless community organizations, schools, businesses and concerned citizens who are joining forces in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between families, law enforcement, the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, and the business community, who work hard to nurture and support the victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

WHEREAS, All citizens should become more aware of child abuse and work to prevent it within Lancaster County and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA Do hereby proclaim April 2020 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Lancaster County and call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Children and Youth Agency and/or the Office of Juvenile Probation, to approve the following:

Agreements With:	For:	Amounts Fiscal Year 2019/2020
The Bradley Center, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA	Residential Treatment Facility	\$339.54/day
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg Harrisburg, PA	Specialized Foster Care	\$78.07/day
CHOR Youth & Family Services, Inc. Reading, PA	Specialized Residential Treatment Center	\$361.20/day
	Residential Treatment Center	\$372.04/day
	Traditional Foster Care	\$50.09/day
	Specialized Foster Care	\$80.83/day
	Specialized Plus Foster Care	\$88.93/day
	Specialized Intense Foster Care	\$152.98/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level I	\$68.42/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level II	\$61.97/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level III	\$47.76/day
Common Sense Adoption Services Camp Hill, PA	Standard Care	\$73.00/day
	Moderate Care	\$93.00/day
	Intensive Care	\$115.00/day
Devereux Foundation King of Prussia, PA	Children's I/DD Services Full Funding - Treatment and Room & Board	\$321.36/day
	Children's I/DD Services Maintenance - Room & Board	\$141.00/day
	Treatment Family Program Foster Care - Ages 0-12	\$123.99/day
	Treatment Family Program Foster Care - Ages 13 and Older	\$133.96/day
	Mapleton PRTF	\$352.88/day
	Brandywine PRTF	\$320.99/day
	Children's Behavioral Health Center (DCBHC)	\$635.51/day
	Treatment One-to-One Services	\$40.00/hour
Clothing Allowance - PRTF	\$4.00/day	
Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries Mechanicsburg, PA	Traditional Foster Care - Level I	\$59.28/day
	Specialized Foster Care - Level II	\$77.57/day
	Treatment Foster Care - Level III	\$93.25/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level I	\$76.64/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level II	\$71.60/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level III	\$54.95/day
	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Level IV	\$50.05/day
	Steps to Independence (Teen Care)	\$99.65/day
	Weekend Alternative Program	\$173.43/day
	Bridge Program - Home Based	\$48.48/day
	Bridge Program - Seven Days GPS	\$21.25/day
	Transportation Rate All Locations	\$30.00/hour plus Mileage

Amended Agreement With:

For:

**Amounts
 Fiscal Year
 2019/2020**

It Takes a Village, Inc.
 Harrisburg, PA

Successful Family Group Decision Making Conference
 Successful Family Group Decision Making Referral
 Unsuccessful Family Group Decision Making Referral
**Increase the amount of the existing contract by
 \$150,000.00, for a total contract amount not to
 exceed \$495,000.00.**

\$3,000.00
 \$1,000.00
 \$250.00

Agreements With:

For:

**Amounts
 Fiscal Year
 2019/2020**

KidsPeace National Centers, Inc.
 Schnecksville, PA

Therapeutic Out-of-Home (Room and Board)
 Therapeutic Out-of-Home (Treatment)
 Regular Foster Care
 Intensive Foster Care
 Specialized Foster Care
 Clinical Shelter Care
 Residential/Diagnostic
 Personal Care Cost

\$14.98/day
 \$88.95/day
 \$57.42/day
 \$108.15/day
 \$96.99/day
 \$349.03/day
 \$349.93/day
 \$3.00/day

Outside In School of Experiential
 Education
 Greensburg, PA

Pathway to Recovery

\$290.00/day

Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc.
 Oil City, PA

Pathways Adolescent Center - Males
 New Beginnings - Females
 New Beginnings - Transitional Living
 Transitional Living - Males

\$150.00/day
 \$155.00/day
 \$185.00/day
 \$145.00/day

Perseus House, Inc.
 Erie, PA

Florence Crittenton - Mother Only
 Florence Crittenton - Baby Only
 Andromeda House Female ITU
 Perseus House Shelter
 Enhanced Female Residential Treatment Facility
 Perseus House Male Residential Treatment Facility

\$289.00/day
 \$40.00/day
 \$254.86/day
 \$202.81/day
 \$543.38/day
 \$564.56/day

The Salvation Army
 Allentown, PA

Regular Foster Care
 Specialized Foster Care
 Intensive Foster Care
 Foster Care Plus
 Medical Foster Care - Level I
 Medical Foster Care - Level II
 Medical Foster Care - Level III
 Medical Foster Care - Level IV
 Case Aid Services
 Case Aid Services with Supervision
 Visit Coaching

\$45.00/day
 \$67.50/day
 \$74.00/day
 \$48.65/day
 \$45.00/day
 \$45.00/day
 \$44.88/day
 \$43.03/day
 \$43.00/hour
 \$48.00/hour
 \$74.00/hour

United Children's Homes, Inc.
 West Hazelton, PA

Community Based Residential

\$145.00/day

Agreements With:

For:

**Amounts
 Fiscal Year
 2020/2021**

Avanco International, Inc.
 Clifton, VA

Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS)
 Consulting Services

Not to exceed
 \$30,000.00 -
 billed per hour
 worked

Avanco International, Inc.
 Clifton, VA

Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS)
 Provider Services

\$77,859.52/year

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

**Public Health Emergency
Consultant Agreement With:**

Edwin H. Hurston
Pequea, Pennsylvania

Purpose:

To provide technical, administrative and logistical advice and assistance with regard to the current COVID-19 public health emergency as described more fully in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

Compensation:

\$1,800.00 per week.

Term:

Effective April 16, 2020 for an initial term of three months, and shall be continued for subsequent terms of one month on the same terms and conditions set forth unless sooner terminated. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party a minimum of five business days' written notice.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Prison, to approve the following:

Grant Application With:

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Purpose:

To submit a grant application for Byrne Justice Assistance Program funding to hire a Mobile Reentry Case Manager to provide community-based reentry services including referrals and linkages to social services, connections to peer support, and group facilitation in rural communities.

Amount/Term:

\$95,006.00 for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022 (100% Federal funding). The County will be required to reapply for the second year of grant funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Election and Voter Registration Office, to approve the following:

Purchase Order With:

Tait Manufacturing LLC
Lititz, Pennsylvania

Purpose:

To purchase 720 custom tabletop plexiglass shields for polling places. The shields measure 46" wide by 36" tall with a 2" x 29" opening for poll books. The intended distribution is one shield per poll book and one shield for ballot distribution per precinct.

Amount:

\$75,600.00 (100% CARES Act funding).

Motion passed unanimously.

Business from Guests - Public Questions and Comments:

Patricia Kabel, Manheim Township Tax Collector, asked whether there are legal conflicts where discounts or base dates are different township by township? Ms. Hausner explained yes, it was their understanding that all municipalities have to be on the same page and in their draft resolution there is a contingency that this action to extend the base period through the end of the year is contingent upon every municipal entity within Lancaster County taking action on or before June 30, 2020 to establish 0% as the rate of penalty on municipal property taxes.

Carter Walker, LNP Government Reporter, asked if there are any other employees or prisoners who have tested positive for Covid19, and are there any employees or prisoners with suspected cases awaiting test results? Mr. George said to date we have had 24 County employees tested with six confirmed positive cases - three are corrections staff at the prison, two are in the District Attorney's Office and one in BH/DS. Seventeen have tested negative and one is awaiting results. Only one inmate has tested positive. Commissioner Parsons thank you, we were going to put that out to the media this afternoon too so if there is any additional information between now and then they will try to gather and put out.

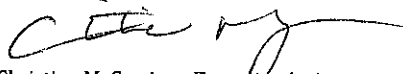
Neil Ward, Resident of West Earl Township, asked what role Mr. Hurston is going to be playing as the public health emergency consultant and if there will be regular updates or reports provided? Mr. George said information regarding updates will be forthcoming, after Mr. Hurston has established relationships with the health care systems and other community providers with whom we are associated.

The Board thanked everyone for all they are doing to stay safe and Commissioner Parsons urged all County employees to remain nimble with their work as the Board talks about transitioning back to work.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Carrigan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christine M. Carrigan, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office