

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met today in their weekly Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

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

Larry George
CHIEF CLERK

Lisa Johnson
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Christina Hausner, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Eric Bachman, Hazardous Materials Administrator
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Dale Brubaker, Grant Specialist
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Carolyn Gabriel, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Charles Schmidt, Deputy Chief County Detective
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Carter Walker, Reporter
LANCASTER NEWS

Blanding Watson, President
LANCASTER CHAPTER OF THE NAACP

Sergeant Robert Whiteford
LANCASTER CITY BUREAU OF POLICE

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

Commissioner Parsons announced the approval of the January 22, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and the postponement approval of the January 15, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and January 29, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Parsons announced the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 2:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

PROCLAMATION

Black History Month
February 5, 2020

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson, noted African American scholar and historian, founded "Black History Week," the second week in February, on February 12, 1926; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, "Black History Week" was expanded and established as "Black History Month" with the hope that through this special observance all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots and develop a mutual respect for the contributions of all racial groups in America; and

WHEREAS, The month of February is significant and recognized in African American history for the accomplishments and contributions of great African American pioneers and institutions, such as Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, George Washington Carver, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mary McLeod Bethune, Harriet "Moses" Tubman, Barack Obama, the NAACP, and Tuskegee Institute; and

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WHEREAS, African Americans have endured tremendous personal, social, economic and political injustices since the dawn of their enslavement; and

WHEREAS, These injustices notwithstanding, African Americans have made limitless contributions to society in medicine, science, art, religion, education, entertainment and the humanities; and

WHEREAS, We owe a great deal of gratitude to African Americans for their contributions, and for their efforts to help pioneer the way toward social and economic equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, "Black History Month" draws our collective attention to the facts and experiences of African Americans in this country from slavery, through the abolitionist movement; through the backlash of the oppressive laws of "Jim Crow" and the legalized institutional separation of the races; through the Harlem Renaissance; through the Civil Rights movement; and to the numerous and significant gains of freedom by agents of change like Sojourner Truth, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Madam CJ Walker, Medgar Evers, Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall, Fannie Lou Hamer and John Lewis; and

WHEREAS, We are all indebted to these leaders as well as to the victims and the silent heroes for their immeasurable struggles and sacrifices and to all who have worked and are working to end discrimination, hatred and bigotry throughout society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate the month of February 2020 as -----
Black History Month -----in Lancaster County. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners recognize and appreciate the many benefits of "Black History Month" to our citizenry and to our culture in general, and urge all Lancaster County residents to take the opportunity during this month to explore this rich history and to also make a personal commitment to help bring our nation closer to realizing racial equity.

Mr. Watson, President of NAACP thanked the following Tony Collins, Thomasina Howell, Louis McKinney Sr., Scott Godwin, Bardie Keith, Schirlyn Kamara, Robin Goodson and Shannon Watson who were in attendance in recognition of receiving the Proclamation.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency, to adopt Lancaster County's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Preparedness Report for calendar year 2019, which is a prerequisite to be considered for a State Hazardous Materials Response Grant.

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 District Attorney's Office, to approve the following:

Pass-Through Agreement Between:

City of Lancaster
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

and

District Attorney of Lancaster County
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Purpose:

To authorize the signing of the pass-through agreement for the continuation of the Pennsylvania Automobile Theft Prevention Authority grant to combat and reduce automobile thefts, improve and support automobile theft law enforcement and administration, and improve and support automobile theft prosecution in the City and County of Lancaster.

Amount:

The grant will reimburse the District Attorney's Office for 50% of the assigned Assistant District Attorney's salary and benefits, 50% of parking, and provide usage of a cell phone for the grant period.

Term:

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Lease Agreement With:

U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Financing
Denver, Colorado

Purpose:

To lease 35 portable radios for the District Attorney's Office for communication use among detectives.

Amount:

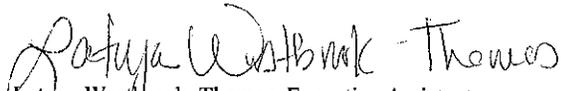
Not to exceed \$65,311.24 for a period of five years commencing February 19, 2020 utilizing a State contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Latoya Westbrook-Thomas, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office