

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

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

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Ray D'Agostino, Vice-Chairman
Alice Yoder, Commissioner
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Amy M. Campbell
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also, present were:

Michael Armer, Buyer III
PURCHASING

James Catigano, Buyer II
PURCHASING

Ben Cattell Noll, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Angelique Chelton, Pastor & Therapist
PILGRIMS MENNONITE CHURCH

Steve Cook, Board Member
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS

Jennifer Eaton, Resident
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP

Judy Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Drew Fredericks, Director
YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER

Mark Hipple, Board Member
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS

Rachel Helwig, Resident
LANCASTER CITY

Mark Huber, Senior Planner
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Phylcia/Felicia Mackie, Resident
LANCASTER

Cheri Modene, Director
JUVENILE PROBATION

Pat Mulligan, Director
BUDGET SERVICES

Crystal Natan, Executive Director
CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY

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**Tom Roe, Resident
LITITZ**

**Deklan Rupp, Coordinator
RIVERTOWN PRIDE**

**Barry Russell, Resident
LANCASTER CITY**

**Joel Saint, Pastor
IRBC**

**Carmen Simone, Deputy Director
GENERAL SERVICES**

**Brittany Smith, Resident
LANCASTER CITY**

**Scott Standish, Executive Director
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**Tim Stuhldreher, Writer and Editor
ONE UNITED LANCASTER**

**Mark Wilson, Director
ADULT PROBATION & PAROLE SERVICES**

**Andi , Resident
AKRON**

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

Commissioner Parsons announced postponing approval of the February 14, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and the February 28, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

National Women's History Month

March 13, 2024

WHEREAS, every year since 1980 the President of the United States has issued a special National Women's History Month Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, women have influenced and advanced every facet of American life and culture. The strength, ingenuity, and spirit of our female leaders, innovators, and pioneers shape our Nation's character, government, industry, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of Lancaster County by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our County; and

WHEREAS, this month, we pause as a County to pay tribute to women who strengthen and enrich our society through civic action, devotion to family, and tireless dedication to community, innovation and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, women have and continue to serve our country courageously in the military, including many from Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, and other important endeavors here in Lancaster County and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we honor the women who have changed our County, Commonwealth, and Nation, and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the next generation of female trailblazers and dreamers as they carry forward this distinguished legacy; and

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 March, 2024 as --- **National Women's History Month** --- in Lancaster County and invite all citizens of Lancaster County to continue to explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this County, Commonwealth, and Nation.

PROCLAMATION

American Red Cross Month

March 13, 2024

WHEREAS, March is American Red Cross Month - a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes - the selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes here in Lancaster County who give themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, Through voluntary and selfless contributions, the American Red Cross makes a lifesaving difference in people's darkest hours — whether it's delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; providing critical blood donations for hospital patients; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; or saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, the Red Cross in Lancaster County helped more than 200 people after home fires; installed more than 300 free smoke alarms for neighbors in need; taught more than 350 students about preparing for emergencies; hosted nearly 120 blood drives and collected over 3,100 units of blood; and provided nearly 400 services to veterans, military members and their families; and

WHEREAS, Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross collects 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict and migration; and

WHEREAS, We recognize this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

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 March, 2024 as --- **American Red Cross Month** --- in Lancaster County. We have a long history of helping our neighbors in need and encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2024

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$1,612,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Willows Farm, LLC, owned by Garrett E. Weaver. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$399,000.00. The farm is located at 436 & 438 Beaver Valley Pike, West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

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WHEREAS, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- New Contract Award With:** RF Technologies, Inc.
Brookfield, WI
- Purpose:** To install a Personal Duress Alarm System for the staff at the Youth Intervention Center.
- Amount/Term:** Cost for year one is \$28,806.60. The contract term begins April 1 and is ongoing due to software maintenance.

Year one price includes all hardware, installation and software for one year. Years two through five will be an annual cost of \$4,999.00 for software maintenance.
- Funding:** Youth Intervention Center 2024 budget. Sole source.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Renewal Agreement With:** Odin Technologies
Woodbury, NJ
- Purpose:** To provide security system maintenance and technical support services, including CCTV switcher interface, cameras and monitors at the Youth Intervention Center.
- Amount/Term:** \$24,000.00, consisting of twelve (12) monthly payments of \$2,000.00 for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.
The cost will be split between three programs with three different reimbursement rates which will also be submitted as part of the state budget.

Detention: \$12,000.00 reimbursement 50/50 split -
State reimbursement \$6,000.00.

Shelter: \$9,000.00 reimbursement 90/10 split -
State reimbursement \$8,100.00.

PULSE: \$4,000.00 reimbursement 80/20 split -
State reimbursement \$3,200.00.

State Reimbursement: \$17,300.00.
County Share: \$6,700.00.

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Funding: No budgetary impact, this is budgeted for on an annual basis.
0% increase from 2023-2024 rate.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Adult Probation and Parole Services, to approve the following:

Grant Application With: Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: To submit a grant application for the Mental Health Treatment Court, Veteran's Court and Adult Drug Court.

Amount/Term: \$29,655.00 for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

Mental Health Court - \$9,785.00
Veteran's Court- \$9,880.00
Adult Drug Court - \$9,990.00

Funding: 100% State. This has been included in the budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2024

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Adult Probation and Parole Services, to approve a grant application with the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the continuation of problem-solving courts for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; and the following budget adjustments:

REVENUE ACCOUNT:

Adult Probation and Parole – Administrative Services - **\$8,657.00 (+)**
State Grant Funding – **Drug Court**
6321-A B1120 41047

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS:

Adult Probation and Parole Services - **\$3,216.03 (+)**
Supplies - B1122 A7200 41047

Adult Probation and Parole Services - **\$4,522.00 (+)**
Purchased Services - B1122 A7300 41047

\$7,738.03 (+)

REVENUE ACCOUNT:

Adult Probation and Parole – Administrative Services - **\$8,660.00 (+)**
State Grant Funding – **Mental Health Court**
6321-A B1120 41048

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS:

Adult Probation and Parole Services - **\$740.13 (+)**
Supplies - B1122 A7200 41048

Adult Probation and Parole Services - **\$4,000.00 (+)**
Purchased Services - B1122 A7200 41048

\$4,740.13 (+)

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REVENUE ACCOUNT:

Adult Probation and Parole – Administrative Services - **\$8,682.00 (+)**
State Grant Funding – **Veterans' Court**
6321-A B1120 41049

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS:

Adult Probation and Parole Services - **\$1,695.00 (+)**
Supplies - B1120 A7200 41049

Adult Probation and Parole Services - **\$4,822.00 (+)**
Purchased Services - B1120 A7300 41049

\$6,517.00 (+)

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following:

Contract Amendment With:

Tenfold
Lancaster, PA

Purpose:

To add funding for a rate increase to expand the PATH program.

Tenfold assists adults with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to obtain and maintain independent housing in the community for individuals being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.

Amount/Term:

\$243,918.00 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Increase of \$38,362,00, 18.66%, due to another provider ending their PATH program.

Funding:

This is budgeted in Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding (Federal and State), Housing and Urban Development grants (HUD) the Human Services Block Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, 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 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

**Renewal
Agreements With:**

For:

Amounts

**% Increase/
Decrease**

Bethanna
Southampton, PA

Foster/Kinship Care Level I
Foster/Kinship Care Level II
Foster/Kinship Care Level III
Kinship Diagnostic
Medical Foster Care
Treatment Level Foster Care

\$55.61
\$65.15
\$79.52
\$65.15
\$42.18
\$143.05

+5.00%
+5.00%
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+5.00%

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Bethany Christian Services of Central PA Lancaster, PA	Foster Level I (Ages 0-2)	\$34.78	+4.98%
	Foster Level II (Ages 0-18)	\$46.20	+5.00%
	Foster Level III (Ages 0-18)	\$77.58	+5.01%
	Foster Level IV (Ages 0-18)	\$92.16	+4.99%
	Foster Level V (Ages 0-21)	\$147.32	+4.99%
	Medical Level 1	\$17.97	+2.63%
	Medical Level 2	\$24.89	+4.45%
	Medical Level 3	\$45.62	+4.35%
	Medical Level 4	\$59.45	+6.45%
	Authorized Absence Rate	\$61.89	
Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc. Montgomery, PA	Residential Treatment Services	\$213.80	+3.50%
Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers Milton, PA	Residential Treatment-Coal Township	\$355.00	
	Residential-Coal Township	\$355.00	+22.40%
	Residential Treatment-Danville	\$355.00	
	Residential-Danville	\$355.00	+14.52%
	Residential Treatment-Lewisburg	\$355.00	
	Residential-Lewisburg	\$355.00	+14.52%
	Managed Care MNC Psychiatric Eval	\$295.00	
The Impact Project, Inc. Emmaus, PA	Specialized Foster Care I (Ages 7-20)	\$76.67	
	Specialized Foster Care II (Ages 7-20)	\$98.66	
The Impact Project, Inc. Emmaus, PA (Continued)	Specialized Foster Care III (Ages 7-20)	\$98.85	
	Project LIFE (Ages 14-21)	\$103.20	
	Sex Offender Stepdown Level I	\$125.74	
	Sex Offender Stepdown Level II	\$141.70	
	Critical Foster Care I (Ages 7-20)	\$112.58	
	Critical Foster Care II w/ Visitation Coach	\$122.45	
	Critical Foster LIFE w/ Visitation Coach	\$115.87	
	Specialized Foster Care w/ Visitation Coach	\$112.75	
Loftus-Vergari & Associates, Inc. Wilkes-Barre, PA	Regular Foster Care (Ages 0-12)	\$54.64	
	Intermediate Foster Care	\$56.20	
	Specialized Foster Care	\$76.98	
	Specialized Medical Foster Care	\$69.40	
	Adolescent Foster Care	\$56.18	
Three Rivers Adoption Council Pittsburgh, PA	Foster Care Level 1	\$99.20	
	Foster Care Level 2	\$101.31	
	Foster Care Level 3	\$103.79	
	Foster Care Level 4	\$108.79	

NOTE: All agreements are 16% County funding, 56% State funding, and 28% Federal funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Proposals from: Royal Crowne
Paradise, PA

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Purpose: To provide 25 new message board kiosks that will be installed by Facilities Management staff and located throughout the nine different Lancaster County Park areas.

Amount/Term: \$33,475.00.

Funding: Project is covered in the General Services budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Grant Agreement With: PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: To electronically sign the Growing Greener Plus (GG+) Grant Agreement to conduct Phase 1 of an Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Scope of Study Agreement with the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Amount/Term: Total cost of \$66,670.00. The term shall commence on the date this grant agreement is fully executed by the Commonwealth and shall terminate three years from the project completion date or date of final payment.

Funding: \$50,000.00 DEP Growing Greener Plus Grant and \$16,670.00 Lancaster Clean Water Partners (local match).

Note: Approval is given to Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman, and Lawrence M. George, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, to electronically sign all documentation in the Keystone Login System.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Contract Award With: Filterbuy, Inc.
Talladega, AL
and
Florence Filter Corporation
Compton, CA

Purpose: To provide air filters for all County buildings.

Amount/Term: \$87,513.96 for a two-year base period from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026 with a one-year option to extend.

Funding: This is budgeted annually in the department's budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2024

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to recognize not more than \$469,406.05 in revenues from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund and appropriate them for the same total in the following General Fund accounts for purpose listed below. See Attachment A for details.

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The County ARPA workgroup has received, reviewed, and approved funding for the following County initiatives:

- Recorder of Deeds – IT Hardware and Zebra Printers @ \$9,410.31*
- Recorder of Deeds - Printers, Scanners and Color Copier @ \$16,578.44*
- Purchasing Department – County Scanning Project Expansion @ \$443,417.30*

The allocations presented below for the projects detailed in Attachment A were reviewed by the ARPA Work Group and found to be in accordance with the U.S. Department of the Treasury Overview of the Final Rule in the pages identified in the Attachment. Approval of the projects and said allocation is contingent upon adherence with the County’s purchasing policies and guidelines as required by the Pennsylvania County Code.

Revenue:	Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45050	\$469,406.05
Expenditures:	Lancaster County General Fund Expenditures; County Operating Costs A1111 A 45051-7300	\$469,406.05

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2024

On motion of Commissioner Yoder, seconded by Commissioner D’Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to recognize the following programs and directs that the following \$375,093 in revenues from the Opioid Settlement Funds already received by the County and appropriated for the purpose seen in the attachment.

- Drug and Alcohol Commission - Student Assistance Program Assessors@ \$209,400
- BHDS – Neonatal Abstinence Support Coordinator @ \$23,012
- Prison – Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program @ \$67,119
- Blueprints - Pathways to Recovery @ \$75,562

Revenue:	Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45200	\$375,093
Expenditures:	Lancaster County General Fund Expenditures 7399 A A1111 45200	\$299,531
	Lancaster County Pathways to Recovery Expenditures 7361 A A1111 45201	\$ 75,562

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2024

On motion of Commissioner D’Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to recognize \$6,643,183 in revenues from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund and reimburse them for the same total in the following General Fund accounts. The amount of revenue being realized is for the following ARPA eligible drawdown for salary and benefits reimbursement against FY 23 costs:

The allocation of expenditures is in accordance with the details presented below for salary recovery.

Revenue:	Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45050	\$6,643,183
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Expenditures:

Lancaster County
General Fund Salary Account
Various (see below)

Dept	Salary	Health Benefits	Grand Total
C1200	\$5,368,002.08	\$927,452.70	\$6,295,454.78
A2413	\$ 304,135.97	\$ 43,592.25	\$ 347,728.22
	\$5,672,138.05	\$971,044.95	\$6,643,183.00

The allocations presented below for the projects detailed above were reviewed by the ARPA Work Group and found to be in accordance with the U.S. Department of the Treasury Overview of the Final Rule in the pages identified in the Attachment. Approval of the projects and said allocation is contingent upon adherence with the County's purchasing policies and guidelines as required by the Pennsylvania County Code.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Saint made comments about the Court ruling on Amish farmer, Amos Miller.

Numerous community members expressed their concerns regarding a cease fire in Gaza and support for a Drag Story Hour event being held at the Lancaster County Public Library, along with their concerns regarding Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner D'Agostino publicly made comments.

Commissioner Parsons said there are two issues: it is about what is age appropriate for an event at a public library, noting this is clearly not age appropriate, and the public library politicizing itself.

Commissioner D'Agostino said this is not about someone who identifies as LGBTQ reading a nice story. He shared a slide with information from the performer's Facebook pages regarding their regular performances, which are not appropriate for children. He also shared information from various sources regarding the nature of drag queen performances, showing the consensus being that they are generally hypersexual in nature. Commissioner D'Agostino noted he believes therefore that we cannot have in our community adult themed performers and their performances highlighted as something that children should be exposed to.

Commissioner Yoder said she was excited and happy when she first saw the library was having the story time because this opportunity can address the mental health issues in our LGBTQ community, particularly around trans children, by providing the option of a safe space for families. She thought it was a great role model for potentially other community organizations to do throughout the County, not just in the City. She did not publicly comment because she did not think it was a County Commissioner issue but is quite saddened by the negative attention that has been brought up and agrees it does sway children. Commissioner Yoder has been trying to be very deliberate about what she says and does publicly because she knows her words matter as an elected official, so she wants to make sure the LGTBQ community knows she is in support of them and their community and any of the work that needs to do be done to support the mental health and wellbeing of children.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Carrigan

Christine M. Carrigan, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office