

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019**

The Board of County Commissioners met today in their weekly Work Session.

Present at today's meeting were:

**Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman**  
**Dennis P. Stuckey, Vice-Chairman**  
**Craig E. Lehman**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**CHIEF CLERK**

**Lisa Johnson**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK**

**Christina Hausner, Esquire**  
**COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also present were:

**James Cowhey, Executive Director**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Rebecca Dittenhafer, PeopleSoft Systems Administrator**  
**CONTROLLER'S OFFICE**

**Jim Fasnacht, Senior Buyer**  
**PURCHASING**

**Kathy Kunkel, Deputy Controller**  
**CONTROLLER'S OFFICE**

**Lon Wible, Executive Director**  
**OFFICE OF AGING**

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Parsons announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session yesterday, May 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Litigation, the AJ v. Lancaster County Case, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Federal Court, docket number 1768-2019. They also discussed Personnel matters.

Commissioner Parsons announced the approval of the April 16, 2019 Work Session Minutes and April 30, 2019 Work Session Minutes, and the postponement of approval of the April 2, 2019 Work Session Minutes and April 23, 2019 Work Session Minutes.

Commissioner Parsons made the following re-announcement:

There is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019, and there is no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Commissioner Parsons made the following announcement:

The County of Lancaster will conduct public hearings to discuss the County's proposed Human Services Block Grant categorical funding allocations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., Room 701, 150 North Queen Street, Lancaster;
- Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Public Safety Training Center, 101 Champ Boulevard, Manheim;
- Monday, June 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., Room 701, 150 North Queen Street, Lancaster;
- Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. during the County Commissioners' Meeting, Room 701, 150 North Queen Street, Lancaster, at which time the Board of Commissioners will consider the adoption of the Human Services Block Grant categorical funding allocations for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

The block grant encompasses mental health and intellectual disabilities base funds, Act 152 drug and alcohol funds, behavioral health services initiative funds, Human Services Development Fund, and homeless assistance funding.

Public participation is invited.

1. Mr. Cowhey, Executive Director, and Mr. Fasnacht, Senior Buyer, presented a Request for Proposal Award for the Development of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Budget Adjustments.

**NOTE:** For more information please refer to Resolution No. 30 of 2019 and Resolution No. 31 of 2019, County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2019.

2. Ms. Kunkel, Deputy Controller, and Ms. Dittenhafer, PeopleSoft Systems Administrator, presented a Statement of Work Extension on behalf of the Controller's Office.

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**NOTE:** For more information please refer to the County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2019.

3. Mr. Wible, Executive Director, presented an Update on Lancaster County Office of Aging's Plan to Discontinue as a Service Coordination Provider for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services – Aging Waiver Program (no formal action is requested).

Mr. Wible discussed the Aging Waiver Program and the desire to discontinue their involvement with the program. Aging Waiver is an in-home care program for older adults, primarily for individuals who are assessed at a nursing facility level. This program was established 10 years ago through the work with Department of Human Services (DHS) as an alternative to nursing home care.

The Office of Aging has been involved with Aging Waiver for about 10 years. For the first eight years, they were the sole provider in each county for the Aging Waiver, serving about 350 older adults every month through the program.

In 2016 the DHS decided to open service coordination to other providers. 77 new providers joined the program. As a result, the numbers have decreased. Today, they are reporting a more than 50% decrease in their numbers, serving about 157 older adults. The other reason they are looking at getting transitioned from Aging Waiver is that managed care rolled out in Pennsylvania for long-term care. In January 2018, the Pittsburgh region changed from Aging Waiver model to a managed care model. In January 2019, the South-Eastern region moved to managed care. Lancaster County is due to go under managed care in January 2020. Looking at the changes that will occur in January, if the Office of Aging continues with Aging Waiver, the employees would have to learn a new software program. It is very likely that the caseload sizes will continue to decrease, and they are not sure that the managed care organizations will choose them as a service coordination entity at that time. Given the reduction in their numbers and the fact that there are now 77 other service coordination entities in this county, they would like to discontinue service coordination and focus their attention on programs that are mandated by the Department of Aging.

The Office of Aging will submit a letter to DHS notifying them that they will be discontinuing service as a service coordination provider, and they would establish a transition plan for those 157 consumers to ensure them that there would be a smooth transition and no disruption of service along the way. Mr. Wible anticipates this would take several months for them to transition, after the letter is sent.

Commissioner Stuckey asked whether they would have to provide guidance, or suggestions to those 157 consumers, to which Mr. Wible said that they would arrange a home visit and provide the consumers with a list of the 77 other providers. The consumer would choose a new provider, and the Office of Aging would coordinate with that new provider to make sure the consumer was accepted.

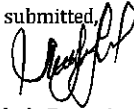
The Commissioners thanked Mr. Wible for the discussion. Commissioner Lehman advised him to reach out to those 157 consumers as soon as possible, once the decision is made, and make sure they realize that they have the support for a successful transition.

4. Ms. Johnson presented the May 8, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Agenda noting there will be three Proclamations for the National Bike Month, Preservation of Conservation District Week and Celebrating Lancaster County's 290<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also, Lancaster Bike Club will be presenting a check to the County of Lancaster to help preserve the heritage of the County's covered bridges.

5. On motion of Commissioner Stuckey, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office