

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**EAST EARL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**4610 DIVISION HIGHWAY, EAST EARL, PENNSYLVANIA**

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

Present at today's meeting were:

**Ray D'Agostino, Chairman**  
**Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman**  
**John B. Trescot**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Lawrence M. George**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK**

**Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire**  
**COUNTY SOLICITOR**

Also, present were:

**Josh Hunter, Director**  
**CRIPUS ATTUCKS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Brian Pasquale, Director**  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Joel Saint, Pastor**  
**IRBC**

**Justin Sauder, Township Manager**  
**EAST EARL TOWNSHIP**

**Blanding Watson, President**  
**LANCASTER NAACP**

Commissioner D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced the approval of the June 7, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

The Board of Commissioners thanked East Earl Township for hosting the evening Commissioners' Meeting, and appreciated what the municipal officials do to serve their residents. Commissioner Parsons introduced the County staff.

**East Earl Township Presentation**

Justin Sauder, Township Manager

Mr. Sauder thanked the Commissioners for joining them this evening, and presented the Board with a short update on one of their major projects, which is a stormwater basin retrofit and bioswale. Mr. Sauder stated they received a large CAP grant through Lancaster Clean Water Partners and the Conservation District, and they look forward to the stormwater success that this will create.

**PROCLAMATION**

**Juneteenth**

**June 14, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Lancaster County are always interested in celebrating the founding promise of America, as stated in America's founding documents – *that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness* – and that the road to freedom for African Americans was long and that all patriotic Americans continue the work to make a more perfect Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Lancaster County played a significant role in the freedom of enslaved African Americans by way of the Underground Railroad; this history includes the "Christiana Riot" or "Christiana Resistance," which some consider to be the unofficial first battle of the civil war, where armed citizens of Lancaster County, both black and white, actively resisted southerners seeking to recapture escaped slaves here; and

**WHEREAS**, it took the Civil War, the bloodiest war in American history, and the bravery of Union soldiers of all races and backgrounds to make the founders' vision of equality a constitutional reality. This vision would be embodied in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, which would formally end slavery, and guarantee all persons the "equal protection of the laws," – Amendments that were championed by Lancaster County Congressman Thaddeus Stevens; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that all enslaved African Americans "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free"; and

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**WHEREAS**, word traveled to the edge of the Country slowly, but made it to Galveston, Texas, the westernmost Confederate state, where General Granger read aloud the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865, sharing that slavery had been abolished; and

**WHEREAS**, this day came to be known as Juneteenth, and was first honored the very next year in Texas on June 19, 1866, with a jubilant, hopeful celebration filled with picnics, music, and prayer within the African American community; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth celebrations take place across the Country each year in honor of the resilience of our African American brothers and sisters who bravely paved the way for freedom in America; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-nine states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth as a holiday or day of observance, including Pennsylvania, which adopted Juneteenth National Freedom Day as a state holiday in 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA** do hereby proclaim that the County of Lancaster does celebrate June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth in Lancaster County, and invite all Lancastrians to reflect upon the spirit of the day, honor the achievement of African Americans, continue the work to make a more perfect Union, and fully realize the beauty and promise of America's founding documents for all Americans.

**RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2023**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PROVISION OF LOCAL MATCH  
FOR STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot;

**WHEREAS**, The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners resolves and certifies that it will provide the South Central Transit Authority local operating financial assistance of \$486,408.00 to match state funds provided pursuant to 74 Pa. C.S. Section 1513 in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that the required amount of local matching funds will be provided no later than the end of the State Fiscal Year, June 30, 2024.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency, to approve the following:

**Memorandum of Agreement  
Addendum #5 Between:**

Dauphin County  
Harrisburg, PA

and

South Central Counter Terrorism Task Force (SCTF)

**Purpose:**

To continue with Dauphin County acting as the fiduciary agent of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). This addendum approves and establishes the percentage given to the fiduciary agent as compensation to offset the management and administrative costs incurred.

**Funding:**

No impact on budget. Homeland Security Grant Program funds are received directly by the SCTF.

**Note:**

Approval is given to Brian P. Pasquale, Director, to sign the MOA.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Emergency Management Agency, to approve the following:

**Agreement With:**

Governor's Office of Administration  
Harrisburg, PA

**Purpose:**

To provide early warning notification alerts through the CodeRed® system for the Amish population within Lancaster County.

**Amount:**

There is no impact on the budget because there is no cost involved.

**Term:**

Either party may terminate this Agreement by sending 90 days prior written notice of termination to the other party.

Prior to termination of the Agreement, Lancaster County will identify any individuals they have opted in under this Agreement who are still opted into the service at the time of the notice of termination and the parties will develop and implement a plan to provide notice to the subject individuals of the termination of this Agreement and to address any subsequent opt-out requests that may be received from those individuals.

**Note:**

Approval is given to Ray D'Agostino, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, to electronically sign the Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Burn Ban Status**

Brian Pasquale, Director

Mr. Pasquale reported that the risk has lowered since we got rain, and the outlook looks good, moving ahead. The State Fire Warden does not object to rescinding the ban, if there is a decision made to do so; however, the Fire Chiefs are still in favor of keeping the ban in place. Some added comments about adding fireworks to the ban. The Fire Chiefs are meeting tonight to discuss and vote on the burn ban, and then bring a recommendation back to the Board of Commissioners.

The Board was in agreement to wait for the Fire Chiefs to provide more input, and see how the rain will change the conditions in the next few days, and then place the burn ban on the agenda for next week. The Commissioners also noted that they do not have the authority to ban fireworks. It is a decision local municipalities have to make.

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

**Grant Application With:**

Lancaster Law Foundation  
Lancaster, PA

**Purpose:**

To apply for funds to translate informational brochures and legally required notification forms for victims who have suffered criminal harm as well as other District Attorney program applications forms and forms required by the rules of criminal procedure, all of which will improve the delivery of legal services and access to justice for the non-English speaking population involved in the criminal justice system. The languages focused on will be Spanish, Swahili, Arabic, and Nepali.

**Amount/Term:**

\$10,000.00 for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**Funding:**

No impact on the budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve the following:

**Addendum to Agreement With:**

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania  
(CCAP)  
Harrisburg, PA

**Purpose:**

To grant a license of the Unified Case Management (UCM) software for the limited purpose of use for Lancaster County's Criminal Justice System.

**Amount:**

No cost to the County.

**Term:**

Should the sale of the UCM Software be delayed or fail to be finalized, the County's license of the UCM Software shall extend past December 31, 2023 until the sale of the UCM Software is finalized or six months, whichever comes first.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Saint addressed the Board regarding overpopulation.

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On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lydia Kovalchuk, Executive Assistant  
Commissioners' Office