

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

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
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

George Custer, Director of Administration
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Rachel Henriquez, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Tom Lisi, Reporter
LNP

Dena Maounis, Grant Coordinator
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Kathleen Morrison, First Assistant County Solicitor
SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

Jeb Musser, Member
LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Joel Saint, Pastor
IRBC

Scott Standish, Executive Director
LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tim Stuhldreher, Writer
ONE UNITED LANCASTER

Megan Tomsheck, Manager
VISIONCORPS

Nelly Torres
LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT

Michael Yoder, Reporter
LANCASTER PATRIOT

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the October 5, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

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

Grant Application With:

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose:

To apply for Local Law Enforcement (LLE) Support Grant as the County Detective's Unit is seeking to:

- 1) Upgrade their current RMS to "Cody-Pathfinder" which will allow more data to be readily available.
- 2) Continuation of CODY COBRA.net which utilizes technology bridges to

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- allow the participating detective unit's records management system (RMS) to interact with CODY COBRA.net.
- 3) Purchase a drone to be utilized by the County CRASH team and SERT.

Amount:

Total application \$94,185.00.

- 1) Pathfinder has a year 1 maintenance fee (2024) of \$15,250.
- 2) CODY COBRA has an annual subscription of \$30,000 for 2023 and 2024.
- 3) The drone and kit would cost approximately \$18,935.

Term:

Two-year grant beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

Funding:

No impact on current budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agreement With:

Wayne K. Ross, M.D., P.C. ("Ross, P.C.")
Uwchland, PA

Purpose:

To serve the County in the capacity of Forensic Pathologist and be responsible for the performance of the following services in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement: autopsies and preparation of reports; scene investigation and forensic assistance; criminal case testimony; and teaching.

Fees:

Base Fee:

The annual Base Fee of \$429,290.52 shall compensate Ross, P.C. for professional services provided in the performance of no more than 330 autopsies per contract year and the preparation of reports of those autopsies. In the event that the number of autopsies in any contract year exceeds 330, Ross, P.C. shall be paid \$1,230.95 for each autopsy and report thereof in excess of 330. Effective December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter, during the term of this Agreement, the Base Fee shall be increased by 2%. The Base Fee shall compensate Ross, P.C. for all the fees charged by all other substitute pathologists engaged by Ross, P.C., for services provided under this Agreement at the request of Ross, P.C., provided that the County shall reimburse Ross, P.C. for costs and fees incurred in relation to the use of other pathologists under this Agreement that exceed \$25,000.00 in a contract year (December 1 through November 30).

Case Preparation and Testimony:

Ross, P.C. shall be compensated at the rate of \$483.58 per hour for all time spent with the District Attorney or his/her representative in preparing for and appearing at any hearing or trial. Effective December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter during the term of this Agreement, the Fee shall be increased by 2%.

Scene Investigation and Forensic Assistance:

Ross, P.C. shall be compensated at the rate of \$493.58 per hour for all travel to/from and performance of scene investigations, including the preparation of reports relating to those investigations. Effective December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter during the term of this Agreement, the Fee shall be increased by 2%.

Teaching:

Ross, P.C. shall be compensated at the rate of \$493.58 per hour for all instructional services covered by this Agreement. Said services shall include all time spent in the actual instruction of individuals or groups as well as no more than three (3) hours of actual preparation time for each session. Effective December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter during the term of this Agreement, the Fee shall be increased by 2%.

Autopsy and Scene Investigation Transcription Fees:

Ross, P.C. shall be compensated at the rate of \$89.01 per autopsy report transcription and scene investigation report transcription. Effective December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter during the term of this Agreement,

the Fee shall be increased by 2%.

Technician Fees:

Ross, P.C. shall require the assistance of a technician in the performance of each autopsy assigned hereunder. The County shall pay to Ross, P.C. a technician's fee in the amount of \$128.16 for each autopsy in which a technician is used. Effective December 1, 2022, and each December 1 thereafter during the term of this Agreement, the Fee shall be increased by 2%.

Expenses:

The County shall reimburse Ross, P.C. for the actual, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of the duties as described above and not otherwise provided for above, which expenses shall include but not be limited to:

- i) mileage at the prevailing IRS rate for business use of a personal vehicle;
- ii) copying at the rate of \$.20 per copy;
- iii) printing of all instructional materials;
- iv) slides, laboratory studies and tests, etc.;
- iv) long distance and mobile telephone charges..

Term:

December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2025 and shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter unless either party provides 90 days advance written notice of its desire to terminate the Agreement on its expiration date.

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 Coroner's Office, to approve the following:

Ratify Donation of a:

Siemens Perspective 64 CT Scanner

From:

Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital, a tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Total Cost:

\$25,000.00.

\$12,500.00 to remove & dispose of the old CT scanner.
\$12,500.00 to move in & set up the new scanner.

Funding:

Coroner's 2022 budget.

Note:

It is further moved that Lawrence M. George, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, is authorized to electronically sign on behalf of the Commissioners for Lancaster County.

A resident asked about the cost of moving the scanner.

Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 155

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER REQUIRING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE TAXES PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF JULY 11, 2022, P.L. 701, NO. 57

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

WHEREAS, the County of Lancaster, Pennsylvania is a class 2A county and local taxing district of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorized by the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. § 5511.1 *et seq.*, to levy and collect certain real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Act of July 11, 2022, P.L. 701, No. 57 ("Act 57") requires the waiver of additional real estate taxes under certain circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that County of Lancaster tax collectors shall waive additional charges for real estate taxes beginning in the first tax year after the effective date of Act 57 if the taxpayer does all of the following:

- (1) Provides a waiver request of additional charges to the tax collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event, as such is defined by Act 57;
- (2) Attests that a notice was not received;
- (3) Provides the tax collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:
 - a. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or
 - b. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences and;
- (4) Pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

1. **Amended Agreement With:** Arch Street Center, Inc.
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To increase funding for unreimbursed expenses.

Arch Street Center provides social rehabilitation services in a drop-in center atmosphere for adults who are being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.

Amount/Term: \$232,968.88 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.
This is an increase of \$9,388.00, or 4.20%.
2. **Amended Agreement With:** The Lodge Life Services
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To reduce service lines to actual amount utilized and add funding for unreimbursed expenses.

The Lodge Life Services assist adults with serious mental illness who are being served by Lancaster County Mental Health to obtain and maintain independent housing in the community.

Amount/Term: \$385,174.45 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Funding: Budgeted in the Community Mental Health Block Grant (Federal), Housing and Urban Development Funding (Federal) and the Human Services Block Grant.
This is a decrease of \$43,089.55, 10.06%.
3. **Renewal Agreement With:** Agape Care, Inc.
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To provide home & community habilitation services to individuals being served by Lancaster County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities..

Amount/Term: \$84,280.58 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.
This is a 51.12%, decrease.
4. **Renewal Agreement With:** Friendship Community, Inc.
Lititz, PA

Purpose: To provide residential habitation and in-home and community supports for

individuals being served by Lancaster County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.

Amount/Term: \$231,039.70 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.
This is an increase of 4.66%.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Grant Agreement with: Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: To receive funding from a State grant to pay overtime costs for Lancaster County Crisis Intervention Unit staff due to current vacancies.

Amount: \$21,574.00.

Note: These supplemental grants were created for the benefit of those counties who host 988 call centers of which Lancaster is one. The MH Deputy Director was contacted by OMHSAS to inform us that we are eligible for the amount of this grant. Of the eligible uses of the funding, our greatest need was additional funding to cover a portion of the overtime costs used to cover vacant positions in Crisis Intervention.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Purchasing and the Lancaster County Cooperative Purchasing Board, to approve the following:

Contract Awards With: Eastern Salt Company, Inc. (Group 1)
Lowell, MA

And

Chemical Equipment Labs, Inc. (Group 2A & 2B)
Newtown Square, PA

Purpose: To provide road salt and water treatment salt.

Amount: \$79.00/ton. (Group 1).
\$89.99/ton. (Group 2A).
\$123.19/ton. (Group 2B).

Term: Two-year contract from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024.

Funding: Budgeted \$5,925 in Facilities Management.

Price increase for Group 1 is 54.15% or \$27.75/ton. Price increase for Group 2A is 48.13% or \$29.24/ton. Price increase for Group 2B is 41.55% or \$36.16/ton.

A resident asked a question about the department potentially adding sustainable products when reviewing options for purchases.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to recognize \$100,000.00 in revenues from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund and same amount be appropriated to VisionCorps for the creation of a teaching lab.

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The allocations presented below 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 117-118. Approval of the project and referenced allocations below, and subsequent disbursement are contingent upon adherence with the County's approved Community Project Guidelines, the United States Treasury guidelines and the executing of the Certification and Acknowledgment of American Rescue Plan Funds County form, Agreement and any other documents required by the County. The County hereby authorizes the signing of approved ARPA funding Agreement upon completion by the recipients.

Revenue:

Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6711-A-A1111-45050	\$100,000.00
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Expenditures:

VisionCorps Teaching Lab A1111-A-45061-7300	\$100,000.00
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Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Secretary
Commissioners' Office