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Cumberland County Commissioners' Workshop Meeting

October 31, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.
Commissioners' Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

Phone (717) 240-6150 Website: www.ccpa.net

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Cumberland County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan — (Tim Whelan)

Board of Commissioners Present: Commissioners Vince DiFilippo, Jim Hertzler and Gary Eichelberger were present.

Quorum: Yes

Staff Present: Sandy Moyle, Chief Clerk; Theresa Kissinger, Administrative Technician/Recording Secretary; Keith Brenneman, Solicitor were present.

Departments: Dana Best, Tammy Bender, Keri Finkenbinder, Kristen Bushman, Finance; Darin Baish, IMTO; Joan Crowl, Aging & Community Services; Jack Carroll, Drug & Alcohol; Eric Radnovich, DA/Forensic; Samantha Krepps, Ben Burner, Communications; Holly Sherman, Human Resources; Lisa Reider, Children & Youth; Travis Shenk, Prison; Darby Christlieb, Adult Probation; Mary Brokans, Controllers Office

VTC: Claudia Garner, Public Safety; Justin Miller Recycling & Waste.

Outside Agencies: Tim Whelan, Housing & Redevelopment Authorities;

Call to Order: Chief Clerk, Sandy Moyle called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment: None

Press Release & GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award: On behalf of the Commissioners, Commissioner DiFilippo presented Dana Best, Tammy Bender, Keri Finkenbinder and Kristen Bushman with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget presentation Award for the preparation and presentation of the 2019 budget.

Laying the 2020 Budget on View: Dana Best requested that on Monday, November 4th the Board place the Budget along with the Budget & Brief on review. She said the General Fund expense budge is \$92 million and the total County budget is \$311 million and of that federal and state grants make up 40% and real estate tax 20%.

Discussion of Cumberland County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan: Tim Whelan asked if the Commissioners had any further questions that he could answer.

Contracts/Grants: — (Sandy Moyle)

- I. * *Existing Contracts, Contract Extensions or Addenda with No Additional Cost or Increase to the County:*
- a. **Children & Youth Agreement:**
 - Carlisle Barracks Family Advocacy Program (FAP)
 - b. **Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Agreements:**
 - ICON — Addendum
 - Grane Hospice Care — Addendum
 - IntelyCare
 - Celtic Hospice & Palliative Care – Respite Care — Addendum
 - c. **MH/IDD Agreement:**
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities FY 2019-2020
 - Addus HealthCare Inc. d/b/a Addus HomeCare
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- II. * *New Contracts, Vendors, Services, Grants and Contracts with Increases/Decreases to the County:*
- a. **Aging & Community Services Agreements:** (Joan Crowl)
 - Maranatha-Carlisle, A Financial Guidance Ministry — Addendum – Increase \$1,200.00
 - Carlisle C.A.R.E.S., d/b/a Community C.A.R.E.S. — Addendum – Increase \$12,100.00 – Emergency Shelter
 - b. **Children & Youth Agreements:** — (Lisa Reider)
 - Gaudenzia West Shore — Continuation – Drug & Alcohol Referral and Supportive Service
 - Children’s Aid Society of Franklin County – Increase of 2.11% - 4.05%
 - c. **District Attorney/FID Agreement:** — (Eric Radnovich)
 - Robert Johnson – Forensic latent print examiner
 - d. **Drug & Alcohol Agreement:** — (Jack Carroll)
 - Hamilton Health Center – Vivitrol in Perry County Prison
 - e. **Human Resources Agreement:** — (Holly Sherman)
 - Capital Blue — Addendum – Decrease \$583,000.00
 - f. **Prison Agreement:** — (Travis Shenk)
 - TextBehind, Inc. – Inmate mail screening
 - g. **Public Safety Agreement and EGrant:** — (Claudia Garner) - vtc
 - Sage Technology Solutions — Continuation - Increase
 - PEMA — Hazardous Material Response Fund — Grant Amount — \$39,661.97
 - h. **Recycling & Waste Grant:** — (Justin Miller) - vtc
 - PA Department of Environmental Protection — PA Household & Small Business Pollution Prevention Reimbursement — Grant Amount — \$12,811.45
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Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board Reappointment Recommendation of the Following Individuals: Commissioner Hertzler discussed Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board Reappointments of the following individuals.

- **Rick Smith, Elizabeth Harriger, Patrice Pickering and William Koons** — Reappointments are for Two (2) Year Terms, Effective: — January 1, 2020 and Expiring: — December 31, 2021

Capital Resource Conservation & Development Area Council, Inc. Appointment Recommendations of the Following Individuals: Sandy Moyle discussed the Capital Resource Conservation & Development Area Council Appointment and Reappointment Recommendations of the following individuals.

- **Lori Glace** as *Conservation District Representative* — Reappointment for a Three (3) Year Term, Effective — December 1, 2019 and Expiring — November 30, 2022

- **Ken Okorn** as an *Alternate Board Member* — Reappointment for a one (1) Year Term, Effective — December 1, 2019 and Expiring — November 30, 2020
- **Elizabeth Grant** as *Member-at-Large* — Appointment to fill an Unexpired Term, Effective — November 1, 2019 and Expiring — November 30, 2021

Capital Project Requests:

- **Adult Probation** — (Darby Christlieb)
 - CDI/BTM — Total Project Amount — \$190,500.00 — Multiple department project.
- **IMTO** — (Darin Baish)
 - Switch Replacement — Total Project Amount — \$30,000.00
- **Prison** — (Travis Shenk)
 - Body Scanner — Total Project Amount — \$182,050.00

Commissioners' Liaison Reports:

Commissioner DiFilippo

Library System Board: Met Monday, October 25th.

- The Board approved a revise start policy and the revision will include language that represents it current practice.
- The Board approved investment guidelines policy proposed by the finance committee.
- The Board tabled 2020 projected system local budget till the November meeting. All looks good for the budget.
- Website has been fully migrated to a platform that is more secure.
- Library systems are able to pay its grant by the Mechanicsburg area Community Foundation in the amount of \$4,011.00. The grant will further the English language learner program at the Simpson Library.
- All circulation workstations are replaced with new equipment including the new touch screen monitor system.

The Board of Commissioners and Cindy Dwyer the Census Representative for Cumberland County visited the East Pennsboro Elementary School to do a presentation for over a hundred fourth graders on the importance of the census.

Commissioner Hertzler

Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board: Met Thursday, October 17th.

- There was a discussion regarding the authority's preparation for submission of a new five year consolidated plan. Which was todays public hearing subject and for the Board of Commissioners to approve on Monday.
- The county received notice that our 2019 application for an Emergency Solutions Grant that would assist families who are homeless and are threatened with homelessness, was not funded. I have been attempting to secure an explanation from the state Department of Community and Economic Development as to why our grant request was not funded. The lack of funding will impair the county's outreach services, emergency shelter and rapid rehousing services to homeless individuals and families. The Housing authority is exploring other funding opportunities such as dollars that might be made available from the state's housing trust fund, known as Pennsylvania Housing Affordability & Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE). Hopefully we'll have some more to report on this in the near future.
- As we have also heard from other quarters, more than 100 properties have been identified in the county as blighted. The Planning Department, CAEDC and the Housing and Redevelopment Authorities will be presenting a strategy plan to us for the Commissioner's review and consideration.

- The number of low-income families receiving vouchers to assist in the payment of their rents inched up by six to 1,225 this month in the county's housing choice voucher program. Ninety-eight percent of available federal funding has been expended.

Aging Advisory Board: Met Friday, October 18th.

- There was a wide-ranging discussion about the latest property tax reduction and elimination proposals that are being kicked around again in the State House. There was opposition to the one plan that would add a new tax to pension and other retirement income of seniors as one way to shift the burden off the backs of property taxpayers. I pointed out that just to eliminate school property taxes and not including the elimination of county and municipal property taxes would require a \$15 Billion Dollar tax shift, or a \$15 Billion Dollar tax increase somewhere else.
- Sandy Gurreri reported that the cost to the county for senior citizen shared ride service is going up in 2020. And there was a discussion about our county's very generous program of free shared ride service for seniors starting at the age of sixty. But, because the county's cost for this service is going up and it comes out of our state aging grant, and other programs and services for seniors are adversely affected, the advisory board recommended that we look at possibly increasing the age to sixty-five for the free shared ride service, or consider charging a modest fee for those under sixty-five.

The Capital Region Council of Governments: Met Monday, October 21st.

- There were a couple of presentations regarding FirstNet which is aimed at the future deployment of a high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to Public Safety. The first presentation was by AT&T and the other presentation was from a Dauphin County representative of Fair Districts PA, which is the non-partisan organization that is continuing to advocate for an independent citizens commission for the drawing of legislative and congressional district boundaries after the 2020 census a position which this Board and CapCOG has endorsed.
- Prior to the CapCOG meeting there was a meeting of the Council's Public Safety Committee that I also attended. Following that meeting and with action by CapCOG the council has authorized the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for a qualified consultant to write a request for a federal SAFER grant of up to \$1 million for CapCOG's launch of a major regional effort aimed at volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention. This follows with a number of proposals that are advancing in the state General Assembly aimed at trying to address the statewide challenge of a shortage of volunteer emergency service first responders.

Cumberland County Conservation District Board: Met Tuesday, October 22nd.

- The 17th Annual Conservation District golf tournament generated a record amount in terms of net proceeds for the district's scholarship program for qualifying Cumberland County students engaged in environmental education programs. The net proceeds from the golf outing came to just over \$6,000.
- The district has also been able to attract two experienced individuals to fill the two vacancies created by the departure of our two agriculture inspection employees.
- The Conservation District is working in partnership with the county's Planning Department in voluntarily participating in the new planning effort underway by DEP to meet the latest goals for the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorous pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. The success of this effort remains to be seen as there is very little in the way of news as to exactly how much implementation of any final plan developed will actually cost and, most especially, where the money will come from. Early, estimated costs to meet the 2025 goals for the Bay put the price tag for Pennsylvania in the billions of dollars.
- And, the hard truth was stated very plainly and clear by our county's director of planning in a memo dated September 12th "From 1985 to 2017 (32 Years) statewide nutrient loads to the bay were decreased by 15 million pounds. Now, in the next five years, we are suddenly

going to reduce nitrogen loading to the bay by 34 million pounds with a state government that has no additional resources to address the problem.” As his memo continues: “The planning piece will be easy making the plan a reality will be the difficult part.”

- As I mentioned at the recent conservation district meeting the one good thing that could come out of our participation in the planning effort is the identification of “best management practices” that we already have in place on our farms and in other locales within the county that we’re not getting credit for.
- The Conservation District is moving forward with plans for an update of its strategic plan. The last plan was done ten years ago.

Commissioner Eichelberger

Commissioner Eichelberger said the event that was held at the East Pennsboro Elementary School on the census was a really terrific event.

Commissioner Eichelberger said that he has kept the Commissioners updated on all of his liaisons and had nothing to report at this time.

Report of Executive Session: Chief Clerk, Sandy Moyle reported Executive Sessions were held on October 23, 2019 @ 1:15 p.m., October 24, 2019 @ 11:30 a.m., October 30, 2019 @ 2:30 p.m., Re: Personnel Issues

Request for an Executive Session: Chief Clerk, Sandy Moyle requested an Executive Session be held Re: Personnel Issues.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Kissinger
Administrative Technician