



MINUTES

Cumberland County Finance Meeting

September 22, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Commissioners' Hearing Room
Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

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Present: Commissioners Gary Eichelberger, Jean Foschi, and Vincent T. DiFilippo.

Staff Present: Stacy Snyder, Chief Clerk; Tamie Hershey, Deputy Chief Clerk; Angela Smyser, Brighid O'Neill, Executive Assistants; Megan Fogelsanger, IMTO; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Wes Graham, Tax Administration.

Staff via Zoom: Dana Best, Ron Snow, Finance; Mark Adams, IMTO; Kirk Stoner, Planning.

Outside Agencies Present: Toby Fauver, Rockland Consulting.

Others Present: None.

Media: Zack Hoopes, The Sentinel.

Call to Order: Commissioner Eichelberger called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to approve the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Topic of Discussion:

Higher Education Grants: Toby Fauver explained that information about the grants was distributed to all five colleges and universities located in Cumberland County. He explained that Shippensburg University, Central Penn College, and Messiah College were the only three that applied by the deadline. He explained what information was collected during the application process, which included the intended use of the funds. He described the process used to score the applications and how the scores would be used to distribute the funds. He shared that out of 100 possible points, Central Penn College scored 93, Messiah College scored 52, and Shippensburg University scored 49. He explained the total amount of ARP funds being delegated for these grants is \$2.5 and recommended that Central Penn College be awarded \$1.4 Million, Messiah College be awarded \$600,000, and Shippensburg University be awarded \$500,000.

Toby Fauver provided an overview of the next steps for managing the ARP funds, which includes creating a breakdown of categories and blocks of funding based on these categories.

Common Level Ratio – 2021 Discussion: Wes Graham explained that Common Level Ratios are provided annually on June 1st by the Tax Equalization Board and that they are a ratio comparing the assessed value of a property to the actual sale value of that property. He explained the target range is between 85 and 100, and that Cumberland County currently holds a ratio of 88.0 which is in the target

range. He provided a summary of the Coefficient of Dispersion and the Price Related Differential and explained how these ratios are used, specifically as part of the appeals process. He also explained the factors that are affecting our ratios. Discussion ensued.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the board, Commissioner DiFilippo made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Smyser,
Executive Assistant