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Cumberland County Finance Meeting

October 20, 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, Executive Assistant; Megan Fogelsanger, IMTO; Samantha Krepps, Communications.

Staff Present via Zoom: Holly Sherman, Human Resources; Dana Best, Finance.

Others present: Al Bienstock, CYALDG; Jamie Keener, Chief Executive Officer of CAEDC; Jesse McCree, Chief Executive Officer of SCPa Works.

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

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion. Commissioner DiFilippo abstained. The motion carried.

Topics of Discussion:

Discussion of the Plan for a South Central Pennsylvania Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: Jesse McCree explained that SCPa Works helps connect businesses with workers and helps them gain access to federal and state funding. He explained that a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), is a plan that is an eligibility requirement for certain grants issued by the EDA. He summarized the proposed CEDS plan that would include Cumberland County along with 7 other local counties. He explained the funds accessed with a CEDS can be used for workforce development, education, transportation, public housing, and a variety of other County needs. Commissioner Eichelberger asked what the rollout and implementation process would be and expressed concerns of possible failure due to a history of similar regional plans not being successful. Discussion ensued.

Jesse McCree explained that a consultant will be utilized to help implement the CEDS and they are hoping to find a consultant that has had success with similar CEDS within the State. Commissioner Foschi asked who the decision makers would be for the CEDS and suggested that people running the businesses be involved to increase potential success. Discussion ensued.

Jesse McCree shared information regarding potential wage surveys. Commissioner Eichelberger expressed that he believes now is not the time to be conducting a wage survey. Commissioner Foschi suggested he discuss this topic with the Director of Human Resources, Holly Sherman.

Discussion of the CAEDC 2021 Budget and the 2022 Budget Request and Possible Motion to Approve the 2022 Budget Request: Jamie Keener summarized the 2021 strategy and activities of the Cumberland York Area Local Defense Group (CYALDG). He explained the opportunities the CYALDG has for 2022. He provided a breakdown of the 2022 CYALDG Budgeted Use of Funds, which included a request for \$50,000 from Cumberland County.

Jamie Keener summarized the 2021 Workforce Development goals and activities of the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC). He described CAEDC's 2022 Workforce Development funding request from Cumberland County, which totaled \$50,000. He explained how these funds would be utilized, which included supporting the salary of a new Workforce Development Manager. Commissioner Foschi asked questions regarding CAEDC's workforce development plan. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner DiFilippo requested that no action be taken on the 2022 CAEDC Budget Request until more details are provided and discussed. Commissioners Eichelberger and Foschi agreed with this request.

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