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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Mussare Commissioner Mirabito, Director Matthew McDermott, and Solicitor Chris Kenyon.

1.0 OPERATIONS

- 1.1 Opening Prayer
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
- 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Kalen Barnes – Vote to approve accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 11/8/23 to be paid on 11/1/23 in the amount of \$4,074,749.88.

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 2.2 Kalen Barnes – Vote to approve Juror Panel #30 Report for payment on 11/1/23 in the amount of \$4,124.60.

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

3.0 BID OPENING

- 3.1 Nicki Gottschall for Krista Rogers – Open the following bid:
 - RFP for Residential Floodplain Utility Elevation Engineering

Residential Floodplain Utility Elevation Engineering		
Company Name	Submitted Amount	Date Submitted
PennCore Consulting LLC	\$14,300.00	10/25/2023 10:30 AM

4.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 4.1 Matthew McDermott for Allison Wolfe – Approve the following Personnel Actions as conditional offers of employment, subject to the successful completion of a background check and all other employment conditions as outlined in Attachment (A).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Matthew McDermott for Mya Toon – Vote to approve Adult Probation Grant-in-Aid application to Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency in the amount of \$161,590.00 (2023/2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 5.2 Matthew McDermott for Mya Toon – Vote to approve Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the North Central Task Force in the amount of \$509,996.00 (2023/2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 5.3 Matthew McDermott for Mya Toon – Vote to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Intrusion Detection Services with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 5.4 Matthew McDermott for Mya Toon – Vote to approve Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$66,214.00 (2023/2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 5.5 Matthew McDermott for Mya Toon – Vote to approve the following FY 2023/2024 Memorandum of Understandings with West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission:

- Prevention, case management or treatment of juvenile probation clients in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Act 198 funds).
- Assessment and treatment of adult DUI and/or drug offenders in the amount of \$40,000.00 (Act 198 funds).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 5.6 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve Amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Capacity Agreement with Mifflin and Juniata Counties.

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.7 Eric Endresen – Vote to approve Service Agreement with Maximus US Services, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000.00 (2023 budget funds available).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.8 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve Agreement with Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc. (2023/2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.9 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve Agreement with Adelphoi Village (2023/2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.10 Leslie Kilpatrick – Vote to approve annual support and communications services Invoice/Price Quote for Adult Probation case management software in the amount of \$10,340.00 (2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.11 Leslie Kilpatrick – Vote to approve three (3) year Price Quote with IntegraONE for network security services in the amount of \$59,901.30 (2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.12 Leslie Kilpatrick – Vote to approve Price Quote for video conferencing software for County Departments in the amount of \$14,900.00 (2023/2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Mussare spoke to the candidates running for office about their vision and expectations. He encouraged them to stay committed to their core values and try to be a part of the solution. He also noted that he was impressed with all the candidates. He commented on the need to work together as Commissioners, regardless of party lines, all that they will learn while in office and how they can lead, as well as change the outlook of the County. Mr. Mussare also spoke about the House Bill 170. He encourages everyone to educate themselves on this bill and to read the article in today's paper. Per Mr. Mussare, this bill would be devastating to our County and adversely affect home owners as it will infringe upon the rights of homeowners. He asked that people call Senator Yaw's office, as well the state representatives office to voice your concerns.

Mr. Metzger advised everyone that the Veteran s Parade will be held this Saturday, 11/4 at 2pm. He encouraged everyone to come to the parade and show their support for the Veterans.

Mr. Mirabito also addressed the candidates. He talked about some of the things he did as a new Commissioner. He advised them to do a tour of all the departments and talk to the employees without the department heads present. Mr. Mirabito encouraged them to not only

hear, but listen to what people are saying.

7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for no more than three (3) minutes on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

Larry Stout, Montgomery – Mr. Stout congratulated the Commissioners who were on board and chose to get involved in the Opioid class action suit. He provided them with a copy of an article he found on the internet and asked what was being done with the settlement money. Copy attached

In response, Mr. Mirabito explained that there are stringent regulations on how the money can be used. Generally, it must be used for education and/or prevention. At this time, it is being used in the jail for Medically Assisted Treatment. The program is being administered by River Valley Health Center. Mr. Mirabito explained the program and the rationale for using the money for this program. The Prison and West Branch Drug & Alcohol conferred with the Commissioners on ways to utilize the settlement funds. The contracts for the services were voted on at public meetings. Education is also an important part of the program. Shea Madden from West Branch Drug & Alcohol continues to keep them updated on the latest research, ideas and information.

Mr. Mussare reported that he doesn't agree with all the stipulations put on the settlement. Counties should be able to determine the best ways to use the money. Per Mr. Mussare these short-term solutions aren't the answer. Long term solutions are what is needed. When the prison was overcrowded due to the opioid epidemic GEO Reentry became part of the solution.

Mr. Metzger stated that he agrees with Mr. Mussare regarding the stipulations placed on the settlement. He is in favor of education targeting the youth of the community. However, since medically assisted treatment will soon be court ordered they wanted to get ahead of it and have it already in place.

Tom Adams, Williamsport. Mr. Adams read a proverb and commented on the ancient landmarks that have been removed from today's morals. Mr. Adams agreed that restrictions/ should not have been placed on the settlement monies, but parameters would have been beneficial and better understood. In his opinion the local communities should decide what's best for them. Per Mr. Adams, bureaucracy isn't representative government. Mr. Adams commented on the article in the paper about Bill 170. He also commented on the upcoming elections. He urges people to look at the core values of the person you are voting for. He believes everyone should be respectful while voting and deal with any issues that arise in an appropriate, peaceful manner. Mr. Adams asked questions about the Clear Vision program which the Commissioners answered. Mr. Adams recounted a story about Mr. Mussare being a good public servant.

YOU TUBE PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 1st Floor, Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

TO VIEW THIS MEETING CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

- Department of Public Safety – Stacey Folk, EMA Manager, Full-Time Replacement, \$49,444.20 per year, 75 hours per Pay Period, Transfer Date: November 12, 2023.
- Human Resources – Melinda Fryer, Director of Human Resources, Full-Time Replacement, \$90,950.00 per year, 75 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: November 6, 2023.
- Prothonotary’s Office – Karen Aldenderfer, Civil Processing Clerk, Full-Time Replacement, \$17.64 per hour, 75 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: November 20, 2023.
- Adult Probation Office – Malik Wertman, Adult Probation Officer II, Full-Time Replacement, \$23.82 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: November 20, 2023.
- Facilities Management – Jacob Bowen, Custodial Worker, Full-Time Replacement, \$13.55 per hour, 75 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: November 13, 2023.

spotlightpa.org/news/2023/10/pennsylvania-opioid-settlement-south-recent/

Search: Opioid settlement payments in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania counties and other local governments received more than \$86 million in opioid settlement payments for 2022 and are scheduled to receive \$56 million more in the next round of payments.

Each county received payments based on a formula that factored in the harm that occurred in their area. Some counties received additional money based on their role in opioid litigation.

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Public Entity	2022 Payments	2023 Estimate	Payments Include Extra for Litigation
Lycoming	\$560,977	\$371,044	Yes
McKean	\$128,509	\$83,655	No
Mercer	\$767,305	\$504,958	Yes
Mifflin	\$123,511	\$80,402	No
Monroe	\$726,527	\$464,531	Yes
Montgomery	\$3,459,616	\$2,345,596	No
Montour	\$102,631	\$66,810	No
Northampton	\$1,300,319	\$855,758	Yes
Northumberland	\$486,757	\$322,624	Yes
Perry	\$164,919	\$107,357	No
Philadelphia	\$20,515,577	\$13,090,537	Yes
Pike	\$253,359	\$161,419	Yes
Potter	\$102,631	\$66,810	No
Schuylkill	\$819,605	\$526,385	Yes
Snyder	\$102,631	\$66,810	No
Somerset	\$303,423	\$197,519	No
Sullivan	\$102,631	\$66,810	No
Susquehanna	\$118,514	\$77,149	No
Tioga	\$139,564	\$88,800	Yes
Union	\$102,631	\$66,810	No

Payment 1 and Payment 2 refer to what was allocated for the public agencies for 2022 payments. A few municipalities had yet to receive them as of September 2023. Payment 3 refers to estimates for payments that are scheduled for December 2023. District attorney offices, municipalities, and SEPTA received payments solely based on their role in opioid litigation.

Table: Ed Mahon and Matt Dempsey / Spotlight PA • Source: Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

After accounting for attorney costs and fees and certain administrative expenses, 15% of the opioid settlement funds to be distributed in Pennsylvania go to an account that the legislature and governor control. The rest goes to counties and other local governments.

Some county leaders and public health advocates have big hopes for what this money can accomplish.

In northeastern Pennsylvania, Sullivan County — with its tens of thousands of acres of state game lands and a population under 6,000 — received more than \$100,000 for its 2022 payments. That works out to about \$17.50 per resident, one of the highest per-resident rates in the state.

County commissioners there approved using a portion of that money to hire a county case manager and recovery liaison, who's been working to expand access to opioid addiction medication and help get people into treatment programs. The opioid issue is personal for Sullivan County Commissioner Donna Iannone, who said her younger sister died from a heroin overdose many years ago.

"When this money came, it was like, 'Hell, yeah!'" she told Spotlight PA. "We're going to ... make as big an impact on people's lives that we can to keep another family member from having to ever go through that."

Factoring in harm

Overall, 70% of the opioid money that's being sent to government agencies by Pennsylvania's opioid trust is going to counties through an abatement account. Distributions from that account are based on the four-part formula that factors in the harm and need in the area.

For instance, Philadelphia's population of more than 1.5 million people accounts for 12% of the entire state. But under the formula it receives a larger share from that county abatement account — 23% of those funds.