

May 12, 2022

The Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Public Meeting Rooms, 2 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Esq. and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. The following business was conducted:

Mr. Kertes called the meeting to order at 10:02am

Rabbi Lenny Sarko, Congregation Emanu-El Israel led the invocation and Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to change the order of the agenda to present proclamations to those in attendance.

Election Board Agenda

Industrial Development Corporation Agenda

General Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 13, 2022, as presented

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held April 25, 2022, as presented

Notice of Executive Session

May 4, 2022 to discuss legal and personnel matters

May 10, 2022 to discuss pending litigation

Opportunity for Public Comment

The following attended and presented Public Comment to the Board of Commissioners:

Sherry Vicki Jeannette Manor-have been working with the residents and Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher's office, been following through with everything they've asked; now we have a big issue with people couldn't move things and leaving apartments open at night, HUD has this theory that heads in beds works, now you have people in there that are unmentionable, the doors are wide open – no one in there, videotaped him going through his stuff to make sure it was all there, locked the door; fire chief was in at 3:30am on an emergency call, went directly into apartment that they are working on because they weren't locked, why aren't they locking the building, if they are leaving them in the bedroom; yesterday spent hours with a resident that went to the restroom and went back, oxygen level would drop – I waited for her nurse to come, her COPD is affected a number of people in there with COPD – spoke with Mike this morning and was told they are spending a lot of money on this project, it took 2.5 months to do 4. That way people can move back to their homes, a lot of people have 9-10 years in the same apartment, that is there safe place, that needs to happen. Was told going to try to make that happen, would be nice for them, the change of address is difficult for people to do. People aren't computer savvy to get it done; having the full-time service coordinator to help would and be beneficial; I think we need to put those people back in their homes where they need to be. People that moved out, they changed their locks. Changing a lock doesn't mean anything, watched people break into the office. No safety there, get these people back in their homes, and let them be there. So much going on there. Try to keep it calm, feels like that place could go off the rails; How is the community representative appointed?

Irzha Krajnak, Jeannette Manor, not a rep, would like to speak up on some concerns with the situation, the Housing Authority is sending us mixed messages, one day they say one thing the next day it is another thing, we all need to communicate correctly; understand problems arise and things change, but speak to us and tell us, we need documentation – we should be able to receive the bylaws, all of the residents so that people can be informed, there are people down there that are being intimidated, it's not right, because no one should be intimidated, I've always stood up for myself and for mental health, I'm a mental health consumer and mental health consumer advocate, I've been fighting for rights of citizens in personal care homes in PA and all over the country, they have no rights, they don't understand what is going on . they are put in the personal care home and they are not given the opportunity to speak for themselves; I know that the County Commissioners to do not have anything in that order, as far as the Housing authority stand up for all the citizens in all of the housing complexes.

Elizabeth Weaver, Hempfield – didn't realize it was mental health month, that is what I want to talk about – would like to promote the idea of a 24/7 crises center for the county to limit the admissions for mental health for people on the borderline or on the verge of a crises, would like to advocate for more emergency beds and women in crises, spoke to someone in Commissioners Kertes' office and was told there was no intention of adding beds - that is the opposite of what those groups have said to us, most other counties our size have 200-600 beds. The ARPA funds should be used to start to increase the number of beds, thanks to Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher and Commissioner Chew for the advocacy at the Housing Authority, these people haven't had a voice until recently we need that, we need more and better mental health, including substance abuse, it is not just low-income people, it is all across the spectrum. Thank you

*The Westmoreland Community Action 24-hour Crisis Hotline Number was provided **1-800-836-6010***

Diana Steck, North Huntingdon - like to begin by reiterating and thanking Commissioner Cerilli Thrasher and Commissioner Chew for being at the Housing Authority meeting to support the residents. It's been a year since the ARPA funds are allocated, please to see in today's paper about the broadband and only a portion of ARPA for the study; this being mental health awareness month – appreciate that we do have mobile crisis center. Establish a resolve type center, it is a warm cozy walk in facility that people can walk in, it is to prevent a crisis mode, so they can get the help they need, when they need it, the back log for people to get mental health care – we don't have enough providers, could use ARPA money as seed money to start it, and the provider they could then through insurance reimbursement sustain the facility, we need capital to start the program, it is much needed. I would appreciate if you would consider that; We are at the point where the pandemic as exasperated the mental health in the country and substance abuse. This should be a priority for you guys, urge you to allocate some of the money to rehab public housing, conditions at Jeannette manor are pretty severely affecting their lives, safety – everyone deserves to live a dignified life, gone to public housing and talking to residents, trying to mobilize the residents to go to the meetings, people with limited income to drive to those meetings – anything that the board can do, understand that they are a separate entity, but this is your county – you were hired to help everyone.

Greg McCloskey, Westmoreland County Director of Public Works, Dawood Engineering is here today to speak about storm water management for the Westmoreland County Department of Public Works – required to be a participant in sewage management program and need to be in compliance from PA DEP; County has had that permit for a number of years, there are compliance on that, make the community aware that the Department of Public Works has a storm water management plan in place on county property; reached out out to that community that we have a program, representative from Dawood is going to speak about standard operating procedure on the website and some of the benefits that how residents are affected can report to us; this affects Donohoe Road and about 1,000 residents, information was sent to these residents

John Pisula, Dawood Engineering – 6 minimum control measures, the first 2 are public outreach and involvement and by posting the documents on the Westmoreland County Website under the Roads and Bridges; the third is an illicit discharge tracking system, set of standards to report any illicit discharge – anything that is more than pollution - the 4th and 5th are pre and post construction that is handled at the municipal level, the sixth is the operations plan, which will be posted online on the website

Sarah Skidmore, Greensburg – felt really good to be here to remember the K9 Diesel, been great to see Commissioners provide a feedback on some public comment. I was military spouse living overseas and was never involved in county government. Thank you Commissioner Kertes for leadership and support and have been a real advocate – what you said was relatable that is what is inspired me to give public comment. My friend submitted public comment, re-establish pathways program at Excelsa health – all have said let's re-establish pathways, feel great about the things we do together – uplifting to see all these proclamations, glad a I showed up today.

Sara Stenger, Westmoreland County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Administrator – here to clarify some things, the Pathways program was never an Excelsa program it was run through Westmoreland Community Action in Mt. Pleasant, that location does not exist anymore; we do have a similar program through Wesley Family Services and are having open communications to expand these services. Pathways as it was cannot go forward. Crisis response center through Excelsa 7am to 11pm right now, for crisis and they can refer for services, you do not have to go to the emergency room for. Speaking about back log of services, we have 1 provider that is at capacity that is one out of the numerous agencies, the network is open and has been open for inpatient level of care; UPMC or anyone that wants to come in, that network is open – no one has showed interest. We do have several new programs, community-based care module, these individuals that can go out into the community hand hold until the person gets the service they need, hiring additional community health workers there will be 3 hired, they won't have the strict requirements. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to us, there are a lot of trainings and highlight suicide awareness, hiring another full-time director for ray of hope, trying to get group trainings through achieving true self – lots of free resources.

The following was received by the Chief Clerk prior to the meeting:

Bill Bretz, Hempfield Township-I write to you today, as a township supervisor, an active member of the Westmoreland County community and a parent with children who participate in cyber school, to urge you and your fellow commissioners to consider an investment in expanding fiber broadband internet to Westmoreland County. As you are aware, recent federal funding provides Westmoreland County with a very important opportunity to make truly substantive upgrades to our community's internet infrastructure. Unfortunately, for far too long, our rural communities have been left behind when the rest of the country has enjoyed the benefits of a high-speed and reliable internet connection. These benefits come in the form of important economical, educational, and social opportunities, to name a few. However, recent government funding means that states and localities can now expand internet connectivity for businesses and families in rural communities that need it the most. Fiber-based networks improve the overall economic health of communities and can improve the wellbeing of everyone who calls those communities' home. It can also make them attractive destinations for people and businesses. And most importantly, it's affordable. Fiber networks have a lower 30-year cost of ownership, they are less expensive to maintain, and utilize the most reliable technology. I appreciate the great work you and your colleagues are doing to help improve the way of life for Westmoreland County. As you consider the most appropriate uses for this funding, please consider fiber broadband — which is the fastest, most affordable, and reliable option of internet available on the market and the best option for the residents and businesses of Westmoreland County. Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedicated service to our communities. Please contact me with any questions or requests for additional information.

Louis Keung, Scottsdale Borough-Please kindly accept these comments for the May 12, 2022 Public Meeting. It is time for our Commissioners to assist the people of this county, and use American Rescue Plan Funds as they were intended. \$105 million in ARP funds were allocated to Westmoreland County over a year ago. We need a plan for allocation and use of these funds before members of congress take action to require the return of unused ARP dollars. We need ARPA funds to be used to re establish the PATHWAYS program at Excelsa Health. This program was well utilized and provided a bridge to help provide mental health stabilization, avoided crisis situations and prevented inpatient psychiatric admissions. We request that ARPA funds to be spent making improvements to improve the quality of life for people that are living in Public Housing. All Westmoreland County residents deserve to live in a respectful manner. We also request that the Commissioners to provide several additional drop boxes throughout the county to ensure that mail in ballots are properly received and counted appropriately. Having one drop box located at the courthouse does not truly allow for easy access for residents living in portions of the county.

Aileen Cunningham, Youngstown Borough-Please accept these comments for the May 12th, 2022 Public Meeting. Today I would like to thank Commissioners Thrasher, Kertes, and Chew for your work in representing and caring for the residents of Westmoreland County. I understand that your job is difficult. I know that you came to this job with a hope to make our county a better place for all our children and the community at large. By working together with the good people of Westmoreland County, I am sure those goals can be realized. We have a great opportunity to help so many people that desperately need the help now by allocating and distributing the ARP Funds that were designed to do that very thing. Help people in need. Westmoreland County's residents need mental health care and housing relief. A 24/7 Mental Health Center modeled after the "Resolve" Center in Pittsburgh would get our residents the help they need, when they need it and prevent crisis calls, psychiatric admissions and prevent suicides and save lives. Please reestablish the Pathways program at Excelsa Health. This well utilized program provided a safety net and stabilization for mental health patients. Affordable and safe housing and mental health go hand in hand. We all deserve to live a dignified life. The conditions of public housing are unacceptable. Our representatives must connect with the people living in public housing to find out the daily safety issues they face. Public housing should be as clean and safe that you would approve of your own family living there. Another important use of ARP funds would be for additional drop boxes placed throughout the county to ensure ballots are received in a timely manner. Fair, free elections are the cornerstone of preserving our democracy. As of now we have one box in the courthouse. It is not easily accessible for elderly, handicapped and working people. We should not have to pay to vote and paying for parking, usually walking several blocks (for those that can make the trip) is unacceptable. What better use of funds than to help one another and make voting accessible to everyone. An involved, healthy community is a thriving community. "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and so is our character " Billy Graham I trust that you will do the right thing for the community you were elected to serve.

Marti Haykin, Unity Township-Once again, I would like to request that you spend some of the American Rescue Plan funding on mental health and substance abuse treatment. Nothing could be more important than keeping our friends and family healthy! Please support reinstating the Pathways program

Nichol Harhman, Penn Borough-Will provide comment in person. Thank you

Diana Steck, North Huntingdon Township-It has been over one year that congress allocated \$105 million dollars to Westmoreland county in American Rescue Plan Funds. We continue to struggle as a county with our recovery efforts from the Covid pandemic. Our mental health care is inadequate. Crisis calls, suicides, overdoses and deaths are increasing, yet, none of the ARP funds have been directed toward enhancing our failing mental health care delivery. Commissioners, DO THE RIGHT THING and use a portion of the ARP funds to reestablish the Pathways stabilization and de-escalation unit at Excelsa Health to prevent costly inpatient psychiatric admissions and suicides. Establish a "Resolve" model- 24/7 walk in mental health clinic to help people get mental health care when they need it. Depression and anxiety are reaching epidemic levels- we need you to act on this NOW! I also urge you to use ARPA funds to address the dire conditions that exist in the county public housing units. The COVID pandemic exacerbated the conditions in public housing. Everyone deserves to live a dignified life, regardless of their zip code or income level. Bed bug and roach infestations, mold, inadequate heat and AC, failing elevators, sewerage backups, safety concerns are being reported throughout county public housing facilities. ARP funds could help with repairs and remediation in public housing. We need more shelter beds to address needs of the homeless and more needs to be done to help families get the help that they need to obtain affordable homes so that they can escape the poor conditions that exist in our public housing units. ARPA funds were designed to assist PEOPLE to recover from the pandemic. They were not intended to be used for parking garages, airports, or other brick and mortar projects. TRUE Covid recovery requires using ARPA funds for programs that would address the needs of those most disproportionately impacted by Covid in our county. Lastly, we need drop boxes placed in multiple areas in the four corners of the county to assist people to cast their ballots. The mail is slow and unreliable to ensure timely return of ballots. May I remind you that for many people in our county, Greensburg is a 35-45 minute drive- having only 1 Drop box at the courthouse is not enough to ensure timely receipt of mail in ballots and does not provide for free and fair elections. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING, COMMISSIONERS!

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following Proclamations and Certificates of Service:

Proclamations

Westmoreland County Drug Treatment Court Month May 2022
National Skilled Nursing Care Week May 8-14, 2022
Motorcycle Awareness Month May 2022
Mental Health Awareness Month May 2022
BH/DS Administrator Sara Stenger Receives Prestigious Award
Period Poverty Awareness Week May 23-29, 2022
Remembering K9 Diesel

Years of Service

30 Years

Scott Ross
Kevin Polinsky
Lorrie Ressler
Brenda Alcorn

25 Years

Denyel O'Brien

20 Years

Amanda Moore
John Petrush, Jr.
Kathleen Hobaugh

15 Years

Frank Bohinc
Mary Peters
April Peltier

10 Years

Donald Rairigh
Donna Haley
Scott Dextrateur

Solicitors Report

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Eric Leydig, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Adult Probation:**

- (A) Agreement with **Integrated Systems, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$870.00/year** to monitor the Fire Alarm and Burglar Panel at the Adult Probation office located in Monessen, PA, for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, along with cellular commercial sole path dialer, programming of the dialer and testing with one-year warranty, with the option for monitoring and cellular services at the rate of \$550.00 per year for subsequent years.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Eric Leydig, Director of Adult Probation and Norm Mueller, Director of Juvenile Probation, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Adult Probation & Juvenile Probation:**

- (A) Professional Services Agreement with **Behavior Management Consultants**, for **“Psychological Evaluations for Probation Officers,”** at the rate of **\$125.00/evaluation,** not to exceed 20 evaluations, for the term August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023

Upon review and recommendation Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Carrie Nelson, Administrator, and Department of Financial Administration (items B, C & D), motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for the **Agency on Aging**:

- (A) Exercise option to extend Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Grant Agreement 4100081202 with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- (B) Amendments to Agreements for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:
 - (1) **Westmoreland County Community College (RSVP)**, approved June 10, 2021 in the amount of **\$10,256.00 additional** (Aging Services Block Grant, No Cost to Westmoreland County; New Total Agreement \$45,314.00) for **“Aging Services-Apprise State Health Insurance Counseling (PA Medi)”**
 - (2) **Westmoreland Human Opportunities d/b/a Westmoreland Community Action**, approved June 10, 2021 in the amount of **\$10,860.00 additional** (50% State, 50% Federal; No Cost to Westmoreland County; New Total Agreement \$151,656.00) for **“Aging Services-Link to Aging and Disability Resources”**
- (C) Agreements for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:
 - (1) **Laurel Legal Services, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$79,000.00** (Pennsylvania Department of Aging Block Grant, No Cost to Westmoreland County) for **“Aging Services-Legal Services”**
 - (2) **Brenda K. Nicholas**, in the amount of **\$115.00 annually, \$20.00/hour for complaint investigations and \$115.00/annually for training presentation** (Pennsylvania Department of Aging Block Grant, No Cost to Westmoreland County) for **“Aging Services-Ombudsman Services-Professional Services Agreement”**
 - (3) **Westmoreland County Transit Authority**, in the amount of **\$80,000.00** (Aging Services Block Grant, No Cost to Westmoreland County) for **“Aging Services-Priority Transportation”**
 - (4) **Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. d/b/a Westmoreland Community Action**, in the amount of **\$91,809.00** (50% State, 50% Federal) for **“Aging Services-Link to Aging and Disability Resources”**
 - (5) **Nutrition, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$290,499.00** (PDA Block Grant) for **“Aging Services-Senior Center Services-Southern Region”**
 - (6) **Nutrition, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$312,894.00** (PDA Block Grant) for **“Aging Services-Senior Center Services-Central Region”**
 - (7) **Alle-Kiski Senior Center, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$334,720.00** (PDA Block Grant) for **“Aging Services-Senior Center Services-Northern Region”**
 - (8) **Westmoreland Multi-Service Centers, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$310,425.00** (PDA Block Grant) for **“Aging Services-Senior Center Services-Southeast Region”**

- (D) Vehicle Leases for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024:
- (1) **Westmoreland Multi-Service Centers, Inc.,** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**Aging Services-Vehicle Lease (Vans E, T, L & P)-Southeastern Westmoreland County**”
 - (2) **Nutrition, Inc.,** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**Aging Services-Vehicle Lease (Vans O, A & M) – Southern Westmoreland County**”
 - (3) **Nutrition, Inc.,** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**Aging Services-Vehicle Lease (Vans B & N) – Central Westmoreland County**”
 - (4) **Laurel Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.,** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**Aging Services-Vehicle Lease (Vans K & Z)-Eastern Westmoreland County**”
 - (5) **Alle-Kiski Senior Center, Inc.,** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**Aging Services-Vehicle Lease (Vans R & Y) – Northern Westmoreland County**”

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Sara Stenger, Administrator and the Department of Financial Administration, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Behavioral Health and Developmental Services:**

- (A) Amendment to Agreement with **Community Living Care, Inc.,** approved January 27, 2022 in the amount of **\$41,982.00 additional** (DHS \$40,006.00, County \$1,976.00; New Total Agreement \$293,279.00) for “**Intellectual Disabilities: Companion Services, In-Home & Community Supports Community Participation Support, Base Service, Transportation (Trip), Support Med Environ, Family Aide, Adult Dev Training,**” for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- (B) Agreement with **Mental Health America of Southwestern PA d/b/a Mental Health America of Westmoreland County,** in the amount of **\$1,055,255.00** (DHS \$1,020,027.00, County \$35,198.00) for “**Behavioral Health: Rep Payee (CHIPPS Specialist), Step Up, Community Advocate, Community Services (CST, Outreach), Independent Monitoring Q A & I Survey**”

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Shara Saveikis, Director and the Department of Financial Administration (items B, C & D), motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Children’s Bureau:**

- (A) HIPPA Business Associated Agreement Addendum with **Avanco International, Inc.**
- (B) Amendment to Agreement with **Great Lakes Behavioral Research Institute,** approved June 10, 2021, (Act 148, TANF, County) for “**Medical Case Coordinator-Full Time and Part Time,**” to increase Medical Case Manager Coordinator Full Time Rate 2 from \$38.69 per hour to \$39.61 per hour and to increase Medical Case Manager Coordinator Part Time Rate 2 from \$22.31 per hour to \$22.83 per hour, for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- (C) Agreements for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:
 - (1) **Avanco International, Inc.,** (Act 148, County) for “**Application Service Provider Agreement,**” at the rate of **\$14,947.76 per quarter**

(2) **Avanco International, Inc.,** (Act 148, County) for **“Child Accounting and Profile System CWIS,”** in the amount of **\$13,732.22**

(3) **Avanco International, Inc.,** (Act 148, County) for **“Consulting Services,”** at the following rates:

\$54.50/hour for **Research Analyst**
\$65.40/hour for **Junior Programmer**
\$73.00/hour for **Junior Programmer Analyst**
\$76.20/hour for **Programmer Analyst**
\$78.70/hour for **Senior Programmer Analyst**
\$92.50/hour for **Developer**
\$125.00/hour for **Project Director**
\$111.20/hour for **Senior Developer**

(D) Agreements for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

(1) **Wesley Family Services,** (Title IV-E, Act 148, County) for **“Foster Care,”** at the following per diem rates:

\$87.85 for **Foster Care AA**
\$78.70 for **Foster Care BB**
\$82.75 for **Foster Care CC**
\$100.05 for **Foster Care DD**
\$92.95 for **Foster Care EE**
\$89.65 for **Foster Care FF**

(2) **Adelphoi Village, Inc.,** (Title IV-E, Act 148, County, MA) for **“Residential, IL, Foster Care, Secure,”** as per the fee schedule

(3) **Ward Home, Inc.,** (Title IV-E, Act 148, County) for **“Independent Living,”** at the following per diem rates:

\$164.58 for **Supervised Independent Living**
\$364.14 for **Supervised Independent Living-Start Up Cost**

(4) **Auberle,** (Title IV-E, Act 148, County) for **“Foster Care,”** at the following per diem rates:

\$67.64 for **Family Foster Care (Class AA)**
\$74.30 for **Family Foster Care (Class AB)**
\$80.79 for **Family Foster Care (Class AC)**
\$93.38 for **Family Foster Care (Class AD)**
\$87.62 for **Family Foster Care (Class TA)**
\$116.38 for **Family Foster Care (Class TB)**
\$116.38 for **Family Foster Care (Class TC)**
\$68.69 for **Family Foster Care (Class WC)**

(5) **Adelphoi Village, Inc.,** (TANF, Act 148, County) for **“Family Preservation, PTSD, Sex Offender and Juvenile Offender Assessments, Diagnostic, MST, FGDM, In Home Prevention Treatment and Aftercare Program,”** as per the fee schedule.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Chris Haidze, Special Courts Administrator, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Court Administration:**

- (A) Agreement with **Rolling Hills Industries** to perform “**Janitorial Services for MDJ Court 10-2-01 (Youngwood),**” to be serviced two times a week in the amount of **\$316.70 per month,** for the term March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023
- (B) Agreement with **Rolling Hills Industries** to perform “**Janitorial Services for MDJ Court 10-3-01 (Greengate Plaza),**” to be serviced two times a week in the amount of **\$316.70 per month,** for the term March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023
- (C) Agreement with **Rolling Hills Industries** to perform “**Janitorial Services for MDJ Court 10-2-03 (Harrison City),**” to be serviced two times a week in the amount of **\$316.70 per month,** for the term March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023
- (D) Agreement with **Rolling Hills Industries** to perform “**Janitorial Services for MDJ Court 10-2-08 (Latrobe),**” to be serviced two times a week in the amount of **\$281.75 month,** for the term March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023
- (E) Agreement with **Rolling Hills Industries** to perform “**Janitorial Services for MDJ Court 10-3-08 (Bradenville),**” to be serviced two times a week in the amount of **\$281.75 per month,** for the term March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023

Upon review and recommendation of Nicole Zicarelli, District Attorney and Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for the **District Attorney:**

- (A) CRIMEWATCH Network Deployment with **CRIMEWATCH Technologies, Inc.** in the amount of **\$19,205.95 per year or \$1,600.50 per month** for a twelve-month subscription period commencing the “go live” date, including on-line setup and training as part of the deployment.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor (items B & C) and Alexis Bevan, Director motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following for **Human Resources**:

(A) Personnel Actions:

New Hires

Lucinda Wracher, Caseworker, Children's Bureau
Sheri Dowden, Caseworker, Children's Bureau
William Heffelfinger, Custodian Trainee Temp, Public Works
Christopher Barner, Clerk Typist Trainee Temp, Human Resources
Abigail Rowe, Caseworker, Children's Bureau
Michael Smerkar, Seasonal Park Worker, Parks
Dalton Cogan, Network Administrator, Information Systems
Debra Shirley, Juvenile Service Worker, Juvenile Detention
Eileen Hebda, Self-Schedule LPN, Manor
Eric Roberts, IS Specialist, Manor
Karen Hartung, CFO, Manor
Leona Kirkling, Unit Assistant, Manor
Charlene Geiger, Self-Schedule LPN, Manor
Brittany Martin, Self-Schedule LPN, Manor
Melissa Brokaw, Self-Schedule CNA, Manor
Chaley Marconyak, Food Service Worker PT, Manor
Michaelene Kirkling, Self-Schedule LPN, Manor

Rehires

Robert Upholster, Seasonal Park Worker, Parks
Thomas Suppers, Seasonal Park Worker, Parks
Kenneth Eutsey, Seasonal Park Worker, Parks
Richard Lash, Custodian Trainee Temp, Public Works
Richard Gordon, Director, Juvenile Detention
Kelli Hooker, Caseworker, Children's Bureau
Michael Bialecki, Seasonal Park Worker, Parks
James Sonafelt, Seasonal Park Worker, Parks
Ariana Seanor, Self-Schedule LPN, Manor

End of Temps

Roseann Cooper, Unit Clerk Temp, Manor
Glenda Diffenderfer, Nurses Aide Trainee Temp, Manor

Retirements

Shirley Smith, Custodian, Public Works
John Miller, Maint Worker II, Public Works
Angel Waldron, Custodian, Manor

Resignations

Susan Patrick-Harris, Caseworker, Children’s Bureau
Paul Depalm, Corrections Officer, Prison
Carl Watson, Registrar, Election Bureau
Dylan Sullenberger, Caseworker, Children’s Bureau
Jaylynn Surma, Fiscal Tech, Children’s Bureau
Karen Horchak, Grants Coordinator II, Community Development
Melissa Iarussi, Admin Assistant, Planning
William Hause, Maint Worker II, Parks
Lucas Sweeney, Caseworker, Children’s Bureau
Ray Chu, Accountant I, BHDS
Vanessa Spreisterbach, Fiscal Officer, BHDS
Angela Matson, Asst Director, Financial Administration
Janice Perbonish, Reg Charge Nurse Temp, Manor
Robert Amuso, Food Service Worker, Manor
Eric Roberts, IS Specialist, Manor
Leona Kirkling, Unit Assistant, Manor

- (B) Renewal and Authorization to execute endorsements including premium changes for the Fine Arts Policy with **Traveler’s Insurance Company** for (1) one year for the policy term May 9, 2022 to May 9, 2023 with the premium in the amount of **\$3,030.00**
- (C) Renewal and Authorization to execute endorsements including premium changes for Foster Parent Liability and Property Damage Insurance with **Foster Parent Professionals** for one (1) year for the Policy term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 with the premium in the amount of **\$7,920.00** based upon a 12-month premium of \$90.00/family.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Scott Ross, Direction, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Information Systems:**

- (A) Acceptance of Quote and Issuance of Purchase Order with **Link Computer Corporation** in the amount of **\$5,962.10** for Nimble HF-40 1-Year Maintenance Renewal (maintenance renewal on data center storage), for the term June 15, 2022 through June 14, 2023
- (B) Acceptance of Quote and Issuance of Purchase Order with **Cisco (through Cisco value added reseller Link Computer Corporation)**, in the amount of **\$94,673.97** for Cisco Smartnet (hardware/licensing support for all Cisco hardware within the County) for the term of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Pricing is pursuant to Co-Stars 003-040 and 006-186.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Jason Rigone, Direction, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Planning**:

- (A) **Resolution #R-21-2022**, authorizing a Substantial Amendment to FY 2019 of the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

RESOLUTION #R-21-2022

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners find it necessary to make substantial amendments Federal Fiscal Year 2019 of the Westmoreland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners in full accordance with guidelines set forth in the officially adopted Citizen Participation Plan for the County of Westmoreland, adopted January, 1975 and revised May, 2020, have provided for notification of intent to amend said Community Development Block Grant Program in a newspaper of general circulation in the County and have made the proposed amendment available for public review at the Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 12th day of May, 2022, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present that the amendment as described on the attached summary are hereby in all respects approved.

- (B) Amendment 01 to CDBG-CV Subrecipient Agreement with Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc. The Amendment makes the following budget amendments. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its CDBG program. There are no costs to the County.
- Homeless Prevention (Subsistence Payments), budget decrease -\$122,000.00
 - Personal Protective Equipment for Human Services, activity cancelled and budget decrease -\$125,000.00
- (C) Subrecipient Agreement CDBG-CV with Homes Build Hope, Inc. in the amount of \$2,100,000. Funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be used to create 12-14 single units for people experiencing homelessness to provide long term shelter for 6-12 months.
- (D) **Resolution #R-22-2022**, authorizing a minor amendment to FYs 2019 & 2021 of the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

RESOLUTION #R-22-2022

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners find it necessary to make amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 & 2021 of the Westmoreland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners in full accordance with guidelines set forth in the officially adopted Citizen Participation Plan for the County of Westmoreland, adopted January, 1975 and revised May, 2020, have determined that the proposed amendment is not a substantial change and therefore does not require notification to the public of intent to amend said CDBG Program.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 12th Day of May, 2022 by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present that the amendment as described on the attached summary are hereby in all respects approved.

- (E) Subrecipient Agreement Amendments; funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its CDBG program. There are no costs to the County.

| SUBRECIPIENT | ACTIVITY CODE | ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION | ACTION TAKEN |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Arona Borough | 19-25G | Street Reconstruction | Budget Increase +\$8,337.50 |
| Vandergrift Borough | 19-25I | Street Reconstruction | Budget Increase +\$9,959.74 |
| North Huntingdon Township | 21-19 | Sanitary Sewer Facilities | Budget Increase +\$12,000.00 |
| Smithton Borough | 21-22 | Street Reconstruction/Removal of Architectural Barriers | Budget Increase +\$6,486.00 |

- (F) Full Service Maintenance Agreement with **Docufax Solutions, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$185.00/month** for maintenance on an OCE CW650/TC4 Scanner, for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2022

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Bryan L. Kline, Warden, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Prison**:

- (A) Agreement with the **Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$41,720.00** (No cost to Westmoreland County; Inmate Welfare Fund), to provide **Adult Education/GED classes**, for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
- (B) Purchase Order to accept proposal from **Patterson Dental Supply, Inc.** for Prognys Preva DC x-ray in the amount of **\$4,569.27**
- (C) Re-Bids for “**Uniforms for Westmoreland County Prison,**” (Bid 22-20), for the term May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with option to extend for two additional one-year terms at the same prices upon mutual agreement of both parties, were opened on April 26, 2022:

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| North Eastern Uniforms & Equipment Inc. | \$127,122.00 |
| Galls, LLC | \$114,233.06 |

Award bid to **Galls, LLC**, being the lowest bidder and meeting specifications in the amount of **\$114,233.06**

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guidy, County Solicitor, Roland Mertz, Director and the Department of Financial Administration (items A, B & C), motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Public Safety**:

- (A) Grant Application with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in the amount of **\$27,306.00** for “**SFY 2022-2023 HMRF Grant (Hazardous Material Response Grant)**,” for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
- (B) Acceptance of Grant Funds from the **US Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing Services (COPS)** in the amount of **\$528,000.00**
- (C) Application with **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency**, in the amount of **\$110,072.50** (County Match \$110,072.50) for “**FFY 2021-2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program**,” for the term October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022
- (D) Acceptance of UPS Service Quotation from **Gen-Mark, Gemco-Renmark Sales, LLC**, in the amount of **\$14,702.40**, for Uninterrupted Power Supply, for the term June 3, 2022 through June 2, 2023

Other Quotes Received:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Schneider Electric IT USA, Inc. | \$18,942.54 |
| R.M. Stoof & Associates, Inc. | \$16,386.00 |

- (E) 9-1-1 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, in the award amount of \$91,144.97 for WestCORE ESInet Maintenance Project, WestCORE CHE Maintenance Project, ICORRS Master Site Maintenance Project and Westmoreland PSAP NG911 Conformance Project, for the performance period August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Greg McCloskey, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Public Works**:

- (A) Payment Processing Agreement with **CSG Forte Payments, Inc.**, to allow Forte to process all credit and debit card transactions through the County's online reservation system as system owner CivicRec changed its credit card merchant vendor.
- (B) **Resolution #R-23-2022**, authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute a Time Extension Request Letter to PA DCNR for grant agreement period for the Mammoth Park Rehabilitation – Phase I project requesting a 24-month extension ending June 30, 2024

RESOLUTION #R-23-2022

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland desires to submit a time extension request letter to the Pennsylvania DCNR to request a 24-month extension of the grant agreement period until June 30, 2024 for the Westmoreland County Mammoth Park Development Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute the time extension request letter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. That the Board hereby approves the submission of the time extension request letter to the Pennsylvania DCNR to request a 24-month extension of the grant agreement period until June 30, 2024 for the Mammoth Park Development Rehabilitation Phase 1 Project; and
2. That the Chairman of the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the time extension request letter.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this 12th day of May, 2022.

- (C) PennDOT recommended Change Order No. 2 for ECMS Construction Contract #106405 County No. 2021-96 with **Beech Construction, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$3,288.38** for the Brewery Bridge (County Bridge #29); additional materials required to complete construction; New total Amount \$2,462,906.20.) This project is funded 80% Federal and 20% Local (Act 13).

(D) Award of Local Arts Grants, which were prepared by the Westmoreland County Local Arts Grant Advisory Committee:

- **Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, *Musicians at Lincoln Highway Supper Market*, \$1,000.00**
- **Export Borough Historical Society, *Performing Arts at the Export Ethnic Festival*, \$1,000.00**
- **Scottdale Borough, *Concert in the Park Series*, \$1,500.00**
- **Derry Area School District Foundation, *Summer Concert Series*, \$1,000.00**
- **Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra, *'Summer Sparklers' Concert*, \$1,000.00**
- **Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival, *Performing Arts at Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival*, \$1,500.00**
- **Penn Township, *Fall Festival*, \$1,500.00**
- **Westmoreland County Federated Library System, *Sea Shanties Music Program at 13 Libraries*, \$2,000.00**
- **Murrysville Recreation Department, *Tuesdays at Townsend Concert Series*, \$855.00**
- **You Are Here, *Professional Artists Services at 'These Faded Walls' Exhibit*, \$600.00**
- **Latrobe-GLSD Parks and Recreation, *Summer Concert Series*, \$400.00**
- **Friends of Summer Sounds, *Summer Sounds Concerts at St. Clair Park*, \$1,000.00**
- **Westmoreland Museum of American Art, *Industrial History Community Day – Hot Metal Happenings*, \$1,000.00**
- **Latrobe Art Center, *'Lead With Music' Performing Arts Program*, \$1,000.00**
- **Rostraver Public Library, *Summer Concert Series*, \$945.00**
- **Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce, *Sunday Evening Band Concerts*, \$1,000.00**
- **Rewind-Reuse Center and Workshop, *'Imagination Days' Artist Workshops*, \$1,200.00**
- **Westmoreland Cultural Trust, *Public Art Project during Greensburg Music Fest*, \$1,000.00**

The awards total \$20,000.00. Twenty-six (26) applications were received with requests totaling \$41,785.00; eight (8) applicants were not recommended for funding for various reasons, including not meeting the criteria outlined in the application package.

(E) Issuance of Purchase Order with **Motorola Solutions, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$20,778.48** (pursuant to PA State Contract #4400016317) for replacement of handheld radios used by road crews)

(F) Purchase of EZ Dock Custom Kayak Launch from **Pete Jeffrey & Associates** in the amount of **\$56,272.70** pursuant to Co-Stars 014-027

(G) Bids for “**Resurfacing of Mt. Pleasant Road and Mammoth Park Parking Lots**” (Bid 22-21), were opened on April 26, 2022:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Derry Construction Co. Inc. | \$633,249.00 |
| Tresco Paving | \$653,000.00 |
| A. Liberoni, Inc. | \$739,290.24 |
| A. Folino Construction | \$763,763.76 |

Award of the bid to **Derry Construction Co. Inc.** being the lowest bidder and meeting specifications in the amount of **\$633,249.00**. (Funded by Title 75.)

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Jason Greenwald, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Records Management:**

- (A) Acceptance of Service Contract Quote from **Kodak Alaris Inc.**, for “**KDS Doc Archive Writer,**” in the amount of **\$7,900.00**, for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; funded by Records Improvement Fund

Upon review and recommendation of James Albert, Sheriff and Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, motion was made by Mr. Chew seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for the **Sheriff:**

- (A) Automatic renewal of Agreement with **TransUnion (TLO)**, dated August 15, 2013, in the amount of \$900.00; for an additional one-year term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, with annual automatic renewals

Upon review and recommendation of Denyel D. O’Brien, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for the **Tax Office:**

- (A) Sale of the following properties from the Repository of Unsold Properties pursuant to Section 627 of the Real Estate Tax Sale Law (72 P.S. §5860.627):

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Map Number</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5.2.2022 | 54-04-06-0-012 | North Huntingdon Township | \$150.00 |
| 5.4.2022 | 39-01-13-0-135 | West Newton Borough | \$500.00 |
| 5.4.2022 | 10-04-03-2-027 | City of Greensburg | \$500.00 |
| 5.7.2022 | 14-01-16-2-018 | City of Jeannette | \$1,211.00 |

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Westmoreland County**:

- (A) Agreement with **Penn Power Group, LLC d/b/ a Penn Power Systems** for maintenance on Building Generator for Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention and Youth Shelter, in the amount of **\$2,085.00** for a three-year term, September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024
- (B) Exoneration of County taxes, interest, penalties and Tax Claim Bureau Fees on property owned by Westmoreland County, being Tax Map No. 49-16-00-0-077 for the year 2021.
- (C) Second Amendment to Agreement with **Subway Real Estate, LLC**, approved March 24, 2016 for **“Manual Food Line/Food Services,” (15-31)**, to extend the agreement for an additional one-year term commencing August 1, 2022, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.
- (D) Acceptance of funds in the amount of \$576,460.41 for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERAP-2) High Needs payment from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Department of Human Services.
- (E) Fourth Amendment to Agreement with **Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.** dated May 5, 2021 for Union Mission to also administer those funds received under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP-2 High Needs payment) set forth in item 17 (D) from the Department of Human Services, as part of Westmoreland County’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
- (F) Requests for Proposals for **“Broadband Expansion Services,” (22-18)**, were opened April 5, 2022. Proposals were received from:

Big Bang Broadband, LLC
Magelilan Advisors
Michael Baker International, Inc.

Award a 1-year contract to **Michael Baker International, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed of \$659,170.00, with four (4) additional 1-year options to renew, at the estimated not to exceed amounts of \$368,625 (year 2), \$474,445 (year 3), \$343,334 (year 4) and \$460,000 (year 5). Final approval is subject to Solicitor review.

(G) **Resolution #R-24-2022**, authorizing the following expenditures under the United States Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund:

- Wexford Health Sources, Incorporated (COVID-19 lab testing) \$7,245 for March 2022.
- Michael Baker International, Inc. (Broadband Expansion) of \$659,170.00

RESOLUTION #R-24-2022

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was enacted, a portion of which established a \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund(s) for eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments to respond to acute pandemic response needs, to fill revenue shortfalls among those governments, and to support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program, counties, such as Westmoreland County, can use the funds to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has made available to the County, as Recipient, funds totaling \$105,319,216.00 under the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund through the United States Department of the Treasury (the “Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to authorize expenditures from the Funds.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do hereby approve the following expenditures from the Funds:

- Wexford Health Sources, Incorporated (COVID-19 lab testing) \$7,245.00 for March 2022; and
- Michael Baker International, Inc. (Broadband Expansion) of \$659,170.00.

RESOLVED and enacted this 12th day of May, 2022, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present

- (H) **Resolution #R-25-2022** adopting a Local Economic Tax Revitalization Assistance (LERTA) exemption for certain real property in the City of Jeannette, as designated by the City, and providing for exemption from real property taxes for the assessed value of improvements to the real property (year 1 - 100%; year 2 - 100%; year 3 - 100%); in said deteriorated area for qualifying properties and continuing unless terminated by subsequent Resolution or on May 31, 2025; conditioned upon the Jeannette Area School District and the City of Jeannette enacting similar Resolutions or Ordinances with identical Deteriorated Areas as those designated by the City of Jeannette, no later than May 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION # R-25-2022

A Resolution Adopting A Local Economic Tax Revitalization Assistance (LERTA) Exemption For Certain Real Property In The City Of Jeannette, As Designated By The City, And Providing For Exemption From Real Property Taxes For The Assessed Value Of Improvements To The Real Property (Year 1 - 100%; Year 2 - 100%; Year 3 - 100%); In Said Deteriorated Area For Qualifying Properties And Continuing Unless Terminated By Subsequent Resolution Or On May 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed Act No. 76 of 1977 (72 P.S. §4722 et seq.) known as the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) (hereinafter “Act”) which authorizes local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial, and other business properties; and

WHEREAS, there are deteriorated industrial and commercial properties within the geographical confines of the City of Jeannette; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jeannette in accordance with said Act held a public hearing on April 12, 2022, to determine the boundaries of said deteriorated areas and to establish the LERTA provisions, which hearing was duly advertised; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing, agencies, and individuals had the opportunity to present to the City Council of the City of Jeannette their recommendations concerning the location of the boundaries of deteriorated areas and the advocacy of implementation for the LERTA Program; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that by Resolution dated May 16, 2022 that the Jeannette City School District will approve a reciprocal tax exemption for improvements within certain designated areas under the purview of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the City Council of the City of Jeannette will approve an Ordinance participating in the LERTA for designated areas on May 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County believe that such incentives will generally benefit the City, the School District and the County by encouraging development and job growth within the City.

NOW THEREFORE WITH THE FOREGOING RECITALS BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Resolution, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth below:

- (a) “Deteriorated Property” means any industrial, commercial or other business property, consistent with the definitions provided in the City of Jeannette Zoning Ordinance, owned by an individual, association, or corporation, and located in a “Deteriorated Area” as hereinafter provided, or any such property which has been the subject of an order by a government agency thereof requiring the unit to be vacated, condemned, or demolished by reason of noncompliance with applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations.
- (b) “Deteriorated Property” shall not mean any residential property, including, without limitation, any property rented, leased, or otherwise offered for residential purposes or uses; but shall include any mixed-use property a portion of which is used for residential purposes or uses if at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the “Improvement” as defined hereafter and as calculated using the assessed value of such Improvement is made to the industrial, commercial, or business use portions of such mixed-use property.
- (c) “Improvement” means repair, construction or reconstruction, including alterations or additions, having the effect of rehabilitating a Deteriorated Property so that it becomes habitable or attains higher standards of safety, health, economic use, or amenity, or is brought into compliance with laws, ordinances, or regulations governing such standards. Ordinary upkeep and maintenance shall not be deemed an improvement.
- (d) “Local Taxing Authority” means the City of Jeannette, the Jeannette City School District, and the County of Westmoreland or any other governmental entity having the authority to levy real property taxes within the City of Jeannette.
- (e) “Local Governing Body” means the County of Westmoreland.
- (f) “Deteriorated Area” means an area, the boundaries of which are determined by a Local Taxing Authority in which improvements to deteriorated properties are eligible for tax exemption.

Section 2. Exemption Areas. The zoned areas in the City of Jeannette on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, “LERTA Zones Map,” are hereby specifically designated as being Deteriorated Areas: LERTA Districts Numbered One (1) through Nineteen (19). All commercial, industrial, or local business properties located in the above districts are eligible to participate in this tax exemption program, so long as they meet the prerequisites for the program as hereinafter described.

Section 3. Exemption Amount.

(a) The amount to be exempted from real property taxes shall be limited to that portion of the additional assessment valuation attributable to the actual costs of the improvement to the Deteriorated Property.

(b) The exemption shall be limited to the improvement for which the exemption has been requested in the manner set forth below and for which a separate tax assessment has been made by the Westmoreland County Tax Assessment Office. Tax exemption shall only be granted if the property, as completed, complies with the various codes of the City of Jeannette, including, without limitation, any approval as a land development by the City of Jeannette.

Section 4. Exemption Schedule.

(a) For the three (3) years immediately following the year upon which the improvement becomes assessable, the eligible assessment shall be exempted in accordance with the following schedule:

| Year | Exemption |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 (First Year) | 100% |
| 2 (Second Year) | 100% |
| 3 (Third Year) | 100% |

After the third year, the exemption shall terminate.

(b) The exemption from the taxes granted under this Resolution shall be upon the property and shall not terminate upon the sale or exchange of the property.

Section 5. Procedure for Obtaining Exemption. Any person desiring tax exemption pursuant to this Resolution shall notify each local taxing authority granting such exemption in writing, on a form provided by each taxing authority at the time the person secures the necessary permits for new construction or new improvements to the property in the deteriorated area. The A copy of the application for exemption shall be forwarded to the Westmoreland County Tax Assessment Office and the City of Jeannette School District by the City of Jeannette. The written application for exemption shall not be accepted by the local taxing authority unless the applicant supplies each local taxing authority with evidence that all real property taxes assessed against the subject property are current and are not delinquent. Upon completion of the improvement or new construction, the taxpayer shall notify the local taxing authority. The Westmoreland County Tax Assessor shall then assess the improvements or new construction separately for the purpose of calculating the amount of assessment eligible for tax exemption in accordance with the limits established in this Resolution and shall notify the taxpayer and the local taxing authorities of the reassessment and amounts of the assessment eligible for exemption. Appeals from the assessments and the amount eligible for the exemption may be taken by the taxpayer or the local authorities as provided by law. However, after the initial assessment, the applicant waives the right to appeal the assessment for the term of the program or exemption.

Section 6. Termination. Unless otherwise repealed by the Board of County Commissioners, this Resolution shall terminate on May 31, 2025. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Board of Commissioners from enacting a similar Resolution or extending this Resolution. Any taxpayer who has received or applied for the exemption granted by this Resolution prior to the expiration date herein provided, shall, if said exemption is granted, be entitled to the full exemption authorized herein.

Section 7. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any of its sections, clauses, or sentences shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such provisions shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, clauses, or sentences.

Section 8. Contingency. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Resolution, this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect conditioned upon the Board of Directors of the Jeannette Area School District and the City Council of the City of Jeannette enacting similar Resolutions or Ordinances with identical Deteriorated Areas as those designated by the City of Jeannette, no later than May 31, 2022.

This Resolution is duly resolved and enacted by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of the County of at a duly advertised public meeting, with a quorum being present, held on the 12th day of May, 2022.

- (I) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of Hempfield Area School District, of property owned by MWT Holdings, LLC located in the Borough of New Stanton, Hempfield Area School District, Westmoreland County, No. 6166 of 2015 for tax years 2016-2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 64-04-13-0-018

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2016 | \$193,889 | 19.8% | \$38,390 |
| 2017 | \$253,700 | 17.3% | \$43,890 |
| 2018 | \$280,000 | 16.2% | \$45,360 |
| 2019 | \$280,000 | 16.3% | \$45,640 |
| 2020 | \$290,000 | 14.4% | \$41,760 |
| 2021 | \$293,053 | 13.1% | \$38,390 |
| 2022 | \$312,114 | 12.3% | \$38,390 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (J) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of C-III Asset Management, LLC, U.S. Bank National Assoc., Trustee, Vivian S. Hyman, et al., Connie Goggio, et al., owner of property located in Lower Burrell Township, Burrell School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5306 of 2019 for tax years 2020-2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 17-05-04-0-136-00-000

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2020 | \$6,440,000 | 14.4% | \$927,360 |
| 2021 | \$5,980,000 | 13.1% | \$783,380 |
| 2022 | \$5,520,000 | 12.3% | \$678,960 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (K) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of C-III Asset Management, LLC, U.S. Bank National Assoc., Trustee, Vivian S. Hyman, et al., Connie Goggio, et al., owner of property located in Lower Burrell Township, Burrell School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5306 of 2019 for tax years 2020-2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 17-06-01-0-031-00-000

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2020 | \$210,000 | 14.4% | \$30,240 |
| 2021 | \$195,000 | 13.1% | \$25,545 |
| 2022 | \$180,000 | 12.3% | \$22,140 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (L) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of C-III Asset Management, LLC, U.S. Bank National Assoc., Trustee, Vivian S. Hyman, et al., Connie Goggio, et al., owner of property located in Lower Burrell Township, Burrell School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5306 of 2019 for tax years 2020-2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 17-05-04-0-136-60-001

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2020 | \$350,000 | 14.4% | \$50,400 |
| 2021 | \$325,000 | 13.1% | \$42,575 |
| 2022 | \$300,000 | 12.3% | \$36,900 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (M) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of Blackthorn Clubhouse, LLC, owner of property located in Penn Township, Penn-Trafford School District, Westmoreland County, No. 4198 of 2020 for tax years 2020-2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 55-04-00-0-106

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2020 | \$1,850,000 | 14.4% | \$266,400 |
| 2021 | \$1,850,000 | 13.1% | \$242,350 |
| 2022 | \$1,850,000 | 12.3% | \$227,350 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (N) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of Michael W. Dowling and Victoria R. Dowling, owners of property located in Penn Township, Penn-Trafford School District, Westmoreland County, No. 4277 of 2020 for tax years 2021-2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 55-13-02-0-027

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2021 | \$600,000 | 13.1% | \$78,600 |
| 2022 | \$600,000 | 12.3% | \$73,800 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (O) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of Greater Latrobe School District, of property owned by Kenneth S. and Elizabeth T. Cuttrell located in the Township of Unity, Greater Latrobe School District, Westmoreland County, No. 4407 of 2021 for tax year 2022. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 61-12-03-0-061

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Proposed Market Value</i> | <i>STEB Ratio</i> | <i>Resulting Assessment</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2022 | \$532,000 | 12.3% | \$65,400 |

Taxes for the years noted above are determined upon the foregoing assessment values. The County Solicitor shall be authorized to execute Court documents to implement such settlement.

- (P) Acknowledgment of Assignment of Master Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and Energy/Facility Services Agreement with Constellation Energy Projects & Services Group, Inc. (n/k/a Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.) dated January 28, 2011; and Addendum No. 1 with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. dated September 17, 2020 to Constellation Energy Solutions, LLC effective July 1, 2021.

- (Q) **Resolution #R-26-2022** authorizing the execution of a Cooperation Agreement with the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC) and Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC concerning the application for a grant under the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program, United States Department of Transportation for financing of environmental upgrades to the storm water management plan and power upgrades for the Gibsonton Terminal (Rostraver Township and City of Monessen). The County authorizes the submission of a \$2,000,000 grant application to the United States Department of Transportation. The County designates the WCIDC to act as an Agent for the County and as Grant Administrator. The grant will be distributed to Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC (sub-grantee). There will be no cost to the County. Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC will be responsible for any match.

RESOLUTION #R-26-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THREE RIVERS MARINE & TERMINALS, LLC, CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE 2022 PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FINANCING OF ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADES TO THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND POWER UPGRADES FOR THE GIBSONTON TERMINAL AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.00 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; DESIGNATING THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ACT AS AGENT FOR THE COUNTY AND AS GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Three Rivers Marine & Trail Terminals, LLC, has requested the County of Westmoreland (the "County") to file an application with the United States Department of Transportation for a grant (the "Grant") for the Gibsonton Terminal in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 pursuant to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the Grant is to be used for the financing of environmental upgrades to the storm water management plan and power upgrades for the Gibsonton Terminal located in Rostraver township and the city of Monessen (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County will be the applicant and Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC will be designated by the County as the subgrantee and/or subrecipient of the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the County, WCIDC, and Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC wish to enter into a Cooperation Agreement governing the obtaining, disbursement and usage of the proceeds of the Grant (the "Grant Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to be an applicant to the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program for the benefit of Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Cooperation Agreement, WCIDC will be acting as Agent for and Grant Administrator for the County and assisting the County in the preparation of the Application for the Grant, also being designated by the County to administer the Grant and to review any and all documents for the County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland authorizes the preparation, execution and filing of the grant application with the 2022 Port Infrastructure Development Program for the aforementioned \$2,000,000.00 grant to be used for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND AUTHORIZED that Sean Kertes, Chairman, Douglas W. Chew, Vice Chairman and Gina Cerilli Esq., Secretary in their respective capacity as being the current Board of Commissioners now as well as to approve any and all successor Board Members in the future are authorized to execute and join in the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Westmoreland, Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation, and Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC and further to execute any other documents that may be necessary; to prepare, execute and file the grant application with the United States Department of Transportation for the \$2,000,000.00 grant to be used for the Project; and To consent to the designation of the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation to act as agent for the County and as Grant Administrator.

WHEREOF, this Resolution was enacted on the 12th day of May 2022.

- (R) Grant Application with **PCorp** in the amount of **\$30,000.00** be used for Shade Structures for Courthouse Plaza for the **“2021-2022 PCorp Loss Prevention Grant Program,”** and designate signature authority to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy and Abby Testa, Administrator, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Westmoreland Manor:**

- (A) Acceptance of Proposal from **PointClickCare** for resident scheduling, in the amount of **\$496.82 per month** with a onetime fee of \$1,000.00 for the Resident Event Calendar
- (B) Addendum to Nursing Facility Agreement with **In Home Health LLC d/b/a Promedica Hospice Care (Pittsburgh)**, approved November 18, 2021, to amend section 4.9 concerning medical records.

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Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items of **Miscellaneous Business**:

(1) Amendments to the **2021 Budget and 2022 Budget** for Westmoreland County, as prepared by the Department of Financial Administration

(2) Reappoint the following individuals to the Westmoreland County Local Arts Advisory Council, through December 31, 2022:

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| Mark Jackson | Barbara Ferrier | Linda Morlacci |
| Linda Bires | Diane Conway | Lauren Jones |

(3) Reappoint the following individuals to the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, for the term May 1, 2022 through May 1, 2025:

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| Marcia Wagner | Robert Barker | Joanne Devroude | Patty Karbowsky |
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(4) Reappoint Kelly Ber to the Westmoreland County Behavioral Health Developmental Services Advisory Board, for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

Motion was made by Mrs. Cerilli Thrasher, seconded by Mr. Chew and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:05am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli Thrasher, Esq.
Secretary