

June 16, 2020

The Westmoreland County Commissioners met in a special session beginning at 10:01am on Thursday, June 16, 2020 in Commissioners Meeting Room #101, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq. and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

General Agenda

Opportunity for Public Comment

No Public Comment

Solicitors Report

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

- (A) Approval of Application to the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**, in the amount of **\$31,508,670.16** for “**COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant**,” and further approve **Resolution #R-27-2020**, authorizing signature authority to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute all required forms and documents for submission and acceptance of funds

RESOLUTION #R-27-2020

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), the U.S. Department of the Treasury transferred funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover costs of the Commonwealth including (1) necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Article 1-C entitled Emergency COVID-19 Response, Subarticle D, Section 130-C, entitled County Block Grant of the Act of May 29, 2020 (the “Act”), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development, as the Grantor is authorized to distribute funding to counties, such as Westmoreland, for the following purposes:

- (1) offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning and outreach efforts related to covid-19.
- (2) small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry.
- (3) grant programs to support the following entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the covid-19 disaster emergency:
 - (i) certified economic development organizations.
 - (ii) local development districts.
 - (iii) industrial resource centers.
 - (iv) small business development centers.
 - (v) economic development corporations.
- (4) assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, or townships located within the county for response and planning efforts related to covid-19.
- (5) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services.
- (6) nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the internal revenue code of 1986.
- (7) broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made available to the County of Westmoreland, as Grantee, \$31,508,670.00 (the “Grant Fund”), pursuant to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant, for eligible project costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the Grant Fund, the County of Westmoreland is required to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Fund will be used by the County consistent with its application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, to distribute funds to municipalities and other eligible entities for expenditures in compliance with Act 24 of 2020 and the CARES Act and to the County for its own facilities and programs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland authorizes the preparation, execution and filing of the grant application with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development for the aforementioned \$31,508,670.00.

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, Sean Kertes, Chairman, Douglas W. Chew, Vice Chairman and Gina Cerilli, Esq., Secretary, are hereby authorized to prepare the grant application for the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development for the aforementioned \$31,508,670.00, available pursuant to, and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute and file the application and to provide such additional information as may be required the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development.

RESOLVED and enacted this 16th day of June, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Chew seconded by Ms. Cerilli, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:02am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary