

## **July 16, 2020**

The Westmoreland County Commissioners met in regular session beginning at 10:05am on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in the Commissioners Public Meeting Rooms, 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

### **Industrial Development Corporation Agenda**

### **Salary Board Agenda**

### **General Agenda**

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of regular meeting held June 25, 2020, as presented

### **Notice of Executive Session**

- July 1, 2020 to discuss personnel matters
- July 6, 2020 to discuss personnel matters
- July 8, 2020 to discuss personnel matters
- July 14, 2020 to discuss personnel matters
- July 15, 2020 to discuss personnel matters

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

***The following individuals attended the meeting and provided in-person public comment:***

*Mike Pardus, Jeannette – thanks the commissioners for the opportunity to speak, am a member of the community of vulnerable citizens and appreciate the governors directive that masks be work in all public spaces – member of Voice of Westmoreland – nonpartisan, grass roots group – with regard to the 31.5 million of COVID relief funds issued to the county – must be a high level of transparency, the commissioner meeting today is insufficient for public participation; Must include engaging stake holders, Voice of Westmoreland respectfully requests a seat at the table; Some cannot attend a 10am meeting, most vulnerable residents cannot participate in the meeting today; A series of monthly virtual meetings, to maintain transparency, use of things like zoom, video conferencing - appears to a be good use of COVID funds to make virtual meetings possible, we encourage the commissioners to utilize the funds for those; Must give priority to underserved communities to underserved, minority and women owned businesses; thank you, there are a number of issues to be addressed, contact tracing being one of them (Mr. Pardus also submitted emailed public comment which is included further into this document)*

*Alleen Cunningham, Youngstown - would like you to give her your word that you will use this money for the good – for money to be used for free access to contact tracing and testing, mental health support, to the communities Arnold, New Kensington, Jeannette, Monessen, for the underserved communities, demand transparency and accountability*

*Anna Joyner, Greensburg – 2 school age kids, funding important to provide technology to every student in Westmoreland county, regardless of the school district; cleanways and west penn – take old technologies and pay you for it; could bring employment opportunities; transportation, chartering and utilizing the transportation we have in Westmoreland; Local theaters in Westmoreland are sitting empty that could be used as lecture halls for high school or local students, need to partner with our local universities; Will have a huge mental health crisis; expand on the drug court – utilize those people to work to do the overnight cleaning; utilizing the fire halls – for tutoring/schooling; Work on police officer training; Need to put money aside for restaurants, not going to survive another shut down – partner with universities for training opportunities for the future; receive food stamps, from pa dept of agriculture, farmers markets to provide food – unsuccessful in finding a farmers market in Westmoreland County that accepts food stamps; food trucks to take fresh food to communities (Ms. Joyner also submitted emailed public comment which is included in further into this document)*

**The following public comment was received by the Chief Clerk via email prior to 9:30am on Thursday, July 16, 2020:**

*Rexford Moyer - I am a resident of Westmoreland County, and a member of Voice of Westmoreland. I support VOW's efforts and commitment to insuring true equality and relief for all seriously impacted citizens of Westmoreland County. With them I've pledged my support to pursue demanding accountability and transparency in how the \$31.5 million of COVID-19 relief money will be spent. The fund should support exactly as intended those most seriously impacted by COVID-19, provide effective rental assistance, contact tracing, COVID testing and treatment. More specifically it must be prioritized and focused on supporting those most vulnerable communities in Westmoreland County. I also demand that the July 16th meeting is truly public, press aware and accessible to all citizens. They shall include hearing the voices of those physically present. Live streaming for citizens unable to be present due to the limiting COVID-19 Safety Requirements must be included. To accommodate the current COVID Safety Procedure, a separate meeting must be planned for the public to ask questions and discuss how the relief funds will be distributed. These funds need to uplift and protect the health and welfare of our community.*

*Diana Steck, North Huntingdon - please accept my comments regarding the \$31 million CARES Act Relief funds for Westmoreland County. Submitted because I am unable to attend the Commissioners Meeting on 7/16/2020. Please read and enter into the record of public comments. -- 1. Transparency and public participation into the allocation, distribution and oversight of these funds is crucial to ensure that the most underserved residents of our county are not forgotten. Fair distribution of these funds should ensure that communities are uplifted and the most vulnerable need to be supported. The 7/16/2020 meeting with such limited access is not adequate public participation for this process! -- 2. Money must be allocated for widespread COVID-19 testing and contact tracing. Testing needs to be widespread, free and accessible to the most vulnerable sections and residents of the county. Please keep in mind that impoverished residents may lack transportation. Testing centers need to be offered in disenfranchised areas of the county. Enhanced testing will decrease viral spread by identification, contact tracing and isolation which in turn will enhance economic recovery. -- 3. Improving public safety and providing PPE (Personal protective equipment) MUST be part of the plan. --- 4. Addressing food insecurity (including food banks and programs to feed the needy) -- 5. Vouchers for broadband and tablets for low-income students to enhance distance learning. -- 6. Increased mental health and substance abuse services with added emphasis upon adding services in underserved areas of the county.-- 7. Assisting local governments, school districts and volunteer fire companies with COVID-19 related expenses to ensure their survival to continue to serve our communities.-- 8. Help for small businesses with priority given to those who have not qualified for any prior financial assistance. Creating an oversight group or board comprised of non governmental representatives to review grant applications and ensure fairness in the distribution of funds. We are requesting that a member of Voice of Westmoreland be included on any group designated to assist and/or offer oversight into the selection process of awardees. This will prevent the perception or potential of political favoritism in the distribution of the CARES funds. -- 9. Vouchers for rent, mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness. Help for county homeless shelters and provisions for temporary housing for those displaced by job losses from this pandemic. -- 10. Churches should only be given assistance if they perform community services like feeding the poor, day care type services. Money should not be given to religious organizations who received other CARES or COVID related funding. -- 11. Non profit agencies should also be prioritized to award funds to those who have not received any prior COVID/CARES funding. Grant applications should be reviewed by the same group or similar group who is developed to review the small business grant application process.*

*Christine Baldonieri, Latrobe - Please use the funds awarded to our county to keep us safe with the testing and tracing that is needed to control the virus. No amount of economic relief is going to help us if we do not take control of the virus. We have learned what works and that is wearing a mask, social distancing, limited travel, and testing, testing, testing. The examples of successful communities should guide your efforts so that our citizens have confidence to come out of their homes. CONTROL THE VIRUS. TESTING MATTERS, TRACING MATTERS. TRANSPARENCY MATTERS. Anyone who wants a test should be able to get a test for FREE if on Medicaid or a small co-pay if not on Medicaid.*

*Suzanne English, Greensburg - Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the distribution of the county COVID-19 funds. I would like to support two areas of use for these funds: Addressing the growth of COVID-19 by prioritizing testing and contact tracing, so that we know where and how it is growing. Providing funds for those who have been put at risk of loss of home, are without food or health care. Please make these items a key part of the plan for disbursing these funds.*

*Amy Medsger, West Newton - Citizens of Westmoreland County deserve to hear where the \$31 million for Covid Relief Fund is going. I am a resident of West Newton & our town was severely impacted by this & was unable to open our community pool this HOT summer. I would like to see some funding for this community.*

*David Geckle - Use the money to supplement education and restore Greensburg Salem's music department.*

*Sandra Kremer - A majority of it should go to first responders. Supplements small businesses*

*Carol Demi - Testing and ppe*

*James Bosco - As a small business owner and educator, my priorities rest firmly in getting back to the classroom and work. However, our nationally rush to do so has made us (US) an internationally embarrassment. Part of finding should be focused on a campaign to protect your friends, neighbors, and greater community. I Always found it heartbreaking that third-world countries had to promote social-norning for citizens to end defecation. Its pathetic the richest country on the planet needs to do the same to slow an ever growing domestic pandemic. Thank you for your time.*

*Becky Spurlock, Hempfield Township-I understand that you are meeting to determine how best to distribute the \$31 Million coming into Westmoreland County for COVID relief. In my opinion the money should be prioritized first to support rental and mortgage assistance so that people don't lose their homes, second to help small businesses to stay afloat and thirdly for free and accessible testing coupled with contact tracing in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.*

*Eileen Krynock - I am concerned about the funds directed to Westmoreland County to address needs brought about by the COVID-19 epidemic. My concern is for the most vulnerable in our community and for unforeseen and unanticipated expenses. We need the expenditures and grants to help those in greatest need, and so the process should be public and transparent. Thank you for your attention to this matter.*

*soltysfam@aol.com - I believe Covid19 relief funds could be well spent by partnering with local churches in lower-income areas to serve as coronavirus testing sites.*

*Sr. Mary Ann Winters, Greensburg - Priorities to be considered are: More access to COVID testing including a mobile unit for testing in the rural areas and towns who are not able to travel for tests because of physical condition. Develop a plan for Contact Tracing within the county. Relief for recovering COVID victims who do not have medical insurance, adequate funds on which meet housing and food needs. Provide for the needs of folks in Arnold, Jeannette, Monessen, New Kensington and other distressed areas. Do not use this grant for agencies, and services which have already received support for COVID related expenses though other COVID related grants. Provide good communication with the public in an accessible manner stating how all the 13.5 million dollars were allocated including supportive services and the agencies which were needed in the process of advising the Commissioners.Thank you for providing for the most needy in Westmoreland County as we live through this pandemic and the effects it has on so many facets of our lives.*

*Patrick Cassidy, Latrobe- Please prioritize Covid funds for those in desperate need of rent/housing support in our county, as well as small business owners going under here. Thank you ( VOW member).*

*Lin Aronckes, number one we the people need to see where every penny of the money is going, so keep the receipts; the first priority should be the people who have lost a loved one from COVID and the people who have sustained serious illness and have been hospitalized*

*Janice Oberdorf, Vandergrift - As a board member and treasurer of the Casino Theater Restoration and Management Inc., I would like to see some assistance for this nonprofit organization. We are a theater located in Vandergrift PA (northern tip of Westmoreland County) whose sole income derives from theater rentals and shows. We are 100% volunteer driven and have no paid employees. We were unable to apply for a CARES grant because we did not have any employees. We receive no assistance from foundations, etc. 100% of our funds were cut off when the pandemic hit. We still have fixed costs to pay each month. We had the potential of raising over \$50000 this year with shows that were scheduled or in the process of being scheduled when ordered to close. The Casino Theater is Southwest Pennsylvania's oldest operating theater - 120 years old in June of this year. Vandergrift founded by George McMurtry (green spaces designed by Frederick Law Olmstead) is also celebrating being 125 years old this year. Over the years, volunteers have worked tirelessly to restore this theater and keep it functioning. We are in desperate need of funding. Our fixed costs will deplete our small nest egg and without any income coming in, we cannot continue to restore and maintain this historic theater. Please consider granting us some funds to help us keep running. Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Dave Stanley, Youngwood - The money received for this pandemic needs to be used wisely, that means screw the big corporations, help the small businesses who have been screwed over this. Big business will survive, let them sell stocks that normal people can't afford. Im tired of seeing big business get richer, while small businesses like myself suffer. As an uber/Lyft driver, i made 3800 bucks driving last July. The place of business i get those rides from, has been closed down,...so that business i worked for 6 years to get, is now gone. Hopefully some day it comes back, but if it doesn't.....HELP SMALL INDEPENDENT BUSINESSES W THIS MONEY, DON'T BLOW IT ON THE RICH LIKE REPUBLICANS LOVE TO DO. I'm tired of getting screwed over by big business. Just do the "RIGHT" thing, don't screw it up.*

*Cris Lowstuter - 31 million dollars could be used towards your budget and reimburse property owners of the taxes they've paid for this year. Thank you!*

*Gloria McDevitt - Please make sure these funds will be used to protect our community. We need transparency to make sure the money is going to those who deserve it! Thank you*

*Edwinna Confer - As a citizen of Westmoreland County, I strongly urge that these funds be prioritized for the following: Food bank; Universal testing; Contact tracing; Rental assistance; Support for our most vulnerable communities*

*Ramie Ortiz, Latrobe - Please use the 31 millions of dollars that are headed to Westmoreland County for direct financial support to families who are out of work. Direct aid to families will allow them to survive awhile longer and will help some to avoid bankruptcy related to the pandemic. Thank you*

*Mary Kay Nafaa North Huntingdon - As this pandemic finds it's way into every corner of our lives, there are two cost effective way to mitigate its damage within our county. 1). Easy, accessible testing is essential. I believe Community Health Clinics in our county are providing free, available testing to all. We need to have increased testing available with quick turnaround results. Also, mobile testing for those with transportation and mobility issues needs to be established. All information on testing should be decimated through local government websites, Facebook, Twitter, etc. and local media. 2). A contact tracing program needs to be established in Westmoreland County, asap. I have talked to people in Berks and Lancaster Counties, both of which started contact tracing programs without a county public health department. I will provide you with the contacts I have made as a private citizen, My expectation is that you will follow-up with these individuals to learn about developing a contact tracing program and to prioritize contact tracing as you move ahead with decimating the CARES Funds within our county.*

*Lancaster County, Executive Director of Community Health with Penn Medicine, Lancaster General Health, Alice Yoder, [alice.yoder@pennteam.upenn.edu](mailto:alice.yoder@pennteam.upenn.edu)*

*Berks County, Co-Community Wellness Services, Barbara Waller, 610-375-6523*

*Pennsylvania Dept. of Health, Jennifer Shirk, 717-787-4366, point person for developing contact tracing*

*If I can be of further assistance in helping to establish a contact tracing program within Westmoreland County, I will happily volunteer my services. Thank you*

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Wayne Confer, Latrobe - I want to know how the more than \$30 million in CARES Act funds will be allocated. These funds must go to the following: Free testing; Contact tracing; Help for underserved residents; Help with food; Assistance with mental health and substance abuse; Help for municipalities and school districts; Assistance for small businesses; All decisions must be transparent and subject to oversight.

John Suierveld - It is my understanding that Emergency Services employees have been burdened with Covid cases. Resources to provide these organizations some financial relief or to support additional staffing may be needed. Financial support to food banks where demand has been so significant.

Judy Knapp - COVID 19 and mitigation efforts have had severe negative impacts across Westmoreland County. I would like to see some of the Federal money used to support human service organizations that are working to assist people who are most vulnerable during this crisis. Thank you

Bibiana (Bibie) Boerio, Latrobe- The purpose of this note is to request that you provide transparency in your priorities for utilization of the \$31.5 million of CARES funding appropriate by the U.S. Congress. It is important that the residents of Westmoreland County also have a voice in your spending priorities. I am offering this letter as part of the Voice Of Westmoreland community assistance efforts. I would like to recommend you consider assistance to launch improved testing, tracing, and support follow-up. The cry to "open up businesses" and "open up the schools" is a false choice. It is crystal clear that the economy will not strengthen consistently and it's not safe to open up schools until there is evidence that we have the ability to contain the virus. It's also clear that the only tools we have available to us now – while vaccines and therapeutics are under development – are wearing masks to avoid transmission (especially for those who are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic), expanded testing capacity and quicker turnaround time, and once a case is identified, tracing the contacts and providing information and if appropriate support services. We are blessed to have the expertise of the Excelsa Health System in our neighborhood but it's only fair for their staff and for our neighbors that we utilize most effectively the tools available to us. PS - I recently completed the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health online course on Contact Tracing. I do not claim to be an expert. I do recognize the strengths and challenges of the processes. But after a long business career, I know you never solve complex problems without the best data available. I would be happy to help on a volunteer basis to help on data collection/analyses.

Ernie DiMartino, Greensburg - Please read aloud the following text on Thursday, July 16th at the Commissioner Meeting. Concerning your plans for \$30 million in COVID-19 relief funding coming to the county. I request that this money prioritizes universal testing, contact tracing, rental assistance, and support for our most vulnerable communities. Concerning the commissioners public meetings during COVID-19, I request optional virtual meeting participation. I also request that face covering be made mandatory, to include enforcement, for an indefinite period. My understanding is that after reopening, employees of the courthouse were working throughout the building without face covers. I find it to be irresponsible behavior on the part of our county leadership to condone this practice during these deadly times. Thank you very much for your public service!

Gary L. Steck, North Huntingdon - Enclosed please find my public comments related to the \$31 million dollars Westmoreland County has received for CARES Covid19 relief: PLEASE READ at the July 16,2020 meeting. I am unable to attend in person due to Covid-19 restrictions. - Designate a minimum of \$2-3 million for WIDESPREAD, FREE Covid-19 testing conducted throughout the county and including a mobile testing service for those unable to leave their homes. Providing contact tracing also to help isolate and contain spread of Covid-19. - Prioritize funding to non profits who work to provide actual services to include most vulnerable and underserved communities like (but not limited to) South Huntingdon township, Jeannette, Monesson, Arnold and New Kensington. Address issues such as food insecurity, housing and rental assistance to prevent homelessness, free medical assistance. - Increased funding for Mental Health Services of a minimum of \$1 million. Prioritize getting these services out to underserved communities. - Help to local school districts and volunteer fire companies to help with Covid related expenses with emphasis placed upon protecting public safety and providing PPE to first responders and schools. - Help to small businesses who have not been able to obtain any prior assistance for Covid relief. - BE TRANSPARENT in decision making related to fund allocation and disbursement. Involve the PEOPLE of the county in the decision making process. GIVE Voice of Westmoreland (VOW) a seat at the table to assist with this process to ensure PUBLIC participation. AVOID favoritism, cronyism and the like in your decisions about where these monies are distributed. - Limit the decision making power of the Economic Growth Connection in the allocations of these funds. There needs to be additional input and oversight to ensure equity and transparency in the funding process. That should include non governmental sources and private citizens like VOW and not be limited to assistance from EGC who are partners to County economic development as per the County website.

*Anna Morcheid - covid funding - school districts-assuring every student has technology/internet west penn recycling/westmoreland cleanways buys old technology match \$ for \$; employment opportunities in dissembling; Chartering/utilizing public transportation; local theaters for lecture teaching  
Local universities; student teachers for 1:1 instruction/tutoring/subbing; counselors/social workers providing in-home visits to "high risk" students-model head start home based program; overnight detail cleaning- drug court-supervised; Utilizing community rooms in public housing-individual tutoring sign-ups -police officer training- inclusion/deescalation -expansion of drug court-empty buildings remodel for sober living-employ/contract locally "recovery friendly workplace"; Hold providers to higher standard of care- -restaurant/displaced worker training opportunities-certificates; encourage creativity/training sessions -funding for farmer markets to accept snap- restaurants to offer same-fresh produce/meat boxes -deep freezers (?)- emergency supply boxes (medical/safety) -purchase food trucks/bid out- farmer markets-meeting people where they are- snap recipients/cash -local fire departments/contract- grants/loans to keep sustainable- utilization of fire halls?*

*Joanne Hall, West Newton - I think funds coming to the county for Covid related expenses should be used for the following purposes: Help those who have lost their income and/ or healthcare due to job loss. Stop evictions and supplement those in need of rental money Provide medical workers with PPE if local hospitals are having shortages. Provide money to food banks and other organizations that feed the hungry. Provide money for free Covid testing within our communities and for contact tracing. Provide schools with funds for virtual or in class instruction. Provide free testing for teachers. We must help the most needy during this pandemic who are struggling due to no fault of their own.*

*Diana Reitz - Unfortunately I am unable to physically attend the Commissioners meeting however I would like to provide my comments as to how I would like to see the Covid Relief funds being used in Westmoreland County. I would like to see "free" testing for the Corona Virus available to all in Westmoreland County. Also, I would like to make sure that agencies that have been providing support to individuals and families during this time get additional financial support to help them continue with their efforts, such as, the Westmoreland County Food bank, Blackburn Center, Drug and Alcohol treatments facilities, Westmoreland Community Action and making sure that we are working with all agencies that provide services. Making sure that the lower income individuals/families and seniors are provided with cleaning and disinfecting products and masks so that they can protect themselves. Providing small businesses, such as, the mom and pop businesses, with grants that will help them survive during this time (we all know that there were alot them that didn't receive any funding from the federal government). These businesses since they are the backbone of our country. School districts should receive funding as well so that they can purchase cleaning and disinfecting products to help clean the schools for the new year and continue to keep them clean and also provide them with funding so that they can purchase laptops, if needed, for all students that will be educating from home. I would like to see the public provided with education on how this virus is spread and how to protect them and their families, too many of them do not realize how powerful this virus is and how important it is to follow CDC protocol. In closing, I would hope that the Commissioners discuss with the local municipalities, boroughs and townships their needs before spending the funds and don't leave those decisions to an outside source to determine what the needs are for our County.*

*Eileen Elicker, Washington Twp. - A great way to support our local businesses and nonprofits, is to slow the spread of Covid, with more testing, so businesses can remain open and fund raisers can resume. For residents experiencing symptoms, unable to drive, due to age or lack of a vehicle, getting to a testing site can be problematic. A mobile testing unit is needed. This can be as simple as a medical assistant, with a vehicle, who would receive a per diem and a generous mileage allowance. Get a magnet made for the side of the vehicle that says: Westmoreland County Mobile Testing Unit and you're in business. Residents can call into a number set up specifically for this. The hard part is having the will to do it. P.S. Please purchase the equipment needed to live stream or have public meetings via Zoom. This is necessary, due to Covid, and should be allowable, as per the funding guidelines. Even tiny Vandergrift Boto is having meetings via Zoom!!*

*Bruce Siskawicz, Greensburg - I think some of the \$31 million in Covid relief should be used for testing/contact tracing. Also for financial assistance for lower income residents of the county perhaps in the form of vouchers to be used at local businesses. Thank you*

*Sarah Skidmore, Greensburg - Thank you, Commissioners, for reading my comments as they relate to the spending of this 30 million dollars in COVID Relief. I volunteer with Voice of Westmoreland, an issue-based, non-partisan grassroots organization in our county. Part of my work involves canvassing to talk to my fellow neighbors throughout Westmoreland. I have learned that people in Monessen care about the condition of their dilapidated roads, overflowing trash affects the living conditions in West Jeannette and the people in Arnold feel unrepresented by their elected leaders and want to earn a living wage. I know these things can not all be fixed by the CARES money because of all of the federal and state regulations. But my point is this. How are YOU assessing the needs of these underserved communities? So far I have seen little to no attempt at outreach to these municipalities. A letter to your cronies or leaving cut and paste frequently asked questions up online is not good enough. Why is the Voice of Westmoreland doing your job? The people elected you and you owe it to ALL of your constituents to do this the right way by reaching out to the underserved. Help those who really need it through true public service. I want to thank Commissioner Chew for committing to reach out to these municipalities and for working with Voice of Westmoreland to be inclusive and transparent. I hope Commissioner Cerrilli will follow up with the preliminary letters she sent to city mayors. This is only the FIRST step. I witnessed all the commissioners call for transparency and express a desire to serve all county residents during their campaigns. Now it is time to fulfill those campaign promises. I will continue to be a voice for those under-served communities through action with Voice of Westmoreland. I ask that you, commissioners, also reach out, outside the Greensburg, Hempfield, and Latrobe bubble to spend this money where it is desperately needed in the poorer areas of our county. Thank you*

*Susan Pardus, Hempfield Township, and am a member of the Voice of Westmoreland. COVID Funds Must be Allocated for Community Testing and Contact Tracing Community testing for COVID exposures, rapid turnaround of test results, and contact tracing are vitally critical to the health and economic recovery of our communities. There must be universal, free testing to anyone who wants a test. COVID Funds can also be used to contact tracing programs. While I recognize that the county does not have a public health department, "waiting for guidance from the state" and "HIPPA limitations" are unacceptable excuses. The commissioners have not availed themselves of existing resources, including those from the State Department of Health. The Southwest PA Contact Tracing Consortium was established in late May, in concert with the State Department of Health, but the county has not participated. The Department of Health has an established program for individuals and groups to participate in contact tracing that addresses HIPPA requirements. There is no reason that contact tracing is not already being conducted or is planned to be conducted in Westmoreland County. COVID Funds must be allocated to testing and contact tracing to protect the members of poor communities and to allow small businesses to safely reopen. COVID Funds Must be Directed to Underserved Communities Underserved and rural communities have among the greatest needs for COVID Funds. COVID Funds must preferentially go to municipalities that have been largely ignored in the past. Posting the grant applications on the county website is inadequate. Proactive and ongoing outreach and dialogue must be led by the commissioners. Additionally, underserved communities lack the resources to navigate the fund request process, including writing grant applications, and may not be able to provide the necessary level of documentation and reporting for COVID funds. The commissioners must take affirmative steps to assure that these communities are adequately supported during the grant application process and fund administration. Not only should preference be given to underserved municipalities, but preference must be given to local businesses in rural and underserved communities. Local or regional economic redevelopment agencies in rural and underserved communities that drive job growth and economic recovery.*

*Alexandra Opsitnick - I first received word via Voice of Westmoreland that 31.5 million dollars was being allocated to Westmoreland County for Covid-19 relief. Most Westmoreland County residents weren't aware of this information. To my knowledge, only 20 people are allowed inside the building and this meeting isn't going to be live-streamed. How is this a public meeting? In the second place, where will the funds be distributed to? As a resident of Westmoreland County, I implore you to allocate funding to mental health facilities, schools, residents with disabilities, homeless shelters, domestic violence centers and to the most vulnerable in our community (e.g. elderly, homeless, POCs, the disabled and children). Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Lisa Messineo - My first concern is the fact that your public commissioner meeting is not public. I understand limiting the audience to 20 and applaud you for following the recommended restrictions issued by our governor. But, there is easy technology to allow the people of this county to be a part of the meetings. They could be televised, live streamed, or apps like Zoom could be used to allow public participation. My second concern is how the Cares money will be spent. I hope there will be priority for Covid testing, contact tracing, and making certain adequate PPE is available for all essential workers. There needs to be community education about masking and social distancing, since so many in our county seem not to believe the virus is an actual threat, and are more concerned about fully opening the area and state up. Funds need to be available for those who need it most, including under served areas of our county. Greensburg is not the county. People need help with housing and feeding their families. All county schools will need financial assist to adequately protect both students and all personnel. The public should have some input into where funds are most needed. I suggest an outside meeting where social distancing can take place, or a virtual town (county) hall. This is too important, and this money needs to be well spent.*

*Pamela Maroon - I'm writing to say that county residents deserve to know how this relief money will be distributed and ultimately spent. I am expecting oversight and transparency from Westmoreland County Commissioners.*

*Victoria Marie Gribschaw, SC, Greensburg - It is with regret that I am not able to participate in the public meeting only recently announced for July 16 at 10 a.m. However, I respectfully wish to submit my concerns to the Westmoreland County Commissioners Doug Chew, Sean Kertes and Gina Cerilli because they are responsible and must be accountable to the citizens of Westmoreland County. According to the CARES Act, they were responsible for submitting their spending plans to PRAC (Pandemic Response Accountability Committee) by June 27, 2020. They are also required to submit quarterly reports to the Office of Management and Budget, Treasury, the PRAC, and appropriate Congressional committees that detail how funds are spent on each project or activity. According to the CARES Act, funds are designated for local governments, towns, cities and boroughs to cover costs associated with the coronavirus responses, grant programs to support economic development organizations, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services, small business relief programs and nonprofit organizations. These are a few of the many questions that came to mind when I read "Westmoreland to get millions through the Cares Act, but it won't be enough" (June 1, TribLIVE): Are enhanced covid-19 testing and contact tracing included in the plan? How are the Commissions planning to address relief for the most vulnerable in impoverished areas of the county? With the controversial issues related to the opening of schools, how are the Commissioners addressing the inadequacies of broadband and tablet access for low-income students? What oversight provisions did our Commissioners include in their plans?*

*Rick Heil - I believe it will be difficult to have these and many other questions addressed in a public meeting limited to 20 participants. How will our Commissioners present their plans, made without previous public input from concerned Westmoreland County citizens? The public voice needs and must be heard to ensure that the most vulnerable in the county are served through the most efficacious distribution of the CARES Act funds. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts as to the use of Federal funds coming to our county. We need free and available Covid 19 testing and adequate contact tracing when someone tests positive. Some of this money can be used to pay for these programs. Financial support should be granted to non profits that provide human services. Need has risen across all sectors ... housing and utilities, health care, food, domestic violence, substance abuse. Fundraising is curtailed by the ban on most events. Fire companies, both paid and volunteer, face similar loss of revenue. Essential and safety net services require funding. Please let's find a way to make it happen.*

*Michael Pardus, Hempfield Township - member of the Voice of Westmoreland. I am submitting the following comments regarding the county's \$30.5 million COVID Relief Funds. There Must be a High Level of Transparency and Information Sharing With the Public The July 16th commissioner's meeting on COVID Relief Funds is insufficient to be considered actual public participation. There must be adequate opportunity for public input, which should include engaged stakeholders that have a seat at the table. Voice of Westmoreland respectfully requests a seat at that table. The commissioners must engage in a broad, public forum to keep the residents of Westmoreland County informed with respect to award of COVID funds, and reporting on progress in allocation and use of these funds. True public participation requires virtual meetings scheduled at times when working people can participate in the conversation, 10:00 am at the commissioner's offices is not acceptable. At a minimum there must be at least monthly virtual meetings with the community regarding the allocation and use of COVID funds. Many people do not have the luxury of taking time from work or available transportation to go to the July 16th commissioner's meeting. Therefore, readily available technologies must be used to reach as many county residents as possible. The fact that the commissioner's offices currently lack video conferencing capabilities using tools like Zoom is not an acceptable excuse. There Must Be Clear, Objective Criteria for Award of COVID Funds There must be clear and objective criteria for award of COVID Relief Funds. The objective criteria must be shared with the public and must reflect priorities that address the significant needs of rural and underserved communities, minority and women owned businesses, and those suffering from food insecurity and homelessness. First-come, first served grant awards are antithetical to protecting rural and underserved communities. These communities, who are already in dire need of COVID funds, would be particularly disadvantaged in the grant application and award process. Large, well organized grant applicants will inevitably be first in line every time. We have already seen this exact scenario play out under the Paycheck Protection Program. First come, first served is unacceptable for grant awards. The county commissioners have a responsibility to protect our communities and their residents who are most in need. Only through the application of publicly available, objective evaluation criteria is an absolute necessity to fairly and equitably get COVID funds where they are needed most. Rural and Underserved Communities Should Receive a Minimum of \$3 Million Dollars in COVID Funds A minimum of \$3 million should be set aside for rural and underserved communities such as Arnold/New Kensington, Jeannette, and Monessen. Rural and underserved communities were suffering significant economic distress well before the COVID crisis. These communities, which have largely been ignored in the past, lack the resources and administrative capacity to navigate the grant request process and management of the allocated COVID funds. The commissioners must proactively reach out to leaders and key stakeholders in disadvantaged communities and provide adequate resources for preparing grant applications and other supporting services. 30% of COVID Funds for Small Businesses Should be Directed to Minority and Woman Owned Businesses In addition to reimbursement for COVID related expenses, at least 30% of COVID funds for small businesses must also be preferentially directed to small businesses in rural and underserved communities with. Objective criteria for grant award must include increasing diversity, support of minority and woman owned business, and business expansion in economically distressed communities. We all recognize that small businesses are the backbone of the county's economy. Minority and woman owned business are critical to creating new jobs in underserved communities. However, these business all too frequently do not have access to capital or other resources necessary to start a new business or expand an existing business. The loss of small business opportunities has a disproportionate, adverse impact on rural and underserved communities.*

*Jennifer McGuiggan, Greensburg - As you consider how to use the \$31.5 million that Westmoreland County has received through the CARES Act, I join other county residents in demanding oversight, transparency, and a fair distribution of funds to support our community's most vulnerable people. We must prioritize universal testing, contact tracing, and isolation; rental assistance; PPE for healthcare workers and other frontlines workers; Broadband access and tablets for low-income students; and help for small, locally-owned businesses and sole proprietorships.*

*Lauren Stuparitz, Youngwood - As a family of Youngwood, we want to let you know that with all of the money the county will get in response to the pandemic, it needs to be allocated to support the most vulnerable people in the county. This means being used for services and resources and programs like rent forgiveness, rental assistance, testing and treatment access in needy communities, and managing community spread by contact tracing and supplying families who need help with protections like masks, gloves, sanitizer. We deserve to have a say in how the county is operating and are so eager to participate in the democratic process. Thank you for your time.*

**Members of the public, in attendance, requested that an additional public comment be submitted for the record, the Board of Commissioners agreed, and the following was read at the meeting:**

*Allison Howard, Hempfield Township-member of the voice of Westmoreland – a minimum of \$1 million county COVID Funds must be directed to childcare in underserved communities; working parents in underserved communities are dependent on child care to allow them to go to work; may working parents in underserved communities are the sole source of family income; low income workers were struggling to find safe child care before COVID; the COVID crisis has all but eliminated safe child care in these communities; the lack of safe child care is a significant barrier to a parent’s ability to return to work; providing safe child care to working parents in underserved communities is an absolute necessity in COVID recovery; small business grants should include grant applications for those businesses that use the funds for safe child care for it’s employees, the loss of safe child care due to COVID and the adverse impact on working parents is a legitimate use of COVID funds for underserved communities; a minimum of \$1 million dollars of county COVID funds must be directed to childcare for working parents in underserved communities*

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the **Certificates of Service:**

**30 Years**

Bobbi J. Weaver

**15 Years**

Christina Clayton  
Scott Kennedy  
Lawrence JR Howells  
Jason M. Ware

**10 Years**

George C. Yakim  
Jodie L. Caperelli  
Jonathan M. Caranese  
Matthew P. Toth  
Jane A. Homulka  
Amanda A. Smartnick  
Amanda L. Buszniski  
Megan K. McDonough

**Solicitors Report**

Upon review and recommendation Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Sharon Bold, Director and the Department of Financial Administration, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Adult Probation:**

- (A) Demonstration Electronic Monitoring Service Agreement (Agreement No. 060420MV-1) with **BI Incorporated**, for two BI Home Guard 20/20 Cellular Units, for a twenty one day demonstration term, commencing upon confirmation of the first unit installed and terminated upon the expiration of the demonstration term, at no cost to Westmoreland County
- (B) Amendment to Agreement with **Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc., d/b/a SPS Behavioral Care**, approved October 10, 2019 in the amount of **\$80,794.00 additional** (No Cost to Westmoreland County, New Total Agreement \$314,649.00; this amendment is pursuant to Grant Agreement Project Modification previously approved April 2, 2020) for **“Intermediate Punishment,”** for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
- (C) Application with the **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency** for **“Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program,”** in the amount of **\$345,000.00** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; final approval subject to Solicitor review

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Dirk Matson, Administrator, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Behavioral Health & Developmental Services**:

- (A) Agreements for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:
- (1) **Axiom Family Counseling Services, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$20,000.00** (DHS \$19,059.00, County \$941.00) for “**Behavioral Health: Outpatient (Diagnostic Interview (Adult, Child), Individual Therapy, Medication Mgmt, Medication Check), Emergency Services (Torrance CHIPPS)**”
  - (2) **Community Living Care**, in the amount of **\$296,998.00** (DHS \$283,022.00, County \$13,976.00) for “**Intellectual Disabilities: Companion Services, In-Home & Community Supports, Community Participation Support, Base Service, Transportation (Trip), Support Med Environment, Family Aide, Adult Dev Training**”
  - (3) **Regional Integrated Human Services, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$549,417.00** (DHS \$523,563.00, County \$25,854.00) for “**Intellectual Disabilities: Purchased Delegated ID Services**”
  - (4) **Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$49,062.00** (DHS \$49,062.00, No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**Behavioral Health: SAP Core Team Liaison**”
  - (5) **Adelphoi Village**, in the amount of **\$200,000.00** (DHS \$190,585.00, County \$9,415.00) for “**Behavioral Health: Multisystemic Therapy (Children’s Evidence Based), Community Service-Family Support/Advocacy**”
  - (6) **Unity Family Services**, in the amount of **\$65,000.00** (DHS \$61,940.00, County \$3,060.00) for “**Behavioral Health: Family Based (Individual Delivered, Team Delivered)**”
  - (7) **Centerville Clinics, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$15,000.00** (DHS \$14,294.00, County \$706.00) for “**Behavioral Health: Partial Hospitalization/Licensed Child**”

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Shara Saveikis, Administrator and the Department of Financial Administration (items E & F), motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for Children's Bureau:

- (A) Fourth Amendment to Agreement with **ARCPoint Labs, (Bid 17-40)** approved July 27, 2017, to extend through August 31, 2020, at the same prices; this extension would allow for bid specifications to be prepared
- (B) Letter of Agreement with **Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems & Beacon Light Adult Residential Services** to collaborate in accordance with applicable rules, regulations and policies for the purpose of care coordination activities beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022
- (C) Agreement with **DMJ Transportation, Inc.**, to provide transportation services to and from school for children in placement, not to exceed \$300.00/day for each child transported, for the term July 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2021; not to exceed \$11,000.00
- (D) Amendment to Letter of Understanding with **Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP Services**, approved December 6, 2018 to add telemedicine for "**Support Service,**" at the rate of **\$150.00/hour**
- (E) Agreements for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:
  - (1) **Professional Family Care Services, Inc. (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)** for "**Foster Care,**" at the following per diem rates:  

<b>\$67.00</b> for <b>Foster Care</b>	<b>\$98.51</b> for <b>Foster Care Minor Parent and Child</b>
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  - (2) **Pathways Adolescent Center (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)** for "**Residential, Transitional Living,**" at the following per diem rates:  

<b>\$145.00</b> for <b>Boys Residential Community Based</b>
<b>\$150.00</b> for <b>Girls Residential Community Based</b>
<b>\$140.00</b> for <b>Boys Supervised Transitional Living</b>
<b>\$185.00</b> for <b>Girls Supervised Transitional Living</b>
  - (3) **Adelphoi Village, Inc. (Title IV-E, Act 148, MA)** for "**Residential, Foster Care, Secure,**" at the following per diem rates:  

<b>\$238.00</b> for <b>Intensive Supervision Male</b>
<b>\$242.00</b> for <b>Intensive Supervision Female</b>
<b>\$242.00</b> for <b>Substance Abuse Male (non MA)</b>
<b>\$234.94</b> for <b>Sexual Offenses Male</b>
<b>\$223.00</b> for <b>Shelter Care</b>
<b>\$327.00</b> for <b>Secure Treatment Male/Female</b>
<b>\$216.22</b> for <b>Specialized Independent Living Male</b>
<b>\$284.00</b> for <b>Sexual Offenses MH Focus Male</b>
<b>\$292.80</b> for <b>Intensive Supervision MH Focus Female</b>
<b>\$76.45</b> for <b>Specialized Kinship/Foster Care</b>
<b>\$82.45</b> for <b>Intensive Kinship/Foster Care</b>
<b>\$88.45</b> for <b>Pregnant and Parenting Foster Care</b>
<b>\$372.00</b> for <b>Secure Sexual Offender</b>
<b>\$295.68</b> for <b>Enhanced Supervision Male</b>

(F) Agreements for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:

- (1) **Yaroch Counseling (Act 148, Medical Assistance, County)** for “**Therapy, Visits, Assessments,**” at the following rates:

**\$82.00/hour for Individual Therapy**  
**\$28.40/hour for Group Therapy**  
**\$87.44/hour for Family Therapy**  
**\$56.70/hour for Report Writing**  
**\$61.80/hour for Court Reports**  
**\$61.80/hour for Court Preparation**  
**\$61.80/hour for Professional Consultation**  
**\$103.00/hour for Expert Court Testimony**  
**\$724.86/assessment for Assessments**  
**\$0.58/mile for mileage**  
**\$87.44/hour for Clinical Supervised Family Visits**  
**\$72.27/hour for Intake**  
**\$70.50/hour for Re-Assessments**

- (2) **Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc. (TANF, Act 148, County)** for “**Outpatient Substance Abuse, Family First Program, Groups, MDFT,**” at the following rates:

**\$157.81/hour for Outpatient Substance Abuse: MA Denial**  
**\$48.00/hour/person for Outpatient Substance Abuse Group Rate**  
**\$69.00/hour for Family First**  
**\$46.00/hour/person for Family First Group Rate**  
**\$44.91/per 15 minute unit for Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT)**  
**\$0.575/mile for mileage**

- (3) **Ligonier Therapeutic Center (STAT, Inc) (TANF, Act 148, County)** for “**Equine Assisted Psychotherapy,**” as per the fee schedule

- (4) **John Carosso, Psy. D (TANF, Act 148, MA, County)** for “**Psychological Evaluations, Interactionals, Court Testimony,**” at the following rates:

**\$300.00/evaluation for Psychological Evaluation (ages 3-21; non-MA)**  
**\$180.00/re-evaluation for Re-Evaluation (ages 3-21; non-MA)**  
**\$130.00/evaluation for Psychological Eval Adults (portion not billed to MA)**  
**\$75.00/hour for Court Testimony**  
**\$200.00/interactionals (minimum 1 hour)**

- (5) **Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. d/b/a Monessen Family Center (TANF, Act 148, County)** for “**Intensive Family Reunification, Family Preservation,**” at the following rates:

**\$75.00/hour for Intensive Family Reunification**

**\$75.00/hour for Family Preservation**

**\$25.00/hour for Transporter/Visitors**

**\$0.575/mile for Mileage**

**\$75.00/hour for Court Appearance Testimony**

**\$60.00/hour for Care Consultation/Monthly and Court Reports**

**\$20.00/hour for Port to Port**

- (6) **Neil D. Rosenblum, Ph.D (TANF, Act 148, County)** for “**Psychological Evaluations, Interactionals, Court Testimony,**” at the following rates:

**\$450.00/evaluation for Psychological Evaluation**

**\$250.00/hearing for Court Testimony by Phone**

**\$500.00/hearing for Court Testimony in Person**

**\$450.00/interactional for Interactionals**

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Amy DeMatt, Court Administrator, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Court Administration:**

- (A) Amendment to Agreement with **Kathryn “Kathy” Sileo**, for “**Court Reporter Services,**” approved June 25, 2020 for the term July 6, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to add the rate of \$100.00/day for jury trials; this agreement and the agreement with Bonnie Bell for Court Reporter Services shall not to exceed \$10,000.00

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

- (A) First Amendment to Agreement with **ARCPoint Labs**, approved February 13, 2020, to extend through August 31, 2020, at the same prices, this extension would allow for bid specifications to be prepared
- (B) Training Agreement for Internships and Practicums with **Westmoreland County Community College** for Fall 2020
- (C) **Personnel Actions:**

**New Hires**

Jessica Foltz-Food Service Worker Temp  
Justin Williams-Food Service Worker Temp  
Gabrielle Edwards- RN Charge  
Magdaline Oblak-Food Service Worker Temp  
Ronald Wolfgang-Park Police  
Matthew Henderson-Parks  
Kelsey Huffman-Juvenile Service Worker Temp  
Roxanne Busch-County Caseworker  
Amanda McDivitt-Local Gov Coord, Community Development  
Chad Roadman-Maint Worker II  
Denise Hixson-Legal Secretary Courts  
Sarabeth Burkholder-Dept Clerk, Domestic  
Ashlee Weyandt-Aging Care Manager  
Timothy Phillips-Director Drug Overdose Taskforce

**Rehires**

Sandra Elliott-RN Charge  
Leanne Darrell-Nurses Aide Temp  
Olivia Neill-Food Service Worker Temp  
Aimee Reagan-Nurses Aide Temp  
Michael Bialecki-Seasonal Parks  
James Sonafelt-Seasonal Parks  
Keaton Moorheard-Seasonal Parks  
Kenneth Eutsey -Seasonal Parks  
Kyle Weiser-Seasonal Parks

**Resignations**

Amanda King-Nurses Aide  
Josephine Bortz-RN Charge  
Corinne Wentzel-Unit Assistant Temp Trainee  
Melissa Hayes-Nurses Aide  
Gina DelTinto-Food Service Worker Temp  
Alex Salai-Food Service Worker Temp  
Janice Craig-Nurses Aide Modified  
Leanne Darrell-Nurses Aide Temp  
Betty O'Dell-Nurses Aide Trainee Temp  
Teresa Barber-Nurses Aide  
Deborah Bulebosh-Nurses Aide Modified  
Frances Cunningham-Nurses Aide  
Tracy Higdon-Maint Worker III  
Laura Wonderling-Clerk Typist II, AAA  
Christopher Haidze-Asst. Public Defender  
Sean Colligan-Correction Officer

**Terminations/End of Temp Employment**

Lindsay Staats-Nurses Aide  
Sidney Albers-Unit Assistant Temp Trainee  
Kelly Johnson-Unit Assistant Temp Trainee  
Victoria Arnold-Nurses Aide Temp  
Justin Williams-Food Service Worker Temp  
Kaitlyn Mincin-Unit Assistant Temp Trainee  
Jennifer Clester-Nurses Aide  
Kayla Demo-Nurses Aide  
Gabrielle Edwards-RN Charge  
Timiaha Hill-Food Service Wkr PT  
Daniel Jennings-Laundry Wkr PT  
Joanne Harding-Records Supervisor Prison  
Amber Saville-TCO, 911

**Retirements**

Carol Noppe-RN Charge  
Brenda Burkley-LPN  
Renee Miscovich-RN Assessment Coordinator  
Barbara Jacobs-Nurses Aide  
Linda Evans-Laundry Equipment Operator  
Diane Hauger-LPN  
Cindy Shaw-Laundry Worker  
Kathleen Sivak-Legal Secretary Tax Assessment  
Katherine Johnson-AAA, Admin III  
Kathryn Sileo-Court Reporter , Bilik Office  
Michael Linardi-Manager Systems  
Leonard Santimyer-Certified Assessor, Tax Assessment  
Kathryn Lischick-Clerk Typist III BH/DS

**Return to Work from Furlough, June 20, 2020 through July 10, 2020**

Bruce Nalevanko  
Marisa Knopsnider  
Lonnie Cross  
McKenzie Flock  
Jane Homulka  
Brooke Bertani  
Michael Sarsfield  
Edward Poponick  
Dianne Levrio  
Cheryl Marroncelli  
Jane Homulka  
Sueann Poole  
Jon Weible  
Melissa Brown  
Katherine Walton  
John Bryant  
Christina Roland  
John Merella  
Robert Hoey  
Michael Fligger  
James Burke  
Michelle Jenkins  
Lloyd Ohler  
Melissa Hughes  
Georgiann Salandro  
Ruth Tatka  
Sheila Smouse  
John Misner  
Lori Burguss  
Sarah Keffer  
James Caffrey  
John Miller  
Mark Minser  
Lisa Corsaro  
Phillip Brown  
Joshua Markle  
Rebecca McAdams  
Francine Gibbon  
Mary Humberger  
Celeste Falatovich  
Tina Frye

Debra Phillips  
Donald Goldstrohm  
Marlene Helinski  
Thomas McGarry  
Kimberly Payne  
Diane Merrill  
Cindy Kozar  
Lisa Petroy  
Natalie Wallace  
Mary Shugarts  
Molly Ranker  
Marsha George  
Linda Bush  
Kaysi Kerlin  
Nancy Murtland  
Rachel Fiaschetti  
Stephanie Wiley  
Tina Barnes  
Carol Mash  
Sharron Prettiman  
Katie Pecarchik  
Michele Ferrari  
Patricia Ferrara  
Tracy Hice  
Barbara Italiano  
Michele Defloria  
Megan Wilford  
Barbara Brown  
Martha Browning  
Penny Batley  
Marco Gammara  
Sandra Walker  
Robert McDonald  
Aaron Elliott  
Doreen Zalakar  
Laurie Zimmers  
Sarah Jennings  
Lisa Tabita  
Deanna Santucci  
Sonja Hall

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

- (A) Record Access Agreement for computer terminal access to Courthouse records as per fee schedule, effective the date of the Agreement through June 30, 2021, with automatic renewal, with the following and authorize the Director of Information Systems to execute contract documents on behalf of the County:
  - Ferrara Appraisals
- (B) Commitment Form for Sylint Agreement 2020 with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, Technology Services, in the amount of **\$4,200.00**

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Nicole Kamer, Deputy Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following for **Juvenile Detention & Shelter**:

- (A) Agreement with **Matthew A. Burns Consulting, LLC**, for “**PREA Auditing Services**,” in the amount of **\$5,000.00**
- (B) Professional Services Agreement with **Logistics Plus Linguistic Solutions**, for “**Interpreting, Document Translation and Linguistic Services**” for those languages set forth in the Agreement as needed by the County for the period of August 1, 2020 through August 1, 2021, with either party having the ability to terminate the Agreement upon sixty (60) days written advanced notice. In-Person Interpreting Rates are \$45.00 per hour for the first hour if made with more than 48 hours notice; appointments made with less than 48 hours notice are billed at \$55.00 per hour plus travel expenses. Over the phone interpretation rates are set forth in appendix A to the Agreement. Translation of documents is twenty (20) cents per word for Spanish documents, with all other languages billed at twenty-three (23) cents per word.

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

- (A) **Resolution #R-35-2020**, authorizing a substantial amendment to the County’s FY 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

**RESOLUTION #R-35-2020**

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners find it necessary to make substantial amendments Federal Fiscal Years 2018 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 16th day of July, 2020, 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) Subrecipient Agreement Amendments; Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its CDBG program.

<b>SUBRECIPIENT</b>	<b>ACTIVITY CODE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Hempfield Township	18-13C	Removal of Architectural Barriers	Budget Decrease -\$12,990.00
St. Clair Township	18-25B	Street Reconstruction	Budget Decrease -\$26,706.07

- (C) **Resolution #R-36-2020**, authorizing substantial amendments to the County's FY 2017, 2018, and 2019 HOME Investment Partnership Program.

**RESOLUTION #R-36-2020**

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners find it necessary to make substantial amendments to the Federal Fiscal Year 2017, 2018, & 2019 Westmoreland County HOME Investment Partnerships 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 HOME Investment Partnerships 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland that the amendment as described on the attached summary are hereby in all respects approved.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program Amendment					
July 16, 2020					
Program Year 2017					
Subrecipient	Activity Code	Activity Description	Action Taken	Current Budget	Amended Budget
Westmoreland Community Action	17-77	CHDO Set-Aside for Homeowner Rehab WCA	Activity Cancelled -\$89,131.35	\$89,131.35	\$0.00
Homes Build Hope	17-78A	CHDO Set-Aside for New Rental Construction Mary Street HBH	Activity Created +\$79,131.35	\$0.00	\$79,131.35
Westmoreland Community Action	17-72B	CHDO Set-Aside for New Homebuyer Construction Youngwood Modular WCA	Activity Created +\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Amendment					
July 16, 2020					
Program Year 2018					
Subrecipient	Activity Code	Activity Description	Action Taken	Current Budget	Amended Budget
Westmoreland County Housing Authority	18-76	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Budget Decreased -\$70,000.00	\$170,000	\$100,000.00
City of Jeannette	18-75	City of Jeannette Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance	Activity Cancelled -\$50,000.00	\$50,000	\$0.00
Homes Build Hope	18-78B	CHDO Set-Aside for Rental Rehab HBH	Activity Cancelled -\$240,038.82	\$240,038.82	\$0.00
Westmoreland Community Action	18-72B	CHDO Set-Aside for Homeowner Rehab WCA	Activity Cancelled -\$105,422.51	\$105,422.51	\$0.00
Westmoreland County Housing Authority	18-78A	New Rental Construction Odin View Senior Housing Project	Budget Increased +\$6,663.98	\$282,955.00	\$289,618.98
Homes Build Hope	18-78A	CHDO Set-Aside for New Rental Construction Mary Street HBH	Activity Created +\$458,797.35	\$0.00	\$458,798.35
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Amendment					
July 16, 2020					
Program Year 2019					
Subrecipient	Activity Code	Activity Description	Action Taken	Current Budget	Amended Budget
Westmoreland County Housing Authority	19-78A	New Rental Construction Odin View Senior Housing Project	Budget Decreased -\$6,663.98	\$125,000.00	\$118,336.02
City of Jeannette	19-75	City of Jeannette Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance	Activity Cancelled -\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
N/A	19-77	Countywide Homeowner Rehab	Activity Cancelled -\$130,000	\$130,000.00	\$0.00
Homes Build Hope	19-78A	CHDO Set-Aside for New Rental Construction Mary Street HBH	Budget Increased +\$156,663.98	\$539,866.42	\$696,530.40

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

- (A) Change Order #1 to Agreement with **Wilson Restoration**, approved April 2, 2020 for “**Westmoreland County Prison Exterior Masonry Cleaning,**” (Bid 20-14), in the amount of **\$21,636.00 additional** (New Total Agreement \$233,088.00) for new sealant at brick soldier course bands to prevent water intrusion
- (B) Investment Grade Energy Audit Agreement with **Reynolds Energy Services, Inc.**, to perform an Investment Grade Energy Audit and prepare a detailed engineering and economic report to identify the energy improvements and operational changes which are recommended to be installed or implemented at the Prison. In the event that the parties do not enter into a GESA, Reynolds shall be paid \$25,000.00.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Roland Mertz, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Public Safety:**

- (A) **Resolution #R-37-2020**, accepting donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Endagraph, Inc., with the provision that is used for purchase of Emergency Management Equipment

**RESOLUTION #R-37-2020**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM ENDAGRAPH, INC.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 202 of the County Code, 16 P.S. § 202, each County, through its Board of Commissioners, has the capacity to “[p]urchase, acquire by gift or otherwise, hold, lease, let and convey such real and personal property as shall be deemed to be for the best interests of the county;” and

WHEREAS, Endagraph, Inc. has informed the County that it wishes to make a \$300.00 donation to the County provided that the funds are used for the purchase of emergency management equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to accept the funds with the provision that the funds be used to purchase emergency management equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Westmoreland, that the Board is hereby accepting the \$300.00 donation to the County from Endagraph, Inc. with the funds to be used for the purchase of emergency management equipment.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, held this 16th<sup>day</sup> of July, 2020, with a quorum being present.

- (B) Professional Services Agreement with **Mutual Aid Ambulance Service, Inc.**, to provide temperature taking of employees as employees arrive at the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic; beginning July 1, 2020 and continuing on a weekly basis at the rate of **\$400.00/per day**
- (C) Automatic renewal of Dark Fiber License Agreement with **Sunesys, LLC**, dated September 10, 2015 for an additional 60 month period (this is the first of three additional terms) in the amount of **\$150.00/month**
- (D) Memorandum of Agreement with Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office, regarding the use of Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety Interoperable Systems and IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks, to remain in effect for a maximum of three years and further approve **Resolution #R-38-2020** authorizing the Director of Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety to execute the document on behalf of the County.

RESOLUTION #R-38-2020

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland is required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office regarding the use of the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety Interoperable Systems and IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to authorize the Director of Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, that the Director of the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office regarding the use of the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety Interoperable Systems and IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN);

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

- (E) Extension of Grant Agreement with **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency**, approved October 31, 2019 in the amount of **\$21,338.45** for “**Hazardous Materials Response Fund, SFY 2019-2020 HMRF Grant**”, to extend the grant term to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021
- (F) Professional Services Agreement with **JH Consulting, LLC**, to provide “**Commodity Flow Study Update**,” to include highway, railway, pipeline and facility analyses and monitoring sites for consistency with the 2011 and 2016 studies; in the amount of **\$6,925.00**, which includes all hourly and direct costs necessary to complete the project
- (G) Fire Alarm Basic Service with **Johnson Controls**, for Westmoreland 911 Facility in the amount of **\$1,429.76** for the term October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021
- (H) 2020 Emergency Operations Plan Update

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

- (A) Bids for “**Resurfacing & Guide Rail Replacement for Slickville-Saltsburg Road & Story Road,**” (Bid 20-31), were opened on July 7, 2020:

	Base Bid	Add Alt #1	Total
Tresco Paving	\$842,916.40	\$308,968.80	\$1,151,885.20
Derry Construction Co., Inc.	\$866,247.50	\$308,004.95	\$1,174,252.50
A. Folino Construction	\$1,117,515.89	\$341,545.05	\$1,459,060.94

Recommended by Greg McCloskey, Director to award bid to **Tresco Paving**, being the lowest bidder and meeting specifications in the amount of **\$1,151,885.20** (Base Bid \$842,916.40 + Alt #1 \$308,968.80); this project is funded by Liquid Fuels and Title 75

- (B) Easement Agreement with **West Penn Power** to extend electrical service to Pavilion #12 at Northmoreland County Park, located in Allegheny Township, across Tax Map #42-16-00-0-017
- (C) Change Order #1 to Agreement with **Parking Lot Painting Company, (Bid 19-31)** approved August 15, 2019 for “**Line Painting of Westmoreland County Roads,**” in the amount of **\$997.68 additional** (additions in the amount of \$4,392.68 and deducts in the amount of \$3,395.00) to reflect actual quantities used
- (D) Revised Right-of-Way Plan for the Westmoreland County Bridge #29, over Loyalhanna Creek in Latrobe, and further approve **Resolution #R-39-2020**, authorizing the County Solicitor to proceed with the Declarations of Taking required to obtain the Temporary Construction Easements required to construct the project

#### RESOLUTION #R-39-2020

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides grants to the states to improve public roads and enhance the safety and traffic flow on such roads; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has adopted policies and procedures for the initiation and conduct of improvements to the public roads in accordance with the FHWA Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland is participating in such a Program and has developed construction and right-of-way plans for the County Bridge #29 (Ligonier Street Bridge over Loyalhanna Creek, a.k.a. “The Brewery Bridge”) in the City of Latrobe in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions set by PennDOT, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a parcel or parcels of land exist where the County requires permanent and temporary access for the bridge construction project, and

WHEREAS, the County will need to file a Declaration of Taking with the Court in order to proceed with the Project in the event that the County is unable to reach an amicable settlement with the property owners of the area where the County requires permanent and temporary access for the bridge construction.

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 Drawings Authorizing Acquisition of Right-of-Way for the County Bridge #29 as required for this Project.
2. That the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the Right-of-Way Plan on behalf of the County of Westmoreland.
3. The County commits to an acquisition of taking of approximately 47,103 square feet of property for a Temporary Construction Easement and 70 square feet of property for the Required Sidewalk Easement as required for this Project in the event that the County is unable to reach an amicable settlement with the respective property owners.
4. The County authorizes the County Solicitor to proceed to initiate the declaration of taking for those parcels identified as 4, 5, and 8 on the Right of Way Plan in the event that the County is unable to reach an amicable settlement with the respective property owners.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

- (E) **Resolution #R-40-2020**, authorizing the County Solicitor to proceed with Declarations of Taking required to obtain the Temporary Construction Easements required to make the necessary land slide repairs for the Slickville Saltsburg Road; this action is deemed necessary after attempts to settle amicably.

#### RESOLUTION #R-40-2020

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland is making repairs to slide prone areas along the Slickville Saltsburg County Road C6407 in Loyalhanna Township in order to maintain the stability of the roadway (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a parcel or parcels of land exist where the County requires temporary access (hereinafter "Property") to make repairs to the slide prone area; and

WHEREAS, the County will need to file a Declaration of Taking with the Court in order to proceed with the Project in the event that the County is unable to reach an amicable settlement with the property owners of the area where the County requires access for the Project.

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

5. The County commits to an acquisition of taking of approximately 30,000 square feet of property for Temporary Construction Easement for County Road C6407 as required for this Project in the event that the County is unable to reach an amicable settlement with the respective property owners.
6. The County authorizes the County Solicitor to be able to proceed to initiate the declaration of taking of approximately 30,000 square feet in connection with parcels bearing tax map identification numbers 52-01-00-0-059 and 52-04-00-0-011 in the event that the County is unable to reach an amicable settlement with the respective property owners.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

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

- (A) Hunting License Issuing Agent Agreement with the **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Game Commission**, to establish electronic banking transfers for hunting license revenues for a period of five (5) years, and the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect upon the same terms and conditions for an additional one (1) year term and thereafter in successive one (1) year terms, unless and until the Agreement is terminated as provided

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

- (A) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Elaine C. Corbin**, of property owned and located in the Municipality of Murrysville, Franklin Regional School District, Westmoreland County, No. 3932 of 2019 for tax year 2019 (effective June 1, 2019). The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 49-15-10-0-053**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2019	\$256,944.00	14.4%	\$37,000.00

(effective June 1, 2019)

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

- (B) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Ronald Cava & Diane Cava**, of property owned and located in the Municipality of Murrysville, Franklin Regional School District, Westmoreland County, No. 3931 of 2019 for tax year 2019 (effective June 1, 2019). The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 49-15-10-0-054**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2019	\$305,555.00	14.4%	\$44,000.00

(effective June 1, 2019)

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

- (C) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Penn Pioneer Enterprises, LLC**, of property owned and located in Trafford Borough, Penn-Trafford School District, Westmoreland County, No. 3319 of 2019 for tax year 2019 (effective July 15, 2019). The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 36-03-03-0-430**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2019	\$42,000.00	16.3%	\$6,846.00

(effective July 15, 2019)

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

- (D) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Penn Pioneer Enterprises, LLC**, of property owned and located in Trafford Borough, Penn-Trafford School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5907 of 2019 for tax year 2020. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 36-03-03-0-430**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2020	\$66,000.00	14.4%	\$9,504.00

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

- (E) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Nathan J. Hill**, of property owned and located in Derry Township, Derry Area School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5185 of 2019 for tax years 2020 & 2021. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 45-35-08-0-001**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2020	\$252,000.00	14.4%	\$36,288.00
2021	\$252,000.00	13.1%	\$33,012.00

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

- (F) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Nathan J. Hill d/b/a Hills Wholesale Gaming, a sole proprietorship**, of property located in Derry Township, Derry Area School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5192 of 2019 for tax years 2020 & 2021. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 45-35-08-0-030**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2020	\$448,000.00	14.4%	\$64,512.00
2021	\$448,000.00	13.1%	\$58,688.00

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

- (G) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Greensburg Salem School District** for property owned by **HSJS Holding, LLC**, located in the Borough of Southwest Greensburg, Greensburg Salem School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5657 of 2019 for tax year 2020. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 34-01-11-0-044**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2020	\$69,400.00	14.4%	\$9,990.00

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

- (H) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Greensburg Salem School District** for property owned by **HSJS Holding, LLC**, located in the Borough of Southwest Greensburg, Greensburg Salem School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5656 of 2019 for tax year 2020. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 34-01-11-0-043**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2020	\$277,600.00	14.4%	\$39,970.00

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

- (I) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of **Hempfield Area School District** for property owned by **ABS Holdings LLC**, located in New Stanton Borough, Hempfield School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5601 of 2016 for tax years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 64-03-00-0-054**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2017	\$365,000.00	17.3%	\$63,145.00
2018	\$365,000.00	16.2%	\$59,130.00
2019	\$365,000.00	16.3%	\$59,495.00
2020	\$365,000.00	14.4%	\$52,560.00

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 **Hempfield Area School District** for property owned by **OM Real Estate/Greensburg LLC and NR Realty 4, LLC**, located in Hempfield Township, Hempfield Area School District, Westmoreland County, No. 6127 of 2015 for tax years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

**Tax Map No. 50-22-00-0-222**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2016	\$2,909,091.00	19.8%	\$576,000.00
2017	\$3,329,480.00	17.3%	\$576,000.00
<i>(taxes for 2017 shall be prorated based on the duration of ownership of each)</i>			
2018	\$4,000,000.00	16.2%	\$648,000.00
2019	\$4,000,000.00	16.3%	\$652,000.00
2020	\$4,000,000.00	14.4%	\$576,000.00

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) **Resolution #R-41-2020**, establishing the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program and Westmoreland CARES Nonprofit Support Grant Program, to assist small businesses and nonprofits affected by COVID-19 public health crisis. The programs will be funded using federal CARES Act funds provided to the County by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant. An initial amount of \$5 million has been allocated to each Grant Program for a total of \$10 million.

RESOLUTION #R-41-2020

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 was 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, 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, through the Grant Fund, the Board of Commissioners intends to provide relief to small businesses and non-profits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to help the small businesses and non-profits remain viable through the COVID-19 pandemic by retaining employees and covering expenses; and

WHEREAS, in order to do so, the Board of Commissioners wishes to establish two grant programs, namely, the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program and the Westmoreland CARES Nonprofit Support Grant Program, each in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Programs”) from the Grant Fund.

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, do hereby establish two grant programs, namely, the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program and the Westmoreland CARES Nonprofit Support Grant Program, each in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Programs”) from the Grant Fund.

RESOLVED and enacted this 16th day of July, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (L) Agreement with **Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland** to provide assistance in relation to the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program and Westmoreland CARES Nonprofit Support Grant Program, as requested by the Board of Commissioners, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 unless otherwise amended.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guidy, County Solicitor and Angela Knauff, Administrator, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Westmoreland Manor**:

- (A) Memorandum of Agreement with **Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI)** for DCI to provide dialysis services to patients at the Manor for a one year term, subject to automatic renewal, unless terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice.
- (B) Amendment to the June 25, 2020 agenda items 17(a) and 17(b) (Westmoreland Manor) to provide for a separate Laboratory Services Agreement for COVID-19 Testing with Excela Health d/b/a Westmoreland Regional Hospital.
- (C) Agreement for Ambulance & Healthcare Transportation Services with Mutual Aid Ambulance Service, Inc., effective August 1, 2020 through August 1, 2021, subject to automatic renewal, unless terminated with thirty days written notice, at the following rates:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Base Rate</b>	<b>Mileage Rate/Mile</b>
ALS Interfacility	\$300.00	\$2.00
BLS Interfacility	\$180.00	\$2.00
Wheel Chair Van	\$45.00	\$2.00

- (D) Bids for **“Re-Bid Westmoreland Manor Chemical Cleaning Supplies Bid,” (Bid 20-33)**, for the term August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023, were opened on July 7, 2020:

Artemis Bio-Solutions	Rejected- No Bid Security
Gordon Food Service	\$27,847.96
Reinhart Food Service	\$30,709.57
Janitors Supply	\$7,452.87 - did not bid on all items
Allegheny Supply & Maint Co., Inc.	\$35,504.63

Award bid to **Gordon Food Service**, being the lowest bidder and meeting specifications in the amount of **\$27,847.96**

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

- (1) Amendments to the **2020 Budget** for Westmoreland County, as prepared by the Department of Financial Administration
- (2) **Reappointments/Appointments**
  - (A) Reappoint Vicki Loucks to the Westmoreland-Fayette Board of Directors for a four year term, July 16, 2020 through July 15, 2024
  - (B) Appoint Rennie Detore to the Westmoreland-Fayette Board of Directors for a four year term, July 16, 2020 through July 15, 2024

Motion was made by Mr. Chew seconded by Ms. Cerilli, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:22am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.  
Secretary