

October 13, 2020

The Westmoreland County Commissioners met in special session beginning at 1:33pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in Commissioners Meeting Room #101, Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq. and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew was not in attendance. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

General Agenda

Opportunity for Public Comment

Ron Zera, Hempfield Township – inquiries about Midwest, did they fulfil the term of the contract and if not will the county be refunded

Clare Dooley, Latrobe – wants to encourage drop boxes as many places as possible and as many hours as possible to avoid long lines

The following public comment was received by the Chief Clerk via email prior to 1:00pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2020:

Susan Witt, 15601 - Our commissioners have failed to take enough action on testing and contact tracing as neighboring counties have done. The use of rapid tests and contact tracing could have reduced the severity of, or even prevented, the COVID crisis at Westmoreland Manor. I have family and friends who have been affected and tested positive at the Manor. The fear is real for me. Will you make testing free and easily accessible to all residents of Westmoreland? Clearly Covid is still a massive issue and we need a safe and secure way to vote. We are now only five weeks from the election. There is only one ballot drop off box in Westmoreland County. People who don't live in Greensburg and don't have access to transit deserve a place or local destination for dropping off their mail in ballots. Either the county should buy more ballot drop boxes, or it should be moved to different parts of the county - one weekend day in New Kensington, one weekend day in Monessen, one weekend day in Mt. Pleasant. It is important that ALL voices and votes are heard from the voters of Westmoreland County.

Carole Schick-Moyer, 15650/ Joyce Morgan, Greensburg/ Sara Perman, Greensburg/ Amanda Bostock, 15601/ Lorence King, 15601/ Sarah Spiegel- Our commissioners have failed to take enough action on testing and contact tracing as neighboring counties have done. The use of rapid tests and contact tracing could have reduced the severity of, or even prevented, the COVID crisis at Westmoreland Manor. Will you make testing free and easily accessible to all residents of Westmoreland? Clearly Covid is still a massive issue and we need a safe and secure way to vote. We are now only five weeks from the election. There is only one ballot drop off box in Westmoreland County. People who don't live in Greensburg and don't have access to transit deserve a place or local destination for dropping off their mail in ballots. Either the county should buy more ballot drop boxes, or it should be moved to different parts of the county - one weekend day in New Kensington, one weekend day in Monessen, one weekend day in Mt. Pleasant.

Carol Zera - Please, would you consider adding drop boxes throughout Westmoreland County, specifically in Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant.

Mary Kay Naffa, North Huntingdon - Because of the delays in Westmoreland County citizens receiving their mail-in ballots, it is now all the more imperative that Drop Boxes be available throughout the county, so voters can submit their ballot, promptly, safely and securely. The United States Postal Service has had well documented delays in service, which has broken the trust citizens have with their ballots arriving promptly by mail. For all the above reasons, I emphatically request that six drop boxes be placed throughout the county in Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant, everyday, from now until election day. This will give more of our county citizens access to voting & restore trust that local politicians are advocating for them. We know it feels like a big ask, but it's the right thing to do. And it's your job.

Lauren Stuparitz, Youngwood - Our commissioners have failed to take enough action on testing and contact tracing as neighboring counties have done. The use of rapid tests and contact tracing could have reduced the severity of, or even prevented, the COVID crisis at Westmoreland Manor. Will you make testing free and easily accessible to all residents of Westmoreland? Clearly Covid is still a massive issue and we need a safe and secure way to vote. We are now only five weeks from the election. There is only one ballot drop off box in Westmoreland County. People who don't live in Greensburg and don't have access to transit deserve a place or local destination for dropping off their mail in ballots. Either the county should buy more ballot drop boxes, or it should be moved to different parts of the county - one weekend day in New Kensington, one weekend day in Monessen, one weekend day in Mt. Pleasant. I know you care about the residents of Westmoreland County so I hope you will use your power and positions to create more access to safe voting and wider testing for covid. Thank you very much for your help.

Diana Steck, North Huntingdon (15642) - Our commissioners have failed to take enough action on testing and contact tracing as neighboring counties have done. The use of rapid tests and contact tracing could have reduced the severity of, or even prevented, the COVID crisis at Westmoreland Manor. Now 2 residents have died and many more residents and staff are being infected. Covid is spreading in the community with schools in Norwin and Penn Trafford districts closing due to Covid infections. We cannot sit by and let more county residents get sick and/ or die! VOW has been pleading with you since at least July to take a proactive stance regarding Covid testing. It did not have to be this way! CARES funds can and should be used for widespread Covid testing! Will you make testing free and easily accessible to all residents of Westmoreland? Clearly Covid is still a massive issue and we need a safe and secure way to vote. We are now only four weeks from the election. There is currently only one ballot drop off box in Westmoreland County. People who don't live in Greensburg and don't have access to transit deserve a place or local destination for dropping off their mail in ballots. The county should invest in at least 4 more ballot drop boxes to be placed around the county - in New Kensington, in Monessen, Latrobe, and in Mt. Pleasant.

Karen Jurkovic, 15601/ Jennifer McGuiggan 15601 - Our commissioners have failed to take enough action on testing and contact tracing as neighboring counties have done. The use of rapid tests and contact tracing could have reduced the severity of, or even prevented, the COVID crisis at Westmoreland Manor. Will you make testing free and easily accessible to all residents of Westmoreland? Clearly Covid is still a massive issue and we need a safe and secure way to vote. We are now only five weeks from the election. There is only one ballot drop off box in Westmoreland County. People who don't live in Greensburg and don't have access to transit deserve a place or local destination for dropping off their mail in ballots. Either the county should buy more ballot drop boxes, or it should be moved to different parts of the county - one weekend day in New Kensington, one weekend day in Monessen, one weekend day in Mt. Pleasant.

Victoria Campbell - We request 6 drops from 8am to 8pm...monession..new ken, mt. pleasant.rostraver...latrobe and Ligonier

Justin Blatney, Greensburg - THE PUBLIC DEMANDS 6 BALLOT DROPBOXES ACROSS WESTMORELAND (OPEN 8AM TO 8PM) TO COMBAT VOTER SUPPRESSION. THE LOCATIONS ARE: -Monessen-New Kensington-Mt Pleasant-Rostraver-Latrobe-Ligonier

*Katie Manges - I am writing to demand that 6 drop boxes be placed throughout Westmoreland county in communities such as Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant. **It is more vital than ever** that we protect our ability to vote safely- especially in the middle of a pandemic. Thank you for your time*

Suzanne English - As a citizen of the county, I am writing to ask that the commissioners continue the good work they have begun by placing dropboxes throughout the county to ensure access to safe voting for all of our residents. Having a dropbox at the county courthouse is a wonderful idea. Please place additional dropboxes in: Latrobe, Ligonier, Monessen, Mt. Pleasant, New Kensington, Rostraver This will respect all of our residents and give them the opportunity to participate in the election well remaining safe. Thank you so much for all that you do to serve us.

Gregory Guzik - Having just one Dropbox at the courthouse is absurd. We need the extra boxes to make them readily available to those who can't make it into Greensburg

Romayne Schwartzel - Now, more than ever, drop boxes are needed throughout Westmoreland County! Thousands of mail-in ballots have been requested and have been delayed in being mailed. It is critical to provide access to the citizens of Westmoreland County to drop their ballots at a convenient location. It is the very least you can do.

Aileen Cunningham - It is imperative that you place the rights of the voters in Westmoreland County first. Ballot boxes placed throughout the county will ensure that all voters will have the opportunity to participate in the voting process safely and without unnecessary burdens. Six drop boxes need to be placed in these cities: Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant. Thank you, I trust you will do right by the citizens of Westmoreland County.

Patrick Cassidy, Latrobe - Please ensure the county's electorate is safe to vote during the pandemic, and support expansion of the number of additional election ballot dropoff boxes to six. Thank you.

Matt Shorraw, Mayor, City of Monessen - Please consider this email my public comment regarding Election Drop Boxes in Westmoreland County. I believe that 6 drop boxes should be placed throughout the county in Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe, and Mt. Pleasant. This will help those who do not have adequate access, including single parents, the elderly or those without vehicles to have an easier time submitting their ballots, if they wish to vote by mail. Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Karen Dietrich, Greensburg - We need multiple drop boxes for voters in Westmoreland County to submit their votes. With a county population of over 300,000 residents, we need at least six drop boxes and they must be stationed throughout various communities so all residents have reasonable access to one. Those of us who applied to vote by mail are already dealing with the stress of not having our ballots in hand with an election only three weeks away. We need you to take the appropriate action and approve at least six drop boxes. Thank you

Bob Mason, Trafford - The Commissioners should approve at least 6 more boxes. Making voting more difficult during a pandemic is the equivalent of undemocratic voter suppression.

Bobbie Anne - Please provide the citizens of Westmoreland county with more drop boxes for our ballots. Voting during a pandemic must be made easier for all concerned residents. Instead, here in this county, we are still waiting for our requested mail in ballots while many other counties have already been able to vote. This situation would be helped if there were more drop boxes enabling a quick return of our completed ballots. Thank you.

Ernie DiMartino, Greensburg - I believe that it is imperative to insure integrity for the general election that 6 drop boxes be placed throughout the county one each in Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant. I also hope that you will hire enough staff to to process and count to meet the high demand of mail in ballots.

Ralph A. Miranda, MD - There are a lot of us septuagenarians who are not planning to mingle with election day crowds during this Covid pandemic that is clearly spiking in Westmoreland County. What's worse is that we are still waiting for ballots to arrive while nearly half of October is past. Between the Cleveland contractor charged with distributing our ballots (now in arrears) and dealing with technical issues, and the USPS hobbled by its Trump-appointed and apparently either malicious or inept Postmaster General, my mailbox has yet to see a ballot. Clearly there is much to cause concern as the deadlines for action grow nearer. I urge you to make certain that there are plenty of closely guarded ballot Drop Boxes provided by the county before Trump's predicted and facilitated election confusion becomes the reality. We cannot afford an election process that can be mistrusted. You must continue to do everything possible to ensure access to voting and trustworthy handling of ballots. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Skidmore, Greensburg - I dropped off my ballot to the election bureau this morning. There were 10 people in the office at the time making it impossible to socially distance. A crowded office also puts the employees at an increased risk of COVID exposure. This is completely unacceptable during a pandemic. The recently approved dropbox for the courthouse lobby is the very least the board can do for immuno-compromised voters who want to drop off their ballots. In fact, approving 1 dropbox for a county this large just 16 working days before the election reeks of voter suppression. Why is Westmoreland County so behind the curve on this? It appears our election board used fabricated lawsuits by Trump and the state senate as reason to idle, wasting precious weeks during this crucial time. It is absolutely critical that county citizens receive 100% transparency going forward. To adequately serve a county as large as Westmoreland, 6 drop boxes should be placed around the county. These areas should include Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant. Drop boxes should be manned and available throughout the week for multiple shifts to ensure that every vote counts. Your constituents deserve every effort at voter expansion. Please get it right going forward. We are down to the wire and Westmoreland County can not afford any more mistakes.

Sandra Kremer – extra drop boxes Monessen, Latrobe, Rostraver, Ligonier and Mt. Pleasant

Diana Steck, North Huntingdon - I am a resident of North Huntingdon, Westmoreland county and a VOW member. We need to provide increased public access to drop boxes for mail in ballots. During a pandemic, efforts should be made to make it easier to vote, not more difficult! It is Disheartening when we see neighboring Allegheny county making enhanced efforts to ease voting in their county while we in Westmoreland County are being disenfranchised first by having our ballots delayed and now with a lack of easily accessible drop boxes for voters to return mail in ballots. VOW is demanding 6 drop boxes distributed throughout the county In Monessen, New Kensington, Latrobe, Rostraver, Ligonier and Mt Pleasant. These boxes need to be available until Election Day and during hours that enable working people to access them. Possibly 8am to 8pm daily. Anything less, is unacceptable.

Gary Steck, N Huntingdon - I am writing to express my concern for voting rights in westmoreland county. I live in North Huntingdon and I am a member of VOW. We need greater access to drop boxes for mail in ballots in our county. Ligonier, Mt Pleasant, New Kensington, Rostraver, Latrobe and Monessen would be good geographic locations to serve the county. These drop boxes need to be available daily until the election. This is no time to limit access to casting our ballots during a time of increased COVID outbreaks in our county! We have already suffered by having such a delay in receiving our ballots. You have a duty to protect our votes!

Pam Maroon - Please place additional ballot drop boxes in Monessen, New Kensington, Rostraver, Ligonier, Latrobe, and Mount Pleasant before November 3, 2020.

Stan Burinski - One drop box in the county is ridiculous. There should be as many drop boxes as possible. I think the boxes can safely be located in areas outside of a government building such as grocery stores. This year is not like any other because of the pandemic and the constant attacks on our election system by elected officials at the highest level of office. Additionally the US Postal Service has been politically targeted to question the reliability of timely delivery of ballots and all mail. Now you also have groups promising to disrupt in person voting by claiming to be observers who will be armed with assault weapons. Voting should be easy and as safe as possible without intimidation. This is not a political decision.

Linda Krause - As the Westmoreland County Election Board has completely botched the printing, mailing and delivery of ballots for the 2020 General Election, I am one of many who are demanding that additional drop boxes be placed in the County so that we can be sure that our ballots will be delivered when and if we receive them. As of 10/13/2020, my husband and I have yet to receive our ballots and the status says they were mailed 10/03/2020. This is totally unacceptable as surrounding counties have received theirs long ago.

Solicitors Report

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

- (A) Amendments to Agreements for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:
- (1) **Unity Family Services**, dated June 25, 2020 in the amount of **\$321.00 additional** (DHS \$306.00, County \$15.00; New Total Agreement \$50,321.00) for **“Behavioral Health: Family Based (Individual Delivered, Team Delivered)”**
 - (2) **Westmoreland CaseManagement & Supports, Inc.**, dated June 24, 2019 in the amount of **\$6,733.00 additional** (DHS \$6,060.00, County \$673.00; New Total Agreement \$577,049.00) for **“Early Intervention: Service Coordination (Plan, Preplan/Tracking), Training”**
 - (3) **Paula Teacher & Associates, Inc.**, dated June 24, 2019 in the amount of **\$69,656.00 additional** (DHS \$66,352.00, County \$3,304.00; New Total Agreement \$1,710,283.00) for **“Behavioral Health: Various Services”**
 - (3) **Mental Health America of Southwestern PA d/b/a Mental Health America of Westmoreland County**, dated May 14, 2020 in the amount of **\$56,456.00 additional** (DHS \$53,778.00, County \$2,678.00; New Total Agreement \$956,306.00) for **“Behavioral Health: Rep Payee (Chippis Specialist), Step Up, Community Advocate, Community Service (CST, Ombudsman, Outreach)”**
 - (4) **Passavant Memorial Homes, Inc.**, dated April 23, 2020 in the amount of **\$60,458.00 additional** (DHS \$57,590.00, County \$2,868.00; New Total Agreement \$1,414,997.00) for **“Behavioral Health/Intellectual Disabilities: Companion Services, In-Home & Community Supports, Residential HAB, Long Term Structured Residential”**
 - (5) **Accessabilities, Inc.**, dated July 11, 2019 in the amount of **\$60,051.00 additional** (DHS \$62,146.00, County \$6,905.00; New Total Agreement \$674,660.00) for **“Early Intervention: Speech Pathology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Special Instruction, Special Instruction (Vision); Nutrition Support”**

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

- (A) Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with **Leonard and Joseph Gorsha and John Smittle, Jr.** for rental space at 1100 Fourth Avenue, New Kensington, PA which serves as the offices of District Justice Pallone for an additional ten year term. The monthly rental amount shall be **\$2,073.46** effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025. Effective October 1, 2025 the monthly rent shall increase to \$2,114.93 through September 30, 2030

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and JoAnn Sebastiani, Director, motion was made by Mr. Kertes, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Election Bureau:**

- (A) Amendment to County Application for GEMS Program Funds with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State in the amount of **\$340,453.70**; designating the Chairman of the Board of Elections/Board of Commissioners to execute the Amendment.

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

- (A) Grant Award and Agreement with **Juvenile Court Judges Commission (JCJC)**, in the amount of **\$92,745.93** (No Cost to Westmoreland County), for “**Juvenile Probation Grant In Aid,**” for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

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

- (A) Subrecipient Agreement ESG-CV with **Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.** in the amount of **\$1,880,624.00**; funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be used for emergency shelter, homeless prevention, and rapid re-housing services in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; final approval subject to Solicitor review
- (B) Subrecipient Agreement CDBG-CV with **Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.** in the amount of **\$895,000.00**; funding is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be used for public service activities, food bank support, personal protective equipment, rental assistance and emergency subsistence payments in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; final approval subject to Solicitor review

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

- (A) Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with **Reynolds Energy Services, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$199,310.00** for 24 negative pressure cells at the Westmoreland County Prison; final approval subject to solicitor review.
- (B) Change Order #2 to Agreement with **Wexford Contracting, LLC**, dated April 2, 2020 for “**Westmoreland County Prison Kitchen Floor Replacement-Bid 4,**” (Bid 20-13), in the amount of **\$13,805.00 additional** (New Total Agreement \$274,570.15) for floor slab replacement and replacing existing floor drain

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

- (A) Grant Agreement with the US Department of Homeland Security for the “**2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant,**” for the term October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022 in the total amount of **\$188,098.00** (PEMA \$94,049.00, County Match \$94,049.00) and further approve **Resolution #R-55-2020,** authorizing the Director of Public Safety to electronically execute and submit on behalf of the County

RESOLUTION #R-55-2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland approved a Grant Agreement with the US Department of Homeland Security for the “2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant,” for the term October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$188,098.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to authorize the Director of Public Safety to electronically execute and submit the Grant Agreement on behalf of the County through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, that the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to electronically execute and submit the Grant Agreement on behalf of the County through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, this 13th day of October, 2020.

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

- (A) Acceptance of Statement of Work from **Document Technology Systems,** for “**TrakRecord Upgrade,**” in the amount of **\$92,000.00;** final approval subject to Solicitor review

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

- (A) **Resolution #R-56-2020**, authorizing expenditures under the County Relief Block Grant, including (1) reimbursement to the County in the amount of \$7,779,549.69 for Front Line, Corrections Officers, TCOs for wages and benefits; (2) for computer equipment and software to improve County telework capabilities totaling \$1,347,975.00; (3) Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with **Reynolds Energy Services, Inc.**, in the amount of \$199,310.00 for 24 negative pressure cells at the Westmoreland County Prison (Prison Item A); (4) additional personal protective equipment totaling \$50,715.22 and (5) miscellaneous office equipment for virtual meetings, social distancing, proper cleaning and disinfecting, including book carts, computer tables and chairs, totaling \$47,362.00.

RESOLUTION #R-56-2020

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 County wishes to authorize expenditures needed to offset the cost of Westmoreland County’s direct response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19 including (1) reimbursement to the County in the amount of \$7,779,549.69 for Front Line, Corrections Officers, TCOs for wages and benefits; (2) for computer equipment and software to improve County telework capabilities totaling \$1,347,975.00; (3) for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with Reynolds Energy Services, Inc., in the amount of \$199,310.00 for 24 negative pressure cells at the Westmoreland County Prison; (4) for additional personal protective equipment totaling \$50,715.22 and (5) for miscellaneous office equipment for virtual meetings, social distancing, proper cleaning and disinfecting, including book carts, computer tables and chairs, totaling \$47,362.00.

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

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do hereby authorize expenditures under the County Relief Block Grant needed to offset the cost of Westmoreland County’s direct response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19, including (1) reimbursement to the County in the amount of \$7,779,549.69 for Front Line, Corrections Officers, TCOs for wages and benefits; (2) for computer equipment and software to improve County telework capabilities totaling \$1,347,975.00; (3) for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with Reynolds Energy Services, Inc., in the amount of \$199,310.00 for 24 negative pressure cells at the Westmoreland County Prison; (4) for additional personal protective equipment totaling \$50,715.22 and (5) for miscellaneous office equipment for virtual meetings, social distancing, proper cleaning and disinfecting, including book carts, computer tables and chairs, totaling \$47,362.00.

RESOLVED and enacted this 13th day of October, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (B) Change Order #1 to Agreement with **Horizon Information Systems** dated August 6, 2020 for **“Sound System Upgrade for Courtrooms,” (Bid 20-34)**, to add two additional speakers (\$698.00) to Courtroom 3 and additional microphones to Courtroom 5 (\$888.00); new total amount of **\$118,236.00**

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Abby Testa, Acting Interim Administrator, motion was made by Mr. Kertes, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Westmoreland Manor**:

- (A) **Resolution #R-57-2020** authorizing approval of Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Long Term Living and Westmoreland County and Funding of the Intergovernmental Transfer of \$7,921,081.00.

Resolution #R-57-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF LONG TERM LIVING
AND WESTMORELAND COUNTY AND FUNDING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER OF
\$7,921,081.00

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County has reviewed the terms and conditions for participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Long Term Living and Westmoreland County.

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County hereby consents to participate in the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement and Westmoreland County hereby consents to funding the Intergovernmental Transfer of \$7,921,081.00.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 13th day of October, 2020 by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present

(B) Medical Staffing Agreement Addendum with **Dedicated Nursing Associates, Inc.**, to extend the Hazard Bill Rate Schedule, through October 31, 2020, as follows:

Per-Diem Rates	Weekday	Weekend
Non-Certified Aides	\$39.00/Hr.	\$43.50/Hr.
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$46.50/Hr.	\$51.00/Hr.
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$70.50/Hr.	\$75.00/Hr.
Registered Nurse	\$85.50/Hr.	\$90.00/Hr.
Contract Assignment Rates		
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$61.50/Hr.	\$66.00/Hr.
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$85.50/Hr.	\$90.00/Hr.
Registered Nurse	\$100.50/Hr.	\$105.00/Hr.

(C) Contract Service Agreement with **Medical Solutions, LLC** for a period of one year, subject to automatic renewal, unless terminated earlier with ninety (90) days notice or for cause.

Per Diem Rates	
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$47.00/hr.
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$57.00/hr.
Registered Nurse	\$66.00/hr.
Crisis Rate	Regular hourly rate + \$5.00 - \$25.00 (per approval)

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

(1) Amendments to the **2020 Budget** for Westmoreland County, as prepared by the Department of Financial Administration

Motion was made by Ms. Cerilli, seconded by Mr. Kertes, and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:58pm

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary