

**December 28, 2020**

The Westmoreland County Commissioners met in special session beginning at 10:02am on Tuesday, December 28, 2020 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room #101, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq. and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

**General Agenda**

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

*No Public Comment*

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

- (A) **Resolution #R-92-2020**, authorizing an expenditure under the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program and further approving a subrecipient agreement with Noviello's Sunset Café Inc., in the amount of **\$25,000.00**

RESOLUTION #R-92-2020

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, by Resolution #R-41-2020, the Board of Commissioners established the Westmoreland CARES Small Business Support Grant Program (the “Grant Program”) in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Grant Fund to assist small businesses affected by COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners established an application process for the Grant Program and previously authorized expenditures under the Grant Program and approved Subrecipient Agreements for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with the Subrecipients; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to authorize an additional expenditure under the Grant Program to Noviello’s Sunset Café Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 and to approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Noviello’s Sunset Café Inc.

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 an additional expenditure under the Grant Program to Noviello's Sunset Café Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 and to approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Noviello's Sunset Café Inc.

RESOLVED and enacted this 28th day of December, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (B) County Mileage Reimbursement Rate to the I.R.S. approved maximum rate of **56 cents per mile** effective January 1, 2021, for calendar year **2021**, for union and non-union County employees.

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 item for **Westmoreland Manor:**

- (A) Medical Staffing Agreement Addendum with **Dedicated Nursing Associates, Inc.**, for approved Hazard Bill Rate Schedule, effective December 18, 2020 through January 8, 2021 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:04am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.  
Secretary