

January 14, 2021

The Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session beginning at 10:02am on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Public Meeting Rooms, 2 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq. and Assistant County Solicitor Christopher Nichols. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Industrial Development Corporation Agenda

General Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Meeting held December 17, 2020

Special Meeting held December 22, 2020

Special Meeting held December 28, 2020

Notice of Executive Session

- Wednesday, January 6 to discuss legal and personnel matters

Opportunity for Public Comment

The following public comment was received by the Chief Clerk prior to 9:30am on Thursday, January 14:

Pamela Curtain, Latrobe-I am an educator and nonprofit worker from Latrobe. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, so do the many hardships on people in Westmoreland County. I ask the County Commissioners to take a public stand in support of the following: \$2,000 stimulus check to qualifying individuals, An extension of unemployment benefits beyond March 14th, A county-wide moratorium on evictions that extends beyond January 31st, Fair and equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine to our most vulnerable communities, Virtual public commissioner's meeting. I am a lifelong resident of Westmoreland County and am concerned about many people in my community, from my struggling college students to my at-risk grandmother. Your support of these demands can make a difference as we work with local, state, and federal leadership to ensure the people of Westmoreland County have the information and resources necessary to see this pandemic through.

Diana Steck, North Huntingdon-I am a member of Voice of Westmoreland (VOW) and I reside in North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County. I am writing to implore that you as the elected governing body of our county do all in your power to address the ravages of COVID 19 upon the citizens of our county. This pandemic has caused economic hardships but even greater hardships from loss of loved ones lives and health. We have all been touched in some way by this pandemic. While I understand that there are limits to the ability of county commissioners to enact legislation and new rules and regulations, you can certainly do more to champion for the needs of the people whom you were elected to serve. We need you to work to ensure fair and equitable distribution of the COVID 19 vaccine. While we lack a county health department, this does not prevent you from reaching out to the PA Department of Health to demand services for your constituents! We need a PLAN for equitable vaccine distribution of the vaccine to all health care workers, not only those affiliated with Excelsa, all frontline workers and first responders and the most vulnerable folks who are over 75 and those over 65 who are immunocompromised as well as those who reside in long term care, custodial care and senior housing. We need more COVID-19 testing sites as well as equitable access to the vaccine. Commissioner Chew agreed at a VOW hosted public meeting to request that Excelsa Health open at least 1 more additional testing site. Commissioner Chew, have you discussed this with your fellow commissioners? Excelsa DID receive a large amount of CARES funds, this should not be too much to ask from them since they were given such a large amount of CARES funding. The Frye Farm road testing site is not easily accessible to most county residents. Will the Board of Commissioners request that

Excelsa open an additional COVID 19 testing site in the county? The PA DOH has a mobile testing unit that can be requested to assist with COVID 19 testing within our county. Will the Board of Commissioners request that this service be extended to the most affected and vulnerable communities of our county? I am aware that some elderly residents in a far reaching area of the county were forced to drive over 40 minutes while sick with COVID 19 symptoms in order to obtain a test! This is unacceptable, we can certainly do better to serve the needs of our residents. I, myself, had to travel to Allegheny county in order to obtain a COVID 19 test! Not everyone in our county has the means to travel to access testing and in the future vaccines. What is being done to bring services to the underserved of the county? We also call upon the commissioners to issue a public statement calling upon President Judge Hathaway to issue a county-wide moratorium on evictions extending beyond January 31, 2021. Judge Hathaway has the authority to issues such a moratorium! We ask that our county commissioners issue a public statement calling upon our state and federal legislators to take immediate action to provide for a \$2,000 stimulus check for qualifying individuals, extend unemployment benefits beyond March 14, 2021 and extend the eviction moratorium beyond January 31, 2021. Commissioner Chew has indicated that the county had grant money available for individuals who are dealing with housing insecurity- please make this information available to the general public as well as to VOW leadership so that persons in need can readily seek remediating assistance. We also call upon the county commissioners to hold virtual public meetings. There is no acceptable reason that virtual meetings have not been held. The technology is available and we have been in the throws of this pandemic for nearly a year-what are you waiting for? The PUBLIC needs to be able to participate in PUBLIC meetings. Also, please consider moving 1 monthly public meeting to a later time of day to accommodate working people so that they may have an opportunity to participate in PUBLIC meetings. Lastly, as commissioners, you have the ability to use your position to enhance the public good. Please do more to encourage public adherence to mitigation efforts such as mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and obtaining a vaccine when available. This is not a Republican or Democratic issue, we ALL need to work together on behalf of all county residents to mitigate the COVID 19 virus. Month after month, I seem to submit the same pleas to this Board of Commissioners to act on behalf of their constituents. I ask you to go on record, are you with the people of the county, or not, and will you take these actions to help us?

Ernie DiMartino, Greensburg - I am asking you to pass resolutions in support of stimulus checks, the extension of unemployment benefits, and the county wide moratorium. More specifically the following: \$2,000 stimulus check to qualifying individuals, An extension of unemployment benefits beyond March 14th, A county-wide moratorium on evictions that extends beyond January 31st, Fair and equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine to our most vulnerable communities, Virtual public commissioner's meetings and regular PSA's to Westmoreland County residents, An additional rapid testing site in Westmoreland County. Thank you all for your public service!

Suzanne English, Greensburg - I am writing to offer public comment today, as the coronavirus pandemic rages through our area and our country, to ask you, our county leaders, to provide leadership in addressing the pandemic and advocate for those who are most in need. As we prepare for a rollout of the vaccine, I asked you to please coordinate the distribution, using all our resources to ensure that it is done fairly and equitably. Please establish an additional rapid testing site in Westmoreland County to ensure that testing is available to stem the spread of the virus. Many people are still hurting terribly from the financial effects of the pandemic, going hungry and trying to keep a roof over their heads and heat in their homes during these cold winter months. Please advocate for a \$2,000 stimulus check to those who qualify - and remember that none of these funds are going to the wealthy; no one qualifies if they make more than \$75,000 as a single individual. And work to extend special unemployment benefits beyond March 14. As a board member and now president of the Bethlehem Project, a local nonprofit group that works to keep renters in our county in their homes, I know the need is especially great among those we serve. Many of these individuals and families live close to the edge; an unexpected medical bill or car repair, which is necessary to allow them to work, can put them hundreds of dollars behind on their rent. In addition, many have been forced to miss work lately because of a COVID exposure or diagnosis requiring quarantine - and their employers do not pay them during these required days off work. Please extend our county-wide moratorium on evictions beyond Jan. 31; we will not help matters by turning families and individuals out in the coldest months of the year. Finally, I ask that you provide us, your constituents, with the opportunity to observe your meetings by sharing them virtually. It does not have to be a big expense; a business Zoom account costs only about \$16 per month to allow us to see what is happening. Thank you for your service, and for your consideration of the above requests.

Diana Gray - I would like to see a public service announcement issued jointly by all three commissioners as well as the county sheriff to ask residents and businesses to follow state Covid guidelines. These guidelines are for public health and safety and are not issued for political purposes. Too many view them as political, which has led to our high case numbers and deaths. Thank you.

Gary Steck - North Huntingdon, I would like to participate in your public meeting, but since there is no virtual option, that is not possible. Let me begin by saying that since all three of you Commissioners have suffered from the COVID-19 infection, it is my hope that that experience has awakened a sense of urgency in each of you to do everything in your power to help your constituents deal with the many issues and hardships surrounding this pandemic. I would like to go on record with the following requests for action by the Westmoreland County Commissioners: 1. Increase the access and availability of COVID-19 testing in our county. We need testing for symptomatic and asymptomatic persons. 500 people are dead-how many more will die before you work to increase testing? 2. What is the plan for vaccine distribution in the county? We don't have a health department but that should not prevent or delay our access to equitable and timely vaccine distribution. Have you reached out to the PA Health Department? We need you to take action and not sit by and wait for someone else to develop a plan. I am over 65 and immunocompromised. I see people in my category in other parts of the country having access to the vaccine. What is the plan to vaccinate folks in Westmoreland County? 3. Many people have lost jobs or have seen reduced incomes. Please ask President Judge Hathaway to extend the eviction moratorium beyond January 31st. No one should be homeless, especially during a pandemic. 4. Call upon state and federal elected officials to demand \$2000 stimulus checks for qualified individuals and extend unemployment benefits beyond March 14th. I know that you do not have the power to enact these programs but you surely can speak out to move those who can to action. 5. Provide for virtual public meetings. There is really no excuse for your continued refusal to provide for public access to meetings, especially during this pandemic. Local school boards, schools, churches, social clubs and even families have been using zoom, Skype and other platforms to bring people together. This desire to keep the public out of your meetings has gone on long enough. When can we expect Westmoreland county to have virtual public meetings? 6. We have a high case rate of COVID-19 in our county. Each of you have a platform to speak out to the public-I implore you to use that platform and call upon the residents of our county to do all they can to stop the spread of this virus. Lead by example, emphasize the importance of wearing a mask, encourage hand washing and social distancing and do all that you can to encourage folks to get vaccinated against COVID-19. So many people see COVID-19 as a political issue-it is a public health and humanitarian issue- you can help to de-politicize this and improve public mitigation efforts. I call upon you to act upon these requests before our county COVID-19 case counts and deaths soar even higher. One life lost is too many!

Michael Pardus. I am a resident of Westmoreland County and a member of the Voice of Westmoreland. The COVID-19 pandemic has created untold hardships for people across our county. The COVID-19 pandemic has spared no one . Personal grief over lost friends and loved ones. Food and housing insecurity. Employment insecurity. Students with inadequate or nonexistent internet connections. Working families in our most vulnerable communities have been especially hard hit during this time of crisis. We understand that there are limits on the authorities of the county commissioners to enact legislation or new rules and regulations. However, the commissioners have a bully pulpit to call upon those in our state legislature and in Washington to take meaningful action. Action that will help countless members of our community. Actions that will provide hope and comfort during one of the greatest crises our nation has faced in the past half-century. Now more than ever it is time to stand up for what is right. To be counted as having taken positive actions to address the desperate needs of so many of our fellow citizens in Westmoreland County. Our friends. Our Neighbors. Our loved ones. We are calling on the Westmoreland County commissioners to issue a public statement calling on our state legislators and state delegation in Washington to take immediate action on the following: \$2,000 stimulus check to qualifying individuals., An extension of unemployment benefits beyond March 14th., Extending the eviction moratorium beyond January 31st.. We call on the county commissioners to also issue a public statement asking President Judge Hathaway to issue a county-wide moratorium on evictions that extends beyond January 31st. President Judge Hathaway has the legal authority to issue an eviction moratorium regardless of action or inaction by our elected officials. We call on the county commissioners to ensure fair and equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine to our most vulnerable communities. Rural and disadvantaged communities have shouldered a disproportionate burden of the ravages of COVID-19. Working people who are deemed "essential, non-essential" employees working in our grocery stores, who work in the service industries, health care workers not affiliated with a hospital or medical clinic must also be given priority along with healthcare workers and residents of nursing homes. They are also on the front lines. There must be full transparency in the commissioner's planning and implementation of vaccine distribution. Appointing private individuals to participate in these efforts would be an invaluable step in gaining the confidence of county residents. We call on the county commissioners to hold virtual public commissioner meetings. The COVID-19

crisis has highlighted the need to use all available tools to connect with people across Westmoreland County. The need for transparency has never been greater. The technological barriers to hold virtual meetings have never been lower. There is no acceptable reason that virtual public meetings cannot begin no later than the March 2021 commissioners meeting. We ask that the Westmoreland County Commissioners each state publicly now, during this meeting, their affirmation to take the following actions: Issue a public statement calling on our elected officials for a \$2,000 individual stimulus check, extend unemployment benefits beyond March 31st, and the eviction moratorium beyond January 31st. Yes or no? Issue a public statement calling on President Judge Hathaway to issue a county-wide eviction moratorium that extends beyond January 31st. Yes or no? Publish a plan for fair, equitable, and transparent distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to our rural and disadvantaged communities. Yes or no? That commissioner's public meetings will be held virtually beginning no later than March 2021. Yes or no?

Marti Haykin, and I am a physician with Excelsa Health. I am extremely fortunate to have already received two COVID19 vaccines. I would like to know how Westmoreland County will distribute COVID19 vaccines once they become available. It is imperative that the vaccines are distributed fairly and efficiently. It is imperative that the vaccine distribution plan be public and transparent. I would like to help with this project.

Carrie A. Stubbs - I am writing to ask you all to please pass resolutions for the following requests: \$2000 stimulus check to qualifying individuals, Extension of unemployment benefits beyond March 14th , A county-wide moratorium on evictions that extends beyond January 31st , Fair and equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine to our most vulnerable communities, Virtual public commissioner's meetings and regular PSA's to Westmoreland County residents, An additional rapid testing site in Westmoreland County. Thank you very much for your help to improving the current conditions in Westmoreland County

Jonathan Stubbs - I am writing to ask you all to please pass resolutions for the following requests: \$2000 stimulus check to qualifying individuals, Extension of unemployment benefits beyond March 14th , A county-wide moratorium on evictions that extends beyond January 31st , Fair and equitable distribution of the COVID vaccine to our most vulnerable communities, Virtual public commissioner's meetings and regular PSA's to Westmoreland County residents, An additional rapid testing site in Westmoreland County. Thank you very much for your help to improving the current conditions in Westmoreland County

Rhonda Buttacavoli, Washington Township - As a resident of Westmoreland County I urge the County Commissioners to take a very public leadership role in assuring that every mitigation effort is supported and advised for all County residents. I am painfully aware that this is not the present situation. Many businesses, despite mask notices on their doors, do not enforce this effort. Grocery stores and pharmacies are necessary businesses and one should not have to risk one's life to obtain food or medicine. I also urge the Commissioners to speak in favor of increased subsidy checks for the many county residents who are hurting financially. Place a moratorium on evictions until this pandemic recedes. Please do all that you can to support the rapid distribution and use of the available vaccines within Westmoreland County. We have a large portion of the population who are vulnerable senior citizens. Please lower the age that qualifies for Phase 1B.

Gloria McDevitt - Please pass resolutions in support of stimulus checks, extension of unemployment benefits, county wide moratorium on evictions, distribution of COVID vaccines, and rapid testing sites. Please make a stand.

Mary Kay Nafaa, N. Huntingdon - We are in a pandemic that has been nipping at the heels of Westmoreland County since last March. It is now devouring us in pieces. This pandemic was going to reach us, no matter, but the extent of the damage sits squarely on our leaders. We elect representatives to work in our best interest and collaborate with other leaders to utilize best practices. As leaders, your success or failure in your job is usually only seen by some, but we are now facing suffering and death in our own county and your failures to act are exposed for all who want to see. I want to believe you all are in your position because you want to help others, not just for quid pro quo, but really improve the lives of those in need in our county. A pandemic should be a natural enemy of all of us. Please stop playing politics with this pandemic. Set up additional testing sites, air public service announcements, share information about equitable vaccine roll out, support those financially at the brink, and do your best do mitigate this horrible pandemic in Westmoreland County. Please, work together. We need help fast.

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

Years of Service

35 Years

Anita Vivio
Carol Lichtenfels

30 Years

Marc Kallenborn
Shannon Fess
Dean Thomas
Laura Bell
Donna Perkins
Richard Auman
Amy Garris

25 Years

Larry Burak
Dana Manovich
Daria Schrock

20 Years

John Wilson
Amy Mitcheson
Sandra McLay
Hope Aston
Sherrie Thropp
Sueann Poole

15 Years

Christina O'Brien
Shannon Malinoski
Michele Wentzel

10 Years

Paul Dumnich
Kim Felgar
Matthew Zamosky
Judy Brodmerkel
Casey Shoup

Proclamations

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, January 11, 2021
School Choice Week 2021

Solicitors Report

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

- (A) Agreement with **System 1-2-3, LLC**, in the amount of **\$15,000.00** (DHS, No Cost to Westmoreland County), for **“Early Intervention: Training (Tuscarora),”** for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Shara Saveikis, Director and the Department of Financial Administration (items B & C), 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) Letter to acknowledge formal linkage with **Alepix Behavioral Clinic** to work collaboratively with the Westmoreland County Children’s Bureau in the interest of shared clientele, for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- (B) Agreement with **Lifespan Family Services Inc., (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)** for **“Foster Care: Various Levels,”** for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at the following per diem rates:

- \$68.91 for Foster Care (FC)**
- \$87.74 for Behaviorally Challenged Foster Care (BC)**
- \$87.74 for Medically Needy Foster Care (MN)**
- \$95.51 for Emergency Placement (EP)**
- \$95.51 for Respite (RP)**
- \$58.50 for Kinship Foster Care (KN)**
- \$114.06 for Dependent with Child Foster Care (DC)**

- (C) Agreements for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:
 - (1) **Children’s Aid Society of Mercer County, (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)** for **“Foster Care,”** at the per diem rate of **\$70.00**
 - (2) **Lifespan Family Services Inc., (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)** for **“Foster Care: Various Levels,”** at the following per diem rates:
 - \$68.91 for Foster Care (FC)**
 - \$87.74 for Behaviorally Challenged Foster Care (BC)**
 - \$87.74 for Medically Needy Foster Care (MN)**
 - \$95.51 for Emergency Placement (EP)**
 - \$95.51 for Respite (RP)**
 - \$58.50 for Kinship Foster Care (KN)**
 - \$114.06 for Dependent with Child Foster Care (DC)**
 - (3) **Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc., (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)** for **“Residential: Independent Living,”** at the per diem rate of **\$208.00**

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

- (A) Extend Agreement with **NMS Labs**, approved February 13, 2020 for **“Toxicology Laboratory Services,” (Bid 20-05)** at the same prices, for an additional one year term March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022; this is the first of two one year options for renewal.

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 item for **Court Administration:**

- (A) Agreement with **Jaclyn Shaw**, for legal services representing persons for whom representation is required under the Public Defender Act, and where conflicts prohibit the Public Defender’s Office from doing so, for a term of twelve months beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with compensation in the amount of **\$22,500.00** plus reimbursement of authorized expenses, for handling up to 40 assigned cases

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

- (A) SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement with **The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI)** to implement and maintain the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System (SAVIN) in Westmoreland County to provide information regarding the release from custody or transfer from one facility to another of persons held in custody, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Upon review and recommendation of John W. Peck, District Attorney, Amy Garris, Victim/Witness Coordinator, Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor 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 items for the **District Attorney-Victim/Witness:**

- (A) Acceptance of Funds from the **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency**, in the amount of **\$125,000.00**, for **“Total Response,”** for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- (B) Agreement with **Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center**, in the amount of **\$6,000.00** (PCCD Grant, No Cost to Westmoreland County) for **“Total Response,”** for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
- (C) Agreement with **Blackburn Center**, in the amount of **\$44,000.00** (PCCD Grant, No Cost to Westmoreland County) for **“Total Response,”** for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Eric Glod, GIS Senior Coordinator, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Geographical Information Systems**:

- (A) Professional Services Agreement with **Geograph IT, a division of EBA Engineering, Inc.**, to provide **“On-Call Technical GIS Support Services,”** through December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed **\$9,000.00**

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

- (A) Agreement with Teamsters 205 of Westmoreland County for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024
- (B) Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy, effective January 18, 2021 through March 31, 2021, to provide for 40 hours of leave for qualifying reasons related to COVID-19.
- (C) Personnel Actions:
 - New Hires
Judith A Williams-Nursing Supervisor
Madison Pape-Graduate Practical Nurse
Shari Herrholtz-FSW Temp
 - Rehires
Judith A Williams-Nursing Supervisor
 - Resignations
Barbara Jane Metz-Nursing Supervisor
Jennifer Clark-Nurses Aide
Zachery Kormick-Nurses Aide
 - Retirements
Felicia Wisener-Medical Secretary I

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Norm Mueller, 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 items for **Juvenile Probation**:

- (A) Agreements for term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021:
 - (1) **Edmund L. Thomas Adolescent Center, (Title IV-E, Act 148, County)**, for **“Secure Detention,”** at the per diem rate of **\$250.00**
 - (2) **Perseus House, (Title IV-E, Act 148, MA, County)**, for **“Residential, Shelter, RTF,”** at the following per diem rates:

\$564.60 for Enhanced RTF Male	\$350.00 for RTF Male
\$350.00 for Andromeda House Female RTF	\$553.00 for Enhanced RTF Female
\$350.00 for Brighter Horizons	\$350.00 for Boys Intensive RTF
\$190.80 for Shelter	\$277.80 for Florence Crittenton
\$224.93 for Andromeda House Female Intensive Treatment Unit	

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

- (A) Extend Agreement with **Autoclear, LLC**, dated February 7, 2019 for “**Maintenance for Security X-Ray & Scanning Equipment for Westmoreland County Facilities,**” (Bid 19-2) for an additional one year term, March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022; this is the second and final renewal.

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

- (A) Subrecipient Agreement; funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, no costs to the County

ACTIVITY CODE	SUBRECIPIENT	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
20-06	Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland	Countywide Demolition	\$250,000.00

- (B) **Resolution #R-1-2021**, authorizing a minor amendment to FY 2019 and 2020 of the County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

RESOLUTION #R-1-2021

WHEREAS, the Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners find it necessary to make amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years 2019 & 2020 of the Westmoreland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 14th day of January, 2021, 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.

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

SUBRECIPIENT	ACTIVITY CODE	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	ACTION TAKEN
Hempfield Township	19-13B	Removal of Architectural Barriers	Budget Increase +\$22,957.50
Vandergrift Borough	20-21	Street Reconstruction	Budget Increase +\$1,092.75

- (D) 2021 Services Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland to provide project delivery services to the County in its execution of the Westmoreland County Act 152 Demolition Fund (DEMOFUND) program. Delivery costs will be funded through the DEMOFUND in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$115,000 plus a 15% project delivery fee of the awarded cost for each of the following demolition projects.
- Westmoreland County, 809 Forbes Trail Road, Greensburg
 - Ligonier Township, 1752 Route 30, Ligonier
 - Penn Township, 3530 Route 130, Irwin
 - Youngwood Borough, 20 ½ South Second Street, Youngwood
- (E) Second Amendment to Act 152 County Wide Demolition Program Services Agreement with Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland approved April 4, 2019. The amendment decreases the project delivery costs from \$254,780 to \$214,350. The Authority shall remit the balance of \$40,430 to the County DEMOFUND to be reprogrammed for future projects.
- (F) Second Amendment to Act 152 County Wide Demolition Program Services Agreement with Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland approved December 19, 2019. The amendment decreases the project delivery costs from \$162,000 to \$91,295. The Authority shall remit the balance of \$70,705 to the County DEMOFUND to be reprogrammed for future projects.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy and George Lowther, Acting 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 #4 to Agreement with **Wexford Contracting, LLC**, approved April 2, 2020 for “**Westmoreland County Prison Kitchen Floor Replacement,**” (Bid 20-13) in the reduced amount of \$1,540.62 (New Total Agreement \$274,827.53)
- (B) Agreement with **Nicholas R. Borgfledt**, for “**Chaplain Services-Westmoreland County Prison,**” for a one year term, April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in the amount of **\$20,000.00;** funded by Inmate Welfare Fund-No Cost to Westmoreland County; either party may terminate the Agreement with thirty days notice
- (C) Ninth Amendment to Master Services Agreement with **Global Tel*Link Corporation**, awarded September 7, 2017 for GTL to provide the Covid-19 Free Video Visitation Program from February 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021; with the County’s option to terminate the amendment at any time. During this period, each inmate at the Prison will receive one (1) free video visit, per week, for a duration of up to ten (10) minutes per free video visit, with the County agreeing to pay GTL for the free video visitation minutes at the cost of \$0.60 per minute during this time period

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) Software Maintenance Agreement with **Hexagon Safety & Infrastructure**, in the amount of **\$13,068.48** for Microsoft SQL Server 2012 ENT Edition RUNTIME-2 core pack for the term February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022
- (B) Software Maintenance Agreement with **Hexagon Safety & Infrastructure**, in the amount of **\$208,857.12** for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software to provide software support to the dispatch equipment and software for the Communications Room for a term of one (1) year, beginning February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022
- (C) Maintenance Agreement with **Hexagon Safety & Infrastructure**, in the amount of **\$5,542.80** for **“Integraph Business Intelligence Director-CAD Bundle,”** for the term March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022
- (D) Amendment to Master Services Agreement with DQE Communications LLC for **“E-Line Services from 911 Public Safety to Derry/Latrobe Tower,”** in the amount of **\$398.00/month** for a term of 36 months, beginning January 24, 2021
- (E) Authorization of Grant Application to the **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency** for **“SFY 2021-2022 Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) Grant,”** for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- (F) 9IMS System Maintenance with **Essential Management Solutions, LLC**, in the amount of **\$19,980.00** for a one year term, January 28, 2021 through January 27, 2022 payable in the amount of \$1,665.00 per month
- (G) Agreement with **Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$1,473.00** to provide maintenance with testing for the generator at Public Safety
- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement with the **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency**, to store a 40-foot refrigerated shipping container at the Westmoreland County Department of Public works facility located at 194 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, in order to assist in the COVID-19 response. Westmoreland County shall be granted the use of a container for storage of critical goods in relation to emergency response. There will be no charge to PEMA for storage of the container and no charge to Westmoreland County for the use of the container.
- (I) Intergovernmental Agreement with **Unity Township**, for use of shelter space at the Bear Cave Tower Site (633 Fire Tower Road, Derry, PA) for Unity Township to store, maintain and operate emergency communications equipment for their jurisdiction; Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time with thirty days written notice to the other party.
- (J) Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement between **Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc.** and the County for its Department of Public Safety in the amount of **\$124,905.03** to be used toward public service activities for which the PPE purchase is provided.

- (K) Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with **Excelsa Health Works**, dated February 7, 2019 to extend services for Hazmat Response Team Member Physicals through December 31, 2021, at the same amount, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Giddy, 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) Extend Agreement with **Glassmere Fuel Services**, approved February 13, 2020 for **“Petroleum Products,” (Bid 20-6)**, for an additional one year term, March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022; this is the first of two one-year options to extend.
- (B) Supplement #5 for ECMS Agreement L00141 with **The Markosky Engineering Group, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$31,845.48** to perform Services During Construction (Part 5) for the Westmoreland County Bridge #29 Brewery Bridge (Ligonier Street, Latrobe), replacement project. Also authorize Mr. Greg P. McCloskey, Director, Public Works, to electronically execute this agreement in the PA DOT ECMS System. This project is funded 80% Federal and 20% Act 13.
- (C) Issuance of Purchase Order, with **Eastern Elevator**, pursuant to State Contract #4400015233; all terms and conditions are set forth in the PA State Parent Contract # 4400015051, for monthly elevator maintenance service, for the term January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, at the following rates:

\$480.00/month for Prison
\$180.00/month for Juvenile Center
\$2,175.00 /month for Courthouse Complex

- (D) Extend Agreement with **Terminix International Co., LP**, to provide **“Pest Control-County Facilities,”** for one (1) additional year at the same rates, for the term March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022; this is the one and only extension for this agreement

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

- (A) Acceptance of Quote from **Ossafac Solutions, Inc.**, for **“AnyDoc Software Maintenance Agreement,”** in the amount of **\$792.00**, for the term February 4, 2021 through February 3, 2022

Upon review and recommendation of Deborah T. Chiado, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Tax Office:**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Map Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
12.21.2020	14-01-11-0-231	City of Jeannette	\$4,000.00
1.6.2021	02-02-08-0-299	City of Arnold	\$945.00
1.6.2021	14-02-13-0-039	City of Jeannette	\$1,192.00

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

- (A) Bids for “**Flags-2021,**” (Bid 21-01), with Westmoreland County reserving the right to place additional orders not to exceed 110% of the original order in quantity provided said additional order is made no later than December 31, 2022; the successful bidder by submitting their bid agrees to provide all additional order items at the same unit prices as the original order were opened on January 5, 2021:

US Flag Maker	\$38,413.87
Conserv Flag Company	\$45,407.52
Metro Flag Company	\$37,839.60
Flagzone LLC	\$42,775.20

Award bid to **Metro Flag Company**, being the lowest bidder and meeting specifications in the amount of **\$37,839.60**

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

- (A) Certification of County Funds for the **Agricultural Land Preservation Program** in the amount of **\$200,000.00** for the program year 2021
- (B) Establish rule that all requests for inclusion of items of business on the public meeting agenda be submitted in writing not later than 12:00 Noon on Wednesday of the week prior to the date of the public meeting. This deadline may be changed with appropriate notice.
- (C) Change Order #2 to Agreement with **Horizon Information Systems** dated August 6, 2020 for “**Sound System Upgrade for Courtrooms,**” (Bid 20-34), in the amount of **\$11,945.00 additional** (New Total Agreement \$130,181.00) to replace gooseneck microphones in some Courtrooms, to add gooseneck microphones to some Courtrooms, to add wireless microphones to some Courtrooms and speakers to Judge Bilik-DeFazio’s courtroom.
- (D) **Stipulation of Settlement** in the tax assessment appeal of property owner, Rebecca Plischke d/b/a Breeze Hill Garden Apartments, located in the City of Greensburg, Greensburg-Salem School District, Westmoreland County, No. 5068 of 2019 for tax years 2020 and 2021. The assessed value shall be determined by applying the common level ratio established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Tax Map No. 10-02-11-0-457

<i>Year</i>	<i>Proposed Market Value</i>	<i>STEB Ratio</i>	<i>Resulting Assessment</i>
2020	\$1,000,000.00	14.4%	\$144,000.00
2021	\$1,000,000.00	13.1%	\$131,000.00

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.

- (E) Second County Grant Agreement for GEMS Program Funds with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, in the amount of \$204,272.22.
- (F) **Resolution #R-2-2021**, authorizing agreement for donation of UVC Light Disinfectant Box from Green Mountain Resolve.

RESOLUTION #R-2-2021

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is thought to spread by breathing airborne particles/droplets or by touching contaminated surfaces and then transferring particles to the mouth, nose, or eyes; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of particles a person is exposed to can either prevent the disease or lessen its severity; and

WHEREAS, many approaches can be used for disinfecting objects, including UV-C light; and

WHEREAS, the goal of disinfection is to reduce the remaining organisms to a number well below the infectious dose; and

WHEREAS, disinfection can be achieved with UV-C light when used appropriately; and

WHEREAS, Green Mountain Resolve has a number of UV-C light disinfectant boxes that it would like to donate to healthcare facilities, essential workers and nursing homes, such as Westmoreland Manor, to help disinfect items; and

WHEREAS, Westmoreland Manor has indicated that it would be able to use the UV-C light disinfectant box at the nursing facility.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Westmoreland authorizes entering into an agreement to accept the donation of one UV-C Light Disinfectant Box from Green Mountain Resolve for use at Westmoreland Manor.

RESOLVED and enacted this 14th day of January, 2021, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (G) Amendment to Item 13(C) of the August 6, 2020 Agenda to correct the amount of the County Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State for receipt of financial assistance from the DOS Grants for Election Modernization and Security from \$3,437,845.80 to \$2,984,659.80.

- (H) **Resolution #R-3-2021**, ratifying submittal of application for the United States Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program and further authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute a copy of the award terms.

RESOLUTION #R-3-2021

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which established a new \$25 billion Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program for state, county and municipal governments with populations of over 200,000 people to assist families struggling to make rental and utility payments; and

WHEREAS, under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, counties, such as Westmoreland County, with populations above 200,000 residents are eligible to receive direct payments from the United States Department of the Treasury to be used to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to apply to receive this direct payment of funds from the United States Department of the Treasury, in order to provide assistance to eligible households through a rental assistance program, whereby not less than 90 percent of awarded funds shall be used for direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing, with the remaining funds available for housing stability services, including case management and other services intended to keep households stably housed, and administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply for the Emergency Rental Assistance Payment, the County was required to submit an application by January 12, 2021 to the United States Department of the Treasury, which included a copy of the Award Terms executed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the County of Westmoreland ratifies the submission of the application for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program through the United States Department of the Treasury, and the execution of the Award Terms by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLVED and enacted this 14th day of January, 2021, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (I) Extend Agreement with **Laurel Foodsystems, Inc.**, dated January 28, 2016 for the **supply of vending machines at various County facilities**, for an additional one year term, January 28, 2021 through January 27, 2022, at the current rates; the Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated at any time by either party by delivery of sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party
- (J) **Resolution #R-4-2021**, authorizing approval of Agreement Between The Pennsylvania Coalition of Affiliated Healthcare & Living Communities (PACAH) and the County Of Westmoreland for The County Nursing Facility Access To Care Payment (Southwest Region of Pennsylvania) Attributable To The Intergovernmental Transfer

Resolution #R--2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA COALITION OF AFFILIATED HEALTHCARE & LIVING COMMUNITIES (PACAH) AND THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND
FOR THE COUNTY NURSING FACILITY ACCESS TO CARE PAYMENT (SOUTHWEST REGION OF PENNSYLVANIA) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the County of Westmoreland has or will be entering into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Long Term Living for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in order to obtain enhanced Medical Assistance payments to the County's nursing facility, Westmoreland Manor; and

WHEREAS, the County, through Westmoreland Manor, has and will continue to provide services to individuals enrolled in Pennsylvania's Community Health Choices program through various Managed Care Organizations; and

WHEREAS, DHS will be making payments to the MCOs pursuant to Appendix 4.B of the Community Health Choices contract between DHS and the MCOs, which must be paid from the MCOs to the county nursing facilities enrolled in the Community Health Choices program; and

WHEREAS, DHS is prohibited from directing the MCOs on how to disburse the Appendix 4.B payments to nursing facilities participating in the Community Health Choices program; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Coalition of Affiliated Healthcare & Living Communities (PACAH) will direct the MCOs on how to disburse a portion of the Appendix 4.B payment attributable to the IGT, to be referred to as the access to care capitation component of DHS's capitation payments (Capitation Component), to the nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the County to enter into an agreement with PACAH for the Capitation Component; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement to be entered into between PACAH and the County for the Access to Care Payment (Southwest Region of Pennsylvania), provides an estimated amount of the total payment to be made from the MCOs to Westmoreland Manor for the MCOs enrollment period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 to be approximately \$12,686,649.00.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County has reviewed the terms and conditions of the PACAH and County Agreement for the County Nursing Facility Access to Care Payment (Southwest Region of Pennsylvania) and hereby consents to entering into the Agreement.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 14th day of January, 2021 by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Westmoreland at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present

(K) Requests for Proposals for “Unified Security System,” (20-48), were opened on December 6, 2020:

- Dagostino Electronic Services
- Johnson Controls
- Intertech
- Siemens Industry, Inc.

	Base Proposal	Alt #1	Alt #2	Alt #3	Alt# 4	Alt #5	Alt #6	Total
Dagostino Electronic Services	\$2,264,304.00	\$154,974.00	\$389,995.00	\$19,935.00	\$2,394.00	\$2,565.00	\$2,430.00	\$2,836,597.00
Johnson Controls	\$2,422,681.70	\$122,307.45	\$286,830.61	\$36,409.53	\$3,323.27	\$1,251.90	\$1,251.90	\$2,874,056.36
Intertech	\$2,798,150.00	\$277,000.00	\$485,000.00	\$21,793.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,487.00	\$1,423.00	\$3,586,453.00
Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$2,965,885.68	\$31,378.59	\$84,252.27	\$5,217.77	\$1,026.97	\$890.53	\$912.35	\$3,089,564.16

It is recommended that contract be awarded to **Dagostino Electronic Services**, in the amount of **\$2,446,602.00**, at the base amount and alternates listed below:

Base Proposal	\$2,264,304.00
Alt #1	\$154,974.00
Alt #3	\$19,935.00
Alt #4	\$2,394.00
Alt #5	\$2,565.00
Alt #6	\$2,430.00
TOTAL	\$2,446,602.00

This project is funded by the 2019 Bond and has a completion of 18 months from the vendor given the Notice to Proceed from the County.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Abby Testa, Interim Administrator, motion was made by Ms. Cerilli, seconded by Mr. Kertes, with Mr. Chew voting “nay” – motion passes to approve the following item for **Westmoreland Manor**:

- (B) Medical Staffing Agreement Addendum with **Dedicated Nursing Associates, Inc.**, for approved Hazard Bill Rate Schedule, effective January 9, 2021 through January 30, 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.

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

- (A) Amendment to Agreement with **PointClickCare.Com**, (previously Wescom Solutions, Inc.) dated March 27, 2014 to add **Document Manager** at the fee of **\$1,020.41 per month** and a one-time fee of **\$1,000.00** for single facility implementation

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Motion was made by Mr. Chew, 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 Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:27am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary