

March 5, 2021

The Westmoreland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session beginning at 10:01am on Thursday, March 5, 2021 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room #101, 2 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq. (via conference) and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

General Agenda

Opportunity for Public Comment

Bill Bretz, Hempfield Township - Thank you Commissioners Sean Kertes and Doug Chew for directly confronting state health officials about the gross undersupply of vaccine doses provided to Westmoreland County residents. The scientific data analysis presented to the health secretary clearly reflected the disparity of distribution that needed to be addressed to equitably provide our most vulnerable citizens access to vaccinations through the established network of healthcare providers in our community. A countywide registry is a laudable initiative but akin to the waiting list for lifeboats aboard the Titanic when a reliable supply of vaccine is unavailable. Perhaps now our private sector providers can earnestly engage in addressing the backlog of demand by scheduling appointments based on the sufficiency of expected supply thus creating a registry of their own without an additional layer of bureaucracy leaving the county to simply identify providers in each community for referrals to our residents.
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/westmoreland-commissioners-demand-increase-in-covid-vaccine-deliveries/>

Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Esq. – states that she would've signed the letter if asked, but was neglected by her colleagues

Solicitors Report

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

- (A) Wellness Program Services Agreement with **Westmoreland Regional Hospital d/b/a Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital** for “**Wellness Educational Lectures,**” at the rate of **\$50.00 per 30 minute sessions;** dates, times and locations, including virtual sessions, are listed in Exhibit B of the Agreement, additional dates as needed by mutual agreement

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

- (A) Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund 2020 Grant Agreement with the **Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency** in the amount of **\$100,000.00**, for the Westmoreland County-The Smart Housing Program Expansion

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

- (A) Westmoreland County's Human Services Plan for Emergency Rental Assistance Program to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- (B) Agreement with Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc. to administer Westmoreland County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:05am

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary