

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met today for a Commissioners' Meeting.

Present at today's meeting were:

Joshua G. Parsons, Chairman
Ray D'Agostino, Vice Chairman
Craig E. Lehman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
CHIEF CLERK

Lisa Johnson
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

Christina Hausner, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Charles Douts, Director
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Jim Fasnacht, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING

Denise Hoffman, Assistant Buyer
PURCHASING

Mark Lauriello, County Engineer
RETTEW

Scott Standish, Executive Director
PLANNING COMMISSION

John Stygler, Deputy Director of Administration
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Jay Wenger, Managing Director
SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS

Commissioner Parsons called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Parsons announced the approval of the November 13, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, November 26, 2019 Evening Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2020 Commissioners' Organizational Meeting Minutes and January 8, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes, and to postpone approval of the January 15, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and January 22, 2020 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

ORDINANCE NO. 144
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF NONELECTORAL DEBT IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$33,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO FINANCE A PROJECT AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

NOTE The full text of Ordinance No. 144 is on file in the Lancaster County Commissioners Ordinance Book.

Commissioner D'Agostino said the wrap provides flexibility in budgeting for current and future needs, noting with the savings from refinancing we may be able to put some money aside to potentially pay down the debt faster.

Commissioner Lehman said he has never been supportive of the approach to the fifth floor and this is one of the main reasons he will be voting against the ordinance today; specifically, because it adds a third secure corridor and we have additional space on an existing secure corridor so when this project is completed it is going to put operational pressure on our budget to staff this third secure corridor. He thought a more long term, broad-based approach to Courthouse renovations was warranted and has never had a problem with the sixth and seventh floor, noting we cannot leave space vacant for a long period of time and not use it. Commissioner Lehman clarified the portions of the new money piece he supports, the portions he does not and his concerns about how this is going to be repaid. He does support the B and C refunding and is pleased the parameters turned out to work in

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our favor and we are achieving savings greater than we had set as a minimum, which is a good thing for the County. As far as the refunding for the E series later this year, hopefully market conditions will be favorable, and we will be able to recoup some additional savings in August. He disagrees with Commissioner D'Agostino that the wrap is the right approach, explaining there is no reason for us to incur that additional cost of almost a million dollars. We are going to see a decrease in our debt service because we have not done a lot of interest only debt and this is part of the reason our debt service is going to decline significantly beginning in 2021. He does support the agriculture preservation portion of this and will also probably be supportive of the projects related to the jail roofs and things like that, but he knows there is one equipment purchase that is perhaps contemplated with this new money that he is a bit concerned about because he does not believe you should borrow money for equipment that does not have useful life equal to or greater than the debt.

Commissioner Parsons noted about \$20 million of this is for the refunding piece and the rest is for new money for the Courthouse renovation and other miscellaneous capital projects. He has long supported the Courthouse project mainly because we have had two floors that have been vacant and unused for over a decade, so he does not think we were being good stewards of the Courthouse if we were to leave those floors vacant. Commissioner Parsons thinks overall we have gotten great results by being careful about our budget; pointing out we have never had to raise taxes in many years, have raised our bond rating and put more money in the bank than in the history of Lancaster County. He is counting on that debt service reduction so we can continue to maintain our careful budget and take care of our capital needs.

Mr. George addressed Commissioner Lehman's concerns about an equipment purchase, explaining it was for a commercial lawn mower for the Parks and Recreation Department and the cost is anticipated to be around \$75,000, but they have located another funding source – the Buchmiller Trust, which can completely cover the purchase.

Motion passed.

Commissioner Parsons	Yes
Commissioner D'Agostino	Yes
Commissioner Lehman	No

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2020

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino;

WHEREAS, Sealed proposals were received by the County of Lancaster and publicly opened and read on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. for road/traffic line painting services for the County of Lancaster and participating members of the Lancaster County Cooperative Purchasing Board for a period of one year commencing March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021, with a one-year extension option.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, That a contract be awarded to the following company, for the item and amounts specified, which is the lowest and/or best bid received, and is in accordance with the advertisements, specifications and bids received therefore, and a contract therefore directed to be drawn.

<u>Contract Awarded To:</u>	<u>For:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Alpha Space Control Chambersburg, Pennsylvania	Road/Traffic Line Painting Services for the County of Lancaster and Participating Members of the Lancaster County Cooperative Purchasing Board for a period of one year commencing March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021, with a one-year extension option.	\$865,627.50
	Lancaster County's Portion	\$ 2,129.56

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of Behavioral Health/Developmental Services (BH/DS), to approve the following:

1. **Amended Agreement No. 1 With:** The Arc of Lancaster County
Lititz, Pennsylvania

Purpose: To add a new service W7210 to the contract for education and outreach programs.
Amount/Term: Increase the amount of the existing contract by \$37,303.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$111,303.00 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
2. **Amended Agreement No. 1 With:** Community Services Group
Mountville, Pennsylvania

Purpose: To change a recipient's status from claims to program funding for home and community supports and residential services.
Amount/Term: There is no change in the total contract amount which remains at \$662,564.44 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

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3. **Amended Agreement No. 1 With:**

Ephrata Area Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
Ephrata, Pennsylvania

Purpose:

To add a new service W7224 to the contract and reduce service W7226 for community participation supports services.

Amount/Term:

Increase the amount of the existing contract by \$4,146.60, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$29,934.80 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Lehman, seconded by Commissioner D'Agostino, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to authorize the Facilities Management Department to proceed with the acquisition of a temporary right-of-way for the Pequea No. 6 Bridge replacement project. This is a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funded project, and the County is responsible for five percent (5%) of the funding utilizing Liquid Fuels funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, it was agreed to appoint Scott Standish as Executive Director of the Planning Commission for the County of Lancaster effectively immediately.

Commissioner D'Agostino said he has known Mr. Standish for quite a while and is looking forward to working with him. The chief mission from his perspective is to ensure Lancaster County stays the special place it is; so, we and the Planning Commission need to have metrics, plans, policies, procedures and programs in place to help our community implement Places2040.

Commissioner Lehman has always said that Lancaster County's greatest challenge and greatest opportunity is growth; noting part of our success in remaining a small agriculture county in the middle of South-Central Pennsylvania is the work of the Planning Commission, which Mr. Standish has been a part of during his tenure. He supports and agrees with Commissioner D'Agostino's approach in making sure we are moving forward with implementation of Places2040 in a deliberate and collaborative way. Commissioner Lehman pointed out he has never seen a plan with such a breadth of community support.

Commissioner Parsons said he agreed on the Places2040 piece, the unity Mr. Standish was able to assemble from the community is commendable, but he has been a critic of how long Places2040 took, noting we do not have the measures in place to fully execute it yet. He thinks highly of Mr. Standish, his professional skills and enthusiasm for both the Planning Commission department and his work. But he and Mr. Standish have fundamental differences on policy, the direction of the Planning Commission and how to execute the plan, so he is going to be a no vote. Commissioner Parsons respects his colleagues and thinks they have confidence in Mr. Standish and his ability to do this job. He looks forward to working with Mr. Standish and hopes they can resolve their differences and the Planning Commission can be fully aligned with the Board of Commissioners on not just their goals but also on Places2040.

Motion passed.


Commissioner Parsons	No
Commissioner D'Agostino	Yes
Commissioner Lehman	Yes

Mr. Standish thanked the Commissioners for this opportunity, noting it is a challenge and privilege to serve as their Executive Director for the Lancaster County Planning Commission. He is looking forward to working with everyone as part of the County team to ensure the department aligns with the overall goals of the County while looking through the lenses of Places2040. Mr. Standish appreciated their confidence, noting he is excited, and hopes to have their guidance in implementing the plan, along with the public and private partners who have come together to help engage and advocate to ensure Lancaster County remains a special place.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Lehman, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Christine M. Carrigan, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office