

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

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

Present at today's meeting were:

Ray D'Agostino, Chairman
Joshua G. Parsons, Vice-Chairman
John B. Trescot
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lawrence M. George
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Jonathan Paul Fox
EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

Duncan Hopkins
LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

Patrick Mulligan, Director
BUDGET SERVICES

Scott Standish, Executive Director
PLANNING

Mike Weaver, Director
COUNTY WIDE COMMUNICATION

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the April 6, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and postponing approval of the April 20, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to allocate \$292,760.65 in revenue from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund for the projects in the amounts referenced in Attachment A, and appropriates the same for spending for said projects in FY 2022.

The allocations presented below for the projects detailed in Attachment A were reviewed by the ARPA Work Group and found to be in accordance with the U.S. Department of the Treasury Overview of the Final Rule in the pages identified in the Attachment. Approval of the projects and said allocation is contingent upon adherence with the County's purchasing policies and guidelines as required by the Pennsylvania County Code.

Revenue:	Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45050	\$292,760.65
Expenditures:	County Operating Costs A1111-A-45051-7300	\$292,760.65

Mr. Fox asked about Primecare and said there needs to be a better focus on the dealings they conduct at the prison. He said Primecare should be reporting at the prison board meeting on what they do each month.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of County Wide Communications, to approve the following:

Agreement With: Butler Mechanical Services, LLC
Leola, PA

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Purpose: For installation and associated work for a 20k generator at the Christiana P-25 radio tower site.

Amount/Term: \$31,990.30.

Anticipated completion by November 30, 2022.

Funding: 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

Note: Pursuant to the Final Rule, ARPA funds may be used towards costs associated with emergency operations.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 of 2022

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to enter into Agreement of Sale for Agricultural Conservation Easements with the following property owners:

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Aaron Ezra Eby and Gary H. Eby 2014-009 Earl Township	Perpetual	\$0.00 \$97,621.00	

The Commissioners certify that the Eby farm consisting of 53.64, of which 51.94 acres is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Earl Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Abram M. and Anna M. Stoltzfus 2018-020 Salisbury Township	Perpetual	\$0.00 \$264,840.00	

The Commissioners certify that the Stoltzfus farm consisting of 66.21 the entirety of which is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Salisbury Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
John S. and Sallie S. Zook 2016-020 Salisbury Township	Perpetual	\$142,200.00	\$0.00

The Commissioners certify that the Zook farm consisting of 49.98, of which 39.50 acres is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Salisbury Township.

<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>State Share</u>
Stephen L. and Naomi S. Zook 2016-021 Salisbury Township	Perpetual	\$317,840.00	\$0.00

The Commissioners certify that the Zook farm consisting of 84.42, of which 79.46 acres is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Salisbury Township.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Planning Department, to approve the following:

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Contract Amendment: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: To approve a time extension and budget capacity increase for the existing 2016-2022 Open End Agreement #521160-C.

Term: until December 31, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Planning Department, to approve the following:

Agreement With: RETTEW Associates, Inc.
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Purpose: Begin New Phases 1 to 3 of the Water and Sewer Growth Area Capacity Project which will build on the original pilot study and expand outside the Lancaster Metro Planning Area and further develop the sustainable, online tool that will analyze water and sewer capacity, identify system constraints, and provide information to local decision makers to make sound decisions about land use, economic development and infrastructure. This will foster regional planning, collaboration and help prioritize infrastructure projects to accommodate growth in the right places.

Amount/Term: \$160,600.00 for the period May 1, 2022 to February 29, 2023.

Funding: ARPA Funds as approved by Resolution No. 36 of
2022 on April 6, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned the slim attendance at the meeting and suggested the Commissioners hold their meetings in the evenings when residents can attend and are not at work.

Commissioner Parsons said there are 150 public meetings a year including the four evening meetings in different municipalities around the County. He said there is no other level of government that has more opportunities for citizen engagement than County government, including the accessibility of the Commissioners who are out in communities every day talking to people.

Commissioner D'Agostino stated that in addition to the fact that we have so many public meetings in a year, his experience in local government and in speaking with many local government officials around the County, all of whom have evening meetings on a monthly basis, attendance is still quite low on a regular basis. Attendance is high when there is a particular issue, which is the same here at the County at our meetings during the day. He said therefore, there is no guarantee that having evening meetings will result in more people attending. He said the Commissioners are easily accessible and constantly at events several times a week where they talk to citizens.

Commissioner Trescot said he supports having a few more evening meetings in the government center once or twice a month.

Mr. Fox asked why the Commissioners do not provide for public input during the Zoom meetings.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Administrative Secretary
Commissioners' Office