

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

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:

William Aberts, Deputy Warden
PRISON

Aminah Arshad, Organizer
American Asian & Pacific Islanders, Harrisburg

Terry Christopher
EAST EARL TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

Hong Dong, Founding member
THE LANCASTER CHINESE ASSOCIATION

Judy Erb, Executive Director
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Adam Yoon Hosey, Community Activist
LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT

Tom Lisi, Reporter
LNP

Kim McDevitt, Executive Director
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICAN OF LANCASTER COUNTY

Dr. Cordelia Moyse, Archivist and Historian
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Patrick Mulligan, Director
BUDGET SERVICES

Dan Nephin, Reporter
LNP

Samantha Osterlof, Marketing Director,
ETHOS TREATMENT, LLC

Meghna Patel, Deputy Secretary of Policy & Planning
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

Madhuri Reddy, President
AOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF LANCASTER (SAAL)

Joel Saint, Pastor
IRBC

Claudia Shenk, Esquire
MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK, LLC

Sophie Xiong, Community Organizer
LANCASTER COUNTY RESIDENT

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

Commissioner D'Agostino announced that there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 and no Commissioners'

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Lancaster County Commissioners' Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 due to the Primary Election.

PROCLAMATION

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

May 3, 2023

WHEREAS, May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States and their centuries of contribution to arts, sciences, government, military, commerce and education; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County always wishes to recognize and appreciate the many vibrant cultures that come together as one to make Lancaster County and America strong and to recognize the ongoing contributions and benefits of all our Asian American communities to our citizenry and culture, and to express fellowship; and

WHEREAS, one of the earliest known Asian immigrants came to Lancaster County more than 160 years ago when Dr. John Messersmith, a naval surgeon aboard the frigate Susquehanna stationed in China, returned with Mr. Hong Neok Woo in 1855. Mr. Woo attended St. James Episcopal Church, apprenticed as a printer for the Examiner and Herald, became a naturalized citizen in September 1860, and joined the Union Army during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in recent years people from Bhutan, Nepal, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia have settled in Lancaster County, joining our existing Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Filipino and other South Asian, East Asian and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, this year the county witnessed its first large-scale public Lunar New Year Celebration, an inaugural Sakura (Cherry Blossom) Festival, and the first Nepali cultural presentation featuring donations to the needy, and the South Asian Association of Lancaster (SAAL) continues to share their culture through Holi Festivals and Diwali celebrations and serve the greater community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be "ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH" in Lancaster County and urge all Lancaster County citizens to take the opportunity during this month to explore this rich history and to also make a personal commitment to create a "more perfect union" and advance our nation's founding ideals of liberty and justice for all; and to join with members of our Asian American and Pacific Islander community in celebrating the many ways they have made a positive impact upon our County.

Proclamation

Mental Health and Trauma Awareness Month

May 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the month of May as Mental Health & Trauma Awareness Month in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, There is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health which is critical to the well-being of families, communities, schools and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The term Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) describes 10 categories of adversities in three domains experienced by age 18 years - abuse, neglect, and/or household dysfunction - and ACEs are negative life events or experiences that occur before the age of 18. The number of ACEs is strongly connected to the risk for health problems in adults, including chronic diseases, mental health problems, substance use, and other risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 25% of Pennsylvania adults report having experienced three or more of such traumatic experiences during childhood, sadly including many citizens of Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that prevention of prolonged exposure to toxic stress, early diagnosis of mental health issues, trauma specific treatment, intervention and building resilience of children and families can mitigate the impact of trauma and promote good mental health; and

WHEREAS, such recognition promotes greater awareness about the importance of good mental health and the negative impacts of trauma, and promotes a change to stigmas associated with mental illness, while fostering resiliency in families and communities; and

WHEREAS, over 7,000 Lancaster County residents have completed trauma awareness education, and more than 50 organizations, including social services, health care, law enforcement, education and housing have been involved in working groups, planning and delivering trainings.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby proclaim May 2023 to be "Mental Health & Trauma Awareness Month" and encourage citizens to be part of the solution to prevent and address trauma, especially among children, and to support strong, healthy families in Lancaster County.

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On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to approve a settlement agreement and release with Wanda F. Shelly, aka Wanda Jean Nye regarding two tracts of land located between South Prince Street and Highland Avenue in Lancaster Township.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Agreement With: Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Lancaster, PA

And

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To abandon and relinquish County interest in approximately 3.589-acre tract of land located south of Juniata Avenue in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2023

**FUNDING THROUGH THE
NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for King Spring Chickens, LLC. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$250,000.00. The farm is located at 448 Springville Road, Quarryville, Eden Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has determined that the application/project conforms to the public purpose, eligibility, and financial responsibility requirements of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law and has approved the above application/project at a publicly advertised meeting; and

WHEREAS, the project's details are set forth in the public notice announcement on file in the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Board hereby approves the revenue obligation or tax-exempt issues as stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County, nor shall the County be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued by the Authority.

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 Prison, to approve the following:

**System Agreement Renewal
Amendment With:** Guardian RFID
Maple Grove, MN

Purpose: To continue providing a system of software, hardware, support services and web-based software which delivers a range of inmate management, monitoring and tracking.

Amount/Term: Total contract amount of \$188,614.45 for the period May 1, 2023, through December 20, 2026, broken down as follows:

Initial payment, May 1, 2023	\$14,219.45
Annual SRF, December 20, 2023	\$43,598.75
Annual SRF, December 20, 2024	\$43,598.75

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Annual SRF, December 20, 2025	\$43,598.75
Annual SRF, December 20, 2026	\$43,598.75

Funding:

Monies from the Inmate General Welfare Fund (IGWF) will be used to cover the increase for the current year's cost. Future costs will be budgeted within the IGWF. Approval granted by Warden for use of IGWF funds. Increase of 147%.

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 Prison, to approve the following:

Renewal Agreement With:

IB Abel, Inc.
York, PA

Purpose:

To provide preventative maintenance and monitoring of the Genetec security system and related network equipment.

Amount/Term:

\$94,432.00 for the period May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.

Funding:

Budgeted in the Prison 2023 budget.
Increase of \$2,605.00, 3%.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Amended Agreement With:

The Lodge Life Services, Inc.
Lancaster, PA

Purpose:

To adjust the contract amount due to increase utilization.

The Lodge Life Services assists adults with intellectual disabilities obtain and maintain independent housing in the community. These individuals are being served by Lancaster County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.

Amount/Term:

\$25,244.80 for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
Increase of \$5,004.80, 24.73%.

Funding:

Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2023

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to recognize \$3,517,617.00 in revenues from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund and appropriate them for the same total in the following General Fund account for purposes listed below. See Attachment A for details.

The allocation of revenue and expenditures presented below 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 referenced allocations below, and subsequent disbursement are contingent upon adherence with the County's approved Community Project Guidelines, the United States Treasury guidelines and the executing of the Certification and Acknowledgment of American Rescue Plan Funds County form, Agreement and any other documents required by the County. The County hereby authorizes the signing of an approved ARPA funding Agreement upon completion by the recipients.

Revenue:	Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45050	\$3,517,617.00
Expenditures:	Lancaster County General Fund Expenditures County Operating Costs: Digital Evidence for DA's Office Testing for Prison Inmates Software for Prison Reporting System Software for Case Management A1111 A 45051 7399	\$ 366,343.00 \$ 45,180.00 \$3,000,000.00 <u>\$ 106,095.00</u> \$3,517,617.00

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Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Saint addressed the Commissioners.

Mr. Christopher had comments for the Commissioners.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Commero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "o".

Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office