

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 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

Tammy Moyer
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Jacquelyn Pfursich, Esquire
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Also present were:

Heather Adams
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Leigh Bardell, Portfolio Manager
EDC FINANCE CORPORATION

Will Clark, Director for Land Use & Transportation
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Robert Devonshire, Director
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Bob Enck
NORTHWEST EMS

Justin Evans, Manager
MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP

Irene Grives
LANCASTER CITY RESIDENT

J. Marc Hershey, President
ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Crystal Natan, Executive Director
CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCY

Tom Lisi
LNP REPORTER

Cheri Modene, Director
JUVENILE PROBATION & PAROLE SERVICES

Jacquelyn Pfursich
COUNTY SOLICITOR

Chris Reed, Assistant Court Administrator
COURT ADMINISTRATION

Steve Roy, Fire Chief
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Linda Schreiner, Director
PURCHASING

Cheryl Steberger, Warden
PRISON

Susan Stewart, Manager, Project Management & Application Support Manager
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Scott Standish, Executive Director
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Also present were:

**Nathan Strubel, Senior Buyer
PURCHASING**

**Toni Warfel, Inmate Services Supervisor
PRISON**

Commissioner D'Agostino announced approval of the June 22, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes and the June 29, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino announced there is no Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022, and no Commissioners' meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Presentation of a Plan to Create an Administrative Authority for the purpose of emergency services in Northwestern Lancaster County.

Mr. Hershey introduced several municipal and EMS representatives from the northwest part of the county who were in attendance for the presentation regarding the plan. Mr. Hershey gave an overview of Northwest EMS and discussed the crisis facing EMS locally and across the Commonwealth. He said it costs close to five million dollars per year to operate Northwest EMS which covers eleven municipalities. He cited the rising cost of fuel, inflation, cost of equipment and low number of subscribers to the ambulance program, as well as difficulty in having the right wages and benefits to attract and retain paramedics needed to serve the community as problems EMS providers are facing. Reimbursements from insurance have been a big challenge. Local municipalities in the Northwest have joined together to come up with a solution and are proposing forming an emergency services administrative authority. It will shift the way the revenue is collected - more to shift between the reimbursements from insurance and a fee-based structure out to property owners within the municipality. It creates a lot more stability and predictability of funding so capital purchases and supplies can be planned and create wages that are fair and competitive and have the benefits needed to keep the EMTs and paramedics working.

Mr. Kingsboro spoke about a hospital-based system.

Mr. Enck said Northwest EMS thinks local control is more important than having a hospital-based system because there is representation by all the municipalities.

Commissioner D'Agostino praised the group of municipalities for working together to come up with an innovative and intergovernmental approach. He noted that there has been study by the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) to update the PA Municipal Authorities Act to expressly allow municipalities to form authorities for purpose of providing EMS services. The Northwest area is forming the Authority under the Administrative section of the Act. The Commissioner also noted, given his past work at the municipal level, that he is aware that in addition to reimbursements from medical providers not keeping up with costs, another significant issue is that a good deal of the reimbursement which go directly to the patient do not make it to the EMS provider. All three of these issues have been discussed with the legislature for some time, but no action has been taken as of yet. He stated that he would also be interested in seeing an ARPA request for the multi-municipal effort.

Commissioner Parsons thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged there is a crisis in emergency services. He said after talking with the 911 call center, there are some days it is fairly thin and when people call 911, they expect an ambulance to be there. He said there are no easy solutions. Almost every call an ambulance responds to is losing money because of the reimbursement costs. He said this is a model solution and he thinks startups for what they are proposing is an appropriate use of ARPA funds.

Commissioner Trescot said he has been traveling around the county attending municipal meetings and has been hearing about the same issues regarding EMS. He said he would be supportive of using ARPA funds for this purpose.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2022

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 \$1,600,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Nathan M. and Rosanne S. Brubaker. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$250,000.00. The farm is located at 1012 Oaklyn Drive, Narvon, Caernarvon 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2022

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$965,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for John D., Jr, and Mary Z. King. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$450,000.00. The farm is located at 150 Meetinghouse Road, Gap, Salisbury 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

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Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2022

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 \$1,417,280.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Jason R. and Briana J. Landis. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$575,000.00. The farm is located at 1998 Newport Road, Manheim, Penn 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

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Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2022

FUNDING THROUGH THE NEXT GENERATION FARM LOAN PROGRAM

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons;

WHEREAS, the Penn Township Lancaster County Industrial Development Authority has held a public hearing on an application/project in the total amount of \$1,600,000.00 for the Next Generation Farm Loan for Leonard K. and Christine J. Nolt. The Industrial Development Authority financing is in the amount of \$552,000.00. The farm is located at 1233 Mastersonville Road, Manheim, Rapho 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

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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 District Attorney's Office, to approve the following:

Agreement with: Higher Information Group, Inc.
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: For scanning and backfile conversion of all appeals files.

Amount: .08 cents per image, wide format \$1.00 not to exceed \$111,200.00.

Term: Approximately four weeks.

Funding: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding, as stated in Resolution No. 57 of 2022 which was approved on June 8, 2022.
Pursuant to the United States Treasury's overview of the Final Rule, page 14.

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:

Agreement With: Patrick Zirpoli, LLC
Milanville, PA

Purpose: To provide Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Auditing services at the Prison.

Amount: \$3,750.00, the fee is all inclusive.

Term: PREA audit cycle from August 20, 2019, through August 19, 2022.

The Auditor shall provide the audit report to the PREA Agency head and facility superintendent within forty-five (45) calendar days of the conclusion of the auditor's on-site visit. If there are no standards requiring corrective action, the audit report shall be considered final.

Funding: Prison 2022 Operating budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Contract Renewal Award With: Oasis Management Systems, Inc.
Cumming, GA

Purpose: For commissary services for the Lancaster County Prison.

Amount/Term: Fixed commission rate of 35% for the period July 8, 2022, through July 7, 2026 with the option to extend an additional three years.

Funding: Contract is paid from the Prison's store account which is funded by commissary purchases.
This is a decrease of 10.65%.

Commissioner Parsons said he has no objection to reducing the county's rate somewhat.

Commissioner D'Agostino said after reviewing the commissary's prices, he discovered they are generally the same as or lower than local retail prices, even with the 45.65 percent commission.

Commissioner Trescot said he agreeable to 37 percent so that the County is the lowest around.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Second Extension Agreement with:

City of Lancaster
Lancaster, PA

Purpose:

To extend the intergovernmental cooperation agreement to manage the separation of services between the City of Lancaster and the County of Lancaster.

Amount/Term:

\$20,000 per month flat fee.
Effective July 1, 2022, through July 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:

Work Order No. 1 With:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
Transportation Planning and Programming
Harrisburg, PA

Purpose:

Approve PennDOT Contract No. C920001369 – Work Order No. 1 – FY2022-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
This federal, state, & local funding is used to support the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Committees work over the next two state fiscal years. The funds are primarily used by Lancaster County Planning Department staff, but some funding is used to cover consulting fees, RRTA transportation planning activities, and special studies.

Amount:

\$1,922,500.00

Term:

July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Funding:

\$1,542,000.00 Federal
\$164,000.00 State
\$216,500.00 County
(25% Included in Planning Department 2022 budget, will be included in 2023 and 2024 budget proposals)

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:

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.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, on behalf of Children and Youth, approve the following:

Memorandum of Understanding With: Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas and Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families Harrisburg, PA

Purpose: Obtain approval to submit letter of intent and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, allowing Lancaster County to receive Title IV-E reimbursement of administrative costs of legal representation of children, youth, and parents in dependency hearings.

Amount: Projected funds = \$100,000 which will be distributed to Court Administration for costs related to legal representation.

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 Children and Youth Agency and/or the Office of Juvenile Probation, to approve the following for:

Agreements With:	For: (Fiscal Year 2021-2022)	Amounts	% Increase/ Decrease
Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Manos House Columbia, PA	Residential drug & alcohol	\$134.04/day	-5.90%
	Supervised independent living	\$196.25/day	-24.74%
Pediatric Specialty Care at Lancaster Lancaster, PA	Group home for technology dependent children	\$140.80/day	N/A

Agreements With:	For: (Fiscal Year 2022-2023)	Amounts	% Increase/ Decrease
COBYS * Leola, PA	TBRI training (four courses)	\$53,650.00	NEW
	Additional courses	\$5,500.00	

(* Note: Funding for this contract is included in approved 2022 County & State budgets and are anticipated to be 100% Federal through Family Transition Act funds.)

Commonwealth Clinical Group, Inc. Lancaster, PA	Intake session	\$225.00	N/A
	Psychiatric evaluation	\$395.00	
	Medication management/check	\$85.00	
	Specialized services evaluation	\$350.00	
	Polygraph	\$350.00	
	Abel assessment	\$450.00	
	Psychosexual evaluation	\$350.00	
	Group therapy	\$17.50	
	Full individual therapy	\$95.00	
	Brief individual therapy	\$47.50	
Jonathan M. Gransee, PsyD Lancaster, PA	Psychological evaluation for parents	\$600.00	N/A
	No show for psychological evaluation	\$300.00	
	Psychological evaluation with IQ test	\$780.32	
	Psychological evaluation at prison/ YIC/home visits	\$818.51	
	Psychological evaluation with IQ test at prison/YIC/home visits	\$998.59	
	Weschler memory test	\$180.08	

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Agreements With:	For: (Fiscal Year 2022-2023)	Amounts	% Increase/ Decrease
	Competency evaluation	\$982.21	
	Consult after evaluation	\$90.58/hour	
	Court testimony (min 3 hours)	\$120.25/hour	
	Staff/resource parents training	\$120.05/hour	
	Files over 100 pages	\$150.00	
Jaskot Consulting, LLC Marietta, PA	Resource parents & staff training & development	\$120.00/hour	
	Preparation, surveys, travel & consultation	\$60.00/hour	
	Court appearance/testimony	\$150.00/hour	
	Bio-psychosocial evaluation - direct time	\$130.00/hour	-8.00%
	Bio-psychosocial evaluation with Drug & alcohol - direct time	\$130.00/hour	-8.00%
	Bonding assessment	\$150.00/hour	-7.00%
	Supervision of field placements	\$60.00/hour	
	Court testimony - late cancellation fees	\$300.00	
PA Counseling Services Lebanon, PA	Multi-systemic therapy	\$105.33/day	-60.00%
	Outpatient intake evaluation	\$90.00	
	Outpatient 38-52-minute session	\$75.00	
	Outpatient per group hour	\$40.00	
	Deaf interpreting services	\$58/day	-21.00%
	Court appearance by counselors	\$90.00/hour	-20.00%
	Court appearance by psychiatrist	\$350.00/hour	-75.00%
	Court appearance by CRNP	\$265.00/hour	
	Psychological Evaluation	\$275.00	-19.00%
	Psychological medication management	\$85.00/visit	
	CRNP evaluation	\$205.00	
	CRNP medication management	\$65.00/visit	
	Polygraph	\$350.00	
	Polygraph no show	\$150.00	
	Psychosexual intake	\$350.00	
	Psychosexual eval with narrative	\$550.00	
	Individual/family session (38-52 min)	\$104.00	
	Individual/family session (20-37 min)	\$75.00	
	Group rate	\$45.00/hour	
	Polygraph - sex offender	\$425.00	
	Polygraph - sex offender no show	\$150.00	
	Abel assessment	\$400.00	
	Travel - sex offender program	\$75.00/hour	
	Court/legal - sex offender program	\$85.00/hour	
	Psychiatric court - sex offender prg	\$275.00/hour	
	CRNP Court - sex offender program	\$200.00/hour	
	Psychologist court - sex offender prg	\$175.00/hour	
Hugh S. Smith, PH.D & Associates Lancaster, PA	Forensic Psychological Evaluation	\$400.00	N/A
	Additional Procedures Testing	\$150.00	
	Comprehensive Psychological Eval	\$700.00	
	Intellectual Testing-Stand Alone Report	\$500.00	
	Intellectual Testing-Add On	\$250.00	
	Comprehensive Psychoeducational/ Neuropsychological Evaluation	\$875.00	
	Comprehensive Psychoeducational/ Neuropsychological Evaluation with Personality Measure	\$1,025.00	
	Comprehensive Psychological Evaluation of Parent/Caregiver	\$700.00	
	No Show Fee	\$200.00	
	Supplemental Intellectual Screener	\$200.00	

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Supplemental D&A Assessment	\$150.00
Supplemental Fire Risk Assessment	\$200.00
Supplemental Psychosexual Assessment	\$200.00
Emotional Abuse/Trauma Assessment	\$800.00
Consultation	\$150.00/hour
Competency to Stand Trial Evaluation	\$1,200.00

Addendum	\$50.00
Amenability Assessment	\$1,500.00
Court Testimony	\$225.00/hour
Comprehensive Bonding Assessment	\$700.00
Capacity Assessment	\$750.00
Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Eval	\$1,000.00
Social Summary	\$500.00
Comprehensive Diagnostic Team Eval	\$5,000.00
Psychotherapy, Treatment, Evaluation for Non-MA Clients	\$88.68/hour

Catherine Surbeck, PH.D
Forensic Assessment &
Consulting Services, LLC
Villanova, PA

Psychosexual evaluation	\$750.00
Drug & alcohol evaluation	\$300.00
Trauma evaluation	\$750.00

Lisa Hanna Witmer
Lancaster, PA

Supervision of field placements	\$65.00/hour
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Funding Sources: 16% County funding; 56% State funding; and 28% Federal.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Contract Award With:

Bethany Christian Services
Lancaster, PA

Purpose:

To provide the Homebuilders Program, which is an evidenced-based model with emphasis on child safety and keeping the family together. This model provides short-term, intensive intervention services to prevent placement or assist with timely reunification. The Homebuilders model includes crisis intervention, counseling, skill building, relapse prevention, life skills and parenting education for families who have children ages 0-18 at significant risk of placement or require intensive services for reunification. Homebuilders will employ a part-time program manager, a full-time supervisor, three to five full-time therapists, and a part-time administrative assistant.

Amount/Term:

\$407,881.00 for the base period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with two one year extensions.

Funding:

95% State and 5% County. This is a Special Grant funded under the Child Welfare Needs Based Budget. This was included in the Needs Based Budget submission last year for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and was approved by the State for implementation July 1, 2022. The county portion was included in the Children and Youth County budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Contract Award With:

CGL Companies, LLC

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Miami, FL

Purpose: For Owner's Representative Services RFP (22-005) for the construction of a new correctional facility.

Amount/Term: \$2,557,347.00 for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Funding: To be discussed and determined by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Parsons said he supports the recommendation by the committee even though he would rather pick a local firm to oversee the work.

Commissioner D'Agostino said if the project were smaller, he may feel differently with respect to engaging a local firm with less direct experience with the particular project. He said the prison will be the largest and most complex construction project in county history and they only get one chance at this.

Commissioner Trescot said CGS's price point is in line with the prison's projected cost of about \$150 million and that he expects companies from within the county to have opportunities to be involved in the construction.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Bid Award To: Road-Con, Inc.
West Chester, PA

Purpose: For elimination of the Big Conestoga #4A bridge and scour protection of the Big Conestoga #7B bridge.

Amount/Term: \$398,991.00 from the award of the project through the end of 2023.

Funding: This project is funded through Liquid Fuels (CLF) funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to grant \$500,000.00 in revenues from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund to be disbursed to Lancaster Township Fire Department for the construction of a new fire station at 1275 Millersville Pike, Lancaster, PA.

The allocations presented below for the project 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 on the page 11. Approval of the projects and said allocation is contingent upon adherence with the County's approved Community Project Guidelines and the executing of the Certification and Acknowledgment of American Rescue Plan Funds County form and any other documents required by the County.

Revenue:		
	Lancaster County	
	General Fund Revenues	
	6311-A-A1111-45050	\$500,000.00
Expenditures:		
	County Operating Costs	
	A1111-A-45051-7300	\$500,000.00

Commissioner Parsons said he supports funding construction of the new fire station because it will make a big impact on the community but does not think their full request of \$680,000 is realistic given the amount of money the County has, and the amount of project requests the County has received. He said it is solely a township responsibility, however, Lancaster Township has been a great partner on the prison project and the County wants to be a partner to them. Normally, a township project like this would not be considered but because the fire station will be serving the prison, he is willing to give half of the \$680,000 requested to the project. It is a smaller project that has a large impact on the community, and it is a county project as well in that the prison is at that location and it is in their best interest to have good emergency services.

Mr. Roy said the department cannot proceed with construction without the full amount because it is needed to fulfill the requirements of the \$2.4-million low-interest loan from the U.D. Department of Agriculture. He said some of the money could be returned to the Commissioners

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at the end of the project. He said there is a 10 percent surplus built into the budget for contingency.

Commissioner D'Agostino said he agrees with Commissioner Parsons and is concerned about awarding ARPA funds and then possibly having to take some or all of them back and then have to reallocate, because it presents logistical challenges, which is why the Board adopted the policy that it did. So, making such decisions should not be taken lightly nor as a regular practice.

Commissioner Trescot said he would like to adopt the resolution and approve the amount requested so the project can get started.

The Commissioners agreed to table the matter until July 26 to give the County and the department time to work through the arrangement and for the department to make one last effort to find other funding and reduce its request.

Ms. Grives talked about problems she is having with Lancaster City regarding her rental properties and building codes and asked the Commissioners for help. She said she has been targeted for unknown reasons for vested interests and as a result, has been getting citations, inspections, and fines for the past 10 years. She has filed a complaint with the Human Relations Commission. Since then, she said the city has condemned her rental property for minor violations, locked her out of the property and filed a complaint against her. She said this problem needs to be addressed and not swept under the carpet.

Commissioner D'Agostino said the County has no jurisdiction on these matters. She said the problem is a city and County problem. Commissioner D'Agostino said she is taking the proper action, but it is a municipal issue and not a County issue.

Mr. Roy said he received an email from Lancaster Township stating that if the Commissioners would be willing to fund the fire station project at \$500,000, the township has committed to covering the balance.

Commissioner Parsons said he said he would agree to fund half of the amount but if the board wants to fund \$500,000, he would support it.

Both Commissioners D'Agostino and Trescot said they would support funding the amount.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2022

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to grant \$500,000.00 in revenues from County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the General Fund to be disbursed to Lancaster Township Fire Department for the construction of a new fire station at 1275 Millersville Pike, Lancaster, PA.

The allocations presented below for the project 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 on the page 11. Approval of the projects and said allocation is contingent upon adherence with the County's approved Community Project Guidelines and the executing of the Certification and Acknowledgment of American Rescue Plan Funds County form and any other documents required by the County.

Revenue:

Lancaster County General Fund Revenues 6311-A-A1111-45050	\$500,000.00
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Expenditures:

County Operating Costs A1111-A-45051-7300	\$500,000.00
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Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner D'Agostino, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Commero, Executive Secretary
Commissioners' Office