

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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

Amy M. Campbell
DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Also present were:

James Catigano, Buyer II
PURCHASING

Randy Gockley, Emergency Management Coordinator
EPHRATA BOROUGH

Rick Kastner, Director
DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION

Matt Knepper, Director
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE BOARD

Tom Martin, Director
OFFICE OF AGING

Brian Pasquale, Director
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Christina Peddigree, Director
HUMAN RESOURCES

Robert Pena, Emergency Management Specialist, Training & Exercise
PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Joel Saint, Pastor
IRBC

Scott Theurer
LANCASTER COUNTY RECOVERY ALLIANCE

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 August 30, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner D'Agostino made the reannouncement that an Evening Commissioners' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Eden Township Municipal Building, 489 Stony Hill Road, Quarryville, Pennsylvania. There is no Commissioners' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September 6, 2023

WHEREAS Emergency Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of Lancaster County to join citizens across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural, technological, and human-caused; and

WHEREAS Lancaster County has been impacted by various emergency events and through the work of Lancaster County Emergency Management, county preparation and community cooperation, Lancaster County has successfully tackled adversity when it arises; and

WHEREAS Lancaster County's top priority is the safety of its residents, including ensuring residents are educated on and prepared for emergencies; and

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WHEREAS, Lancaster County Emergency Management partners with municipal officials and their local emergency management coordinators, emergency medical service agencies, firefighters, law enforcement, search and rescue organizations, private, nonprofit, and community agencies and organizations to educate communities on local hazards and natural disasters and how to prepare and effectively respond to them; and

WHEREAS, when residents working together with local and County government take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners is grateful for collaboration within the community during an emergency due to numerous partnerships and emergency resources shared by the American Red Cross, the Lancaster County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), the Food Hub, local faith based organizations, school districts, and other organizations who commit, as a community, to equitable citizen participation in planning for and responding to all disasters to ameliorate the post-disaster conditions and quickly transition to recovery; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Lancaster County, PA are urged to plan for disasters and encourage their family and friends to do so by supporting and contacting their local municipal emergency management coordinators (EMC) for essential preparedness tips and information; and

WHEREAS, residents of Lancaster County, PA are encouraged to educate themselves, their family and friends by visiting the County of Lancaster website at <https://lancastercountypa.gov/141/Emergency-Management> for essential preparedness tips and information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that the month of September 2023 be proclaimed

----- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH** -----
The community is encouraged to observe this month by preparing for emergencies before they occur in Lancaster County, PA.

PROCLAMATION

Drug and Alcohol Recovery Month

September 6, 2023

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of substance use disorders has been shown to work, treatment is effective, and many thousands of individuals have recovered in Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all to encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, national data indicates that the incidence of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) has been highest among young adults, where 25.6% of individuals aged 18 to 25 are affected; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations and individuals working to ensure all citizens in Lancaster County have an opportunity to live full and healthy lives unhindered by substance abuse disorders. These include education, treatment, and prevention professionals as well as law enforcement and corrections personnel. Further, Lancaster County has been recognized as having a premier collaboration in Lancaster County Joining Forces, which has helped to significantly reduce opioid related deaths here. Moreover, Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission staff work daily to help residents here in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, we invite all residents of Lancaster County to participate in and support National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as

----- **DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY MONTH** ----- in Lancaster County and call upon all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies in support of recovery.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster, acting on behalf of the Human Resources Department, to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Lancaster County Detective Association for a two-year period from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER AND TAKING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons,

WHEREAS, Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 12 P.S. §4301, *et seq.*, as amended, authorizes counties and municipalities to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy ("C-PACE") Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 4303 of Title 12 authorizes a county to establish the Program by adopting a resolution establishing the Program, defining an area or group of qualifying commercial properties designated for the purpose of establishing C-PACE (the "District") and provide other operational standards and guidelines; and

WHEREAS, presentations have been made in the Lancaster County business community on the nature and potential benefits of establishing C-PACE in Lancaster County which has received positive feedback; and

WHEREAS, Section 4303 (1) of Act 30 specifically authorizes a county to establish its own C-PACE program within a defined district by adopting a Resolution or Ordinance and to provide standards and guidelines for the operation of a county C-PACE Program; and

WHEREAS, The Lancaster County Commissioners previously stated its intent to establish a Program for a District consisting of the entire County; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 4303 (2) of Act 30, the County has provided written notice to every municipality within Lancaster County, which would be included in the C-PACE Program District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Lancaster COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA that:

A Property Assessed Clean Energy program shall be established in the County and shall be known as the "Lancaster County C-PACE Program". The Lancaster County Commissioners designate the entire County as the District as defined in Section 4302 of Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 12 P.S. §4302.

The operational standards and guidelines for the Lancaster County C-PACE Program attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A shall be approved and implemented by the Lancaster County Chief Clerk or a Program Administrator designated by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Any changes to the approved operational standards and guidelines shall be done by Resolution and approved by the Board of Commissioners. The Lancaster County Commissioners authorize the Lancaster County Chief Clerk or designee to execute any and all other necessary documents as may be required to facilitate the successful implementation of the Lancaster County C-PACE Program.

Any reference in this Resolution to any officer of the County or any officer or member of the Lancaster County Commissioners shall be deemed to refer to his or her duly qualified successor in office, if applicable.

In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Lancaster County Commissioners that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

All prior resolutions or parts of prior resolutions that are inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon it having been recorded in the minutes of the Lancaster County Commissioners, and the Lancaster County Commissioners hereby directs that this Resolution be recorded immediately following its adoption.

Mr. Saint asked what clean energy means.

Motion passed unanimously.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, it was agreed to for the County of Lancaster to appoint Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF) as the Program Administrator for Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) in Lancaster County effective September 6, 2023, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2023

On motion of Commissioner Trescot, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, it was agreed for the County of Lancaster to enter into Agreements 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>
Marian T. Eby & Estate of Donald S. Eby 2022-011 Leacock Township	Perpetual	\$117,195.00	\$0.00

The Commissioners certify that the Marian T. Eby and Estate of Donald S. Eby farm, consisting of 60.1 acres of which 60.1 acres is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of Leacock Township.

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<u>Name/Township</u>	<u>Type of Easement</u>	<u>County Share</u>	<u>Non-Profit Share (Lancaster Farmland Trust)</u>
Christopher D. & Lois A. Hoover 2016-004 East Drumore Township	Perpetual	\$78,347.00	\$31,763.00

The Commissioners certify that the Christopher D. and Lois A. Hoover farm, consisting of 46.24 acres of which 42.35 acres is proposed for preservation, is located in the Agricultural Security Area of East Drumore Township.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Renewal Agreement with: Agape Care, Inc.
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To provide home & community habilitation services to individuals being served by Lancaster County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.

Amount/Term: \$58,960.94 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.
Decrease of 30.04% due to reduced utilization.

2. Renewal Agreement With: The Arc of Lancaster County
Lititz, PA

Purpose: To provide family education services, as well as program quality monitoring for individuals being served by Lancaster County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.

Amount/Term: \$148,425.00 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Funding: Human Services Block Grant.
Increase of \$7,000.00, 4.95%, to reflect anticipated increase in utilization

3. Renewal Agreement With: Behavioral Healthcare Corporation
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To provide outpatient evaluation and treatment, including mobile outpatient therapy, mobile psychiatric nursing and mobile social rehabilitation services in the mental health consumer's place of residence unless otherwise clinically indicated. These services help prevent both local and state hospitalizations for individuals being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.

Amount/Term: \$298,056.00 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Funding: Human Services Block Grant.
Decrease of \$43,229.00, 12.67%, based on past utilization.

4. Renewal Agreement With: Blakinger Thomas Law Firm
Lancaster, PA

Purpose: To provide legal support and advice for all aspects of the Lancaster County BH/DS.

Amount/Term: \$67,003.00 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Funding: Human Services Block Grant (MH & IDD) - 90% State, 10% County (EI).
Increase of 11.54% due to increasing the rate of emergency legal services from \$95.00 to \$125.00.

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5. Renewal Agreement With: Keystone Service Systems, Inc.
Harrisburg, PA
- Purpose: To provide community residential rehabilitation, supporting housing and supported living services for adults and transitional-age adults with serious mental illness being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.
- Amount/Term: \$2,025,934.00 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant.
Increase of \$295,664.00, 10.69%. due to increasing the direct care staff hourly rate and increasing expenses in residential programs
6. Renewal Agreement With: Masonic Village of the Grand Lodge of PA
Elizabethtown, PA
- Purpose: To provide residential and community participation supports for individuals open with Lancaster County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- Amount/Term: \$302,974.80 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Funding: Human Services Block Grant.
Increase of \$61,408.54, 25.42%.
7. Renewal Agreement With: Mental Health America of Lancaster County
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose: To provide family support, advocacy, community education, compeer and prison outreach services to individuals being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.
- Amount/Term: \$387,045.00 for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Funding: Budgeted in the Human Services Block Grant, Health Choices Reinvestment, Health Choices Social Determinants of Health and Lancaster Workforce Development Board Pathways Home Grant funding.
Increase of \$113,477.00, 41.48%, due to the addition of a consultant to assist BH/DS with special projects including mental health urgent care, along with adding Health Choices Reinvestment & Social Determinants of Health funding and Pathways Home grant funding.
8. Renewal Agreement with: Tenfold
Lancaster, PA
- Purpose: To assist adults with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to obtain and maintain independent housing in the community for individuals being served by Lancaster County Mental Health.
- Amount/Term: \$205,556.00 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- Funding: This is budgeted in Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding (Federal and State), Housing and Urban Development grants (HUD) the Human Services Block Grant.
Increase of \$128,996.00, 168.49%, due to changing the subrecipient for three BH/DS HUD grants from The Lodge Life Services to Tenfold.

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 Office of Aging, to approve the following:

1. Amended Agreement With: Nutrition, Inc.
Irwin, PA
- Purpose: To increase the supplemental food and paper items needed for congregate

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meal services supplied to the Lancaster County Senior Centers.

Amount/Term: \$30,000.00 for the period October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
Increase of \$17,348.32, 137% average, due to underestimation of actual budget required.

Funding: State Aging Block Grant.

2. **New Agreement With:** Next Gen Services, Inc.
Quarryville, PA

Purpose: To operate the Solanco Senior Community Center which provides an area for socialization, recreation, education and health promotion for Lancaster County's older adult population.

Amount/Term: \$265,934.00 for a 33 month base period from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 with two one-year options to extend.
Average increase of 26.17% due to staffing costs, utilities and rent increases.

Funding: State Aging Block Grant.

3. **New Agreement With:** Precise Point, Inc. dba Unique Aid
Lansdale, PA

Purpose: To provide in-home services for the older adult population in Lancaster County including personal care, home support, home health aide, licensed practical nurse (LPN) and registered nurse (RN).

Amount: Fee schedule as follows:

Personal care/Home support - \$20.00/hour
Home health aide - \$22.00/hour
LPN - \$36.45/hour
RN - \$42.90/hour

Average decrease of 7%

Term: 33 month base period from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, with two one-year options to extend.

Funding: State Aging Block Grant.

4. **New Agreement With:** Spooky Nook Sports
Manheim, PA

Purpose: To provide the facilities and catering services for the Senior Games.

Amount/Term: Not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the period April 29, 2024 through May 8, 2024.

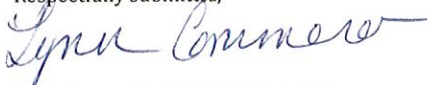
Funding: State Aging Block Grant and Congregate Meal funding.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Saint addressed the board about the idea of equality.

On motion of Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Trescot, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Commero, Executive Assistant
Commissioners' Office