

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MCKEAN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 22, 2022



McKean County Commissioners, in a regular meeting, assembled on February 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, McKean County Courthouse, 500 West Main Street, Smethport.

Summary of Motions Carried, by Agenda Item No.:

8B1 CDBG Resolution 2021 ADA Port Smethport & Housing Rehab
8B2 CDBG 2021 to Allocate Bradford Township monies
8C1 Renew Cost Allocation Plan - Maximus 3 yr \$7,000/yr
8D1 Polk Center
8E1 Career Technical Education Month

Summary of Agenda Items Denied: None

Summary of Agenda Items Tabled: None

Commissioners Attending:

Commissioner Thomas F. Kreiner, Commissioner Carol E. Duffy, Commissioner Clifford D. Lane

In Attendance:

Pamela Burlingame, Chief Clerk; Anthony Clarke, Esq., Solicitor; Dan Wertz, Esq.; Lori Coffman; Don Shonts
Remote: The Kane Republican: Theresa Auriemmo

1, 2 and 3: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

The Regular Meeting on February 22, 2022 of the McKean County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Kreiner at 10:00 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He established that there was a quorum to proceed with the county's business as presented and noted that the meeting is recorded.

There were no changes or additions to the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Duffy moved to approve the agenda. All in favor, 2-0.

4. Comments and Announcements

A. Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Duffy said she had invited Alvin Lovelace, Veteran's Affairs Director to the meeting, however he was serving a veteran at the time of the meeting. The office will be holding a Veterans Virtual Resource Fair. It will be held tomorrow (Feb. 23) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Participants can go to one of the Zoom locations or join the Zoom meeting directly from

home. She listed the Zoom locations and said that the meeting will include community agencies, health experts VBA and VHA will be available to answer questions. Commissioner Duffy thanked all of the veteran's organizations involved for presenting this program.

Commissioner Duffy introduced Dan Wertz whom she had invited to the meeting. She said last meeting they discussed the CCAP priority of Mental Health and she had invited Dan to return to the meeting to elaborate on some related statistics. Dan presented statistics regarding both funding and service numbers from NAMI He noted critical results in youth age 6 to 18. He said 1 in 5 adults experiences a mental health issue and 1 in 6 children have this experience. Translating those numbers to McKean County, this represents 6500 adults who need a level of assistance to support them in the community and 1200 children. He said that another key point is that Mental Health issues is no-discriminatory and impacts all professions, socio-economic groups and age groups. He listed several local organizations that provide mental health services. Lack of these services impacts schools, law enforcement and hospitals. One in four who are arrested have a mental health issue, high school students who experience depression are twice as likely to drop out, and one in four individuals experiences homeless have a diagnosed mental health issue. He noted that in order to decrease impact, access to formal treatment is important, including the need for transportation and telehealth, but there is also a need for social and civic organizations and meeting basic needs including food, shelter and assistance with utilities. He said it is important for the individual to be able to receive both treatment and support when the need arises.

Commissioner Kreiner gave an update on AMI testing at the 911 center. He was disappointed that last week in Bradford they only conducted 31 tests. He encouraged people to take advantage of the local free testing this week through Saturday.

B. Human Resources Update

New Employees: Misty McKinney, Alexis Layman, Amy Hollebeke, Tim Nicastro
Leave/Change of Service: Julie Comes, Rick Austin, Sherry Dumire

5. Minutes

Commissioner Duffy made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented from the February 8, 2022. Meeting. No discussion on the motion.

Vote on the motion: Yes: Duffy, Kreiner, Lane . Carried 3-0.

6. Public to be heard – None

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

A. Ordinances and Policies – None

B. Resolutions and Approvals of the Board

- 1) Commissioner Duffy moved to approve CDBG Resolution for 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, allocating \$245,162 as follows:

\$30,000 for ADA compliant entry at Port Allegany Senior Center

\$30,000 to Smethport Borough for ADA compliant parking and restroom at Hamlin Lake Park

\$131,033 to McKean County for Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation in Kane, Foster Township, Eldred.

No discussion on the motion. Vote on the resolution: Yes: Duffy, Kreiner. Passed 2-0.

- 2) Commissioner Duffy CDBG Resolution for 2021 to allocate Bradford Township monies of \$102,016 for \$73,654 LMI Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation program and \$10,000 for Spot Demolition. No discussion on the motion. Vote on the resolution: Yes: Duffy, Kreiner. Passed 2-0.

C. Contracts/Leases/Purchase Agreements

- 1) Commissioner Duffy moved to approve Renewal Agreement for Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus for a 3-year agreement, starting May 2, 2022 to May 1, 2025 for \$7,000/year. No discussion on the motion. Vote on the resolution: Yes: Duffy, Kreiner. Passed 2-0.

D. DHS Contracts

- 1) Commissioner Duffy moved to approve Polk Center No discussion on the motion. Vote on the resolution: Yes: Duffy, Kreiner. Passed 2-0.

E. Proclamations and Recognitions: Career Technical Education Month

9. Public Comment Period

Commissioner Kreiner noted that the next meeting would be on March 8, 2022.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Duffy moved to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion on the motion. Vote on the motion: Yes: Duffy, Kreiner, Lane. Carried 3-0. Commissioner Kreiner adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Pamela J. Burlingame

McKean County Chief Clerk