

December 3, 2020

The Westmoreland County Commissioners met in special session beginning at 1:31pm on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room #101, Greensburg, PA. The following were present: Chairman Sean Kertes, Vice-Chairman Douglas W. Chew, Secretary Gina Cerilli, Esq. and County Solicitor Melissa A. Guiddy. The following business was conducted:

Commissioner Kertes led the Pledge of Allegiance

General Agenda

Opportunity for Public Comment

No Public Comment

Solicitors Report

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Sharon Bold, Chief Probation Officer, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Adult Probation:**

- (A) Acceptance of Grant Award from the **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency**, in the amount of **\$344,826.00** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for “**2020-2021 Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program,**” for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, Carrie Nelson, Administrator and the Department of Financial Administration, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for the **Area Agency on Aging:**

- (A) Title XIX Grant Agreement with the **Pennsylvania Departments of Human Services and Aging** in the amount **\$628,311.00** (No Cost to Westmoreland County) for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Alexis Bevan, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Human Resources:**

- (A) First Amendment to Agreement with East Coast Risk Management approved March 14, 2019 to additionally provide administration of leave under the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, at no additional cost to the County.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Scott Ross, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Information Systems:**

- (A) Record Access Agreement for computer terminal access to Courthouse records as per fee schedule, effective the date of the Agreement through June 30, 2021, with automatic renewal, with the following and authorize the Director of Information Systems to execute contract documents on behalf of the County:
 - Kenneth Masztak

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy County Solicitor and Jason Rigone, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for **Planning:**

- (A) Rescind approval of HOME Investment Partnerships CHDO Operating Agreement PY 2018 dated September 17, 2020 with Homes Build Hope, Inc. in the amount of \$29,710.
- (B) HOME Investment Partnerships CHDO Operating Agreement PY 2018 with Homes Build Hope, Inc. in the amount of \$29,710. The Agreement provides operating costs in support of the Mary Street Rental Housing Project in Latrobe. There are no costs to the County.

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor and Greg McCloskey, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for **Public Works:**

- (A) Schedule Modification and revised completion date for the PennDOT Agreement L00141 with **Markosky Engineering** for the Westmoreland County Bridge #29 Brewery Bridge (Ligonier Street, Latrobe), for Part 1 Preliminary Design, Part 2 Final Design, and Part 3 Right-of-Way Acquisition Phases; extending the completion day an additional 95 days to March 8, 2021, through the bid process and to the anticipated Notice to Proceed for construction. This extension is necessary due to delays with the Federal Waterway permit. This project is funded through federal bridge funds and Act 13.

Upon review and recommendation of Deborah T. Chiado, Director, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following item for the **Tax Office:**

- (A) Sale of the following properties from the Repository of Unsold Properties pursuant to Section 627 of the Real Estate Tax Sale Law (72 P.S. §5860.627):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Map Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
11.30.2020	53-11-05-0-027	Mount Pleasant	\$979.00

Upon review and recommendation of Melissa A. Guiddy, County Solicitor, motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items for Westmoreland County:

- (A) **Resolution #R-76-2020**, authorizing Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with **Penn Township**, approved November 24, 2020 in the amount of **\$21,090.82 additional** (new total agreement \$30,000.00, which is the maximum allowable under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program) and authoring the expenditure under the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant

RESOLUTION #R-76-2020

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), the U.S. Department of the Treasury transferred funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cover costs of the Commonwealth including (1) necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) incurred from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Article 1-C entitled Emergency COVID-19 Response, Subarticle D, Section 130-C, entitled County Block Grant of the Act of May 29, 2020 (the “Act”), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development, as the Grantor was authorized to distribute funding to counties, such as Westmoreland, for the following purposes:

- (1) offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19;
- (2) small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry;
- (3) grant programs to support the following entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the COVID-19 disaster emergency;
 - (i) certified economic development organizations;
 - (ii) local development districts;
 - (iii) industrial resource centers;
 - (iv) small business development centers;
 - (v) economic development corporations;
- (4) assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, or townships located within the County for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19;
- (5) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services;
- (6) nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (7) broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made available to the COUNTY, as Grantee, \$31,508,670.00 (the “Grant Fund”), pursuant to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant, for eligible project costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through the Grant Fund, the Board of Commissioners intends to provide relief to municipalities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to help the municipalities remain viable through the COVID-19 pandemic by covering COVID-19 expenses up to \$30,000.00 per municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners by Resolution #R-73-2020 previously authorized an expenditure in the amount of \$8,909.18 to Penn Township under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program and approved a Subrecipient Agreement for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with Penn Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County wishes to approve an additional portion of the Grant Fund be provided to Penn Township in the amount of \$21,090.82 (the “Grant”), reflecting a new total Grant amount of \$30,000.00, which is the maximum allowable under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do authorize an additional expenditure in the amount of \$21,090.82 to Penn Township under the County Relief Block Grant, pursuant to the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program, reflecting a new total Grant amount of \$30,000.00, which is the maximum allowable under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program., and further approve an Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with Penn Township to reflect an increase in the funding.

RESOLVED and enacted this 3rd day of December, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

- (B) **Resolution #R-77-2020**, authorizing Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with **Washington Township**, approved November 24, 2020 in the amount of **\$25,085.64 additional** (new total agreement \$30,000.00, which is the maximum allowable under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program) and authorizing the expenditure under the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant

RESOLUTION #R-77-2020

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WHEREAS, under Article 1-C entitled Emergency COVID-19 Response, Subarticle D, Section 130-C, entitled County Block Grant of the Act of May 29, 2020 (the “Act”), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development, as the Grantor was authorized to distribute funding to counties, such as Westmoreland, for the following purposes:

- (1) offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning and outreach efforts related to COVID-19;
- (2) small business grant programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees and to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry;
- (3) grant programs to support the following entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the COVID-19 disaster emergency;
 - (i) certified economic development organizations;
 - (ii) local development districts;
 - (iii) industrial resource centers;
 - (iv) small business development centers;
 - (v) economic development corporations;
- (4) assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, or townships located within the County for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19;
- (5) behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services;
- (6) nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (7) broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made available to the COUNTY, as Grantee, \$31,508,670.00 (the “Grant Fund”), pursuant to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant, for eligible project costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through the Grant Fund, the Board of Commissioners intends to provide relief to municipalities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to help the municipalities remain viable through the COVID-19 pandemic by covering COVID-19 expenses up to \$30,000.00 per municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners by Resolution #R-73-2020 previously authorized an expenditure in the amount of \$4,914.36 to Washington Township under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program and approved a Subrecipient Agreement for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Westmoreland County wishes to approve an additional portion of the Grant Fund be provided to Washington Township in the amount of \$25,085.64 (the “Grant”), reflecting a new total Grant amount of \$30,000.00, which is the maximum allowable under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE, at a public meeting duly advertised with a quorum present, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The County of Westmoreland, through its Board of Commissioners, do authorize an additional expenditure in the amount of \$25,085.64 to Washington Township under the County Relief Block Grant, pursuant to the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program, reflecting a new total Grant amount of \$30,000.00, which is the maximum allowable under the Westmoreland CARES Municipal Support Grant Program., and further approve an Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement for Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Funds with Washington Township to reflect an increase in the funding.

RESOLVED and enacted this 3rd day of December, 2020, at a duly advertised public meeting with a quorum being present.

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Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to approve the following items of **Miscellaneous Business:**

- (1) Reappoint the following individuals to the Westmoreland County Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Board, for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023:

Cary Bohl Betsy Aiken Mandy Zalich Jay Tarara

- (2) Reappoint Malcolm Sias to the Regional Trail Corporation Board, for a three year term, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (this is the 2nd three year term for Mr. Sias)
- (3) Reappoint Faye Rosatti to the Westmoreland-Fayette Workforce Investment Board for a four year term, December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2024

Motion was made by Mr. Chew, seconded by Ms. Cerilli and it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 1:37pm

Certified by,

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary