

July 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Allegany County was held in the Allegany Room Sheriff's Office, Training Room, 695 Kelly Road, Cumberland, at 5:00 p.m. on the above date. The following were present: Commissioner Jacob C. Shade; Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; Commissioner David J. Caporale; County Administrator Jason M. Bennett; and County Attorney T. Lee Beeman, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

MOTION

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

MOTION

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, and seconded by Commissioner Caporale, the Minutes of the June 23, 2022 public business meeting were approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 1 – Road Closing Petition – Gregory P. Nicol – The road closing petition is to close a ten-foot unnamed lane or alley lying immediately adjacent to the property of Gregory P. Nicol between Upper Rockville Street and St. Mary's Church Terrace, near the Town of Lonaconing, Allegany County, Maryland – Gorman E. Getty, III, Esquire.

Commissioner Shade opened the public hearing by asking if anyone had any public comment regarding the road closing. There was no public comment. Hearing closed.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and granted the road closing petition to close a ten-foot unnamed lane or alley lying immediately adjacent to the property of Gregory P. Nicol between Upper Rockville Street and St. Mary's Church Terrace, near the Town of Lonaconing, Allegany County, Maryland.

PRESENTATION

Item 2 – Presentation – Sheriff's Accommodation Award Presentation – Allegany County Sheriff Craig Robertson. Captain Dave Morgan of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office presented awards to a number of Deputies to commend them for going above and beyond their regular duties. Before distributing the awards to the Deputies, Captain Morgan cited some statistics regarding the work done by these Deputies. He commended the deputies for their hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Shade expressed the Commissioners thanks to the honored Deputies and remarked on the strong relationship between the County Commissioners and the Sheriff's Office.

There was a round of applause at the conclusion of Captain Morgan's presentation and remarks.

ACTION AGENDA

Item 3 – Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center Grant – Board of County Commissioners to approve the acceptance of \$500,000 from the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC), and to authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign all required agreements to legally execute the contract with the OCCC on behalf of the County. The Examination and Treatment Act project will support the Allegany County Detention Center: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Initiative July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 – Daniel Lasher, Captain, Allegany County Detention Center, presented background and details for this Item, as set forth on the staff report on the subject dated June 24, 2022, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the acceptance of \$500,000 from the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC), and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign all required agreements to legally execute the contract with the OCCC on behalf of the County.

Item 4 – Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center Grant – The Board of County Commissioners approved the acceptance of \$206,909 from the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC), and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign all required agreements to legally execute the contract with the OCCC on behalf of the County. The OCCC competitive grant program will support the Balancing Education, Enforcement, and Prosecutions

(BEEP) with Treatment and Diversion initiative from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 – Tanya Gomer, MPA, SFC, Grants Manager, Allegany County Sheriff's Office. Daniel Lasher, Captain, Allegany County Detention Center, presented background and details for this Item, as set forth on the staff report on the subject dated June 29, 2022, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Caporale, seconded by Commissioner Brodie, and duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved the acceptance of \$206,900 from the Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC), and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign all required agreements to legally execute the contract with the OCCC on behalf of the County.

Captain Lasher commended Tanya Gomer, Grants Manager, and other County staff involved for their work regarding these grants.

CONSENT AGENDA

As recommended by the County Administrator

Upon Motion by Commissioner Brodie, seconded by Commissioner Caporale, and Motion carried, the Board of County Commissioners approved and adopted the Consent Agenda as recommended by the County Administrator.

Item 5 – Allegany County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board Appointments – Board of County Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Benjamin Sansom and Timothy Carney as members of the Allegany County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, and appointed T.R. Robinette as a new member of the Advisory Board. Their terms will expire on July 7, 2027.

Item 6 – Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal – Board of County Commissioners approved and authorized the President of the County Commissioners to sign an agreement with Travelers Insurance to renew Allegany County's Property and Casualty coverage for FY-2023.

Item 7 – Community Promotions – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Finance Department to remit \$3,500 budgeted from the Community Promotions Account to the Western Maryland Chapter WDCR-SCCA in support of the 2022 Polish Mountain Hill Climb.

Item 8 – CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Dental Plan Renewal – Board of County Commissioners adopted the renewal of the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield group dental plan for Allegany County employees for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and authorized the County Administrator to sign.

Item 9 – Allegany County Community Enhancement Program – Board of County Commissioners approved giving the Town of Luke \$12,500 in estimated demolition costs and \$12,500 in estimated landfill costs from the Allegany County Community Enhancement Program to demolish a dilapidated duplex located at 101-103 Mullen Avenue, Luke, Maryland. Board of County Commissioners also authorized the Department of Economic and Community Development to award a contract for demolition of the duplex and any outlying buildings and removal of debris to Miller Truck & Excavating, LLC, for the estimated bid amount of \$22,500, and to pay for the estimated \$12,500 in landfill costs for demolition of the duplex and any outlying buildings and removal of debris.

Item 10 – Enterprise Master Lease Agreement – Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Commissioners to sign a master lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management. This is the first step in allowing the county to lease vehicles as the need arises, and when it is difficult to acquire vehicles through normal purchases.

Item 11 – Allegany County Transit 2022-2023 Bus Service Contract (Memorandum of Understanding) – Frostburg State University – Board of County Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Frostburg State University to provide bus service for one year for \$141,950, and authorized the President to sign all necessary documents.

Item 12 – Request to Award Engineering Contract for Flintstone Wastewater Plant Upgrade – Board of County Commissioners approved the award of an Engineering Contract to GHD for design of the Flintstone Wastewater Plant Upgrade Project in the amount of \$375,000 and authorized the President to sign necessary contract documents.

Item 13 – Agreement with Penn Mar Recycling, LLC – Board of County Commissioners awarded the Agreement to Penn Mar Recycling, LLC for the recovery, processing, reporting, and marketing of recyclable materials collected in Allegany County.

Constituents – In order of sign-up sheet

Mr. John Felten, of Wiley Ford, WV, thanked the County Commissioners for their support of the Polish Mountain Hill Climb and also provided some details about this year's event. He encouraged everyone to attend. The Commissioners wished Mr. Felten good luck with the Hill Climb and told him that they were happy to help.

Mr. Glenn Stahlman, of LaVale, voiced his concerns about speeding on Cash Valley Road, where he resides.

Mr. Jack Nightingale, of Lonaconing, again talked about his concerns with the trucks traveling on Jackson Mountain.

Commissioner David Caporale stated for the record that all three County Commissioners are concerned with the peace in this County.

County Administrator Jason Bennett had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

County Attorney Lee Beeman had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Commissioners' statements, comments, recognition

Commissioners David Caporale, Creade Brodie and Jacob Shade had no further comments to make at this evening's meeting.

Reminders/Upcoming Meetings

Next Public Business Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come to the attention of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Jacob C. Shade, President

True Copy
Attest:

Cynthia A. Young
Recording Secretary



ALLEGANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



695 Kelly Blvd, Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Sheriff Craig A. Robertson

STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason M. Bennett, County Administrator
FROM: Tanya L. Gomer, Grants Manager
DATE: June 24, 2022
RE: Allegany County Sheriff's Office – Detention Center MOUD Initiative 2022-23

For the Agenda of: _____

1. **Background:**

In FY22, the Sheriff's Office entered into a partnership with the University of Maryland to conduct a pilot that would create a Substance Use Disorder Treatment program at the Allegany County Detention Center that would be a model for the implementation of the requirements of the Opioid use Disorder Examination and Treatment Act, House Bill 116 of the 2019 session.

2. **Issues:**

With new programming comes the additional workload, development and hiring of staff to support the initiative. We know there is an addiction problem in Allegany County. As with many legislative mandates, this was an unfunded mandate for all jails and detention centers to offer medication assisted treatment and wrap around services for individuals detained to their care.

3. **Financial Impact:**

This funding is for a two-year cycle and helps ease the transition for these new positions to implement the requirements of HB116. The salaries and benefits for the Registered Nurse that serves as the MAT Program Coordinator, Reentry Coordinator Case Manager and Peer Recovery Specialists are funded through this grant. Additionally, the costs of medications, drug screenings, educational supplies, and program supplies.

4. **Alternatives:**

HB 116 was going to have a significant cost to the taxpayers of Allegany County and this funding allows for a two-year respite so that the program can be developed and the financial information and funding gaps can be ascertained to inform future budget requests.

5. **Other Considerations:**

N/A

6. **Conformity to County Policy:**

This grant application was approved by the Sheriff, County Administrator, and County Health Officer.

7. **Recommendation:**

For the _____, 2022, public meeting, I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners accept the OOC Grant Award in the amount of \$500,000.00 and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign all required agreements to legally execute the contract with the Opioid Operational Command Center on behalf of the County.

cc: Linda Simpson, County Clerk



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STAFF REPORT

TO: Jason M. Bennett, County Administrator
FROM: Tanya L. Gomer, Grants Manager
DATE: June 29, 2022
RE: Allegany County Sheriff's Office – ACSO & SAO Balancing Education, Enforcement and Prosecutions (BEEP) with Treatment and Diversion

For the Agenda of: July 7

1. **Background:**

The opioid epidemic is impacting all factors of our community. The criminal justice system has three components – police, courts, and corrections; and its time we have them work together to maximize efficiency and maintain effectiveness in addressing this epidemic.

2. **Issues:**

The largest increase in opioid related fatal overdoses was observed in Allegany County in 2020. We have the MOUD program at the jail focusing on treatment while detained, but there is no funding to support investigations by our Sheriff's Office to go after the drug trafficking organizations bringing the drugs in. The Diversion program started by the State's Attorney in 2021 was impacted negatively by COVID and this grant will allow those efforts to continue for 1st and 2nd time law level offenders to divert them from incarceration through education and treatment options. Additionally, we know that legalization of marijuana is inevitable in Maryland. This funding will allow us to acquire a new K-9. Additionally, the citizens need to know what we are doing on all levels. Marketing and promotion to increase transparency and ensure the community knows what we are doing is essential for transparency and support.

3. **Financial Impact:**

This funding at \$206,909 will help significantly to supplement the additional demands and efforts of the Sheriff's Office, the Detention Center and the State's Attorney's Office.

4. **Alternatives:**

N/A

5. **Other Considerations:**

N/A

6. **Conformity to County Policy:**

This grant application was approved by the Sheriff and County Administrator.

7. **Recommendation:**

For the July 7, 2022, public meeting, I recommend that the Board of County Commissioners accept the OOC Grant Award in the amount of \$206,909.00 and authorize the President of the County Commissioners to sign all required agreements to legally execute the contract with the Opioid Operational Command Center on behalf of the County.

cc: Linda Simpson, County Clerk
Cindy Young