

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Daniel Treviño, Chair Pam Robb, Vice-Chair (via tele-conference) Elliot Abrams, Supervisor (via tele-conference) Anita Thies, Supervisor (via tele-conference) Betsy Whitman, Supervisor (via tele-conference)
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor (via tele-conference) Alexandra Castrechini, Asst. Township Engineer Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director (via tele-conference) Clint McCaslin, Police Officer Sophie Weston, Communications Specialist (via tele-conference)
AUDIENCE	C-NET (2) Valerie Burnett, Resident Stefan Cherenka, Toftrees Golf Assoc. Plato Ghinos, Shaner/Toftrees Joe Viglione, CRCOG Eric Norenberg, COG (via tele-conference) George Downsborough, CCAA (via tele-conference) Emil Cunningham, PSU(via tele-conference) Terry Watson(via tele-conference) Kevin Mullen, Resident (via tele-conference)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Trevino called the August 18, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:00PM.

- a. **Announcement** Mr. Trevino stated the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session with the Township Solicitor on July 29, 2021 to discuss a personnel matter.
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- c. **Introduction of New Employees** – Chief Jolley introduced Officer Clint McCaslin and Larry Pegher introduced Communications Specialist Sophie Weston.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Burnett stated that how thrilled she is by the improvements of the Bellefonte Rails to Trails.

Mr. Abrams stated that he saw Senator Casey was at Centre Volunteers in Medicine doing a tour when he was there.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**a. PSU/SCB Report on Policing and Communities of Color**

In 2020 State College Borough (SCB) and the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) convened a Task Force on Policing and Communities of Color to review local policing procedures and use of force data. The members of the Task Force were appointed by the PSU senior administration and the SCB Manager. All Centre County local Police Chiefs were asked to provide information and be part of the Task Force.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)

a. PSU/SCB Report on Policing and Communities of Color (Continued)

The Chair of the Task Force, Emil L. Cunningham, PhD, Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for PSU, will make a presentation to the Board on their findings.

A copy of the report, without appendixes, was included with the agenda. The full report is available at https://www.dept.psu.edu/ur/newsdocuments/2021-Task-Force-on-Policing-and-Communities-of-Color_Draft-Report.pdf

As the Task Force's report was developed without any direct participation or prior review from Patton Township's governance, the Manager recommends the Board undertake a process of additional review and deliberation prior to making decisions on adoption of the report's recommendations or findings. The Board members could take on the review function themselves or refer such to a standing ABC body or an ad-hoc group.

Mr. Erickson stated he will be participating in a meeting on August 23rd on 'next steps' for forming an implementation committee for the report's recommendations.

Ms. Whitman asked where we go from here and how do we keep this research on the front burner. She asked about why race/ethnicity data from traffic stops is not available. Chief Jolley stated that previously traffic stop citation forms did not require collecting that information, but change have been made in the last 6 months to now collect it. He stated that police also do not ticket every person that they stop and that there is also a new form that officers use to track that.

Ms. Theis suggested putting a link on the website so the wider public can here the presentation.

Ms. Robb stated that we are extremely fortunate to have Chief Jolley.

Mr. Trevino asked to have a follow up on this at the second September Board meeting.

b. Policy Discussion on Standards for Use of Deadly Force – Blended Policy Proposal

As a part of the national conversation regarding policing, the Board of Supervisors has been engaging with the Township's Police Department and Township residents to review and discuss various aspects of police operations. These discussions began in June of 2020 and to date have led to policy updates/changes related to procurement from federal surplus programs and the execution of search warrants.

For the current issue, Township standards on the Use of Deadly Force, the following activities have occurred:

- In [April](#) the Board received presentations on:
 - Pennsylvania Law on Use of Deadly Force from the PA Crimes Code
 - Current Township Police Department Policy on Use of Deadly Force
 - Proposed model policy, developed by resident Ben Jones

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)

b. Policy Discussion on Standards for Use of Deadly Force – Blended Policy Proposal (Continued)

- And received a proposal from Chief Jolley for changes to be made to the current policy on Use of Deadly Force.
- On May 12th and 13th the Manager, Chief Jolley, and Dr. Jones held Listening Sessions to collect input from area residents and respond to questions about the Patton Township Police Department. (Recordings of these sessions can be found on the [Police page](#) of the Township’s website.)
- In [late May](#) the Chief presented a revised proposal for changes to the Department’s Use of Deadly Force Policy and heard again from Dr. Jones.

At the conclusion of the discussion on May 26th, the Board tasked the Manager and Solicitor with creating a blended policy proposal for the Board’s review and consideration.

The Manager and Solicitor produced an initial draft (version 1.0) and then consulted with Chief Jolley and Dr. Jones to find common ground on a final draft blended policy (version 3.2). Please see Item 3b of the enclosed agenda materials.

Mr. Erickson reviewed the proposed policy with the Board.

The Board was satisfied with the current proposal and directed the Manager to proceed with the proposed schedule for this matter:

Aug 19 to Sept 15	Review the proposed policy with the PTPD Police Officers Association and others as needed
September 22	Update Board on review and any proposed changes.
October	Consider a final draft policy resolution with potential to adopt.

c. Act 537 Facilities (Sanitary Sewer Service) Plan Update: Special Study for Biosolids Upgrade Facility for the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA)

The General Forum has forwarded the subject study to the municipalities for public hearings and adoption of municipal resolutions approving the Special Study which can be viewed or downloaded at <https://bit.ly/3uYdsH3>. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requires that the Township conduct a Public Hearing prior to taking action to amend the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan.

1) Public Hearing

The Board convened the Public Hearing for the proposed Special Study regarding the proposed Act 537 Facilities Plan Special Study for Biosolids Upgrade Facility for the University Area Joint Authority at 6:17PM.

The Board closed the Public Hearing for the proposed Special Study regarding the proposed Act 537 Facilities Plan Special Study for Biosolids Upgrade Facility for the University Area Joint Authority at 6:18PM.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**c. Act 537 Facilities (Sanitary Sewer Service) Plan Update: Special Study for Biosolids Upgrade Facility for the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) (Continued)****2) Action Consideration**

Mr. Abrams moved to approve Resolution 2021-020 Adopting an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update for a Special Study for Biosolids Upgrade Facility for the University Area Joint Authority. Seconded by Ms. Robb, the motion passed 5-0.

d. Proposed Letter to PSU Regarding Student Vaccinations

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Executive Committee met on August 10th and failed to agree on any communication to PSU regarding a vaccination requirement for students for the Fall semester. The Executive Committee is referring the matter to the General Forum and noted that each municipality may opt to send their own communication to PSU.

Supervisor Anita Thies has proposed the Board consider sending the following message to PSU:

“We recognize there are many challenging factors that Penn State weighed in deciding whether to require incoming and returning students to be vaccinated.

We are hearing from many of our citizens who are concerned that unvaccinated college students may spur an increase in virus infections and hospitalizations in our communities. Among other consequences, this would impact our schools where children under age 12 do not have the protection of a vaccine. It also would impact the economic health of our businesses should a virus surge prompt new restrictions.

Therefore for the public health and economic wellbeing of our communities, we, the undersigned, strongly urge Penn State to reconsider its decision and to require incoming students to be vaccinated just as many other Big 10 Universities are doing.

Thank you for your consideration.”

Ms. Thies moved to send the proposed letter Regarding Student Vaccinations to PSU President Barron. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 5-0.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY**a. July 2021 Public Safety Report**

Chief Jolley gave a brief overview of the July 2021 Public Safety Report which was included with the agenda materials.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY (Continued)

b. Noise Waiver Request; Toftrees Resort Event – September 10th, 4 to 10 pm

The Toftrees Golf Resort, at 1 Country Club Lane, has submitted a request to conduct a DJ'd music event with amplified sound for up to 1500 people on September 10th from 4 to 10 pm. Please see the enclosed Item 4b.1, Noise Waiver Application, and Item 4b.2, email from the Township Manager to Toftrees regarding additional information requested and potential additional permitted/coordination that may be required.

The Township Manager, Police Chief, and Zoning Officer met with the Toftrees Resort and Shaner Hotels management on Monday, August 16 to discuss this event and determine if additional permitting is required. The event is being primarily marketed to Shaner hotel guests (Toftrees and the 3 hotels at Williamsburg Square) and residents of apartment complexes along Toftrees. Parking will be accommodated at Toftrees (500+ spaces) and Williamsburg Square (600+ spaces) with shuttle service to the venue. Toftrees has agreed to reimburse the Township for additional police coverage and will notify all residents within a quarter mile of the venue of the schedule for the event. Given all these factors staff determined that temporary use permitting was not required.

The venue for the music will be on the west side of the hotel complex (See item 4b.3). They will be making use of the tent and stage items already in place for weddings, banquets, and golf events.

The Manager recommends approval of the waiver for the period of 4 pm to 10 pm on September 10th with the following conditions:

- The event sales are limited to 1500 tickets
- They will mail notifications to all residences within a quarter mile of the venue (Township to provide mailing list)
- Agree that Township may cite for noise violations after 10 pm without providing prior warning.
- Will meet with Police Department one week prior for final coordination.

Mr. Abrams moved to approve the Noise Waiver Request; Toftrees Resort Event on September 10th from 4-10pm. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the motion passed 5-0.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Bid Award – Scotia Road Full-Depth Reclamation and Overlay

This project includes the reconstruction of more than one-half mile of Scotia Road from Meeks Lane to the Maryville neighborhood using the full-depth reclamation process that utilizes the existing pavement materials and Portland cement to create a structural base layer for new asphalt pavement. The reclamation process also re-shapes the roadway to remove excessive crown and create a smooth driving surface. The project also includes mill and overlay on about 700 feet of Scotia Road through the Maryville neighborhood.

The Public Works Department received 3 bids via PennBid and reviewed them on October 10th. The agenda materials include a bid tabulation and recommendation on award from the Assistant Township Engineer.

Mr. Abrams moved to award the project to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. of State College, Pennsylvania for the amount of \$190,850. Seconded by Ms. Thies, the motion passed 5-0.

5. PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

b. Tentative Item -- Request for Input on Re-branding at University Park Airport - UPDATED

The Centre County Airport Authority (CCAA) is asking for input on “re-branding” to include the use of “State College” for marketing and outreach. The agenda materials included with the supplemental distribution include a letter from the Authority’s Executive Director requesting input and sample graphics of proposed signage. (See Item 5b.1)

The Authority Board meet on August 12th with representatives from PSU and noted they wish to move forward with the re-branding discussion and “the CCAA committed to sharing all responses to the letter with PSU and asked PSU for assistance in the re-branding discussion” (See Item 5b.2)

For Your Information – The University Park Airport is owned and operated by Penn State (PSU), except for the commercial airline terminal and public parking lots which CCAA owns and/or operates. This is a highly unusual arrangement for a public airport. The CCAA receives revenues from the airlines, the rental car companies, and the parking lot operator. PSU receives revenues from landing fees, aviation fuel sales, the CCAA, and the general aviation (i.e. private) operations. The federal government frequently provides funding for capital improvements to the facilities.

The Board supports the Re-Branding at University Park Airport.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING – no items

Due to a lack of business the August Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Update on Proposed Centre County Human Relations Commission

In July, the Board endorsed the prospect of working with Ferguson Township, State College Borough, and Bellefonte Borough to create a Centre County Human Relations Commission to investigate and adjudicate local cases of discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

The agenda materials include the current drafts of a local Non-Discrimination Ordinance and a Inter-governmental Agreement for a Local Commission. These documents are currently under review by the Solicitors for each municipality. It is expected that this review will be completed by the end of August.

The Manager offers the following tentative schedule for proceeding:

September/October	Consider adoption of Non-discrimination Ordinance for Patton Township and approve Inter-governmental Agreement for Local HRC
November	Include funding for Centre County HRC in the 2022 Township Budget
December 8	Appoint representative to Centre County HRC for 2022

This item is for information only. No action is required of the Board.

7. ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

b. Mid-Year Financial Report

Mr. Pegher, the Director of Finance and Administration gave a brief update on the Township's financial position based on revenues and expenditures from the first six months of the year and projected revenues and expenditures through the end of the year.

A memo from the Director and a spreadsheet showing year-to-date revenues and expenses compared to budgeted amounts are included with the agenda materials.

The presentation slides (Item 7b.3) were included with the Agenda Update.

This item is for information only. No Board action is required.

c. Board Input for the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan

Township staff has begun working on the next five year Capital Improvement Plan. The current 2021-2025 plan was included in the e-agenda materials.

Staff requests that Board members provide input/guidance towards potential new projects or existing projects in the plan. Questions and suggestions submitted by Supervisor Whitman are included with the agenda update. (See item 7c). Mr. Erickson reviewed his responses to Ms. Whitman's questions and stated he would add her project recommendations to the list of potential CIP projects.

d. Council of Governments (COG) 2022 Program Plan and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

The General Forum has referred the [2022 Centre Region COG Program Plan](#) and the [2022-26 Capital Improvement Plan](#) to the municipalities for review and comment. Please click on the links to access documents.

The agenda update materials include an updated matrix with questions posed by the COG Agencies and comments from the Township Manager and various Supervisors. (see Item 7d)

Board members Trevino and Whitman reviewed the comments they submitted and were provided responses from Mr. Vigilone of COG. Mr. Erickson reviewed many of his comments noting there did not appear to be any contradictions between the various commentors, and asked the board for action to submit 'consensus' comments.

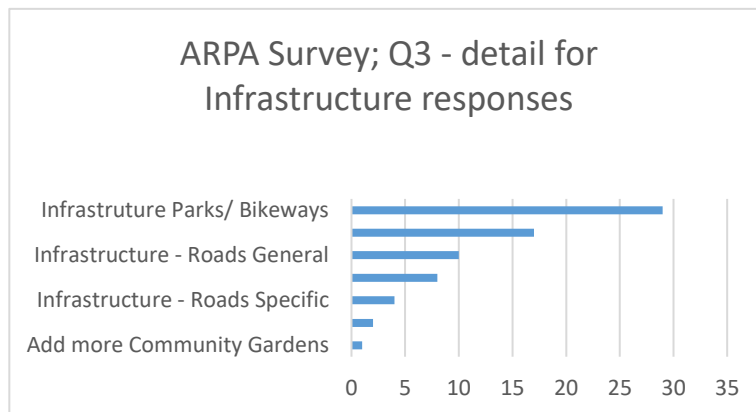
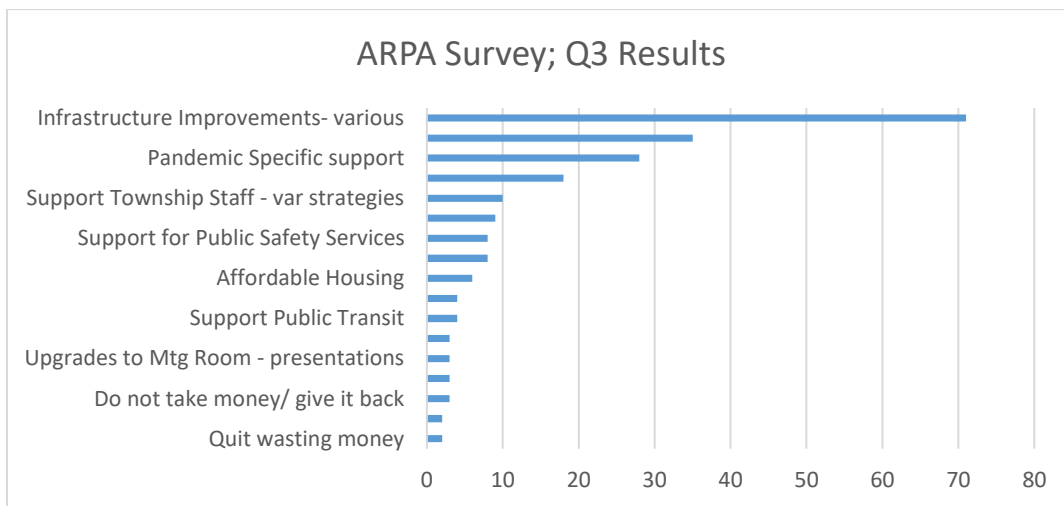
By consensus the Board directed the Manager to forward all comments provided by Board members Trevino and Whitman and the Manager to the Executive Director for consideration by the Finance Committee on August 19th.

7. ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

e. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Update

The Township will be receiving \$1,654,296.90 from the federal government in the next 12 months to address local issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In May the Board directed the Manager to solicit input from a wide range of constituents on potential uses for these funds. A schedule of activities related to the ARP Act and collecting input is included with the agenda materials (Item 7e.1).

Since then the Manager has solicited input from Township employees, members of the Township's authorities, boards and commissions (ABCs), and the general public.



The agenda materials also included:

- Results from survey/emails from public on use of ARP funds (Item 7e.2)
- Input from Board members (Item 7e.3)
- Input from Agency partners (Item 7e.4)

Ms. Burnett stated she has a petition asking to use the funds to complete the Bellefonte Rail Trail.

Ms. Theis asked staff to get an estimate for the costs of what it would take to complete the Bellefonte Rail Trail. Mr. Erickson has more detailed cost estimates and will bring the information forward.

This will be brought back to the September Board Meeting to discuss in more detail.

7. ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

f. Proposal to Adopt the Visioning Phrase “Patton Township: A Place for All” – presented by Supervisor Anita Thies

Supervisor Thies has provided a proposal for consideration by the Board to adopt a vision phrase for the Township. Please see Ms. Thies’ proposal that is included with the agenda materials as Item 7f.

Ms. Whitman moved to adopt the proposal to Adopt the Visioning Phrase “Patton Township: A Place for All”. Seconded by Ms. Robb, the motion passed 5-0.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The items included below are routine in nature and it is not anticipated that any will generate discussion or questions. The actual Consent Agenda with a brief description of each item is included with the agenda packet materials distributed to the Board and will also be available to the public at the sign-in table. At the request of a Board member any single item or all items on the Consent Agenda can be discussed and voted on separately. If no items are “pulled,” the Board should consider a motion for “approval of the Consent Agenda items as shown on the agenda.”

a. Public Safety – no items

b. Public Works – no items

c. Planning & Zoning – no items

d. Administration

1) Minutes: June 15th and 21st, 2021

The draft minutes of the last Board meeting and work session are included with agenda materials. Board members having questions or changes should contact the Township Manager prior to the meeting so revisions can be included in a supplemental distribution.

It is recommended that the Board approve the presented minutes.

2) Voucher Report

A copy of the July 2021 Voucher Report is enclosed. Board members having questions should contact the Township office prior to the meeting so the necessary information can be obtained.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Voucher Report.

3) Schedule Trick or Treat for October 31st

The General Forum voted based upon recommendations from the Centre Region Police Chiefs, the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Director, and the Executive Committee, that the Centre Region municipalities designate Sunday, October 31, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm as Trick-or-Treat night, with the exception of Halfmoon Township where the hours will be 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on that same day. It is additionally recommended that Monday, November 1, 2021, be designated as the rain date for Trick-or-Treat.

It is recommended that the Board designate Trick or Treat Night as recommended.

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

4) Voting Delegate Appointment for PA Municipal League Leadership Summit

Supervisor Whitman has agreed to serve for the 2021 Summit in Lancaster.

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment.

Ms. Whitman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Robb, the motion passed 5-0.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Erickson reported on the following matters:

- a. Correspondence (enclosed)
 - [1] Comments to Benner Township on new Zoning Ordinance
 - [2] Meals on Wheels 50th Anniversary – August 16th
- b. Announcements
 - [1] Mosquito Spraying available through Centre County Mosquito Disease Control program
 - [2] The 2021 Municipal Leadership Summit will be held on October 7 – 9 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. [Click here for agenda](#)
 - [3] [New Oak Wilt case on Oakley Drive](#)
- c. Update on Gypsy Moth monitoring (updated report enclosed)
- d. Upcoming Events
 - [1] HVAB Open House – Downtown State College, Aug 19th, 3 to 7 pm (enclosed)
 - [2] Office Schedule
 - September 6th – Labor Day – Office Closed
 - [3] September 7th – Fall Brush/Leaf collection begins
 - [4] October 9th - [Children's Fair](#), Target Parking Lot
 - [5] October 18-22 - Bulk Waste Collection

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities, cancelled – notice/update enclosed – Item 10a.1

[Human Resources](#), Aug 4 – report enclosed, Item 10a.2

2022 ERC & Wellness Budgets
2022 Parks Maintenance Personnel Proposal
Class and Comp Study - Draft RFP

[Transportation and Land Use](#) / Public Services & Environmental, Aug 5 -- report enclosed, Item 10a.3

Adopt the Draft Resolution forming the Land Use and Community Infrastructure (LUCI) Committee
Update on the Accessory Scale Solar Project
A Proposal to Expand Housing Choice and Opportunity in Centre County
Affordable Housing and Homelessness Services Gap Analysis and Action Plan

[Climate Action & Sustainability](#), Aug 9

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Draft Sections

[Public Safety](#), Aug 10 -- report enclosed, Item 10a.5

Municipal police reporting

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Funding EMS Legislative meeting
Regional Fire Protection space evaluation

Exec, Special Meeting, Aug 10

COG Position Statement To Penn State University On COVID-19
Executive Director's Report

Solar Power Purchase Agreement Working Group, Aug 11 -- report enclosed, Item 10a.6

Timeline For Request For Proposal For Energy Consulting Services
Recommendation To Retain An Energy Services Consultant
Fact Sheet – enclosed – Item 10a.7

Exec, Aug 19

2022 COG Program Plan CIP
Energy Services Consultant Authorization
Meeting Procedures Draft Documents
IT Study Status And Recommendation
COG Position Statement To Penn State University On COVID-19
Parks And Recreation Governance Structure Task Force Discussion

Future Meetings:

Finance, Aug 19

Update on the Defined Contribution Pension Plan (*Discussion*)
Fire Apparatus Plan Update (*Informational*)
2022 COG Program Plan CIP (*Action*)
Format of 2022 Detailed Budget (*Discussion*)
Budget Review Sessions (*Action*)

Future meetings

Transportation and Land Use, Sept 13, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
Facilities, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7
Human Resources, Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1
Public Services & Environmental, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2
Climate Action & Sustainability, Sept 14, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13
Public Safety, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14
Finance, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 18, Dec 9
Parks Capital, Sept 9
Exec, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 18, Dec 15

- b. Patton Township Housing Task Force, August (report enclosed)
- c. State College Borough Water Authority (3rd Thursday) (report enclosed)
- d. Centre Area Cable Consortium, as needed – Trevino (did not meet)
- e. Spring Creek Watershed Commission, July 21 – Mason (report enclosed)
- f. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Org., – Robb, Abrams Alt.
- g. Centre County Airport Authority, (4th Thursday) (report enclosed)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Robb stated Ms. Patti Stevens of Ferguson Township was instrumental in getting the Megabus route from State College to Philadelphia re-instated.

12. ADJOURN

Ms. Robb moved to adjourn the August 19, 2021 Board of Supervisor's Meeting at 8:47PM. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the motion passed 5-0.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary