THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:31 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER’S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, GERHARD, AND O’GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE. THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, 911 DIRECTOR, AND ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR HAMM WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OFFERED THE PRAYER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

MINUTES:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD:

FEBRUARY 6, 2015  10:00 A.M. PERSONNEL MATTERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2015  9:00 A.M. PERSONNEL MATTERS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2014 AND 2015 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2015.
FEBRUARY 12, 2015

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 64395 THROUGH 64442 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5087542 THROUGH 5087847 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING $295,149.75 (PAYROLL DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2015).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL CHECKS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 113148 THROUGH 113353 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

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MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CHECK NUMBERS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES
FEBRUARY 12, 2015

* MR. O’GUREK VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BILLS FOR THE TIMES NEWS, PENTELEDATA, AND PALMERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2015 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2015:

- GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT: $157.97
- PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT: $140,530.19
- GENERAL FUND SP NOW: $5,880,642.69
- OPERATING RESERVE: $928,952.17
- RENTAL PROPERTY: $229,147.23
- SOLID WASTE FUND: $194,656.13
- 9-1-1 FUND: $42,807.10
- PARKING FUND: $1,116,662.82
- ACT 78 FUND: $96,561.33
- ACT 56 FUND: $1,241,436.33
- LIQUID FUELS: $640,919.59
- AREA AGENCY ON AGING: $457,789.31
- CHILDREN & YOUTH: $48,350.66
- HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY: $18,007.30
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS: $47,843.98
- WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT: $18,364.61
- PARKS & RECREATION FUND: $63,643.43
- CARBON TRANSPORTATION: $16.19
- HAZMAT FUND: $124,434.33
- OFFENDER SUPERVISION: $558,415.06
- ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING: $157,055.32
- SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN: $70,806.37
- FARMLAND PRESERVATION: $167,432.75
- HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT: $12,370.38
- HOMELESS GRANT: $4,990.08
- CENTRALIZED BOOKING: $58,589.80
- VICTIM WITNESS: $10,724.60
- RECORDER OF DEEDS: $37,467.46
- RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS: $16,126.12
- JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE: $12,431.57
- COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE: $14,460.36
- PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION: $17,238.54
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING: $254,569.04
- CLERK OF COURTS: $10,870.34
- REGISTER OF WILLS: $12,126.25
- JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING: $4,199.21
- VITAL STATISTICS: $39,266.91
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND: $50,660.89
- LIQUID FUELS/ACT 89 FUND: $21,247.66
- LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND: $80,572.21
- ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND: $149,643.82
- VICTIMS SERVICE FUND: $22,830.10
- HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND: $150,365.24
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CDBG FUND $ 48,372.74
DEBT SERVICE $ 1,701,273.51
CAPITAL PROJECTS $ 288,683.45
FRINGE BENEFITS $ 496,894.95
TAX CLAIM $ 541,196.99

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:34 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:36 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
CHERI MAE SANTORE
CONNIE LYNN
SUE ZEIGLER
MARIANNE MARZEN
THERESA MILBERGER
2015 PENNSYLVANIA OMBUDSMAN AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES ANNUAL CONFERENCE
STATE COLLEGE, PA
COST: LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

CHERI MAE SANTORE
CINDY BIZARRE
CIVIL SERVICE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TRAINING WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

CATHERINE NONNEMACHER
CHARTING THE COURSE TOWARDS PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN PENNSYLVANIA:
INTRODUCTIONS TO PENNSYLVANIA’S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM
IDENTIFYING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
USING INTERACTIONAL HELPING SKILLS TO ACHIEVE LASTING CHANGE
RISK ASSESSMENT
CASE PLANNING WITH FAMILIES
THE COURT PROCESS
ASSESSING SAFETY IN OUT OF HOME CARE
OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT AND PERMANENCY PLANNING
MAKING PERMANENT CONNECTIONS-OUTCOMES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
READING, PA
COST: MEALS

SALLIANNE NEWTON
ANISSA NUNMACHER
PCYA QUARTERLY MEETING
STATE COLLEGE, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $100 PER PERSON, LODGING, MEALS
HUMAN RESOURCES
DAWN M. BOWMAN
LISA A. MARKS
14TH ANNUAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE
HERSHEY, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $225 PER PERSON, LODGING, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE), MEALS

VETERANS AFFAIRS
HENRY DESROSIERS
PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY DIRECTORS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 2015 STATE CONFERENCE
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA
COST: LODGING, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

COURT SEMINAR/TRAINING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
ADULT PROBATION
DEREK GEORGE
CONTROL TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE
COPLAY, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $1,825, MEALS

COURT ADMINISTRATION
SHERRI KLEINTOP
PATRICIA LAWLESS
JOLENE REMUS
2015 PCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION
SEVEN SPRINGS, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $255 PER PERSON, LODGING, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE), MEALS

DISTRICT COURT
WENDY SMELAS
MDJS – ADVANCED JUVENILE CASE PROCESSING
ALLENTOWN, PA
COST: MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

JUVENILE COURT
JANELLE BALLIET
CONTROL TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE
COPLAY, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $1,825, MEALS

JOSEPH A. GRECO
PAUL R. ZONA
PENNSYLVANIA GANG CONFERENCE
STATE COLLEGE, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $100, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)
FEBRUARY 12, 2015

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: JANUARY 19, 2015 MEETING OF SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING COURSES TO BE HELD APRIL 6, 13, 20 & 27; SEPTEMBER 1, 21, 28, AND OCTOBER 5, 2015.

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

#15-051  BIDS/CDBG PROJECTS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION TO BID FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS:

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH: WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS/TAMAQUA STREET (FY2012 & FY2013)

WEISSPORT BOROUGH: STREET IMPROVEMENTS/PROSPECT STREET RECONSTRUCTION (FY 2012)

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK ABSTAIN
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

AGENCY ON AGING:

#15-052  SENIOR CENTER GRANTS:

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER 2014-2015 GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) AND THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING FOR THE FOLLOWING TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS WERE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION:

PALMERTON CENTER: $2,750.00 - PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCREEN TV & WII SYSTEM

PANTHER VALLEY CENTER: $4,500.00 - PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCREEN TV & PA SYSTEM

WEATHERLY AREA CENTER: $1,200.00 - PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCREEN TV

THE GRANTS ARE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 TO JANUARY 31, 2016.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENTS.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COURTS COMPUTER INFO:

#15-053  AGREEMENT/VISTACOM:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COURT COMPUTER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT ENCLOSING AN EXTENDED SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH VISTACOM FOR ONE (1) POLYCOM VIDEO
CONFERENCING UNIT #48700370156GS (SERIAL #8815010F7C7CH). THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE MARCH 7, 2015 TO MARCH 6, 2016 AT A COST OF $712.00. WARRANTY COVERAGE INCLUDES REPLACEMENT OF FAULTY EQUIPMENT.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

COMMISSIONER O’GUREK QUESTIONED IF THE PRICE REFLECTS AN INCREASE.

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADVISED THAT IT IS A NEW AGREEMENT COVERING THE PRISON VIDEO CONFERENCING UNIT.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLID WASTE:

#15-054 DISPOSAL AGREEMENT/ADDENDA:

ADDENDA TO MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL CAPACITY AGREEMENTS, ELIMINATING THE TIPPING FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

ALLIANCE SANITARY LANDFILL, INC., TAYLOR, PA
COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, HEGINS, PA
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CORPORATION, INC., TAMAQUA, PA
GRAND CENTRAL SANITARY LANDFILL, INC., PEN ARGYL, PA
KEYSTONE SANITARY LANDFILL, DUNMORE, PA
LEHIGH VALLEY RECYCLING CENTER, COPLAND, PA
PHOENIX RESOURCES LANDFILL, INC., WELLSBORO, PA
PIONEER CROSSING LANDFILL, BIRDSBORO, PA
WAYNE TOWNSHIP LANDFILL, MCELLHATTAN, PA
WHITE PINES LANDFILL, MILLVILLE, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE ADDENDA AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

MAGISTRATES/LANSFORD:

#15-055 AGREEMENT/SNOW REMOVAL:

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND JOSEPH BUTRIE FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL AND CLEARING AT THE LANSFORD MAGISTRATES OFFICE, 417 EAST RIDGE STREET, LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PARKING LOTS ADJACENT TO THE PREMISES, WAS PRESENTED FOR BOARD ACTION. COMPENSATION SHALL BE $75.00 PER EACH INSTANCE, PAYABLE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

THE AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, SHALL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COUNTY.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH BUTRIE.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES
A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

PA SENATOR JOHN T. YUDICHAK
CARBON COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS - COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY, MAY 2, 2015
*PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED AN AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION OF THE LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 2014 WITH LORI KNOX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR OPERATION OF THE BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR TWO (2) SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL TERMS BEGINNING APRIL 1ST AND EXPIRING MARCH 31ST WITH A FINAL TERMINATION DATE OF MARCH 31, 2019.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO AMENDS PARAGRAPH 4.2 AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) PADDLEBOARDS.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES


WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT GAVE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING AND MANAGING A SYSTEM OF 911 CALL TAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, SETTING IN PLACE PLANNING PROCESSES, LINES OF AUTHORITY BETWEEN COUNTIES AND PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) AND A FUNDING STREAM BASED ON TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER SURCHARGES; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER COUNTIES’ STEWARDSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA’S 911 SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE BEST MANAGED AND UP-TO-DATE SYSTEMS IN THE NATION, WITH ALMOST COMPLETE E-911 COVERAGE
FEBRUARY 12, 2015

(ENHANCED 911, PROVIDING LOCATOR SYSTEMS FOR WIRELINE, WIRELESS, AND VOIP CALLS), THE FEWEST PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAPs) PER CAPITA AMONG LARGE STATES, AND A COMMITMENT TO MOVING TOWARD NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) TECHNOLOGIES.

WHEREAS, THE 911 SYSTEM FACES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES TO MEET RAPIDLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS, A FUNDING STREAM WHOSE FAILURE TO KEEP PACE WITH NEEDS REQUIRES COUNTIES TO RELY BOTH HEAVILY AND INCREASINGLY ON THE PROPERTY TAX, AND THE JUNE 30, 2015, SUNSET OF ONE KEY FUNDING SOURCE, THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE SURCHARGE; AND

WHEREAS, THE ACT CURRENTLY KEYS ITS PLANNING, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND AUDIT FUNCTIONS SEPARATELY TO DIFFERENT COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES, INHIBITING COUNTIES’ ABILITY TO MANAGE THE SYSTEM, TO INCORPORATE SHARED SERVICES, OR TO IMPLEMENT SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE INTENT OF THE ORIGINAL LAW WAS TO FULLY FUND COUNTIES’ ELIGIBLLE 911 COSTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT SUBSCRIBER FEE STRUCTURE IS A MONTHLY SURCHARGE ON WIRELINE, WIRELESS, AND VOIP SUBSCRIBERS, RANGING FROM $1.00 TO $1.50 PER MONTH FOR WIRELINE, AND SET AT $1.00 PER MONTH FOR WIRELESS AND VOIP; AND

WHEREAS, THE WIRELINE FEES HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE THE ACT’S PASSAGE IN 1990 AND THE WIRELESS AND VOIP FEES, ALTHOUGH ADOPTED LATER, WERE KEYYED TO THE 1990 WIRELINE RATES, ALL OF WHICH, IF ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ALONE, WOULD MEAN FEES OF AT LEAST $1.72; AND

WHEREAS, COUNTIES OVER THE YEARS HAVE ADAPTED AND UPGRADED 911 SYSTEMS TO MEET UNANTICIPATED TECHNOLOGY CHANGE INCLUDING LOCATOR SYSTEMS, AND ARE NOW ACTIVELY PLANNING UPCOMING TECHNOLOGY NEEDS INCLUDING NEXT GENERATION 911 TEXT, VIDEO, AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA; AND

WHEREAS, THE ONSLAUGHT OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE WAS UNFORESEEN AND DRAMATICALLY ALTERED THE ABILITY OF THE FUNDING STRUCTURE TO MEET COUNTY NEEDS, FOR BOTH OPERATING AND CAPITAL COSTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT FUNDING STRUCTURE COVERED ONLY 66 PERCENT OF CARBON COUNTY’S YEAR 2014 COST TO PROVIDE THIS VITAL SERVICE, WITH THE REMAINDER DRAWN FROM COUNTY PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER REVENUES; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE FUNDING STREAM IS IMMEDIATE, AND WILL REACH CRISIS PROPORTIONS IF ACTION IS DELAYED PAST THE JUNE 30, 2015 EXPIRATION OF THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER SURCHARGE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY JOINS WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE REWRITE OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE 35; AND

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY SUPPORTS A REFORM BILL THAT IS TECHNOLOGY-NEUTRAL ALLOWING COUNTIES TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS MEETING CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS; AND

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY SUPPORTS A REFORM BILL THAT COMBINES PLANNING, ADMINISTRATIVE, FUNDING AND AUDIT PROVISIONS INTO A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED WHOLE, AFFORDING COUNTIES THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO MANAGE EFFECTIVELY, FACILITATE SHARED SERVICES, INCORPORATE SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES, AND READILY ADAPT TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE CARBON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO GOVERNOR WOLF, TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
/S/ TOM J. GERHARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
/S/ WILLIAM J. O’GUREK, MEMBER
TAX ASSESSMENT:

#15-059  TAX REFUND:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSMENT BUREAU VERIFYING THAT THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING AND IS DUE A REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX:

MUNICIPALITY: BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
LEONARD, ANN M. & JAMES G.
81 DEAN STREET
BEAVER MEADOWS, PA  18216

CODE: 2-5-10212
PROPERTY RECORD CARD #: 125A-5-D20
REASON: TAXES PAID TWICE, ONCE BY TAXPAYER AND THEN BY MORTGAGE COMPANY.
TOTAL REFUND DUE: $293.71

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE TAX REFUND AS LISTED.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:


MR. GERHARD GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT, ADVISING THAT WORK AT THE ANNEX, COURT HOUSE AND 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET BUILDINGS IS COMPLETE. WORK IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE AT THE PRISON, AND THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY FEBRUARY 20TH.

MR. NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENTS, NOTING THE COMMISSIONERS FRUSTRATION OVER THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TOOK TO GET DEP TO PROVIDE SOMETHING IN WRITING IN REGARDS TO CHANGING THE AGREEMENT ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

HE URGED THE MUNICIPALITIES TO GET THEIR REPORTS SUBMITTED IN A TIMELY FASHION.

MR. NOTHSTEIN REFERENCED THE 911 FUNDING AND SYSTEM REFORM RESOLUTION, STATING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION’S MEDIA RELEASE LISTS 911 SERVICE SYSTEM REFORM AS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR THE YEAR. HE ADVISED THAT UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION, THE LAW FOR ACT 56 FUNDING SUNSETS ON JUNE 30, 2015, WHICH WILL BE A GREAT HARDSHIP ON THE COUNTIES.

HE NOTED THAT IN 2014, CARBON COUNTY’S REVENUES TOTALED $1,055,444; EXPENSES WERE $1,591,476, LEAVING A BALANCE OF $536,032. FEES COLLECTED FROM ALL MUNICIPALITIES FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED AMOUNTED TO $146,810; FEES COLLECTED FOR ALARM MONITORING WAS $20,443, LEAVING THE COUNTY TO PAY THE BALANCE OF $368,779.

THE 911 DIRECTOR WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA REGARDING EQUIPMENT ISSUES AND CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:55 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,      WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR