THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN AND GERHARD, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, AND ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR HAMM WERE ALSO PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK WAS ABSENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE 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. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

JERRY STRUBINGER, JIM THORPE, PA

RE: USE OF PACKERTON YARDS TO BYPASS THE

MANSION HOUSE HILL; LOCATION

OF PEDESTRIAN FOOT BRIDGE

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2015 AND 2016 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED JANUARY 28, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 65931 THROUGH 65982 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5095691 THROUGH 5096045 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$343,173.69 (PAYROLL DATED JANUARY 22, 2016).

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

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 120572 THROUGH 120730 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 336,388.44
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 203.96
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 648.34
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 37.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 3,794.45
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 20,673.30
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 447.76
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 800.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 165.48
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 20,535.39
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 66,664.64
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 29.97
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 91.07
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 3,523.43
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 48,676.00
CDBG FUND	\$ 108.51
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 412.94
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 51,693.50
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 121.24
TOTAL:	\$ 555,015.42

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

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT, DATED JANUARY 22, 2016, REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 22, 2016:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 0.00
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 154,957.66
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 9,468,141.17
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 931,931.69
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$ 211,920.56
PARKING FUND	\$ 1,154,102.99
LIQUID FUELS	\$ 440,407.75
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$ 255,728.46
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$ 1,054,754.09
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$ 8,501.73
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$ 87,571.51
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 14,602.33
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 109,516.57
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$ 20,535.39
911 FUND	\$ 1,064,563.43
HAZMAT FUND	\$ 113,732.64
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$ 545,013.19
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 171,302.66
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$ 96,556.94
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 4,455.56
HOMELESS GRANT	\$ 1.35
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$ 68,675.77
VICTIM WITNESS	\$ 11,948.42
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$ 28,221.65
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 26,479.44
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$ 23,309.45
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$ 14,920.75
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$ 26,191.36
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 316,569.97
CLERK OF COURTS	\$ 4,234.84
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$ 9,082.29
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 4,614.66
VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 43,649.46
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$ 80,733.48
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$ 179,459.82
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 253,162.48
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$ 39,201.43
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 151,604.63
CDBG FUND	\$ 148.09
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 1,732,516.01
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 266,979.65
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 611,172.38
TAX CLAIM	\$ 262,376.25
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BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

ANN MARIE BOSSARD, PALMERTON, PA

PART-TIME CLEANING PERSON

FROM: JANUARY 25, 2016
TO: FEBRUARY 10, 2016

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED JANUARY 28, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

THE 2015 REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS WAS RECEIVED FROM CARBON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 56-3-02, PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY JANUARY 21, 2016 WAS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION:

NORTHEASTERN POWER COMPANY, MCADOO, PA

SURFACE MINING PERMIT #54960201

AUTHORIZATION TO MINE #1790-54960201-12, HONEYBROOK OPERATION,

HAZLE, BANKS AND KLINE TOWNSHIPS, LUZERNE, CARBON AND SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES

ADVERTISING REQUESTS:

#16-024 BIDS/ELECTION SUPPLIES:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR INVITATION TO BID FOR THE PRINTING OF 2016 ELECTION FORMS AND BALLOTS.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PROGRAM:

#16-025 <u>FUNDING RESOLUTION:</u>

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO EXECUTE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM 2016 FUNDING RESOLUTION, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

RESOLUTION #16-001

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM 2016

FUNDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENT FARMERS IN THE CARBON COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN EVIDENT;

WHEREAS, THESE TRUTHS JUSTIFY AN APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUND FOR SUCH A PROGRAM AND ITS BENEFACTORS;

WHEREAS, THIS APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUND SHALL BE DULY PROVIDED AS MATCHING FUND AVAILABLE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE ACT OF JUNE 30, 1981 (P.L. 128, NO. 43) KNOWN TO BE THE AGRICULTURAL SECURITY LAW, AS AMENDED;

WHEREAS, NO PART OF THIS FUND SHALL BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THIS FUND SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY AND PLACED IN A SEPARATE, RESTRICTED ACCOUNT ALONG WITH ROLL-BACK TAX PENALTIES COLLECTED THROUGH ACT 319 (CLEAN & GREEN) AS REQUIRED BY ACT 156 OF 1998;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, CARBON COUNTY SHALL APPROPRIATE A FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 PLUS 2015 ACT 319 ROLL-BACK TAXES OF \$2,473.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$27,473.00 FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ANY PART OF THIS FUND NOT EXPENDED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL PERIOD STATED ABOVE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL PERIOD FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN

/S/ TOM J. GERHARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/ CHIEF CLERK

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

DISASTER EMERGENCY:

#16-026 RESOLUTION/DECLARATION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION/DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN CARBON COUNTY DUE TO SNOW EMERGENCY ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 23, 2016:

RESOLUTION #16-002 DISASTER EMERGENCY: RESOLUTION/DECLARATION

WHEREAS, ON OR ABOUT SATURDAY 10 AM, JANUARY 23, 2016 A SNOW EMERGENCY HAS CAUSED OR THREATENS TO CAUSE INJURY, DAMAGE, AND SUFFERING TO THE PERSONS AND PROPERTY OF CARBON COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE SNOW EMERGENCY HAS ENDANGERED THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN CARBON COUNTY AND THREATENS TO CREATE PROBLEMS GREATER IN SCOPE THAN CARBON COUNTY MAY BE ABLE TO RESOLVE; AND

WHEREAS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEASURES ARE REQUIRED TO REDUCE THE SEVERITY OF THIS DISASTER AND TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF AFFECTED RESIDENTS IN CARBON COUNTY;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7501 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CODE, (35 PA CS), AS AMENDED, DO HEREBY DECLARE THE EXISTANCE OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN CARBON COUNTY;

FURTHER, WE DIRECT THE CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE, TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE THE EFFECTS OF THIS DISASTER, TO AIDE IN THE RESTORATION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES, AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THIS EMERGENCY

STILL FURTHER, WE AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS OF CARBON COUNTY TO ACT AS NECESSARY TO MEET THE CURRENT EXIGENCIES OF THIS EMERGENCY, NAMELY: BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY WORKERS, BY THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT, BY THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, AND BY ENTERING INTO SUCH CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC WORK AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE EMERGENCY, ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO THOSE TIME-CONSUMING PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES NORMALLY PRESCRIBED BY LAW MANDATORY CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS EXCEPTED

THIS DECLARATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- /S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
- /S/ TOM J. GERHARD, VICE CHAIRMAN
- /S/ WILLIAM J. O'GUREK, MEMBER

ATTEST:

/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#16-027 CDBG/ADDENDUM/MAHONING TWP:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ENCLOSING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH LIVENGOOD EXCAVATORS, INCORPORATED, WALNUTPORT, PENNSYLVANIA FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON WESTSIDE ROAD, MAHONING TOWNSHIP, FY 2012 & FY 2013.

THE ADDENDUM EXTENDS THE AGREEMENT 120 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO PROCEED, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE PARTIES.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH LIVENGOOD EXCAVATORS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON WESTSIDE ROAD, MAHONING TOWNSHIP.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

SERVICE AGREEMENT:

#16-028 SIMPLEXGRINNELL/CCCF:

THE SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH SIMPLEX-GRINNELL LP, ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR FIRE ALARM TESTING AND INSPECTION ON THE SIMPLEX MODEL 4100U SYSTEM AT THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CCCF) WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

THE TERM SHALL BE 2/01/16 TO JANUARY 31, 2017, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$4,895.00. (INCREASE - \$105.00).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH SIMPLEXGRINNELL.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#16-029 <u>LEASE/LEHIGHTON SENIOR CENTER:</u>

THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LEHIGHTON BOROUGH AND THE COUNTY OF CARBON, CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING, FOR THE LEASING OF PREMISES LOCATED AT 243 SOUTH 8TH STREET FOR THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING'S LEHIGHTON SENIOR CENTER, WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION.

THE CONTRACT IS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENEW ANNUALLY ON DECEMBER 1ST OF EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR UNTIL EITHER PARTY NOTIFIES THE OTHER IN WRITING OF THEIR INTENT NOT TO RENEW UNDER THE CURRENT TERMS AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF ANY RENEWAL PERIOD. RENTAL WILL BE \$1,000.00 PER MONTH (INCREASED FROM \$750/MONTH).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LEHIGHTON BOROUGH.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

OFFICE SUPPLIES/KLINGAMAN'S:

#16-030 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT TO W. B. MASON COMPANY, INCORPORATED, OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH KLINGAMAN'S INCORPORATED, TAMAQUA, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES DUE TO THE DECEMBER 4, 2015 SALE OF KLINGAMAN'S INCORPORATED.

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT ON FILE WILL REMAIN THE SAME. THE CONTRACT WILL EXPIRE ON AUGUST 31, 2016.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ASSIGNMENT WITH W. B. MASON COMPANY FOR SALE AND DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN RESPONDED TO MR. STRUBINGER'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING PACKERTON YARDS.

HE ADVISED MR. STRUBINGER THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD THIS MORNING REGARDING THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEAR PLAN OF THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF NEPA (NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ALLIANCE) AND IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR HIM TO SUBMIT HIS COMMENTS.

HE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL BE FUTURE HEARINGS ON THE TRANSPORTATION IN CARBON, MONROE AND PIKE COUNTIES AND THERE IS ALSO A WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- CONGRATULATED CHRIS PARKER, TIMES NEWS REPORTER, ON HER UPCOMING RETIREMENT
- REPORTED ON THE COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY OPIATE SYMPOSIUM HELD JANUARY 7TH IN CAMP HILL WHICH HE ATTENDED ALONG WITH PRESIDENT JUDGE ROGER NANOVIC AND COMMISSIONER WAYNE NOTHSTEIN

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE SYMPOSIUM, NOTING THAT CARBON COUNTY WAS WELL REPRESENTED WITH ELEVEN (11) PEOPLE ATTENDING.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:43 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER, WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR