THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:34 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER’S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS GERHARD AND O’GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE. THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY PROTHONOTARY, COUNTY SHERIFF, COURT ADMINISTRATOR, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, 911 COORDINATOR AND DISPATCHER MARKELL WERE ALSO PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN WAS ABSENT.

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:

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. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 31, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES GERHARD YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

PROCLAMATION:

TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK:

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION:

**NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

**APRIL 10 – 16, 2016**

**WHEREAS,** EMERGENCIES CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME, REQUIRING POLICE, FIRE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TO BE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE OF THOSE EMERGENCIES; AND

**WHEREAS,** A PROMPT RESPONSE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND PARAMEDICS TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY IS CRITICAL TO THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY; AND

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
WHEREAS, THE SAFETY OF OUR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IS DEPENDENT UPON THE QUALITY AND ACCURACY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CITIZENS WHO TELEPHONE THE CARBON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER; AND

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS ARE THE FIRST AND MOST CRITICAL CONTACT OUR CITIZENS AND VISITORS HAVE WITH THE EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS, SUPPRESSION OF FIRES AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS; AND

WHEREAS, EACH CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHER HAS EXHIBITED COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING AND PROFESSIONALISM DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR JOB IN THE PAST YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, THE SERVICE OF THE CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHER IS A “SILENT SERVICE” AND THEIR DUTIES ARE SELDOM OBSERVED BY THE PUBLIC;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON DECLARES THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 THROUGH 16, 2016, AS

"NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"

IN CARBON COUNTY, IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE DILIGENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM KEEP OUR COUNTY AND ITS CITIZENS AND VISITORS SAFE.

SIGNED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTINE, CHAIRMAN
/S/ TOM J. GERHARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
/S/ WILLIAM J. O’GUREK

ATTEST:

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

BOARD POLLED:  O’GUREK  YES
GERHARD  YES

911 COORDINATOR GARY WILLIAMS AND SENIOR DISPATCHER JUSTIN MARKELL WERE PRESENT TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION.

THE COMMISSIONERS THANKED MR. WILLIAMS AND HIS STAFF FOR THE GREAT JOB THEY DO.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED APRIL 7, 2016.

BOARD POLLED:  O’GUREK  YES
GERHARD  YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.
EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 66143 THROUGH 66178 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5097341 THROUGH 5097672 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING $313,787.00 (PAYROLL DATED APRIL 1, 2016).

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

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES GERHARD YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 121647 THROUGH 123904 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

- GENERAL FUND $379,808.82
- RENTAL PROPERTY FUND $637.10
- COUNTY PARKING FUND $2,129.97
- AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND $18,563.50
- CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND $33,250.40
- HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND $2,569.55
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND $13,477.53
- WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND $8,227.84
- PARKS & RECREATION FUND $9,007.63
- CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND $202,444.50
- 9-1-1 FUND $22,434.19
- HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND $40.01
- CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND $14.15
- CDBG FUND $450.00
- FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND $423,641.84
- PAYROLL FUND $42,912.65

TOTAL: $1,159,609.68

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

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES GERHARD YES

TREASURER’S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT DATED MARCH 31, 2016 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2016:

- GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT $487.47
- PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT $2,808.27
- GENERAL FUND SP NOW $7,719,377.56
- OPERATING RESERVE $932,742.91
- RENTAL PROPERTY $215,940.99
- PARKING FUND $1,165,499.41
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PERSONNEL REPORT:

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

MICHAEL P. GOUGH, EASTON, PA – TEMPORARY ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE EFFECTIVE APRIL 8, 2016.

RESIGNATION:


HIRES:


COURT APPOINTMENT:

CHANGE OF STATUS:
CRYSTEL L. STEIN, LEHIGHTON, PA
FROM: DOMESTIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST I, DOMESTIC RELATIONS
TO: DOMESTIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST II, DOMESTIC RELATIONS
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 7, 2016

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:
AREA AGENCY ON AGING
DEENA FITAL
DONNA SHELLY
MARY ANN MARZEN
APPRISE – DUAL ELIGIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AND INITIATIVES: A SPRING UPDATE WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

DONNA SHELLY
PS INTAKE WORKERS TRAINING WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT
KEITH RAMSAY
PWDA 32ND ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING & EDUCATION CONFERENCE: SHAPING THE FUTURE
HERSHEY, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE $395, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED APRIL 7, 2016.
BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

CORRESPONDENCE:
MINUTES RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD.

THE FEBRUARY 2016 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS.

NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS ADVISING THAT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $74,893 HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE SINGLE COUNTY AUTHORITY FOR FY 2015-16 TO BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE TREATMENT AND SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SURVIVED AN OVERDOSE.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS:
HAZLETON CITY AUTHORITY – WATER DEPARTMENT
WATER ALLOCATION APPLICATION WA40-184B FOR EXISTING HCA PUMP STATION
LEHIGH RIVER INTAKE, LEHIGH TOWNSHIP
PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GENERAL PERMIT FOR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING 36 INCH CULVERT
STATE ROUTE 1001, SEGMENT 0140, PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE 2016 CARBON COUNTY COMPENSATION PLAN AND SALARY ADJUSTMENT INFORMATION COVERING EMPLOYEES OF THE CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY.

ADULT PROBATION:
#16-120 INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT:
A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER ENCLOSING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELinquency (PCCD) FOR CARBON COUNTY’S RESTRICTIVE INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PROJECT (ELECTRONIC MONITORING) REQUESTING MATCH-FREE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,953 TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND DAILY MONITORING FEES.

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

AGENCY ON AGING:
#16-121 CATERING CONTRACT:
A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR ENCLOSING A BANQUET CATERING CONTRACT WITH GENETTI HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA TO RESERVE THE BALL ROOM ON MAY 10, 2016 FOR A STUDENT JOB FAIR, A SPECIAL EVENT HOSTED BY PA LINK, FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSITIONING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL W/OVR, GOODWILL, LIU, ARCl AND SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK.
THE TOTAL RENTAL RATE IS $800.00; $100.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO HOLD THE BALL ROOM.

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

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

BID AWARD/CDBG:
#16-122 EXTENSION:
A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK EXTENSION TO APRIL 14, 2016 REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) EAST SIDE BOROUGH BIDS OPENED MARCH 24, 2016.

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO EXTEND THE AWARD OF THE CDBG BID TO APRIL 14, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
HUMAN SERVICES:

#16-123  STATE FOOD/DISTRIBUTION:

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE FY 2015/2016 STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM FOURTH QUARTER DISTRIBUTION REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES  
GERHARD  YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#16-124  RECYCLING/903 GRANT:

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE ACT 101, SECTION 903 RECYCLING COORDINATOR GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTING FIFTY PERCENT (50%) REIMBURSEMENT OF RECYCLING HOURS AND OTHER ELIGIBLE EXPENSES FOR 2015 (ESTIMATED REVENUE - $2,169.87).

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES  
GERHARD  YES

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

#16-125  BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER PERMIT REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

BEAR MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY FOUNDATION, JIM THORPE, PA  
WELCOME THE BUTTERFLIES/ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, MAY 28, 29, 30  
TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE OF CARBON COUNTY  
(BANNER REQUEST: 5/17/16 TO 5/31/16)

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

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES  
GERHARD  YES

PROCLAMATION:

#16-126  PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS:

MOTION BY MR. O’GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN CARBON COUNTY:

PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH  
APRIL 2016

WHEREAS, PARKINSON’S DISEASE IS A CHRONIC, PROGRESSIVE, NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE AND IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE IN THE UNITED STATES; AND  
WHEREAS, THERE IS INADEQUATE DATA ON THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE, BUT IT IS ESTIMATED TO AFFECT 500,000 TO 1,500,000 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PREVALENCE WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE BY 2040; AND  
WHEREAS, PARKINSON’S DISEASE IS THE 14TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; AND  
WHEREAS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE IS AT LEAST $14.4 BILLION ANNUALLY, INCLUDING INDIRECT COSTS TO PATIENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF $6.3 BILLION;
WHEREAS, RESEARCH SUGGESTS THE CAUSE OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE IS A COMBINATION OF GENETIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, BUT THE EXACT CAUSE AND PROGRESSION OF THE DISEASE IS STILL UNKNOWN; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS NO OBJECTIVE TEST OR BIOMARKER FOR PARKINSON’S DISEASE, AND THERE IS NO CURE OR DRUG TO SLOW OR HALT THE PROGRESSION OF THE DISEASE; AND

WHEREAS, THE SYMPTOMS OF PARKINSON’S DISEASE VARY FROM PERSON TO PERSON AND CAN INCLUDE TREMORS; SLOWNESS OF MOVEMENT AND RIGIDITY; DIFFICULTY WITH BALANCE, SWALLOWING, CHEWING, AND SPEAKING; COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT AND DEMENTIA; MOOD DISORDERS (SUCH AS DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY); CONSTIPATION; SKIN PROBLEMS; AND SLEEP DIFFICULTIES; AND

WHEREAS, VOLUNTEERS, RESEARCHERS, CAREGIVERS, AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ARE WORKING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PERSONS LIVING WITH PARKINSON’S DISEASE AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

WHEREAS, RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ARE NEEDED TO FIND MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS AND TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE TO THOSE LIVING WITH THE DISEASE TODAY.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY PROCLAIMS APRIL AS PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN CARBON COUNTY.

COUNTY OF CARBON 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, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER O’GUREK NOTED THAT APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND BLUE LIGHTED CANDLES WERE PUT IN THE COURT HOUSE AND ANNEX WINDOWS IN OBSERVANCE.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O’GUREK COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:
- DRUG & ALCOHOL CORRESPONDENCE, STATING HE IS HAPPY WE ARE GETTING FUNDS, BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH. LATEST CORRESPONDENCE ADVISES FUNDS WILL BE REDUCED TO $52,000 BECAUSE STATE LEGISLATORS CUT BACK AND MUST BE SPENT BY JUNE 30TH. DRUG & ALCOHOL DIRECTOR PLANS TO USE FUNDS TO PURCHASE NALOXONE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.
- ABSENTEE DEADLINE IS APRIL 19TH. NOTED THAT A REFERENDUM QUESTION WAS TO BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT REGARDING CHANGING THE JUDGES RETIREMENT AGE FROM 70 TO 75; HOUSE AND SENATE ARE NOW REQUESTING IT BE REMOVED.
- TWO (2) ORGANIZATIONS ARE MAILING VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS TO PEOPLE IN CARBON COUNTY, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER LIVING HERE OR ARE DECEASED AND IT IS CAUSING ISSUES IN THE ELECTIONS OFFICE. CLARIFIED THAT CARBON COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE IS NOT SOLICITING FOR REGISTRATIONS.

COMMISSIONER GERHARD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:
- APRIL 14TH MEETING WITH PENNDOT AT THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE REGARDING THE TRUCK RUN-OFF RAMP.
- NOTED THAT $100,000 WAS SPENT IN VEHICLE RECOVERY FEES FOR THREE (3) RECENT TRUCK
ACCIDENTS AND ALL TOWING SERVICES USED WERE OUTSIDE CARBON COUNTY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:01 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,    TOM J. GERHARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
CHIEF CLERK-COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR