

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, GERHARD, AND O'GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

**PRAYER:**

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK 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 MAY 19, 2016.

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| 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 THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MAY 26, 2016.

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| BOARD POLLED: | O'GUREK   | YES |
|               | GERHARD   | YES |
|               | NOTHSTEIN | YES |

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MAY 26, 2016.

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| BOARD POLLED: | O'GUREK   | YES |
|               | GERHARD   | YES |
|               | NOTHSTEIN | YES |

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 122296 THROUGH 122418 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| GENERAL FUND                  | \$ 60,830.67         |
| RENTAL PROPERTY FUND          | \$ 182.15            |
| COUNTY PARKING FUND           | \$ 37.00             |
| AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND     | \$ 14,349.94         |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND         | \$ 61,888.49         |
| DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND    | \$ 3,805.16          |
| WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND | \$ 832.00            |
| PARKS & RECREATION FUND       | \$ 989.54            |
| 9-1-1 FUND                    | \$ 2,059.40          |
| HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND         | \$ 29.97             |
| OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND     | \$ 1,100.00          |
| HOMELESS GRANT FUND           | \$ 7,200.00          |
| VICTIM/WITNESS FUND           | \$ 1,720.70          |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND       | \$ 12,000.00         |
| HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND    | \$ <u>150,934.45</u> |
| TOTAL:                        | \$ 317,959.47        |

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

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| BOARD POLLED: | O'GUREK   | YES* |
|               | GERHARD   | YES  |
|               | NOTHSTEIN | YES  |

\* MR. O'GUREK VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BILLS FOR PENTELEDATA, BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, PENCOR SERVICES, AND THE TIMES NEWS, HE ABSTAINED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MAY 20, 2016 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF MAY 20, 2016:**

|                               |                 |
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| GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT | \$ 665.96       |
| PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT      | \$ 23,534.01    |
| GENERAL FUND SP NOW           | \$ 8,315,041.74 |
| OPERATING RESERVE             | \$ 933,010.50   |

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| RENTAL PROPERTY                | \$ | 211,224.61   |
| PARKING FUND                   | \$ | 1,170,468.94 |
| LIQUID FUELS                   | \$ | 442,339.06   |
| AREA AGENCY ON AGING           | \$ | 605,007.18   |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH               | \$ | 837,710.38   |
| HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY          | \$ | 36,768.95    |
| DOMESTIC RELATIONS             | \$ | 138,770.82   |
| WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT       | \$ | 14,979.92    |
| PARKS & RECREATION FUND        | \$ | 171,751.58   |
| CARBON TRANSPORTATION          | \$ | 44.98        |
| 9-1-1 FUND                     | \$ | 1,471,669.45 |
| HAZMAT FUND                    | \$ | 112,478.14   |
| OFFENDER SUPERVISION           | \$ | 354,590.93   |
| ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING    | \$ | 178,314.51   |
| FARMLAND PRESERVATION          | \$ | 96,668.71    |
| HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT     | \$ | 24,715.38    |
| HOMELESS GRANT                 | \$ | 13,685.50    |
| CENTRALIZED BOOKING            | \$ | 76,979.07    |
| VICTIM WITNESS                 | \$ | 6,279.24     |
| RECORDER OF DEEDS              | \$ | 23,504.78    |
| RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS           | \$ | 5,214.29     |
| JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE       | \$ | 21,554.51    |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE          | \$ | 12,396.91    |
| PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION        | \$ | 29,891.88    |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING             | \$ | 314,062.31   |
| CLERK OF COURTS                | \$ | 1,315.02     |
| REGISTER OF WILLS              | \$ | 10,233.21    |
| JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING | \$ | 4,647.69     |
| VITAL STATISTICS               | \$ | 41,344.99    |
| SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND | \$ | 92,819.93    |
| LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND       | \$ | 179,664.38   |
| ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ | 253,455.54   |
| VICTIMS SERVICE FUND           | \$ | 44,664.91    |
| HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND          | \$ | 151,480.09   |
| CDBG FUND                      | \$ | 13.03        |
| DEBT SERVICE                   | \$ | 1,730,568.31 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS               | \$ | 161,843.09   |
| FRINGE BENEFITS                | \$ | 578,952.92   |
| TAX CLAIM                      | \$ | 305,355.65   |

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**HIRES:**

**ZACHARY T. GULLA**, SUMMIT HILL, PA - PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, PARKING - EFFECTIVE MAY 27, 2016.

**KASEY M. HERMAN**, JIM THORPE, PA - LIFEGUARD, PARKS - EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2016.

**COURT APPOINTMENT:**

**KARA BECK**, LEHIGHTON, PA – SUMMER LAW CLERK, COURT ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2016.

**PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**ALEXANDER W. BONNER**, JIM THORPE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2016.

**O’NEIL O. CHAMBERS**, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2016.

**ELADION I. GONZALEZ**, WHITEHALL, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2016.

**CARL W. PRIDGEN**, MCADOO, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2016.

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES**

**SALLIANNE NEWTON**

**MARIANNE GRABARITS**

**MEGAN CROIZIER**

NORTHEAST REGION ALL-COUNTRY MEETING

WILKES-BARRE, PA

COST: MEALS

**SHERIFF**

**KAREN S. FLEXER**

**MICHELLE MILLER**

SHERIFF’S SALES IN PENNSYLVANIA

ALLENTOWN, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$269 PER PERSON (INCLUDES COURSE BOOK), MEALS

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED MAY 26, 2016.

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| BOARD POLLED: | O’GUREK   | YES |
|               | GERHARD   | YES |
|               | NOTHSTEIN | YES |

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 2016 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; APRIL 19, 2016 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE.

AUDIT REPORTS RECEIVED: CARBON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM EILEEN EAST OF JIM THORPE EXPRESSING CONCERNS REGARDING BLACK FLIES, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY CONTACT PA DEP TO SIGN ON TO THE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS REQUESTING HELP TO STOP THE ATLANTIC WIND LLC PROPOSAL TO BUILD FORTY (40) WIND TURBINES IN THE BETHLEHEM WATER SHED:

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| MICHELLE A. ANDREWS | KENNETH PIERSON SR. |
| JUDY GERNHART       | KEVIN POWERS        |

COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION:

VERTICAL BRIDGE STRUCTURES, LLC

NPDES PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA TOWER, LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP

COUNTY LAND USE LETTER

**ADVERTISING REQUESTS:**

**#16-181 CDBG/MODIFICATION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM MODIFICATION AND REVISION FOR JIM THORPE BOROUGH, FY2015:

MODIFICATION:

FROM: WATER IMPROVEMENTS/PENN VEST LOAN REPAYMENT \$60,000.00

TO: WATER IMPROVEMENTS/7<sup>TH</sup> STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT \$58,595.40

REVISION:

FROM WATER IMPROVEMENTS/PENN VEST LOAN REPAYMENT \$1,404.60

TO: WATER IMPROVEMENTS/E 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET & SOUTH STREET \$1,404.60

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK ABSTAIN

GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

**#16-182 ESG GRANT/PUBLIC HEARING:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 2016 DURING THE REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M., TO PRESENT AND RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION OF AN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) APPLICATION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK ABSTAIN

GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

**#16-183 FARMLAND PRESERVATION/MEETINGS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD FROM JUNE 2016 TO MAY 2017.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK ABSTAIN

GERHARD YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:**

**#16-184 INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICE:**

**GLOBAL TEL\* LINK/AMENDMENT:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WARDEN ENCLOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, DATED JULY 20, 2011, WITH GLOBAL TEL\*LINK (GTL) CORPORATION FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES.

THE AMENDMENT IMPLEMENTS THE FCC-MANDATED RATES, CHARGES, FEES, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016. IN ADDITION, AN INTAKE KIOSK WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE

BOOKING/RECORDS AREA WITH NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COUNTY. THE .02¢ COST RECOVERY PER MINUTE WILL BE PAID TO THE COUNTY.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**ELECTIONS:**

**#16-185 AMENDMENT/IQ VOTING:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS FOR APPROVAL ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH IQ VOTING SYSTEMS INCREASING THE RENTAL OF TSX VOTING MACHINES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION FROM FIFTEEN (15) TO TWENTY (20) AT A COST OF \$100 EACH FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$2,000.00.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**INSURANCE:**

**#16-186 PCORP/RENEWAL:**

THE 2016/2017 INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2017, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$211,424 (DECREASE OF \$15,173) WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION, WITH A COST BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

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| INSURANCE COSTS        | + \$ 110,093 |
| LOSS FUND CONTRIBUTION | + \$ 105,006 |
| RESERVE FUND CHARGE    | + \$ - 0     |
| LOSS CONTROL CREDIT    | - \$ 3,675   |

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2016/2017 INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP), CHOOSING THE 40%/30%/30% PAYMENT OPTION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**MAIN STREET LEHIGH VALLEY:**

**#16-187 GRANT APPLICATION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A MAIN STREET LEHIGH VALLEY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE "GATEWAY TO JIM THORPE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT". TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST - \$5,000; FOUNDATION FUNDS REQUESTED - \$2,000.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

MS. MARLYN KISSNER, CARBON COUNTY CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BRIEFED THE MEDIA ON DETAILS REGARDING THE PROJECT.

**NEPA/NEPA MPO:**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**#16-188 APPOINTMENTS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AND AT-LARGE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NEPA MPO) TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AS FOLLOWS:

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| COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE:   | DAVID BODNAR,<br>CARBON COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT |
| COUNTY REP. ALTERNATE:   | HAROLD PUDLINER, WEATHERLY BOROUGH                    |
| AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE: | RON TIRPAK, CARBON ENGINEERING                        |
| AT-LARGE REP. ALTERNATE: | ELOISE AHNER, CARBON COUNTY                           |
|                          | BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES                             |
|                          | GERHARD YES   |
|                          | NOTHSTEIN YES   |

**TRANSIT VOTING:**

**#16-189 ASSIGNMENTS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENTS OF CARBON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT (CCCT) VOTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (NEPA MPO) TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AS FOLLOWS:

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| CCCT REPRESENTATIVE: | OWEN O'NEIL, LANTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR                    |
| CCCT ALTERNATE:      | BRENDAN COTTER, LANTA DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT |
|                      | BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES                                |
|                      | GERHARD YES  |
|                      | NOTHSTEIN YES  |

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

**#16-190 TERMINATE/EPS OF VERMONT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO TERMINATE SERVICES WITH EPS (ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS & SERVICES INCORPORATED) OF VERMONT AS HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM/HAZMAT CLEAN-UP CONTRACTOR FOR CARBON COUNTY AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE OF TERMINATION.

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|  | BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES |
|  | GERHARD YES               |
|  | NOTHSTEIN YES             |

**D&L PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE:**

**#16-191 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE ELECTRONIC ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL FROM NAVARRO & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INCORPORATED, OF NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$316,692.44 FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF JIM THORPE AND REQUEST THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PREPARE SAID CONTRACT FOR

EXECUTION. COSTS ARE COVERED UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**MAUCH CHUNK TRUST:**

**#16-192 LEASE AGREEMENT:**

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY FOR RENTAL OF PROPERTY AT THE RAILROAD STATION FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 INCLUDING FIVE (5) PARKING SPACES AT A TOTAL FEE OF \$1,312.50 PER MONTH FOR THE YEAR 2016, PLUS ALL ELECTRIC, HEAT, GAS, WATER, AND SEWER COSTS.

RENTAL PAYMENTS WILL BE INCREASED EACH YEAR BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

THE LEASE ALSO CONTAINS THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM BASED ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

MR. NOTHSTEIN ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED MORE PICTURES OF THE COVERED BRIDGE WHICH CONTINUES TO GET HIT BY VEHICLES, ONE OF WHICH TORE THE CHAIN THAT HOLDS THE STEEL HEADACHE BAR.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

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

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN