

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 ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK COLLEEN KLEIN.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD 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 APRIL 6, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

LINDA CHRISTMAN, PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP RE: PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT UPDATE
O/B/O SAVE CARBON COUNTY GROUP

MICHAEL SOWERS RE: QUESTIONS ABOUT BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT IN PACKERTON DIP
& STATUS OF PACKERTON YARDS

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 APRIL 13, 2017.

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 TRANSMITTAL DATED APRIL 13, 2017.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 129682 THROUGH 129920 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 110,426.93
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 172.04
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 398.86
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 111.01
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 4,877.90
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 65,997.63
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 33.75
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 3,535.95
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 250.94
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 3,233.70
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 7,778.90
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 187.41
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 34.59
CDBG FUND	\$ 1,544.31
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 16,853.39
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 405,798.67
TOTAL:	\$ 621,235.98

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

* MR. O'GUREK VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BILLS FOR BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, PALMERTON TELEPHONE, PENTELEDATA 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 APRIL 7, 2017 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF APRIL 7, 2017:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	783.77
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	1,081.88
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	5,346,668.84
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	936,462.40
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	216,429.86
PARKING FUND	\$	660,217.42
LIQUID FUELS	\$	454,821.86
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	541,110.71
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	465,377.64
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY FUND	\$	15,618.44
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	61,850.21
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	8317.86
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	112,535.69
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	42,481.30
9-1-1 FUND	\$	1,284,956.05
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	112,786.87
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	310,956.12
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	160,995.02
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	62,902.03
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	12,522.03
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	183.45
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	92,113.23
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	1,221.76
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT	\$	40,979.46
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	25,165.48
JUVENILE SUPERVISION	\$	24,136.59
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$	11,580.33
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$	45,855.45
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE	\$	306,921.41
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$	4,659.53
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	13,793.06
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$	5,845.47
VITAL STATISTICS FUND	\$	47,616.41
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	110,297.70
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	262,948.42
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	338,576.60
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	58,377.68
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	160,667.13
CDBG FUND	\$	1,540.88
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	1,654,799.51
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	10,564,742.81
FRINGE BENEFITS PAYMENT FUND	\$	529,596.35
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$	710,813.25

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATION:

MARIAH M. MAY, LEHIGHTON, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER/TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2017.

CHANGES OF STATUS:

STEPHANY A. REHRIG, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: 911 OPERATOR, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

TO: SENIOR DISPATCHER, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

EFFECTIVE: APRIL 24, 2017

KATHLEEN M. STORASKA, FERN GLEN, PA

FROM: PARKS AIDE, PARKS

TO: CLERK, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

EFFECTIVE: APRIL 24, 2017

SHERIFF APPOINTMENT:

ALLEN B. STROHL, LEHIGHTON, PA – SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF TRAINEE – EFFECTIVE APRIL 17, 2017.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

SUSAN E. ZEIGLER

MARK D. MISCZENSKI

A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE REVISED FEDERAL NURSING HOME REGULATIONS – PART III WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

SUSAN E. ZEIGLER

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING 2017 HEALTH & WELLNESS CONFERENCE
STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$65, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

SUSAN E. ZEIGLER

HIPAA AND HITECH ACT TRAINING WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

CORRECTIONS

JAMES F. BONNER

JASON K. PFLEIDERER

DOC TRAINING – 5 WEEKS

ALLENTOWN, PA

COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CHARLES W. HORVATH

TIMOTHY L. NOTHSTEIN

FIRST AID/CPR/AED RE-CERTIFICATION

JIM THORPE, PA

TIMOTHY L. NOTHSTEIN

CLEAN TAC TRAINING

JESSUP, PA

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ADULT PROBATION

RICHMOND PARSONS

ORAS AP INTEGRATION MEETING

STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED APRIL 13, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD.

THE MARCH 2017 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

FRED LESHER, PALMERTON, PA

PA DEP GENERAL PERMIT 5 APPLICATION

POHOPOCO CREEK WATER MAIN CROSSING, SR 0209, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

PANTHER CREEK POWER OPERATING LLC, NESQUEHONING, PA

NOTIFICATION OF PANTHER CREEK ENERGY FACILITY & WESTWOOD GENERATING

FACILITY AVERAGING PLAN UNDER PA CODE TITLE 25

TITLE V PERMIT #13-0003 MODIFICATION APPLICATION

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON ADVISING THAT THEY ARE APPLYING TO THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA) FOR A DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT TO PURSUE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOROUGH'S UPPER PARK.

ADULT PROBATION:

#17-137 PCCD GRANT:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER FOR APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) REQUESTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES REENTRY ENHANCEMENTS.

THE GRANT WILL FUND THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) PROJECTS: 1) THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE WHICH WILL ALLOW STAFF FROM THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO VIEW APPROVED ADULT PROBATION DATA AND TO INPUT RISK ASSESSMENTS DIRECTLY INTO ADULT PROBATION SYSTEM. 2) THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE WHICH WILL ALLOW ADULT PROBATION TO VIEW APPROVED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DATA WITHIN THEIR OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. 3) THE PURCHASE OF A COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL PROGRAM THAT WILL ADDRESS THE CRIMINOGENIC NEED OF "CRIMINAL ATTITUDES".

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

BID AWARDS:

#17-138 CDBG PROJECTS:

A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS AS FOLLOWS:

BOWMANSTOWN BOROUGH

STREET IMPROVEMENTS/WHITE STREET - GUIDE RAIL REPLACEMENT

(FY2013)

DBI SERVICES

HAZLETON, PA BID: \$32,286.00

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR BOWMANSTOWN TO DBI SERVICES AT THEIR BID OF \$32,286.00.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

STREET IMPROVEMENTS - STATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

(FY2012; FY2014; FY 2015)

LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION

TAMAQUA, PA BID: \$84,942.09

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TO LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AT THEIR BID OF \$84,942.09.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP

STREET IMPROVEMENTS - PINE, LOWER & LESHER STREET RECONSTRUCTION

(FY2014)

LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION

TAMAQUA, PA BID: \$63,244.00

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP TO LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AT THEIR BID OF \$63,244.00.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PALMERTON BOROUGH

FIRE STATION/EQUIPMENT - PALMERTON FIRE COMPANY EMERGENCY GENERATOR

(FY2014)

BILLITIER ELECTRIC

ROCHESTER, NY BID: \$37,774.00

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR PALMERTON BOROUGH TO BILLITIER ELECTRIC AT THEIR BID OF \$37,774.00.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#17-139 STATE FOOD/REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE FY 2016/2017 STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM THIRD QUARTER EXPENSE AND DATA REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BY SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

#17-140 STATE FOOD/DISTRIBUTION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT FY 2016/2017 STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM FOURTH QUARTER DISTRIBUTION REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#17-141 CDBG/PALMERTON/REVISION:

REVISION #2 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONTRACT #C000063981 PALMERTON BOROUGH, CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION (FY 2015) REALLOCATING FUNDS (\$7,850) FROM STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION. ORIGINAL ALLOCATION: \$17,450; TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$25,300.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF REVISION #2 FOR CDBG CONTRACT #C000063981.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

PARKS/RECREATION:

#17-142 BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER PERMIT REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

BEAR MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY FOUNDATION, JIM THORPE, PA
 WELCOME THE BUTTERFLIES BACK/ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT, MAY 27, 28, 29
 TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE OF CARBON COUNTY
 (BANNER REQUEST: 5/13/17 TO 5/30/17)

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

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

TAX CLAIM:

#17-143 POSTING RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION APPOINTING PALMETTO POSTING, INCORPORATED TO PERFORM NECESSARY POSTING AS REQUIRED BY PA REAL ESTATE TAX LAW FOR THE 2017 UPSET TAX SALE AND 2016 RETURN & CLAIM NOTICES:

RESOLUTION #17-011

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON APPOINTING A PERSON OR PERSONS TO MAKE PERSONAL SERVICE REQUIRED BY THE TAX SALE LAW FOR THE 2017 UPSET TAX SALE AND FILING WITH THE BUREAU A WRITTEN PROOF OF SERVICE SETTING FORTH THE NAME OF PERSONS SERVED, DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SERVICE, AND ATTACHMENT OF COPY OF THE NOTICE WHICH WAS SERVED.

WHEREFORE, THE TAX CLAIM BUREAU OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON WILL BE CONDUCTING AN UPSET TAX SALE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2017; AND

WHEREAS, THE BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY APPOINTMENT OF THE PERSONS FOR PERSONAL SERVICE OF ALL NOTICES AND POSTINGS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE TAX SALE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT PALMETTO POSTING INC. IS HEREBY APPOINTED UNDER 72 P.S. 5860.601 (A) (3) OF THE TAX SALE LAW AND VESTED WITH ALL DUTIES AND POWERS THEREUNDER FOR POSTING AND SERVICE OF ALL NOTICES REQUIRED FOR THE UPSET TAX SALE FOR 2017 AT A COMPENSATION OF \$25.00 PER POSTING AND TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES AND MAKE ALL RETURNS OF SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY THE TAX SALE LAW IN CONTEMPLATION OF SAID SALE.

THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

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:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK SPOKE ON HOW IT SADDENS HIM THAT WE ARE ONLY TWO MONTHS IN TO THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY AND HOW THE PRESIDENT AND THIS ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO CUT

FUNDING FOR THE CDBG PROGRAMS THAT HELP CARBON COUNTY CONSIDERABLY. OTHER PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE CUT ARE MEALS ON WHEELS AND LIHEAP.

COMMISSIONER GERHARD SPOKE ON THE STEPHEN SILLER TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION 5 K RUN & WALK THAT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 9:30A.M., EURANA PARK, WEATHERLY. THIS FOUNDATION BENEFITS VARIOUS CHARITIES.

COMMISSIONER GERHARD ALSO AGREED WITH THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS ABOUT FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER O'GUREK ABOUT THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE CUT AND THAT THE PUBLIC NEED TO CONTACT THEIR LOCAL CONSTITUENTS AND LET THEM KNOW HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS BEING CUT.

THE COMMISSIONERS WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:50 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN