MARCH 29, 2018

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:33 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:

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OFFERED THE PRAYER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
MARCH 29, 2018

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 MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2018, COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTY.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 22, 2018.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

MAGGIE LUKASEVICH, JIM THORPE, PA RE: EXTENDING A THANK YOU, ON BEHALF OF HER HUSBAND, CHRIS LUKASEVISH, TO THE COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY CONTROLLER, AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ALL THEIR HELP AND GUIDANCE DURING HIS INTERNSHIP

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD:

MARCH 27, 2018  11:00 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 2017 AND 2018 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MARCH 29, 2018.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 137242 THROUGH 137360 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND $ 215,376.86
MARCH 29, 2018

RENTAL PROPERTY FUND $ 67.48
COUNTY PARKING FUND $ 155.33
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND $ 204.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND $ 15,776.47
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND $ 74,109.79
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND $ 2,194.44
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND $ 800.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND $ 637.45
9-1-1 FUND $ 2,130.79
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND $ 29.97
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND $ 8,580.00
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND $ 712.98
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND $ 39,475.00
CDBG FUND $ 129.19
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND $ 22,776.77

TOTAL: $ 383,156.52

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 PENTELEDATA AND BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT DATED MARCH 23, 2018 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 23, 2018:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT $ 1,511.77
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT $ 37,995.40
GENERAL FUND SP NOW $ 6,353,251.35
OPERATING RESERVE $ 945,047.91
RENTAL PROPERTY $ 211,696.54
PARKING FUND $ 751,970.25
LIQUID FUELS $ 474,685.35
AREA AGENCY ON AGING $ 430,994.25
CHILDREN & YOUTH $ 628,718.34
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY FUND $ 25,711.18
DOMESTIC RELATIONS $ 69,744.44
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT $ 16,269.57
PARKS & RECREATION FUND $ 202,285.81
CARBON TRANSPORTATION $ 45,780.67
9-1-1 FUND $ 1,663,946.79
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND $ 126,326.95
OFFENDER SUPERVISION $ 557,560.17
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING $ 185,121.37
FARMLAND PRESERVATION $ 34,110.09
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT $ 734.72
HOMELESS GRANT $340.18
CENTRALIZED BOOKING $112,131.94
VICTIM WITNESS $11,428.92
RECORER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT $31,200.17
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS $25,976.69
JUVENILE SUPERVISION $28,078.49
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND $10,602.69
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND $62,794.22
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE $319,997.53
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND $4,639.84
REGISTER OF WILLS $8,241.94
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND $5,948.99
VITAL STATISTICS FUND $45,506.78
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND $131,142.67
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND $352,307.51
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND $418,399.79
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND $41,690.41
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND $52,345.22
CDBG FUND $141.43
DEBT SERVICE FUND $1,330,963.46
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND $9,107,403.61
FRINGE BENEFITS PAYMENT FUND $398,124.52
TAX CLAIM FUND $710,965.91

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATIONS:


CHANGES OF STATUS:

JOSEPH P. GANNECILLI, TAMPA, PA
FROM: PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS
TO: PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER/TEAMSTERS, CORRECTIONS
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 9, 2018

AMANDA C. LOUDON, LEHIGHTON, PA
FROM: PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER/TEAMSTERS, CORRECTIONS
TO: CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 9, 2018

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
FRANCINE CRAIGIE MICHAEL CUTLER
CAROL HEFFELFINGER ANNE HARRIGAN
DEENA FITAL EVA LABANOSKI
KATHERYN LABOSKY CONNIE LYNN
MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED MARCH 29, 2018.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 20, 2018 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE.
CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGARDING APPROVAL OF GRANT #201710187985, TOTALING $676,739,
PROVIDED THROUGH THE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM:

CARBON COUNTY $ 231,989.
CARBON COUNTY ON BEHALF OF:

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP $ 84,211.
JIM THORPE BOROUGH $ 88,377.
LEHIGHTON BOROUGH $ 94,148.
MAHONING BOROUGH $ 84,556.
PALMERTON BOROUGH $ 93,458.

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

LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY SUBMITTED BY GANNETT FLEMING, CAMP HILL, PA
NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL #PA0062936, ACTS 14, 67, 68, AND 127 NOTIFICATIONS WATER TREATMENT PLANT
NORTHEASTERN POWER COMPANY, MCADOO, PA
SURFACE MINING PERMIT #54960201R4;
GENERAL NPDES STORMWATER PERMIT #PAM112024R; BOND REVIEW FOR 2016;
AUTHORIZATION TO MINE #1790-54960201-14, HONEYBROOK BANK OPERATION,
KLINE, HAZLE & BANKS TOWNSHIPS, SCHUYLKILL, LUZERNE AND CARBON COUNTIES

ADULT PROBATION:

INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT:

#18-148 ELECTRONIC MONITORING GRANT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) FOR THE CARBON COUNTY’S INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PROGRAM (ELECTRONIC MONITORING) REQUESTING MATCH-FREE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $103,552 TO BE USED FOR AN ADULT PROBATION OFFICER (SALARY & BENEFITS), EQUIPMENT RENTAL, AND MONITORING OF OFFENDERS.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#18-149 REVISED 2018 IP PLAN:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE REVISED 2018 COUNTY INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PLAN.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#18-150 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A SUB-GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY FOR BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT LOCAL INITIATIVE FUNDING,TOTALING $78,410 IN FEDERAL FUNDS, TO HIRE AN ADULT PROBATION OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO COORDINATE A PRETRIAL PROGRAM AND A NEW PRIOR RECORD MODULE WITHIN THE ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT’S OFFENDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES
ADVERTISING REQUESTS:

#18-151 CDBG/Modification:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM MODIFICATION FOR JIM THORPE BOROUGH (FY2015 & FY2016) AS FOLLOWS:

$34,000 – WILL BE MODIFIED TO STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – 7TH STREET
$21,127.01 FROM FY2015
$12,872.99 FROM FY2016

BOARD POLLED:   O’GUREK            ABSTAIN
                GERHARD      YES
                NOTHSTEIN  YES

#18-152 CDBG/Public Hearings:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REGARDING USE OF 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES.

BOARD POLLED:   O’GUREK            ABSTAIN
                GERHARD      YES
                NOTHSTEIN  YES

BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:

HOUSING AUTHORITY:

#18-153 Appointment:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF BEVERLY ZIPP, 973 MAHONING MOUNTAIN ROAD, LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE CARBON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE TO DECEMBER 31, 2018.

BOARD POLLED:   O’GUREK            YES
                GERHARD      YES
                NOTHSTEIN  YES

#18-154 MH/DS Advisory Board:

Reappointments:

CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:

THREE-YEAR TERMS TO 3/31/21:

DOROTHY EBERTS      COMMISSIONER WILLIAM O’GUREK
ANDREAS, PA         SUMMIT HILL, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DOROTHY EBERTS AND COMMISSIONER WILLIAM O’GUREK TO THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.

BOARD POLLED:   O’GUREK            ABSTAIN
                GERHARD      YES
                NOTHSTEIN  YES
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:
#18-155 AGREEMENT/PENTELEDATA/PARKS:

CONTRACT RENEWAL #1929439 WITH PENTELEDATA FOR CABLE MODEM INTERNET ACCESS AT CARBON COUNTY MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK REPRESENTING INCREASED SPEED (25 MBPS X 3MBPS SONIC) AT THE SAME MONTHLY RATE OF $99.95 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE THREE (3) YEARS.

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK ABSTAIN
                GERHARD YES
                NOTHSTEIN YES

TOSHIBA TELEPHONE SYSTEMS:
#18-156 AGREEMENT/DIEFENDERFER:

A FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH DIEFENDERFER TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR SERVICE AND SUPPORT ON THE TELCOM SYSTEMS WHICH SERVES THE COURT HOUSE, COURT HOUSE ANNEX, 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION.

THE AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2018 THROUGH MAY 6, 2023 AT A COST OF $39,950 (PREVIOUS CONTRACT $37,950).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH DIEFENDERFER.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
                GERHARD YES
                NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:
D&L PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT:
#18-157 CONSTRUCTION/TIME EXTENSION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY THE TIME EXTENSION REQUEST FROM LATONA TRUCKING, PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, THROUGH THE ECMS (ELECTRONIC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED AND NINETEEN (219) CALENDAR DAYS WHICH CHANGES THE COMPLETION DATE FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2017 TO JUNE 22, 2018.

*THIS TIME EXTENSION REPLACES THE PREVIOUS EXTENSION APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2017 (AGENDA #17-456) DUE TO ADDITIONAL WORK UNDER THE MITIGATION PROCESS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
                GERHARD YES
                NOTHSTEIN YES

ELECTIONS:
#18-158 AGREEMENTS/L&A TESTING:

AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE LOGISTICS AND ACCURACY (L&A) TESTING OF VOTING MACHINES FOR THE 2018 GENERAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION:

RICH ARIETA, LEHIGHTON PA
MARCH 29, 2018

ADAM SEMMEL, LEHIGHTON, PA

THE COMPENSATION WILL BE $20/HOUR NOT TO EXCEED NINETY (90) HOURS FOR EACH.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH RICH ARIETA AND ADAM SEMMEL.

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES
GERHARD  YES
NOTHSTEIN  ABSTAIN

PARKS:

#18-159  BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

5TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY 5K HIPPIE RUN/WALK IN LEHIGHTON (CCEDC)
APRIL 21, 2018
(BANNER REQUEST: 4/02/18 TO 4/06/18)

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

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES
GERHARD  YES
NOTHSTEIN  YES

SUSQUEHANNA STREET PROJECT:

#18-160  SPECIAL COUNSEL:

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED AN AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES, KALKBRENNER & OZOROWSKI, LLP, OF PLYMOUTH MEETING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AT THE RATE OF $225.00 PER HOUR PLUS EXPENSES FOR REPRESENTATION REGARDING LEGAL SERVICES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA STREET BUILDING PROJECT.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES, KALKBRENNER & OZOROWSKI, LLP.

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES
GERHARD  YES
NOTHSTEIN  YES

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD REPORTED ON DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TEN (10) YEAR MUNICIPAL WASTE PLAN AT THE MARCH 27TH COG MEETING, NOTING THAT A SURVEY IDENTIFIED SEVENTY (70) ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES IN CARBON COUNTY. HE REQUESTED THAT ANYONE WHO IS AWARE OF AN ILLEGAL DUMPING SITE TO REPORT IT TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN REPORTED THAT IN SPEAKING WITH JASON SHELLHAMMER, GIS, AND JUSTIN MARKEL, 9-1-1, THERE SEEMS TO BE A SERIOUS ISSUE REGARDING STANDARD ADDRESSING MAKING IT VERY CONFUSING FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, CAUSING SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUES. HE IS REQUESTING THEY MAKE UP LISTS FOR EACH MUNICIPALITY IN ORDER TO GET THE ISSUE RESOLVED.
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:54 A.M.

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