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

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, GERHARD, AND O'GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, SECRETARY III JEN BOGER, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 24, 2019.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

GUESTS: (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS AS PER COUNTY POLICY #2012-01 GOV)

WALLACE PUTKOWSKI, MAHONING TOWNSHIP, PA	RE: DISSOLVING THE CARBON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SINCE BOND OBLIGATION HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL
CHARLES GETZ, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA	RE: PENN'S PEAK COMMISSIONERS' DEBATE
CHRIS LUKASEVICH, JIM THORPE, PA	RE: CDBG \$50,000 BANK'S TOWNSHIP GRANT MODIFICATION TO FAMILY PROMISE; BOARD POSITION ON WHITE HAVEN CLOSING; TRACKAGE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN RBNR AND THE COUNTY; STATUS OF PIPELINE AT ANIMAL SHELTER
MARY ANN LEWELLYN, LEHIGHTON, PA	RE: LISTING EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBJECTS IN MINUTES
JERRY STRUBINGER, JIM THORPE, PA	RE: INVESTIGATION OF SOLAR POSSIBILITIES IN FUTURE; COUNTY UPPER PARKING LOT

PRESENTATIONS:

HENRY DESROSIERS:

REPRESENTATIVE DOYLE HEFFLEY, ON BEHALF OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PRESENTED HENRY DESROSIERS, CARBON COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, WITH A STATE HOUSE CITATION RECOGNIZING HIS FORTY-EIGHT (48) YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY COMPRISED OF FOUR (4) YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE, TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AS A CONNECTICUT POLICE OFFICER AND ELEVEN (11) PLUS YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF THE CARBON COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE.

KATIE HETERINGTON CUNFER, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESSMAN DAN MUESSER, PRESENTED MR. DESROSIERS WITH AN UNOFFICIAL COPY OF A CITATION ON BEHALF OF THE U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE. CONGRESSMAN MUESSER WILL PRESENT THE OFFICIAL COPY AT THE UPCOMING VETERANS PARADE.

MR. DESROSIERS THANKED REPRESENTATIVE HEFFLEY, KATIE HETERINGTON CUNFER, AND THE FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS HE HAS WORKED UNDER, COMMISSIONERS' WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, TOM J. GERHARD, WILLIAM J. O'GUREK AND CHARLES GETZ, ALONG WITH HIS OFFICE ASSISTANT.

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT MR. DESROSIERS HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA (CCAP) MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING LEGISLATION PASSED.

HARIE AWARD:

MR. MICHAEL BARTALETTI, HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT INSURANCE EXCHANGE (HARIE), ALONG WITH CHARLENE WILDONER, WILDONER INSURANCE COMPANY, PRESENTED THE COUNTY WITH THE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS GRANT AWARD OF \$15,000 TO BE USED FOR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CCCF).

PROCLAMATION:

**#19-487 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:
100TH ANNIVERSARY:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:

PROCLAMATION #2019-13

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS CHARTERED BY CONGRESS IN 1919 AS A WARTIME VETERANS ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE FOUR PILLARS OF CARE FOR VETERANS, NATIONAL SECURITY, AMERICANISM AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH; AND

WHEREAS, THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ARE DEDICATED TO UPHOLDING THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, WHILE WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FELLOW AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WAS ALSO FOUNDED IN 1919 TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN LEGION AND HONOR THE SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO SERVE BY ENHANCING THE LIVES OF OUR VETERANS, MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD; AND

WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL IN 2019-2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AND DO

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HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 10, 2019 AS "AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CENTENNIAL DAY" IN CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

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, CHIEF CLERK/ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE WEATHERLY AMERICAN LEGION POST AUXILIARY UNIT 360, WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA: GEORGEANN HERLING, PRESIDENT, KAREN ANDREWS, BETTY HENRY, AND THERESA D'ANDREA.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD:

10/29/19 10:00 A.M. PERSONNEL REASONS

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 OCTOBER 31, 2019.

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 TRANSMITTAL DATED OCTOBER 31, 2019.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 71848 THROUGH 71888 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6013654 THROUGH 6014067 FOR THE PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$593,803.83 (PAYROLL DATED OCTOBER 25, 2019).

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 209069 THROUGH 209199 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 149,821.25
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 679.00
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 2,115.00
LIQUID FUELS FUND	\$ 4,148.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 68,834.81
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 170,062.67
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 49.00
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 334.59
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 817.82
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 9,356.07
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 61,426.00
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 7,369.45
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 609.75
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 265.35
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 8.00
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 622.90
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 780.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 6,425.70
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ <u>7,537.50</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 491,262.86

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 STATED, "YES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BILLS FOR THE TIMES NEWS AND BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, TO WHICH I ABSTAIN BECAUSE I AM A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE TIMES NEWS WHICH IS A SISTER COMPANY OF BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS."

ETHICS COMMISSION COMPLIANCE:

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM STATING HIS POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH PENCOR RELATED COMPANIES AS PER THE ADVICE OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION:

MEMORANDUM

SECTION 1103(J) OF THE ETHICS ACTS PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING CONFLICT-WHERE VOTING CONFLICTS ARE NOT OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA OR BY ANY LAW RULE REGULATION ORDER OR ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHALL BE EMPLOYED. ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO VOTE ON A MATTER THAT WOULD RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST SHALL ABSTAIN FROM VOTING AND PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE AND DISCLOSE THE NATURE OF HIS INTEREST AS A PUBLIC RECORD IN A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM FILED WITH THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING THE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE IS TAKEN PROVIDED THAT WHENEVER A GOVERNING BODY WOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON A MATTER BEFORE IT BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BODY REQUIRED TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAKES THE MAJORITY OR OTHER LEGALLY REQUIRED VOTE OF APPROVAL UNATTAINABLE THEN SUCH MEMBERS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO VOTE IF DISCLOSURES ARE MADE AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN. IN THE CASE OF A THREE-MEMBER GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHERE ONE MEMBER HAS ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AS A RESULT OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE REMAINING TWO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE CAST OPPOSING VOTES THE MEMBER WHO HAS ABSTAINED SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE TO BREAK THE TIE VOTE IF DISCLOSURE IS MADE AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN.

ACCORDINGLY, TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION OF THE ETHICS ACT, I AM SUBMITTING THIS MEMORANDUM AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING FULL DISCLOSURE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, STATING THAT I AM ABSTAINING TODAY ON ANY ACTIONS RELATING TO PAYING BILLS TO, ADVERTISING WITH, ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FROM AND/OR ENTERING CONTRACTS WITH TIMES NEWS, LEHIGHTON, PA, BECAUSE I AM A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE THERE, AS WELL AS ITS SISTER COMPANIES, INCLUDING BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, PENTELE DATA, THE PALMERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY AND PENCOR HOSE AND FITTING, AND ANY OTHER PENCOR SERVICES' AFFILIATES.

/S/ WILLIAM J. O'GUREK, MEMBER

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED OCTOBER 21, 2019 TO OCTOBER 25, 2019 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 25, 2019:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 11,760.09
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 10,916,266.96
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 974,604.73
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 184,793.43
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,199,030.43
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 541,343.21
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 181,664.43
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 725,696.14
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 24,739.09
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 102,647.25
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 22,963.72
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 201,436.36
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 414,138.79
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 887,162.22
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 151,626.53
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 406,671.02
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 206,812.35
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 64,401.28
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 25,234.04
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 13,756.40
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 154,089.04
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 7,740.47
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 38,777.59
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 12,654.60
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 40,919.25
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 9,336.50
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 90,582.99

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 265,176.91
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 4,348.80
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 13,133.39
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,230.39
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 40,971.00
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 154,372.28
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 486,894.20
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 645,139.27
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 60,741.06
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 256,276.67
CDBG FUND	\$ 47.41
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,206,281.93
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 16,315,600.25
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 568,926.16
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 163,623.42
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 784,707.53

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RETIREMENTS:

GEORGIA A. FARROW, WEATHERLY, PA - 4-H ASSISTANT, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE - EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2020.

JOSEPH J. SEBELIN, JIM THORPE, PA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WIOA - EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2019.

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

AMBER V. KOLOSKI, MCADOO, PA - PART-TIME DISPATCHER TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2019.

RESIGNATION:

MICHAEL S. HATCHER, NEW TRIPOLI, PA - SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF TRAINEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2019.

HIRES:

SUSAN M. RHOADS-PROCINA, LEHIGHTON, PA - WIOA FISCAL MANAGER/CAREER LINK FISCAL AGENT TRAINEE, WIOA - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

DENISE S. SPIEKER, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA - PART-TIME DISPATCHER TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

KYRA R. SIMMONS, GIRARDVILLE, PA - PART-TIME DISPATCHER TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

CHRISTOPHER T. DIMMICK, MAHANOEY CITY, PA - PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

ANNETTE M. KELLY, LANSFORD, PA - PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

ALYSSA S. NEFF, LEHIGHTON, PA - PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2019.

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CHANGE OF STATUS:

FAITH N. FRITZ, CATASAUQUA, PA
FROM: PART-TIME DISPATCHER TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
TO: 911 OPERATOR, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 1, 2019

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION:

CORRECTIONS

EDWARD B. HERRING JR., POTTSVILLE, PA
SERGEANT
FROM: OCTOBER 18, 2019
TO: DECEMBER 30, 2019

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

CLERK OF COURTS/BUREAU OF COLLECTIONS

SAMANTHA M. JONES
COMMUNITY RESOURCES PART 1
BOWMANSTOWN, PA
JODI A. SONON
COMMUNITY RESOURCES PART 2
BOWMANSTOWN, PA

ELECTIONS

LISA R. DART
ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY ELECTION PERSONNEL WINTER MEETING
BOILING SPRINGS, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$70, LODGING, MEALS. MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

SHERIFF

JOSEPH V. HAGER
PROTECTIVE MEASURES COURSE
ALLENTOWN, PA
COST: MEALS

ETHAN MELBER
BRIAN MITTURA
ACT 2 BASIC TRAINING
STATE COLLEGE, PA

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ADULT PROBATION

JUSTIN BILKA
OHIO RISK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TRAINING
JIM THORPE, PA

COURT ADMINISTRATION

KAREN LILLO
AOPC TRAINING FOR BILINGUAL EMPLOYEES WEBINAR
JIM THORPE, PA

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

SUSAN BOLTON
 KAREN GASKER
 LAUREN HOLLAND
 BRIDGET JOHNSTON
 EMMA KELSALL
 VERA KOIN
 RACHEL MOYER
 TRACY SMITH
 JENNIFER WERTMAN
 RASHUNDA YUHAS
 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AND RESOURCES
 JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED OCTOBER 31, 2019.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

AUDIT RECEIVED: HIGHWAY SAFETY NETWORK FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2018 WAS RECEIVED FROM JONES & COMPANY.

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

WEATHERLY BOROUGH
 (QUAD3 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, WILKES BARRE, PA)
 NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION - WEATHERLY BOROUGH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES INFORMING OF THE MH/ID PROGRAM’S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 PRIMARY ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#19-488 CDBG 2019 APPLICATION/RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FY 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES:

USE OF CDBG FUNDS – FY 2019

CARBON COUNTY ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES

Municipality	Project	Project Amount	Qualify
Franklin Township	Water/Sewer Improvements		Survey completed LMI 69.04%
	Red Hill Road (Drainage Improvements-Phase 3)	\$ 77,475	
	Total Project Allocation	\$76,183.00	
	Administration	\$16,722.00	
	Grant Amount	\$92,905.00	
Jim Thorpe Borough	Water/Sewer Improvements-Water		

	Main replacement project (Church Alley) (MFY 2017, 2018, 2019) (PA Small Water/ Sewer Program Grant & General Funds) Total Project Allocation	\$ 399,100	Block Group 3 CT 020102
	Administration	\$80,466.00	LMI 56.50%
	Grant Amount	\$17,663.00	
Lehighton Borough	Parks, Recreational Facilities Community Grove Playground Improvements-7 th /8 th Street and Iron Street	\$ 106,776	Block Groups 1,2,3 CT 020600
	Total Project Cost	\$86,401.00	LMI 59.68%
	Administration	\$18,966.00	
	Grant Amount	\$105,367.00	
Mahoning Borough	Street Improvements Center Road (Mahoning Street-Maple Drive) Reconstruct/pave	\$ 125,376	Survey Completed LMI 51.44%
	Total Project Allocation	\$76,537.00	
	Administration	\$16,800.00	
	Grant Amount	\$93,337.00	
Palmerton Borough	Street Improvements Mauch Chunk Road-South Side (Church Street to Linden Street)	\$ 120,000	Block Group 5 CT 020900
	Total Project Allocation	\$85,691.00	LMI 54.79%
	Administration	\$18,810.00	
	Grant Amount	\$104,501.00	

TOTAL ENTITLEMENT PROJECT ALLOCATION - 2019 **\$ 405,278.00**
ADMINISTRATION **\$ 88,961.00**

CARBON COUNTY NON-ENTITLEMENTS COMMUNITIES: 2019 PROJECTS

Municipality	Project	Project Amount	Qualify
Banks Township	Street Improvements South Church Street, S Street and P Street Reconstruct/Pave	\$57,470	Survey Completed LMI 100%
Bowmanstown Borough	Sidewalks Install ADA Curbs throughout the borough	\$77,730.00	Limited Clientele Presumed benefit
Summit Hill Borough	Street Improvements Holland Street (Chestnut to Market) Reconstruct/pave	\$72,235.00	Survey completed LMI 60.47%

TOTAL COUNTY NON-ENTITLEMENT ALLOCATION - 2019 **\$ 252,969.00**
ADMINISTRATION-2019 **\$45,534.00**
COUNTY NON-ENTITLEMENT AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS – 2019 **\$207,435.00**

TOTAL GRANT FY2019 **\$ 747,708.00**

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING FY 2019 CDBG RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION #19-035
CDBG RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HAS ELECTED TO ADMINISTER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH HAS ENACTED LEGISLATION (ACT 179) DIRECTING THAT VARIOUS COUNTIES MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CDBG PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE ACT 179 ALSO PROVIDES THAT THE COUNTY OF CARBON MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF CARBON HAS PREPARED THESE APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 FOR THE BOROUGHES OF JIM THORPE, LEHIGHTON, & PALMERTON, AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF FRANKLIN & MAHONING, AND THE COUNTY OF CARBON; AND

WHEREAS, THE ABOVE-NAMED MUNICIPALITIES HAVE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF THEIR APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE RESPECTIVE APPLICATIONS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON THAT THE FILING OF SAID APPLICATIONS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT WAYNE E NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN, CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING SAID APPLICATIONS, AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE SAID APPLICATIONS INCLUDING ALL UNDERSTANDINGS AND ASSURANCES CONTAINED THEREIN. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NAMED ABOVE IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE SAID APPLICATION AND SECURE APPROVAL OF THE SAME.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON

- /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
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BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED FOR THE FY 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION.

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

* MR. O'GUREK STATED, "I ABSTAIN BECAUSE THE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE TIMES NEWS WHERE I AM A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE."

#19-489 CDBG/CHANGE ORDER/PALMERTON:

CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH BARKER & BARKER PAVING (GAVER INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED), BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS/WEST PRINCETON AVENUE, PALMERTON BOROUGH (FY2015, FY 2016) WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION.

THE CHANGE ORDER INCREASES THE CONTRACT COST \$7,047.98, FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$133,266.73. ORIGINAL CONTRACT: \$126,218.75

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MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH BARKER & BARKER PAVING.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION:

#19-490 EAGLE SCOUT/SCHOCK:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING CALEB BRADY SCHOCK, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 007, WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA, ON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT:

RESOLUTION #19-036

EAGLE SCOUT/CALEB BRADY SCHOCK

WHEREAS, CALEB BRADY SCHOCK OF WEATHERLY HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, CALEB BRADY SCHOCK IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 007 – TWEEDLE PARK OF WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCOUTING FOR 12 YEARS. DURING HIS SCOUTING CAREER, HE HAS EARNED 29 BADGES INCLUDING WILDERNESS SURVIVAL, CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY, AND CYCLING. CALEB HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PATROL LEADER, ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER, PATROL LEADER, ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER, QUARTERMASTER, AND DEN CHIEF; AND

WHEREAS, CALEB BRADY SCHOCK'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT INCLUDED RAISING MONEY TO IMPROVE TWEEDLE PARK. THE PROCEEDS WERE USED TO PURCHASE LANDSCAPING BRICKS, SOIL, STONE, AND SHRUBBERY. CALEB INSTALLED AN 8 X 10 BRICK WALL AROUND THE FLAG POLE, PLANTED THE SHRUBBERY, AND PLACED TWO COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES. CALEB ALSO INSTALLED A NEW TWEEDLE PARK SIGN. CALEB SPENT 52 HOURS ON THIS PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, CALEB BRADY SCHOCK HAS DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE AN HONOR HE WILL VALUE FOR A LIFETIME; AND

WHEREAS, CALEB BRADY SCHOCK IS AN INSPIRATION TO YOUNG MEN THROUGH HIS DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF CALEB BRADY SCHOCK.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CALEB BRADY SCHOCK AND HEREBY COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES HIM IN ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019

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, CHIEF CLERK/ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

TREASURER:

PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION:

#19-491 AGREEMENT:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CARBON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE AND THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE NEW PENNSYLVANIA LICENSING SOFTWARE SYSTEM (PALS) WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THIS REPLACES PREVIOUS CONTRACT DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2006.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

WINDSTREAM/EARTHLINK BUSINESS:

PRI SERVICE & LONG DISTANCE:

#19-492 CONTRACT TERMINATION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH WINDSTREAM/EARTHLINK BUSINESS FOR PRI SERVICE AND LONG DISTANCE SERVICE, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2019.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE THAT ON OCTOBER 30TH THE COMMONWEALTH COURT RULED THAT THE MARCY LAW QUESTION WILL REMAIN ON THE BALLOT BUT VOTES WILL NOT BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD DUE TO A COURT INJUNCTION ISSUED BY JUDGE ELLEN SLITZER; THE VOTES WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE MATTER IS RESOLVED
- BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE PASSED LEGISLATION THIS WEEK WHICH WILL AFFECT FUTURE ELECTIONS, AND IF APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE FOLLOWING WILL HAPPEN: ELIMINATE STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING, NO EXCUSE VOTE BY MAIL OPTIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW EVERY VOTER IN PENNSYLVANIA TO VOTE BY MAIL AND WILL PROVIDE A 50 DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO ELECTION TO DO SO, THERE WILL BE FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL DAYS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, NEW PERMANENT MAILING LIST WHERE VOTERS CAN REQUEST BALLOTS SENT EVERY YEAR, AND WILL EXTEND DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSENTEE MAIL IN BALLOTS TO BE COUNTED FROM 5 PM ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION TO 8 PM ON ELECTION DAY, IT WILL ALSO MAKE IT PERMANENT THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY ONLINE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN THE FUTURE
- 90 MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE WAS PART OF THE BILL AND WILL GIVE COUNTIES REIMBURSEMENT FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES. CARBON COUNTY'S COST WAS ABOUT \$420,000 AND WILL RECEIVE \$71,000 REIMBURSEMENT
- RETIREMENT OF JOE SEBELIN FROM WIOA WISHING HIM WELL AND THANKING HIM FOR MANY DECADES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMISSIONER GERHARD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- THANKED HENRY DESROSIERS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE BOTH FOR CARBON COUNTY AND VETERANS AND ALSO MILITARY SERVICE
- SPOKE WITH BOROUGH, RAILROAD REPRESENTATIVES AND BUSINESS PEOPLE REGARDING HIS CONCERNS AND THE MAJOR IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE IF READING, BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN STOP THE EXCURSION TRAINS IN JIM THORPE

OCTOBER 31, 2019

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AT THE PRISON
- TRAINING FACILITY UPDATE
- EMS TASK FORCE VOLUNTEER CRISIS REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE CCAP FALL CONFERENCE

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:21 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN