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**WHEREAS**, CARBON COUNTY LEVERAGES CENSUS DATA TO DETERMINE NEEDS FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES AND IDENTIFYING ENTITLEMENT AREAS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS A GOAL TO HIRE 200 CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS TO CONDUCT CENSUS 2020 ACTIVITIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CALCULATED THAT IN 2015, PENNSYLVANIA RECEIVED \$2,093 PER CAPITA IN FEDERAL GRANTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, BETWEEN THE 2000 CENSUS AND THE 2010 CENSUS CARBON COUNTY RESIDENT PARTICIPATION DROPPED FROM 81% TO 70%; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE 2010 CENSUS CARBON COUNTY SELF-RESPONSE RATE (68.3%) WAS 3.1% BELOW THE STATE AVERAGE (72.1%); AND

**WHEREAS**, A 1% UNDERCOUNT COULD COST CARBON COUNTY OVER \$13.4 MILLION IN FEDERAL AID OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE GOVERNMENT OF CARBON COUNTY IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT HAS A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE TO CONVEY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS, PARTICULARLY TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ECONOMICALLY, AND RESOURCE-CHALLENGED AREAS.

**NOW THEREFORE**, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THEIR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN PROMOTING AWARENESS OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 CENSUS.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN

/S/ ROCKY C. AHNER, VICE-CHAIRMAN

/S/ CHRIS L. LUKASEVICH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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

MR. LUKASEVICH REMINDED THE PUBLIC REGARDING MAIL DOCUMENTS THEY WILL BE RECEIVING FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU TO COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS SURVEY ONLINE OR ON THE PHONE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES

LUKASEVICH YES

NOTHSTEIN YES

**OPENING OF BIDS:**

**#20-147 CDBG PROJECTS:**

**PALMERTON BOROUGH:**

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT - PALMERTON BOROUGH: STREET IMPROVEMENTS - RECONSTRUCT- NORTH MAUCH CHUNK ROAD (FY2018):



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THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT – SUMMIT HILL BOROUGH: PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES - GINDER FIELD PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION PROJECT- SITE (FY2016 & FY2017)

STONE LONESOME EXCAVATING 225 EAST LUDLOW STREET SUMMIT HILL, PA 18250	BID: \$89,393.00 BOND: 10% CASHIER'S CHECK
BRUCE GEORGE PAVING & EXCAVATING, INC. 843 KUEHNER DRIVE KUNKLETOWN, PA 18058	BID: \$117,106.60 BOND: 10%

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FOR REVIEW WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF EITHER AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR REJECTION OF THE BIDS IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**EAST SIDE BOROUGH:**

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT - EAST SIDE BOROUGH: STREET IMPROVEMENTS - BRIDGE STREET- SWALE & GRADE SYSTEM (FY2018):

FRANZOSA TRUCKING COMPANY INC. 1037 PEACE STREET HAZLETON, PA 18202	BID: \$132,825.00 BOND: 10%
SCHUYLKILL PAVING INC. 285 BLUE MOUNTAIN ROAD SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA 17972	BID: \$155,870.00 BOND: 10%
PAPILLON & MOYER 186 MURPHY RUN STROUDSBURG, PA 18360	BID: \$167,027.90 BOND: 10%
BARLETTA MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION, INC. P.O. BOX 550 TAMAQUA, PA 18252	BID: \$104,822.50 BOND: 10% ALT #1: \$24,580.00 ALT #2: \$17,156.25
HAZLETON SITE CONTRACTORS, DIVISION OF H & K GROUP, INC. 40 ELM ROAD HAZLETON, PA 18202	BID: \$314,459.40 BOND: 10%

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FOR REVIEW WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF EITHER AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR REJECTION OF THE BIDS IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD:

MARCH 17, 2020      1:00 P.M.      PERSONNEL REASONS

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS (2019 & 2020):**

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2019 AND 2020 ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MARCH 19, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER      YES  
 LUKASEVICH YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 72245 THROUGH 72277 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6017833 THROUGH 6018240 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$545,107.55 (PAYROLL DATED MARCH 13, 2020).

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL CHECKS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER      YES  
 LUKASEVICH YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 212114 THROUGH 212266 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 192,315.34
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 415.86
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 568.22
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 23,316.61
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 160,278.47
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 38.29
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 47.47
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 146.52
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 12,831.76
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 30,650.15
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 813.90
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 19.02
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 38.79

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 40,000.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 778.07
TAX CLAIM FUND	<u>\$ 1,232.23</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 463,490.70

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CHECK NUMBERS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MARCH 9, 2020 TO MARCH 13, 2020 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF MARCH 13, 2020:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,251.94
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 4,191,127.58
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 980,902.56
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 188,549.46
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,068,342.80
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 594,679.10
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 244,667.85
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 1,207,746.46
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 8,151.88
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 85,567.71
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 27,750.64
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 149,276.80
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 335,924.74
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,033,077.90
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 154,716.39
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 376,693.77
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 213,173.81
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 87,697.57
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 13,053.38
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 7,877.23
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 169,312.29
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 8,005.86
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 49,683.40
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 19,838.89
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 37,171.20
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 9,000.44
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 33,437.40
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 285,369.27
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 6,349.36
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 14,646.82
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,270.65
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 41,235.75
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 156,654.26
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 546,243.08
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 649,308.11
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 68,625.73

HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	27,470.95
CDBG FUND	\$	19.22
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	474,939.48
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	15,801,995.45
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$	566,521.06
PAYROLL FUND	\$	173,995.33
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$	969,781.97

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
 LUKASEVICH YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:**

**TAMEAR R. HENEGAIN-HAASE**, DRUMS, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS –  
 EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2020.

**CHANGE OF STATUS:**

**FERNANDO VARGAS**, HAZLETON, PA  
 FROM: CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS  
 TO: SERGEANT, CORRECTIONS  
 EFFECTIVE: APRIL 6, 2020

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:**

**TAX ASSESSMENT**

**KIM A. STEIGERWALT**  
**PAMELA M. BAUCHSPIES**

ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON ASSESSMENT  
 ADMINISTRATION  
 GRANTVILLE, PA  
 COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$515 PER PERSON, LODGING, MEALS

**KIM A. STEIGERWALT**  
**PAMELA M. BAUCHSPIES**  
**LEWIS GULLONE**  
 ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION BASIC  
 LEHIGHTON, PA  
 COST: CONFERENCE FEE: \$30 PER PERSON

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT**

**SUSAN RHOADS-PROCINA**  
 PENNSYLVANIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
 HERSHEY, PA  
 COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$425, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT  
 DATED MARCH 19, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
 LUKASEVICH YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES: JANUARY 28, 2020 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY RAILROAD COMMISSION; FEBRUARY 18, 2020 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

THE 2019 YEAR-END REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY CORONER.

**CCCT/LANTA:**

**#20-148 CERTIFICATIONS/ASSURANCES:**

ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**COMMUNICATIONS/911**

**#20-149 AGREEMENT/CONSORTECH:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE 9-1-1 DIRECTOR FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSORTECH SOLUTIONS INC., BROSSARD, OF CANADA, TO PURCHASE (2) TWO LICENSES FME ETL SOFTWARE AT A COST OF \$6,700.00 AND (50) FIFTY HOURS OF COACHING PER LICENSES FOR (100) HUNDRED HOURS AT A COST OF \$15,000. TOTAL COST: \$21,700.00

\* APPROVED THROUGH THE STATEWIDE INTERCONNECTIVITY PROJECT FOR CARBON COUNTY 911 GIS DATA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (#3120190003).

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH CONSORTECH SOLUTIONS INC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

**HOME PROGRAM:**

**#20-150 CHANGE ORDER:**

A CHANGE ORDER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT WITH MAZZELLA ENTERPRISES, INC., JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE FOLLOWING HOME REHABILITATION CONTRACT:

#JM 138-15-137: ORIGINAL PLUMBING CONTRACT PRICE: \$1,200.00  
(THIS PORTION OF CONTRACT WAS PAID ALREADY)

CHANGE ORDER (INCREASE/ADDITIONS): \$750.00  
ADDITION – AFTER WATER HEATER INSTALLED –  
EXCESS PRESSURE EXISTED – NEED TO REPLACE FAULTY  
PRESSURE REGULATOR AT THE MAIN.



NEW PLUMBING CONTRACT PRICE: \$1,950.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE CHANGE ORDER TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MAZZELLA ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR THE HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM (#JM 138-15-137).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

**#20-151 STENOGRAPH LLC/COURTS:**

STENOGRAPH WRITER PROTECTION PLANS FOR TWO (2) DIAMANTE STENO MACHINES (SERIAL #Z14559 AND #Z14561) LOCATED IN COURTROOMS #2 AND #3 FOR THE TERM 4/08/20 TO 4/07/21 (RENEWAL CONTRACT #MQ112841, PROTECTION PLAN – BASIC WITH LOANER) AT THE COST OF \$499.00/EACH (\$110.00 INCREASE).

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH STENOGRAPH WRITER PROTECTION PLANS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**#20-152 BANNER REQUEST:**

A BANNER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

81<sup>ST</sup> PA COMPANY K CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS, JIM THORPE, PA  
CIVIL WAR WEEKEND, MAY 2 & 3, 2020  
(BANNER: APRIL 17 – MAY 4, 2020)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE BANNER PERMIT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY:**

**#20-153 RESOLUTION/DECLARATION:**

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE – 2019 (COVID-19) AUTHORIZED THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CARBON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**WHEREAS**, A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (NOW KNOWN AS “SARS COV-2”) EMERGED IN WUHAN, CHINA, BEGAN INFECTING HUMANS IN DECEMBER 2019, AND HAS SINCE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES; AND

**WHEREAS**, SARS COV-2 IS KNOWN TO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-2019

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(COVID-19) IN HUMANS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) HAS DECLARED COVID-19 A “PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN” AND THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) SECRETARY HAS DECLARED THAT COVID-19 CREATES A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; AND

**WHEREAS**, ON MARCH 11, 2020, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARED COVID-19 A PANDEMIC; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ISSUED A PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY ON MARCH 6, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF 35 PA. C.S. §§ 7101, ET SEQ. THAT AUTHORIZED THE SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND URGED COUNTIES TO “ACT AS NECESSARY TO MEET THE CURRENT EXIGENCIES;” AND

**WHEREAS**, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEASURES ARE REQUIRED TO REDUCE THE SEVERITY OF THIS DISASTER AND TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF AFFECTED RESIDENTS IN CARBON COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SECTION 7501 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CODE (35 PA. C.S. § 7501) AUTHORIZES CARBON COUNTY TO DECLARE A DISASTER EMERGENCY UPON THE FINDING A DISASTER HAS OCCURRED OR IS IMMINENT; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE**, WE, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (“COMMISSIONERS”), PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE SECTION 7501 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANagements SERVICES CODE 35 PA. C.S. § 7501, DO HEREBY DECLARE THE IMMANENCY OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN CARBON COUNTY DUE TO COVID-19.

**FURTHER**, THE COMMISSIONERS DIRECT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO COORDINATE THE COUNTY’S ACTIVITIES OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE, TO WORK WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE THE EFFECTS OF THIS IMMINENT DISASTER, TO AID IN THE RESTORATION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES, AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THIS EMERGENCY.

**FURTHER**, THE COMMISSIONERS HEREBY CREATE A COVID-19 ADVISORY GROUP TO ADVISE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 THAT SHALL CONSIST OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, THE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE SOLICITOR’S OFFICE AND ANY AND ALL ADDITIONAL MEMBERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSIONERS. THIS COVID-19 ADVISORY GROUP SHALL MEET AS NEEDED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 WITHOUT THE NEED TO FORMALLY ADVERTISE TIMES AND PLACES OF MEETINGS DUE TO THE EXIGENT AND EVOLVING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS DISASTER, ALTHOUGH, AS TIME PERMITS, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO LIST THE TIMES AND PLACES OF SUCH MEETINGS IN ADVANCE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE.

**STILL FURTHER**, THE COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO 35 PA. C.S. § 7501(D), AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL FORMAL REQUIREMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE EXIGENCIES OF THIS DISASTER EMERGENCY, INCLUDING ALL TIME-CONSUMING PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW (EXCEPTING MANDATORY CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS) PERTAINING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC WORK, ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS, THE INCOMING OF OBLIGATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY WORKERS, THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT, THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, THE LEVYING OF TAXES AND THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

THIS DECLARATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

AUTHORIZED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN

/S/ ROCKY C. AHNER, VICE-CHAIRMAN

/S/ CHRIS L. LUKASEVICH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO EXTEND THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) ANOTHER (7) SEVEN DAYS.

\*THIS DECLARATION WILL BE ASSESSED WEEKLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PROCLAMATION:**

#20-154 **PA 4-H WEEK:**

PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH 15 - 21, 2020 AS "PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK"

**"4-H WEEK"**

**MARCH 15 – 21, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, THE YOUTH OF CARBON COUNTY IS ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES; AND

**WHEREAS**, 4-H MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE, FOOD PRODUCTION AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS THAT AID IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, NUTRITION, HOME IMPROVEMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS; AND

**WHEREAS**, AS A RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH MANY COUNTRIES, 4-H IS ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO WORLD UNDERSTANDING; AND

**WHEREAS**, IN THE PROCESS, 4-H YOUTH APPLY LEADERSHIP SKILLS, ACQUIRE A POSITIVE SELF-CONCEPT AND LEARN TO RESPECT AND GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 THROUGH MARCH 21 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED "4-H WEEK IN PENNSYLVANIA".

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 15-21, 2020 AS "4-H WEEK IN CARBON COUNTY" AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE 4-H PROGRAM.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

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**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN

/S/ ROCKY C. AHNER, VICE-CHAIRMAN

/S/ CHRIS L. LUKASEVICH, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED MR. AHNER, TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION  
ACKNOWLEDGING PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH:**

#20-155 **PROCLAMATION:**

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020 AS "PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING  
MONTH"

**CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG IN CARBON COUNTY  
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020 AS  
"PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, AS ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, EXCAVATORS AND HOMEOWNERS WORK TO KEEP PACE  
WITH THIS COMMONWEALTH'S UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES, DANGER TO WORKERS, ENVIRONMENTAL  
POLLUTION AND LOSS OF UTILITY SERVICE TO PENNSYLVANIA CITIZENS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM, A UTILITY SERVICE INFORMATION CENTER  
CELEBRATING ITS 48<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO THE COMMONWEALTH, IS KEY TO  
PREVENTING INJURIES AND DAMAGE WHEN EXCAVATING; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS UNIQUE SERVICE PROVIDES EASY TO USE, ONE-CALL NOTIFICATION ABOUT  
EXCAVATION PROJECTS WHICH MAY ENDANGER WORKERS AND JEOPARDIZE UTILITY LINES WHILE  
PROMOTING WORKPLACE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, REDUCING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE,  
MINIMIZING UTILITY SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS VITAL SERVICE, WHICH BEGAN WITH ONLY SIX UTILITY COMPANIES IN WESTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA, NOW SERVES MORE THAN 100,000 EXCAVATORS AND OVER 3,600 CRITICAL  
UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE OWNERS THROUGHOUT THIS COMMONWEALTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE SERVICE ANNUALLY RECEIVES MORE THAN 1,000,000 NOTIFICATION REQUESTS AND  
TRANSMITS MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION NOTIFICATIONS, PROVIDING PROTECTION TO UTILITY  
COMPANIES, THEIR EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND

**WHEREAS**, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA 811 AND  
ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS, ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, EXCAVATORS AND HOMEOWNERS TO DIAL 8-1-1  
AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE OF AN EXCAVATION PROJECT SUCH AS PLANTING A TREE,  
INSTALLING A MAILBOX POST, BUILDING A DECK OR SWIMMING POOL OR REPLACING A DRIVEWAY.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** THAT THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2020 AS "PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH" IN CARBON  
COUNTY.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

