THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENEYED THIS DATE AT 10:31 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING ROOM, CARBON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, LUKASEVICH, AND AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAGIVE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER. THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, THE COUNTY FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 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. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
            LUKASEVICH YES
            NOTHSTEIN YES

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

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD.

MARCH 26, 2020 1:30 P.M. PERSONNEL REASONS
APRIL 1, 2020 10:00 A.M. PERSONNEL REASONS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED APRIL 2, 2020.
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

JEFFREY JAHRE, M.D., SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF MEDICAL AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, ST. LUKE’S HEALTH NETWORK:

JEFFREY JAHRE M.D., SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF MEDICAL AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF ST. LUKE’S HEALTH NETWORK, WAS AVAILABLE BY PHONE TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES STATED BY THE PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CDC IN REGARDS TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS. THIS VIRUS IS BEING REFERRED TO AS THE NOVEL VIRUS.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN SPOKE ABOUT THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY QUESTIONING WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS FULLY RECOVERED AFTER TESTING POSITIVE TO THE VIRUS.

DR. JAHRE COMMENTED ABOUT THE REGULATIONS BY PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CDC WHICH CHANGE CONSTANTLY, THAT AFTER SEVEN (7) DAYS OF BEING SYMPTOM FREE THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITY MAY BE RESUMED.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH QUESTIONED THE TIME FRAME OF TESTING RESULTS FOR THE VIRUS.

DR. JAHRE REPORTED THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO PERFORM TESTING IN THE HOSPITAL AMONG A VERBAL CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL LABS FOR RAPID RESULTS.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH INQUIRED WHERE CARBON COUNTY RESIDES IN FLATTENING THE CURVE.

DR. JAHRE RESPONDED THAT A STAY AT HOME ORDER WAS ANNOUNCED TO HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE AND TO PREVENT AN INCREASE IN OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEMS.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE CONFERENCE CALL WITH SENATOR CASEY WITH THE ISSUES THE COUNTIES ARE HAVING ON THE EASTERN STATE WITH TOURISM AND RESIDENTS WITH SECOND HOMES COMING FROM OTHER STATES.

DR. JAHRE MENTIONED THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE IS EXPERIENCING A HEAVIER BURDEN THAN ANY OTHER PART OF THE STATE WITH NEW YORK CITY AND NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BEING THE EPICENTER.

COMMISSIONER AHNER QUESTIONED WILL A PATTERN OCCUR WITH SYMPTOMS FOR THE SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOUR PERIOD.

DR. JAHRE REPLIED THAT TESTING WILL NOT BE PERFORMED ON INDIVIDUALS WITH NO SYMPTOMS; HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS WITH RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS AND FEVERS OVER 99.8 WILL BE TESTED. HE RECOMMENDED CALLING YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN REGARDING QUESTIONS AN INDIVIDUAL WOULD HAVE WITH REGARDS TO VIRUS. IF AN INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN THEY CAN CONTACT ST. LUKE’S AT 1-877- STLUKES OPTION 7. HE MENTIONED NOT TO NEGLECT REGULAR ROUTINE CHECK-UPS.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN ASKED DR. JAHRE, IS THERE INFORMATION THAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO know ASIDE FROM STAY AT HOME?

DR. JAHRE EMPHASIZED INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE NO SYMPTOMS DON’T NEED TO BE TESTED, CALL YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN OR CALL 1-877 STLUKES REGARDING QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, AND DON’T NEGLECT REGULAR ROUTINE CARE. HE NOTED COMMUNITY SPREAD WHICH IS EVERYWHERE AND INDIVIDUALS NEED TO PROCEED LIKE THEY HAVE THE DISEASE. HE SAID PEOPLE NEED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND STAY APART FROM OTHERS WHEN OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN THANKED DR. JAHRE, ST. LUKE’S HEALTH NETWORK, AND SUPPORT STAFF FOR GREAT WORK THEY HAVE BEEN PERFORMING.

DR. JAHRE STATED HE APPRECIATES THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.
APRIL 2, 2020

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 72278 THROUGH 72316 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6018241 THROUGH 6018647 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING $548,230.68 (PAYROLL DATED MARCH 27, 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 212376 THROUGH 212456 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

- GENERAL FUND $74,360.75
- RENTAL PROPERTY FUND $663.28
- COUNTY PARKING FUND $40.00
- AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND $20,362.43
- CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND $40,137.62
- DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND $144.12
- WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND $6.63
- PARKS & RECREATION FUND $6,158.68
- CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND $32,768.35
- 9-1-1 FUND $1,349.17
- VICTIM/WITNESS FUND $4.74
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND $11,185.13
- CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND $6,158.68

TOTAL: $190,649.40

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, 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 23, 2020 TO MARCH 27, 2020 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 27, 2020:

- GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT $1,251.94
- GENERAL FUND SP NOW $3,757,501.61
- OPERATING RESERVE FUND $980,902.56
- RENTAL PROPERTY FUND $195,712.30
- COUNTY PARKING FUND $1,066,997.03
- LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND $594,679.10
- AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND $156,170.90
THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 11:01 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING AT 11:10 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RETIREMENTS:
CHANGES OF STATUS:
RENEE L. RUSSELL, WEATHERLY, PA
FROM: LEGAL SECRETARY I, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TO: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JILLIAN BERGER, JIM THORPE, PA
FROM: CLERICAL SPECIALIST, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TO: LEGAL SECRETARY I, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 6, 2020

SARAH N. REESER, BOWMANSTOWN, PA
FROM: PART-TIME LEGAL SECRETARY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TO: CLERICAL SPECIALIST, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 6, 2020

JILL M. GEISSINGER, LEHIGHTON, PA
FROM: COUNTY CASEWORK SUPERVISOR I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
TO: ADMINISTRATOR II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 6, 2020

MARIANNE GRABARITS, WALNUTPORT, PA
FROM: ACTING ADMINISTRATOR II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
TO: COUNTY CASEWORK SUPERVISOR I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 6, 2020

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
COMMUNICATIONS
KAITLYNN D. HARRIS, NESQUEHONING, PA
PART-TIME DISPATCHER TRAINEE
FROM: MARCH 25, 2020
TO: JUNE 24, 2020

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:
AREA AGENCY ON AGING
SUSAN E. ZEIGLER       DEENA L. FITAL       PAM SCHLEICHER
MARK D. MISCZENSKI     FRANCINE CARNEGIE    ZACH L. RABENOLD
DONNA L. SHELLY
PS-OAPSA INTAKE WORKER TRAINING COURSE
PALMERTON, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT

BOARD POLLED:  AHNER YES
               LUKASEVICH YES
               NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION:
RKR HESS, EAST STROUDSBURG, PA
APPLICANT: LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK
CHAPTER 105 GENERAL PERMIT 4 APPLICATION, MAHONING TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY
CARBON LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO A LEGISLATION PASSED TO RESCHEDULE THE PENNSYLVANIA 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION TO JUNE 2, 2020 IN REGARDS TO COVID-19.

ADVERTISING:

#20-163 ORDINANCE/BOND ISSUE:

ADVERTISEMENT OF A LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING THE COUNTY’S INTENT TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SUCH NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE ADVERTISEMENT OF LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING THE COUNTY’S INTENT TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

ADULT PROBATION:

#20-164 AGREEMENT/TURISMO:

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND LAKE HARMONY TURISMO, LLC, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE TREATMENT COURTS FOR ONE YEAR, BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2020 AND TERMINATING FEBRUARY 28, 2021. TOTAL COST OF $60.00/HOUR – FLAT RATE (BILLED IN 15 MINUTE INCREMENTS) CHARGES (NE $15,000.00). (A GRANT REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS TO OFFSET THE COST OF SERVICES).

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH LAKE HARMONY TURISMO, LLC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

#20-165 RFA/HEALTH CHOICE WAIVER SERVICES:

LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR THE CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO SUPPORT AND PARTNER WITH THE PA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING (PAA) ON THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) FROM THE OFFICE OF LONG TERM LIVING (OLTL) FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC TASKS AND ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENROLLMENT NAVIGATION SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY CITIZENS.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LETTER OF COMMITMENT WITH PA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES
BID AWARD/CDBG:

#20-166  BEAVER MEADOWS:

A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BID OPENING ON MARCH 12, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
STREET IMPROVEMENTS – TAMAAQUA STREET AND GOOSE ALLEY
(FY2016)
FRANZOSA TRUCKING CO., INC.
HAZLETON, PA    BID: $62,358.50

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS/TAMAQUA STREET AND GOOSE ALLEY TO FRANZOSA TRUCKING CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, AT THEIR BID OF $62,358.50.

BOARD POLLED:  AHNER YES
               LUKASEVICH YES
               NOTHSTEIN YES

#20-167  A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BID OPENING ON MARCH 19, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

PALMERTON BOROUGH
STREET IMPROVEMENTS - RECONSTRUCT NORTH MAUCH CHUNK ROAD
(FY 2018)
BARKER & BARKER PAVING EXCAVATING
BETHELHEM, PA    BID: $66,460.00

SUMMIT HILL BOROUGH
PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES – GINDER FIELD REHABILITATION PROJECT - BUILDING
(FY 2016, FY 2017)
APM CONSTRUCTION, INC.
LANSFORD, PA    BID: $105,650.00

SUMMIT HILL BOROUGH
PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES – GINDER FIELD REHABILITATION PROJECT - SITE
(FY 2016, FY 2017)
STONEY LONESOME EXCAVATING
SUMMIT HILL, PA    BID: $89,393.00

EAST SIDE BOROUGH
STREET IMPROVEMENTS – BRIDGE STREET – GRADE & SWALE SYSTEM
(FY 2018)
BARLETTA MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION, INC.
TAMAQUA, PA    BID: $104,822.50

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO AWARD THE CONTRACTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED:  AHNER YES
               LUKASEVICH YES
               NOTHSTEIN YES

CCCT/LANTA:

MATP PROGRAM:

#20-168  FY2018/2019 FINAL ALLOCATION:
APRIL 2, 2020

ALLOCATION LETTER FROM PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FY 2018/2019 MATP PROGRAM LISTING THE FINAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT OF $655,661.00.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FINAL ALLOCATION LETTER FOR THE FY 2018/2019 MATP PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES LUKASEVICH YES NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#20-169 TEFAP/1ST QUARTER:


MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2019 – 2020 FIRST QUARTER INVENTORY PARTICIPATION REPORT AND INVOICE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR THE CARBON COUNTY TEMPORARY EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES LUKASEVICH YES NOTHSTEIN YES

MECHANICAL SERVICE COMPANY:

#20-170 REPAIR GENERATORS:

SERVICE PERFORMED BY MECHANICAL SERVICE COMPANY, OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR REPAIRS NEEDED AFTER AN ANNUAL GENERATOR INSPECTION LOCATED AT THE COURTHOUSE, ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET AND PENN FOREST. TOTAL COST OF $3,575.00 PLUS SHIPPING.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE SERVICE BY MECHANICAL SERVICE COMPANY, OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES LUKASEVICH YES NOTHSTEIN YES

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS/SERIES 2020:

#20-171 ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS Specifying that such indebtedness is to be incurred to provide funds for certain projects of the county which include: the advance refunding of the county’s general obligation bonds, series 2016; and the payment of the costs and expenses of issuing the bonds; setting forth the remaining reasonable estimates useful lives of the capital projects that are to be refinanced by the bonds.

*ORDINANCE #2020-01 TO BE TYPED IN ORDINANCE BOOK
MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2020-01 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS/SERIES 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#20-172 RBC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC:

AN AGREEMENT WITH RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, (THE “UNDERWRITER”) AND THE COUNTY OF CARBON TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ALL REQUIRED ACTION NECESSARY RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (SERIES 2020) REFUNDING THE OUTSTANDING SERIES OF 2016 BONDS.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, (THE “UNDERWRITER”).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#20-173 SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS:

AN AGREEMENT WITH SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS, INCORPORATED, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATIVE TO CONSULTANT SERVICES TO ASSIST THE COUNTY WITH PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (SERIES 2020) TO REFUND THE OUTSTANDING SERIES OF 2016 BONDS, COMPENSATION SET AT $30,000.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS, INCORPORATED, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PUBLIC DISASTER ASSISTANCE APPLICATION:

#20-174 AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/COVID-19:

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, TO APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PUBLIC DISASTER ASSISTANCE

#20-175 RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE PUBLIC DISASTER ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, COVID-19.

RESOLUTION #20-015
PUBLIC DISASTER ASSISTANCE

PEMA-DEP-1 DESIGNATION OF AGENT RESOLUTION FOR: EM-3441-COVID-19

BE IT RESOVED BY COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY
THAT WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF CARBON COUNTY A PUBLIC ENTITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ALL REQUIRED FORMS AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT (PUBLIC LAW 93-288 AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 100-707).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
/S/ ROCKY C. AHNER, VICE-CHAIRMAN
/S/ CHRIS L. LUKASEVICH, COMMISSIONER

CERTIFICATION


/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR 04/02/2020

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE PUBLIC DISASTER ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, COVID-19.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:
- CARBON COUNTY’S RATIO IN REGARDS TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS; THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO STAY AT HOME AND KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE.
- COUNTY OFFICES ARE OPERATING ON A DAILY BASIS.
- PHASE III ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IN PALMERTON REGULATED FILL WITH USING THE UNITED STATES NAVY SHIP TO MAKE WAY TO PORT IN NEW YORK CITY; BUILDING CODES IN REGARDS FOR FUTURE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:
- PHASE III ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT IN PALMERTON REGULATED FILL BEING INAPPROPRIATE
WITH
REGARDS TO USING THE UNITED STATES NAVY SHIP TO PORT IN NEW YORK CITY.
- THANKED THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, PRISON BOARD AND COURTS STAFF
  WITH REMOVING LOW RISK INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE INCARCERATED TO REDUCE THE
  POPULATION AT THE FACILITY.
- VISITATION, WORK RELEASE, WEEKEND SENTENCING, AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS WERE
  SUSPENDED AT THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.
- POINTED OUT THE ACTION TO APPOINT JILL GEISSINGER TO THE CHILDREN & YOUTH’S
  ADMINISTRATOR POSITION.
- FOUR MOTIONS THAT WERE APPROVED IN REGARDS TO THE 2016 BOND SERIES; THANKED THE
  COMMISSIONERS, BOND COUNSEL, AND ADVISORS FOR THE REISSUING OF THE BONDS TO SAVE
  THE COUNTY TAX PAYERS MONEY.
- CONFERENCE CALL THAT OCCURRED WITH SENATOR CASEY IN REGARDS TO THE CHALLENGES
  WITH
  RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITIVE CASES OF THE COVID-19 IN CARBON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:
- THANKED DR. JAHRE AND ST. LUKE’S IN REGARDS TO AN INFORMATIVE CONFERENCE CALL THAT
  OCCURRED ABOUT THE COVID-19 VIRUS.
- CONFERENCE CALL THAT OCCURRED WITH SENATOR CASEY ABOUT ISSUES RELATED TO THE
  COVID-19 VIRUS.
- CONFERENCE CALL THAT OCCURRED WITH THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH UPDATES AND
  CONCERNS; CARBON COUNTY RATING LOW ON SOCIAL DISTANCING ON THE INTERACTIVE MAP;
  EMPHASIZED STAY AT HOME AND KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE
- ANNOUNCING JILL GEISSINGER AS BEING NAMED THE NEW CHILDREN & YOUTH ADMINISTRATOR,
  BOTH APPLICANTS WERE EXTREMELY QUALIFIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:32 A.M.

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