

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, LUKASEVICH, AND AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER. THE COUNTY CONTROLLER AND COUNTY TREASURER 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. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD APRIL 23, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN NOT VOTING*

*DUE TO ABSENCE AT APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING.

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

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD.

APRIL 24, 2020	1:30 P.M.	PERSONNEL
APRIL 24, 2020	2:00 P.M.	LITIGATION
APRIL 28, 2020	1:30 P.M.	PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

APRIL 30, 2020

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED APRIL 30, 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 72351 THROUGH 72381 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6019048 THROUGH 6019402 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$ 484,093.02 (PAYROLL DATED APRIL 24, 2020).

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, 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 212804 THROUGH 212912 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 79,900.39
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 135.79
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 108,064.25
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 47,586.24
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 180.10
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 800.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 2,306.29
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 68,079.00
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 5,268.41
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 35.48
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 246.08
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 64.08
CDBG FUND	\$ 318.11
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 7,175.70
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 1,541.15
TOTAL:	\$ 321,701.07

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 APRIL 20, 2020 TO APRIL 24, 2020 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF APRIL 24, 2020:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,597.28
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 2,868,943.53
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 981,458.67
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 192,176.92
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,065,597.01
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 594,916.59
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 479,380.36
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 812,819.24
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 23,856.95
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 57,934.41
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 30,216.71
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 84,804.89
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 375,627.38
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 902,891.29
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 159,376.37
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 174,409.79
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 214,652.60
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 67,970.09
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 25,560.78
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 14,698.70
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 191,146.03
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 17,344.04
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 51,694.35
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 21,172.00
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 40,370.91
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 9,098.01
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 31,777.18
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 280,670.46
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 7,751.58
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 14,880.09
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,274.21
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 41,259.13
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 168,123.51
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 546,552.77
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 649,676.23
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 75,227.51
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 199,216.19
CDBG FUND	\$ 337.49
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 480,641.94
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 15,874,602.11
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 576,797.64
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 131,259.05
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 684,369.27

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

APRIL 30, 2020

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

THOMAS S. KUPRES III, MCADOO, PA – IT SPECIALIST, COURT COMPUTER – EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2020

CHANGES OF STATUS:

STEPHANIE ANDRE, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: COUNTY CASEWORKER I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

TO: COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

EFFECTIVE: MAY 6, 2020

EMILY J. GREENAWALT, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: COUNTY CASEWORKER I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

TO: COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

EFFECTIVE: MAY 6, 2020

MICHELLE ANTIGA, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: CLERICAL SPECIALIST, CLERK OF COURTS

TO: SECOND DEPUTY, CLERK OF COURTS

EFFECTIVE: MAY 4, 2020

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

SHERIFF

MICHAEL P. MAHER, SR.

SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF

FROM: MAY 1, 2020

TO: AUGUST 1, 2020

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

DONNA L. SHELLY

MEDICARE INTERACTIVE PRO COURSE: MEDICARE COMPLETE WEBINAR

PALMERTON, PA

COMMISSIONERS

ELOISE K. AHNER

HMIS TRAINING FOR AGENCY MANAGERS (ESG PROGRAM) WEBINAR

JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED APRIL 30, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

AUDIT REPORTS RECEIVED: CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION, INCORPORATED
FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PARTNERING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH CHILD WELFARE RESOURCES CENTER TO RECRUIT
FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS (CRPS).

COPIES OF THE THIRD AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #6-2020, #7-2020 AND THE SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #6-2020 FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA, MIDDLE DISTRICT, WERE RECEIVED FROM COURT ADMINISTRATION.

ADVERTISING REQUESTS:

#20-197 PRISON BOARD MEETINGS:

AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT RELATIVE TO LOCATION CHANGE OF THE MAY 20, JUNE 17, AND JULY 15, 2020 PRISON BOARD MEETINGS.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT RELATIVE TO LOCATION CHANGE OF PRISON BOARD MEETINGS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

BID AWARD:

#20-198 CDBG PROJECT:

A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BID OPENING ON APRIL 9, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1 – RED HILL ROAD
(FY 2015 & FY 2016)

BRUCE GEORGE PAVING & EXCAVATING, INC.
KUNKLETOWN, PA BID: \$177,852.44

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 RED HILL ROAD TO BRUCE GEORGE PAVING & EXCAVATING, INCORPORATED, AT THEIR BID OF \$177,852.44.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CCCT/LANTA:

MATP PROGRAM:

#20-199 THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2019/2020:

THE 2019/2020 THIRD QUARTER MATP REPORT, AS PREPARED BY LANTA, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2019/2020 THIRD QUARTER MATP REPORT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

APRIL 30, 2020

#20-200 FY 2019-2020/AGREEMENT:

A FY 2019-20 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVIDER (RATES ATTACHED):

IMPACT PROJECT, INC. EMMAUS, PA

PROVIDER: IMPACT PROJECT, INC.

	<u>FY 19-20</u>
FOSTER CARE – SPECIALIZED I (AGES 10 TO 18)	\$66.39/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE - SPECIALIZED II (AGES 10 TO 18)	\$83.78/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE – SPECIALIZED III (AGES 10 TO 18)	\$89.15/PER DIEM
MOTHER & CHILD FOSTER CARE	\$120.04/PER DIEM
PROJECT LIFE-BASIC RATE	\$95.42/PER DIEM
PROJECT LIFE - SUPERVISED APARTMENT LIVING LEVEL ONE (AGES 10 TO 18)	\$64.46/PER DIEM
PROJECT LIFE – SUPERVISED APARTMENT LIVING-RENT	\$16.40/PER DIEM
PROJECT LIFE – SUPERVISED APARTMENT LIVING-RENT II	\$24.59/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE – SEX OFFENDER STEP DOWN LEVEL 1 (AGES 10 TO 18)	\$135.86/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE – SEX OFFENDER STEP DOWN LEVEL 2 (AGES 10 TO 19)	\$129.67/PER DIEM
PSYCHIATRICS SVCS FEE IF ACT 148 USED	\$3.00/PER DIEM
CRITICAL CARE FOSTER CARE	\$99.65/PER DIEM
CRITICAL CARE FOSTER CARE W/ VISITATION COACH	\$118.14/PER DIEM
PROJECT LIFE W/ VISITATION COACH	\$116.74/PER DIEM
SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE II W/ VISITATION COACH	\$105.51/PER DIEM
TRANSITIONAL AFTERCARE INETEGRATION PROGRAM	\$73.79/PER DIEM

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMUNICATIONS/911:

#20-201 PROPOSAL/RADIO MAINTENANCE:

A PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED BY RADIO MAINTENANCE, INCORPORATED (RMI), READING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR PURCHASE OF A FIRE F2 RECEIVER AND VOTING CHASSIS FOR THE KIDDER TOWNSHIP AREA UNDER THE PA COSTARS CONTRACT #012-083 AT A COST OF \$24,319.85. ACT 12 FUNDS WILL COVER THE COST OF THIS PURCHASE.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FROM RADIO MAINTENANCE, INCORPORATED (RMI).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN EXPLAINED THE VOTING CHASSIS (NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTIONS) IS A RECEIVER THAT CHOOSES THE STRONGEST SIGNAL FROM THE TOWER TO TRANSMIT THE SIGNAL TO THE CHASSIS.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED KIDDER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT INFORMING THE COUNTY REGARDING BAD COMMUNICATION ISSUES. THE DIRECTOR OF 911 ASSESSED THE COMMUNICATION ISSUE.

ESG PROGRAM:

2018 ESG GRANT

#20-202 BUDGET MODIFICATION:

RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) AGREEMENT #C000070338. THE MODIFICATION MOVES \$12,843.00 FROM RAPID RE-HOUSING WITH \$4,782.00 INTO HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND \$8,061.00 INTO THE EMERGENCY SHELTER COMPONENT.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE 2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) AGREEMENT #C000070338.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

JUVENILE COURT:

#20-203 AGREEMENT/CONCERN:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER FOR APPROVAL OF A REFERRAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CARBON COUNTY, JUVENILE PROBATION AND CONCERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO FACILITATE CONTINUITY OF CARE, AFTERCARE, FOLLOW-UP AND TIMELY TRANSFER OF PATIENTS AND RECORDS.

THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN EFFECT FOR TWO (2) YEARS BEGINNING APRIL 20, 2020 AND MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY GIVING THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CONCERN.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

HOME PROGRAM:

#20-204 CHANGE ORDER:

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

#LU 116-2-137: ORIGINAL PLUMBING CONTRACT PRICE: \$950.00
(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: \$1,700.00

APRIL 30, 2020

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 (#LU 116-2-137).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

AT 7 MINUTES AND 43 SECONDS INTO THE LIVE-STREAMING MEETING, AND COINCIDING WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE MOTION VOTE FOR #20-204, A ROUTER MALFUNCTION DISRUPTED THE PUBLIC BROADCAST. BRC-TV13 CONTINUED TO RECORD DURING THE MEETING'S DISRUPTION PERIOD AND TO ITS CONCLUSION. TWO AGENDA ITEMS FOR VOTING REMAINED. UPON NOTICE OF THE DISRUPTION, AT THE NEAR CONCLUSION OF COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, A PERSONAL DEVICE WAS USED TO RESTART LIVE-STREAMING ON THE COUNTY'S OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE. SUBSEQUENT TO ADJOURNMENT, 11:24 A.M., THE COMMISSIONERS CONVENED A 20-MINUTE CONFERENCE CALL WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TIMES NEWS, HAZLETON STANDARD-SPEAKER, AND BRC-TV13 TO REVIEW AGENDA ITEMS OF THE DISRUPTION PERIOD AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

CORONER:

#20-205 QUINCY TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT:

AN AGREEMENT WITH QUINCY TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INCORPORATED, OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, FOR UNLIMITED LICENSED SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL. COST IS \$2,188.00 FOR HOSTING AND \$2,750.00 FOR LICENSING, TOTALING \$4,938.00 (REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF \$988.00) (FUNDED THROUGH THE VITAL STATISTICS FUND).

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PROCLAMATION:

#20-206 NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK:

PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING MAY 11 -16, 2020 AS "NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK".

CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 10 – MAY 16, 2020 AS
NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK
PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-03

WHEREAS, NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK IS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING AND INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK IS SPONSORED ANNUALLY BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA); AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK IS "THE NEED FOR PREVENTION IS NOW". THIS THEME SPECIFICALLY ADVOCATES FOR THE USEFULNESS OF PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SURVEY DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH PREVENTION ALLIANCE IS A MEMBER-DRIVEN, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO SUPPORT PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS IN ELIMINATING

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RISK RELATED BEHAVIORS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH; AND

WHEREAS, THE TIMING OF NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK CORRESPONDS WITH MANY CELEBRATIONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING GRADUATION PARTIES, PROMS, WEDDINGS, SPORTING EVENTS, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WHERE SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE CAN HAPPEN; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK IS A TIME FOR COMMUNITIES TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESSES AND ADVOCATE FOR PREVENTION; AND

WHEREAS, NEAR THE KICKOFF TO SUMMER, NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK ALLOWS SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN PREVENTION THEMED EVENTS BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND RAISES AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS OF ALL AGES; AND

WHEREAS, THE PRIMARY GOALS OF NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK ARE: (1) INVOLVING COMMUNITIES IN RAISING AWARENESS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES AND IN IMPLEMENTING PREVENTION STRATEGIES; (2) FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH; AND (3) PROMOTING AND DISSEMINATING QUALITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES AND PUBLICATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HOST HEALTH FAIRS, BLOCK PARTIES, EDUCATIONAL ASSEMBLIES, TOWN HALL MEETINGS, MEMORIAL WALKS, SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, AND OUTDOOR EVENTS DURING NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATES THE WEEK OF MAY 10 – 16, 2020 AS “NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK” IN PENNSYLVANIA AND ALSO PROMOTING PREVENTION YEAR-ROUND BY PROVIDING IDEAS, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES MAKE SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION HAPPEN EVERY DAY.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 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. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ADOPT PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING “NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK.”

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

ROBERT MIKULSKI, OF CARBON–MONROE–PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION REGARDING “NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK” WHICH WILL BE OBSERVED ON MAY 11- 15, 2020, SPONSORED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA). THE THEME FOR THE YEAR 2020 IS “THE NEED FOR PREVENTION IS NOW” ORGANIZED BY THE COMMONWEALTH PREVENTION ALLIANCE TO RAISE AWARENESS PRIOR TO THE END OF SCHOOL. NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITIES, DEVELOP COLLABORATION SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND TO PROMOTE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE FOR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY CONDUCTS A “PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH SURVEY” (PAYS) EVERY OTHER YEAR ON SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SIXTH (6TH), EIGHTH (8TH), TENTH (10TH), TWELFTH (12TH) GRADES TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOR, ATTITUDES AND KNOWLEDGE REGARDING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OTHER DRUGS AND VIOLENCE.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF THE CONCERNS WITH THE SHORTAGE OF FLAGS IN VARIOUS COUNTIES FOR THE CEMETERIES FOR MEMORIAL DAY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. HE MENTIONED EMAILS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR AMONG LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ATTEMPTING TO REOPEN THE FACILITIES WHICH PRODUCE THE FLAGS TO HONOR THE VETERANS THAT PREVIOUSLY PASSED AWAY.

COMMISSIONER AHNER NOTED THE CHANGES WITH COUNTY TAXES ON EXTENDING THE COUNTY BASE TAX DUE DATE PERIOD TO OCTOBER 31, 2020, THE PENALTY PERIOD WILL BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2020 AND THE 2% DISCOUNT PERIOD WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

#20-207 COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH MOTIONED, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE PERIODS REGARDING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

RESOLUTION #20-017
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 841

WHEREAS, SENATE BILL 841 HAS BEEN DULY ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; AND

WHEREAS, SUBCHAPTER B OF SAID BILL ADOPTS AUTHORITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF; AND

WHEREAS, SECTION 5712 PROVIDES THAT THE BILL IS APPLICABLE TO A DEFINED "TAXING DISTRICT" WHICH INCLUDES THE "COUNTY OF ANY CLASS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH"; AND

WHEREAS, SECTION 5713 PROVIDES FOR SAID COUNTY TO ENACT REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 5713(A):

"NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B)"

A TAXING DISTRICT MAY, BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TAXING DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BODY...;"

(2) WAIVE ANY FEE OR PENALTY OTHERWISE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LATE PAYMENT OF THE TAX IF PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 31, 2020"; AND

WHEREAS, SUCH ACTION IS REQUIRED TO BE ENACTED BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND DELIVERED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TAXING DISTRICT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON THAT THE DATE FOR IMPOSITION OF THE TEN PERCENT (10%) PENALTY ASSOCIATED WITH LATE PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES DULY LEVIED AND IMPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL BE WAIVED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 IF PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020; AND

RESOLVED, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL CAUSE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE DELIVERED TO ALL TAX COLLECTORS COLLECTING COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND

RESOLVED, THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE ADOPTED THE DATE OF ENACTMENT HEREIN.

THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER THANKED CARBON COUNTY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL TURNOUT AND THE MANY VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING WITH THE FOOD BANK.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- COMMISSIONERS RECEIVING A PROPOSED POLLING PLACE CONSOLIDATION PLAN REDUCING THE VOTING PLACES FROM FIFTY-ONE (51) TO TWENTY-NINE (29); FINAL REVIEW WILL BE OBSERVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ELECTION BOARD.
- ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS THAT WERE RECEIVED HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT; MAIL IN APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAILED OUT NEXT WEEK
- NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED REGARDING ELECTIONS BEING AWARDED TWO GRANTS, \$36,064.90 FROM THE ELECTION SECURITY GRANT (ESG) AND \$30,904.48 FROM THE CARES ACT GRANT.
- COMMISSIONERS UPDATING THE FURLOUGH PLAN EXTENDING THE PLAN THROUGH MAY 31, 2020 WITH THE AUTHORITY TO MODIFY AS WORK DEMANDS AND SAFETY CONCERNS OCCUR.
- GOVERNORS WOLF'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO OPEN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
- EFFECTIVE MAY 22, 2020 MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK'S CAMPGROUND AREA WILL BE OPEN TO CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY; JUNE 12, 2020 THE LAKE WILL BE OPEN TO NONCOUNTY RESIDENTS; CDC GUIDELINE SIGNS FOR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE POSTED THROUGHOUT THE PARK.
- NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM DCED REGARDS TO CARBON COUNTY BEING AWARDED \$159,506.00 CDBG CARES FUNDING FOR NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES AND INCLUDING FIVE (5) ENTITLEMENT COUNTIES EXPECTED TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$64,000.00.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- MAY 4-10, 2020 BEING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT BY LIGHTING YOUR SPACE OR WEARING GREEN; VARIOUS CRISIS HOTLINES AVAILABLE 24 HOURS.
- ONE OF CCAP'S TOP PRIORITIES IS FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.
- CENSUS 2020 RESPONSE IN CARBON COUNTY IS BELOW THE STATE AVERAGE RATE; ENCOURAGED THE PUBLIC TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ASSURE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY, ACKNOWLEDGED THE 2020 CENSUS DIGITAL ACTION WEEKEND ON MAY 1-3, 2020.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,
THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN

APRIL 30, 2020