

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, COUNTY TREASURER, SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN, COUNTY SHERIFF, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER, 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 AUGUST 20, 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 THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

**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 AUGUST 27, 2020.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES

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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 215190 THROUGH 215287 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 522,633.86
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 360.25
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 58,302.82
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 24,389.14
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 993.38
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 22,216.11
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 8,923.77
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 10,814.58
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 39,693.70
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 22,017.10
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 35.48
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 1,159.24
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 58.68
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 1.51
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 223,228.54
CDBG FUND	\$ 23,217.07
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 259,155.33
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ <u>1,922.77</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,219,123.33

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 AUGUST 17, 2020 TO AUGUST 21, 2020 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 21, 2020:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,741.00
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 16,013,306.07
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 5,000,000.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND SP NOW	\$ 32,114.58
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 950,000.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 179,328.31
COUNTY PARKING FUND SP NOW	\$ 406,751.65
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 750,000.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 661,799.53
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 374,693.34

CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 807,800.02
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 28,906.06
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 113,976.88
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 22,706.55
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 58,091.40
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 314,531.89
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,248,564.93
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 158,025.64
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 361,949.39
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 223,932.28
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 68,147.63
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 12,549.04
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 21,589.05
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 231,916.19
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 13,687.98
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 42,599.67
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 8,939.07
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 44,186.15
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 9,296.39
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 37,224.83
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 278,590.80
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 10,803.13
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 16,017.72
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,279.45
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 33,368.37
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 191,371.80
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 573,092.38
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 650,217.80
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 83,375.44
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 223,632.14
CDBG FUND	\$ 23,236.67
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,103,902.01
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SP NOW	\$ 2,643,665.95
PLGIT/PRIME	\$13,000,000.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 698,102.69
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 27,701.12
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 494,395.95

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
 LUKASEVICH YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**HIRE:**

**STEFANIE J. DUNA**, WEATHERLY, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER/TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2020.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**BRIAN T. UHNAK**, PALMERTON, PA

PART-TIME DISPATCHER

FROM: AUGUST 4, 2020

TO: SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

**ADULT PROBATION**

SARA M. HOLLAND, JIM THORPE, PA

PROBATION OFFICER I

FROM: OCTOBER 15, 2020

TO: DECEMBER 10, 2020

**UNPAID INTERNSHIP:**

**GIS**

ERIC THOMPSON, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

FROM: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

TO: NOVEMBER 30, 2020

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:**

SAMANTHA J. PATTEN

RACHEL M. BRUNNQUELL

RHIANNA L. DELICH

FOUNDATIONS MODULES: 5 TO 9 VIA ZOOM

RISK ASSESSMENT

PERMANENCY AND CONCURRENT PLANNING

INTRODUCTION TO DEPENDENCY COURT PRACTICE

FAMILY SERVICE PLANNING

ACHIEVING PERMANENCY

JIM THORPE, PA

**COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

**ADULT PROBATION**

KEEGAN MCDEVITT

DEFENSIVE TACTICS TRAINING

JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT  
DATED AUGUST 27, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE RECEIVED.

**ADULT PROBATION:**

**#20-404 PCCD GRANT:**

A LETTER OF AWARD WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND  
DELINQUENCY (PCCD) FOR CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$66,487.00, FOR THE TERM'S MARCH 16, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 16, 2022.

\*APPLICATION APPROVED JULY 2, 2020 (AGENDA #20-307)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF AWARD FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD), FOR CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS COMMENTED ON THE ADULT PROBATION OFFICE BEING AWARDED CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, REIMBURSE VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR PURCHASES OF PPE, PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PPE FOR AGENCIES AND TO PERFORM COVID-19 TESTING AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

THE COMMISSIONERS THANKED RICK PARSONS FOR THE EFFORT IN SECURING THE FUNDING FOR CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT.

**ADVERTISING REQUEST:**

**44 – 76 SUSQUEHANNA ST. RENOVATION PROJECT:**

**#20-405 BIDS/CONSTRUCTION:**

AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 44 – 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET RENOVATION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 44 – 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET RENOVATION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING:**

**#20-406 SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER GRANT:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGING FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR THE WEATHERLY SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS. EXPECTED ALLOCATION FOR THE PROJECTS IS \$5,100.00.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE WEATHERLY SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**BID AWARD:**

**#20-407 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 AUGUST 13, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

MAHONING TOWNSHIP

STREET IMPROVEMENTS – RECONSTRUCT/PAVE – PINE STREET  
(FY2016, FY2017 & FY2018)

H & K GROUP, INCORPORATED

SKIPPACK, PA BID: \$147,025.63

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR MAHONING TOWNSHIP STREET IMPROVEMENTS, RECONSTRUCTION/PAVE – PINE STREET TO H & K GROUP, INCORPORATED, AT THEIR BID OF \$147,025.63.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**BID REJECTION/CDBG:**

**#20-408 LEHIGHTON BOROUGH:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDING THE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT BE REJECTED AS REQUESTED BY LEHIGHTON BOROUGH:

LEHIGHTON BOROUGH – SIDEWALKS – REPLACE ADA HANDICAP RAMPS CORNERS OF IRON STREET (2<sup>ND</sup> STREET TO 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET) (FY2016, FY2017 & FY2018)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO REJECT THE BID FOR THE LEHIGHTON BOROUGH SIDEWALKS – REPLACE ADA HANDICAP RAMPS CORNERS OF IRON STREET (2<sup>ND</sup> STREET TO 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

**#20-409 CONTRACT ADDENDA:**

ADDENDA TO EXTEND THE RATES OF THE FOLLOWING 2019/2020 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR 180 DAYS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 OR UNTIL THE FINALIZATION OF THE FY 2020-2021 CONTRACT:

ADELPHOI VILLAGE, LATROBE, PA  
AFFINITY FORENSIC SERVICES  
D/B/A PENNSYLVANIA FORENSIC ASSOCIATES, READING, PA  
THE BRADLEY CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PA  
CHILDREN’S HOME OF EASTON, EASTON, PA  
CONCERN-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES, FLEETWOOD, PA  
DIAKON CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, TOPTON, PA  
FAMILY CARE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH, MILTON, PA  
KIDSPACE NATIONAL CENTERS, INC., SCHNECKSVILLE, PA  
NATIONAL MENTOR HEALTHCARE, LLC.  
D/B/A-PENNSYLVANIA MENTOR, BROOMALL, PA  
VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE, BETHLEHEM, PA

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

**#20-410 VICTIM/WITNESS GRANT:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A RASA GRANT APPLICATION/AGREEMENT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,570.00. PROJECT PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE RASA GRANT APPLICATION/AGREEMENT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & TRAINING CENTER:**

**FIRE POND CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

**#20-411 EARTHRES:**

A PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM EARTHRES, GROUP, INCORPORATED OF PIPERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO OBSERVE AND DOCUMENT FIRE POND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND LINER INSTALLATION AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND TRAINING CENTER PROJECT IN NESQUEHONING BOROUGH. COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HOURLY RATE – PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$90.00/HOUR
DAILY MOBILIZATION FEE (MILEAGE)	\$42.00/DAY
DESTRUCTIVE SEAM TESTING (PER SAMPLE)	\$40.25/EACH
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$225.00

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM EARTHRES, GROUP, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**GIS/MAPPING:**

**#20-412 ESRI AGREEMENT:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE GIS MAPPING DEPARTMENT ENCLOSING AN AGREEMENT WITH ESRI OF REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA, FOR SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CURRENT GIS/IT ARCHITECTURE TO INCLUDE CONFIGURATION OF SECURITY, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AT A TOTAL COST OF \$12,600.00.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**INSURANCE:**

**#20-413 SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT:**

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RENEWAL FOR SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT COVERAGE FOR COUNTY VOLUNTEERS FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO OCTOBER 1, 2021. CARRIER IS GERBER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH CCAP INSURANCE PROGRAMS. ANNUAL PREMIUM - \$340.00.

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MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR SPECIAL RISK ACCIDENT COVERAGE WITH GERBER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH CCAP INSURANCE PROGRAMS.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

**#20-414   CDBG-CV 2020 APPLICATION/RESOLUTION:**

THE FY 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)-CV SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL FROM THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

HOMELESS FACILITIES – FAMILY PROMISE HOMELESS HOTEL COST - \$19,800.00 (FAIR SHARE)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - \$1,293.31  
JIM THORPE BOROUGH - \$1,450.80  
LEHIGHTON BOROUGH - \$1,668.99  
MAHONING TOWNSHIP - \$1,306.36  
PALMERTON BOROUGH - \$1,642.89  
CARBON COUNTY - \$12,437.65

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT - \$50,400.00 (FAIR SHARE)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - \$3,292.07  
JIM THORPE BOROUGH - \$3,692.96  
LEHIGHTON BOROUGH - \$4,248.34  
MAHONING TOWNSHIP - \$3,325.29  
PALMERTON BOROUGH - \$4,181.91  
CARBON COUNTY    - \$31,659.43

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES – TURN TO US – COVID-19 HEALTH KITS - \$104,116.80 (FAIR SHARE)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - \$6,800.80  
JIM THORPE BOROUGH - \$7,628.96  
LEHIGHTON BOROUGH - \$8,776.26  
MAHONING TOWNSHIP - \$6,869.42  
PALMERTON BOROUGH - \$8,639.03  
CARBON COUNTY - \$65,402.33

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - \$38,975.82  
JIM THORPE BOROUGH - \$38,730.28  
MAHONING TOWNSHIP - \$38,956.93  
PALMERTON BOROUGH - \$38,429.17  
CARBON COUNTY - \$26,745.59

LEHIGHTON BOROUGH - FIRE STATIONS/EQUIPMENT – COVID-19 CLEANING EQUIPMENT & PROTECTIVE GEAR - \$51,422.00

COVID-19 COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS - \$86,604.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE FY2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)-CV SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES



MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING FY 2020 CDBG-CV RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION #20-030**  
**FY2020 CDBG-CV**

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) PROGRAM, AS PART OF THE CORONAVIRUS, AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CAES) ACT [P.L. 116-136], AND FURTHER CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SAID PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, IT IS NECESSARY AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PENNSYLVANIA, RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS PROGRAM; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ACT 179 TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS FUNDS AND REPRESENT THE NONENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS HAVE UNDERTAKEN A CONSIDERABLE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROCESS INCLUDING WRITTEN INVITATIONS TO MUNICIPALITIES, INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND LEGAL NOTICES ALL OF WHICH CULMINATED IN THE PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM AS INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WISHES TO APPLY FOR SAID FUNDS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT ITS CHAIRMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO HAVE PREPARED THE NECESSARY FORMS AND DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES AFORESAID; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, IF CDBG-CV FUNDS ARE DETERMINED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE EXPENDED ON INELIGIBLE PROGRAM COSTS OR DO NOT MEET A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE, THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF AGREES TO REPAY THE PROPORTION DEEMED INELIGIBLE FROM NON-FEDERAL SOURCES.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH LOW AND MODERATE INDIVIDUALS, INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS, NON-PROFITS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES THROUGH THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND MUNICIPAL INFORMATION GATHERING IS HEREBY ADOPTED; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS EMPOWERED TO PLACE HER SIGNATURE, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY, ON NECESSARY APPLICATION FORMS AND AFFIX THERETO THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**ADOPTED** BY THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF DATE AUGUST 27, 2020.

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN  
AUGUST 27, 2020

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN  YES

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FY2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)-CV DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES AND ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#20-415 FEE WAIVER:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE THE COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEE AND PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VALOR CLINIC'S PROPOSED VETERAN'S UPSTOPPABLE FACILITY IN KIDDER TOWNSHIP.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO WAIVE THE COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FEE AND PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VALOR CLINIC'S PROPOSED VETERAN'S UPSTOPPABLE FACILITY IN KIDDER TOWNSHIP.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:**

**#20-416 ADDENDUM/PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES/ETHOS CLINIC:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WARDEN OF THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH ETHOS CLINIC OF EMMAUS, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022. ETHOS SHALL PROVIDE FOUR (4) HOURS OF SERVICES PER WEEK, RATES ARE \$150.00 PER HOUR FOR THE PSYCHIATRIST AND \$125.00 PER HOUR FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ETHOS CLINIC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PARKS/JOSIAH WHITE:**

**#20-417 GAZEBO REQUEST:**

A REQUEST FOR USE OF THE GAZEBO IN THE JOSIAH WHITE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

HEATHER WALCK & JEREMY SMITH, LEHIGHTON, PA

WEDDING CEREMONY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 (1:25 – 2:45 P.M.)

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**TAX ASSESSMENT:**

**#20-418 TAX REFUND:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSMENT BUREAU VERIFYING THAT THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER IS DUE A REFUND OF COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES:

**MUNICIPALITY:** LANSFORD BOROUGH

CARBON PREMIER REALTY LLC  
330 EAST HOLLAND STREET  
SUMMIT HILL, PA 18250

**PROPERTY CODE:** 9-24-10303

**PROPERTY RECORD CARD #:** 122A2-24-C35

**REASON:** THE TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING A REFUND DUE TO FIRE. REFUND IS BASED ON A 3 MONTH PRORATED ASSESSMENT OF 25,074

**TOTAL REFUND DUE:** \$307.16

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO CARBON PREMIER REALTY LLC.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES

**#20-419 TAX REFUND:**

**MUNICIPALITY:** TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP

TYAHLA, DYLAN  
365 LOG FENCE ROAD  
PALMERTON, PA 18071

**PROPERTY CODE:** 21-56-12367

**PROPERTY RECORD CARD#:** 16-56-A71.06

**REASON:** THE TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING A REFUND DUE TO A COURT ORDERED VETERANS EXEMPTION. TOTAL ASSESSMENT IS 113,800.

**TOTAL REFUND DUE:** \$1,366.17

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO DYLAN TYAHLA.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES

**FURTHER BUSINESS:**

**#20-420**       MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A RFP TO ENHANCE THE INTERNET ACCESS TO AREAS IN CARBON COUNTY THAT ARE UNDER SERVED OR UNSERVED TO ASSIST WITH DISTANT LEARNING, TELEWORK AND TELEVIRTUAL MEDICINE.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES

AUGUST 27, 2020

MR. NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF A PROPOSAL FROM RALPH CLAY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE AREA FOR THE PROPOSED CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER SITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,210.00.

#20-421 MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM RALPH CLAY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE AREA FOR THE PROPOSED CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER SITE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED DISCONTINUING THE UTILIZATION OF CONSTABLES FOR COVERAGE IN ALL FOUR DISTRICT COURT OFFICES FUNDED UNDER COVID.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR GREG ARMSTRONG VOICED CONCERNS WITH THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE CONSTABLES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OFFICES.

COUNTY SHERIFF ALSO SUPPORTED CONTINUING THE CONSTABLE SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OFFICES. IF CONSTABLE SERVICES ARE DISCONTINUED, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL THEN BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CURRENTLY PROVIDES SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY'S FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS AT THE DISTRICT COURTS.

A BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

#20-422 MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO EXTEND THE UTILIZATION OF THE CONSTABLES FOR ALL FOUR DISTRICT COURT OFFICES FOR TWO (2) WEEKS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

COUNTY TREASURER RONALD SHEEHAN GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION ON THE SECOND QUARTER HOTEL TAX REVENUE.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- KIOSK DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER.
  - CARBON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER PROGRAMS TO RECREATE AND EDUCATE AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WILL CONCLUDE ON AUGUST 27, 2020.
  - WEATHERLY SENIOR CENTER WAS APPROVED FOR A GRANT TO OFFSET THE COST OF A POOL TABLE AND BENCHES; ENCOURAGE THE MEDIA TO SPEAK TO THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTORS.
- THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:55 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN