

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, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, CHILDREN & YOUTH ADMINISTRATOR, CHILDREN & YOUTH ACCOUNTANT II, VETERANS AFFAIR DIRECTOR AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE VICE-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 27, 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.

PROCLAMATION:

#20-423 SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH:

A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING "SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH".

PROCLAMATION #2020-08
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, SUICIDE IS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ONE PERSON DIES BY SUICIDE EVERY FOUR HOURS, MAKING IT THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR AGES 15-34 AND THE 4TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR AGES 35-54; AND

WHEREAS, NEARLY FIVE MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO SUICIDE; AND

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WHEREAS, EACH MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY IS VALUED AND IRREPLACEABLE; AND

WHEREAS, TALKING OPENLY ABOUT STRESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH BUILDS TRUST, REDUCED BARRIERS TO CARE, AND ENABLES EARLY INTERVENTION; AND

WHEREAS, LOCAL AND STATEWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND ENCOURAGED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2020 AS:

**SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH AND
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 AS SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION DAY**

IN CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING "SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH".

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

TINA CLYMER, MH/DS GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION ACKNOWLEDGING "SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH". SUICIDE IS THE ELEVENTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN PENNSYLVANIA. IN 2020 THE SUICIDE RATE HAS INCREASED DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC. TRAINING IS AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ASSIST WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO MAYBE SUICIDAL OR ARE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.

CHRISTINE LECLAIR SPOKE OF THE TOGETHER WITH VETERANS PROGRAM WHICH IS A COMMUNITY-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR RURAL VETERANS. THE PROGRAM INVOLVES PARTNERING WITH RURAL VETERANS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH AND SUPPORTED BY THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. THE PROGRAM ENLISTS LOCAL VETERANS AND THEIR PARTNERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE VETERANS' SUICIDE IN THE COMMUNITY.

MR. LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED THE TOGETHER WITH VETERANS PROGRAM. IT WILL HELP IDENTIFY AND CONNECT VETERANS TO SERVICES TO REDUCE SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS.

THANKED CHRISTINE LECLAIR FOR ASSISTING WITH THE PROGRAM AND COLLABORATING WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES.

CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS REMARKED ON HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED. DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC SUICIDES AND OVERDOSES INCREASE DUE TO THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS BEING UNAVAILABLE.

MR. NOTHSTEIN EMPHASIZED THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING IT.

RESOLUTION:

#20-424 JOHN C. "ACE" MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR AWARD:

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CHRISTINE LECLAIR, CARBON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN C. "ACE" MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR AWARD.

RESOLUTION #20-031
JOHN C. "ACE" MANN BLUE CAP

WHEREAS, EACH YEAR THE PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTS THE JOHN C. "ACE" MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR AWARD. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES A LEGIONNAIRE WHO EXEMPLIFIES THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET FORTH BY THE AMERICAN LEGION. THIS YEAR THE AWARD WAS BESTOWED UPON CHRISTINE LECLAIR, DIRECTOR OF CARBON COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND

WHEREAS, CHRISTINE LECLAIR OF LANSFORD HAS SERVED HER COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY THROUGH MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS, CHRISTINE LECLAIR IS THE DAUGHTER OF ARTHUR AND MARY WILLIAMS OF LANSFORD AND THE MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, JACK AND REAGAN. CHRISTINE GRADUATED FROM MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN 1998. IN 2001, SHE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHERE SHE SERVED FOR EIGHT YEARS IN FLIGHT OPERATIONS. OVER THE COURSE OF THOSE EIGHT YEARS SHE COMPLETED TWO TOURS IN IRAQ AND ONE IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE BRONZE STAR, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. CHRISTINE WAS DISCHARGED WITH THE RANK OF SERGEANT (E-5); AND

WHEREAS, UPON HER DISCHARGE IN 2009, CHRISTINE JOINED AMERICAN LEGION POST #123 IN LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA WHERE SHE BECAME VERY ACTIVE. SHE HAS SERVED AS FIRST VICE COMMANDER FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, SHE CHAIRS THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY; THE EASTER EGG HUNT, AND THE COLORING AND ESSAY CONTESTS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR VETERAN'S DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY. SHE IS A TRUSTEE IN THE LEGION HOME ASSOCIATION, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AND THE VFW, AND WELL AS COORDINATOR FOR HER POST AND LANSFORD BOROUGH'S HOMETOWN BANNER PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS, CHRISTINE IS VERY ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. SHE SERVES AS THE VETERAN OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR PAUL'S HOUSE (VALOR CLINIC FOUNDATION), PRESIDENT FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH OF THE PANTHER VALLEY, SITS ON PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, COORDINATOR FOR THE CARBON COUNTY'S HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE, BOARD MEMBER OF THE PANTHER VALLEY LIBRARY, SHE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 COMMUNITY HEROES AWARD, AND MOST RECENTLY CHRISTINE BECAME INVOLVED WITH TWV-TOGETHER WITH VETERANS WHICH IS A SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS, ON DECEMBER 5, 2019, CHRISTINE BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN CARBON COUNTY AND SHE CAN NOW ASSIST ALL VETERANS IN CARBON COUNTY. IN THIS POSITION, ONE OF HER DUTIES IS THE MENTOR COORDINATOR FOR THE CARBON COUNTY VETERAN'S TREATMENT COURT.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY HONOR AND COMMEND CHRISTINE LECLAIR ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING THE JOHN C. "ACE" MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR AWARD.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 THE RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CHRISTINE LECLAIR.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

THE COMMISSIONER'S THANKED MS. LECLAIR FOR EVERYTHING SHE DOES FOR THE VETERANS AND THE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 123 OF LANSFORD ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECOGNIZED CHRISTINE ON

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

BEING AWARDED THE JOHN C. "ACE" MANN V BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR.

MS. LECLAIR THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS AND ALSO AMERICAN LEGION POST 123 FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

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 SEPTEMBER 3, 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 72700 THROUGH 72753 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6022646 THROUGH 6023077 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$599,970.69 (PAYROLL DATED AUGUST 28, 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 215288 THROUGH 215377 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 559,704.80
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 600.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 259,885.12
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 27,581.05
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 1,250.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 93.61
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 134,273.82
CDBG FUND	\$ 1,493.28
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ <u>14,087.39</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 998,969.07

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 AUGUST 24, 2020 TO AUGUST 31, 2020 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,879.25
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 15,077,639.89
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 5,000,000.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND SP NOW	\$ 32,332.68
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 950,000.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 178,118.99
COUNTY PARKING FUND SP NOW	\$ 430,578.47
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 750,000.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 661,939.76
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 303,212.71
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 832,737.79
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 24,776.93
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 100,992.62
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 29,365.02
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 41,507.74
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 297,660.49
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,202,937.50
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 158,023.63
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 362,023.05
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 223,979.08
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 68,162.05
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 12,552.29
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 21,594.00
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 230,251.25
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 12,694.78
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 42,608.63
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 8,940.92
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 44,195.44
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 9,298.35
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 37,232.69
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 278,648.05
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 10,805.33
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 16,021.11
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,280.78
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 33,375.44
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 191,411.81
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 573,213.73
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 740,821.77
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 83,392.72
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 4,213.96
CDBG FUND	\$ 1,515.82

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DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,104,130.54
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SP NOW	\$ 2,387,837.27
PLGIT/PRIME	\$13,000,000.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 1,194,573.01
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 50,647.87
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 586,033.30

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COUNTY DEPOSITORY/MCTC:

#20-425 FHLB LETTER OF CREDIT:

REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR RENEWAL OF THE COUNTY DEPOSITORY, MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY (MCTC) FHLB LETTER OF CREDIT AS COLLATERAL OF COUNTY DEPOSITS AS ALLOWED BY ACT 72. THIS COLLATERAL WILL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE FHLB LETTER OF CREDIT.

BOARD POLLED: SHEEHAN YES
AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:58 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 11:16 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

ALLEN UNGOOD, PALMERTON, PA – PART-TIME K-9 OFFICER, ANIMAL SHELTER – SEPTEMBER 3, 2020.

RESIGNATION:

BERNADETTE M. FARRAN, DRUMS, PA – CERTIFIED COURT REPORT, COURT ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

HIRES:

BENJAMIN P. WINN, PALMERTON, PA – PART-TIME ELECTION CLERK, ELECTION DEPARTMENT – EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2020.

ELIZABETH A. DODSON, SUMMIT HILL, PA – PART-TIME ELECTION CLERK, ELECTION DEPARTMENT – EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.

MICHAEL J. MCGAVIN, PALMERTON, PA – PART-TIME MAINTENANCE, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.

RICARDO L. SLOAN, JIM THORPE, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES, - EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

PROTHONOTARY APPOINTMENT:

HEATHER L. WILLIAMS, BEAVER MEADOWS, PA – AUTOMATION/PASSPORT PROCESSING CLERK –
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

DEENA L. FITAL

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN WEBINAR

PALMERTON, PA

COST: WEBINAR FEE \$39

DEENA L. FITAL

PDA PROTECTIVE SERVICES FIVE YEAR REFRESHER VIRTUAL TRAINING

PALMERTON, PA

TAX ASSESSMENT

KATHRYN A. MCGUIRE

PAMELA M. BAUCHSPIES

LEWIS M. GULLONE

NECAAP CHAPTER MEETING

FORTY-FORT, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$40 PER PERSON

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

GARRY J. WENTZ

PWDA 36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HERSHEY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$375, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

CARBON COUNTY WORKFORCE TRAINING

JULIE A. WALKER

PWDA 36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HERSHEY, PA

COST: LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM NICOLE BECKETT, LEHIGHTON BOROUGH MANAGER,
ADVISING OF THE BOROUGH'S INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (MTF) GRANT FOR
WATERFRONT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS.

A COPY THE COUNTY'S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF THE FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT TO THE PA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COVID-19 COUNTY RELIEF
BLOCK GRANT WHICH WAS DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.

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

BIO-HAZ SOLUTIONS, INC., NESQUEHONING, PA
MODIFY PERMIT NO. 400695, TO INCLUDE PATHOLOGICAL WASTE

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#20-426 2019/20 AGREEMENT:

THE FY 2019-2020 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVIDER (RATES ATTACHED):

VISION QUEST, TUCSON, ARIZONA

<u>PROVIDER:</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>
FEMALE SERVICES:	
VISIONQUEST SAFE HOUSE	\$ 423.00
MALE SERVICES:	
STANDING TIMBERS	\$ 268.00
BLUE RIDGE ACADEMY	\$ 343.00

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

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

#20-427 NEEDS BASED PLAN:

CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES NEEDS BASED PLAN AND BUDGET (NBB) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022:

IN HOME SERVICES	\$ 2,222,549	
COMMUNITY	\$ 1,851,007	
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 1,191,236	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 228,309	\$
5,493,101		

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE NEEDS BASED PLAN AS PRESENTED.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

ELECTIONS:

#20-428 GEMS PROGRAM:

AWARD OF FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,577.99, FOR GRANTS FOR ELECTION MODERNIZATION AND SECURITY (GEMS) PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE OR FUND THE LEASE OR PURCHASE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S CERTIFIED VOTING SYSTEMS THAT ARE CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CODE.

*APPLICATION APPROVED FEBRUARY 27, 2020 (AGENDA #20-121)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AWARD OF FUNDING FOR GRANTS FOR ELECTION MODERNIZATION AND SECURITY (GEMS) PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#20-429 STATE FOOD/STATE PLAN:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY/AAA REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED, STATE PLAN OF THE STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021. THE REVENUE ALLOCATION HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR THE STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM AS SUBMITTED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

TEFAP PROGRAM:

#20-430 AGREEMENT/SECOND HARVEST:

THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY, INCORPORATED (SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK) TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS THE LEAD AGENCY UNDER THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) FROM 10/01/20 TO 9/30/21 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES:

#20-431 BETHLEHEM AUTHORITY:

DISTRIBUTION OF \$20,357.59 CHECK FROM THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TOWNSHIPS REPRESENTING PAYMENT IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES FOR 2020 ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BETHLEHEM WATER AUTHORITY:

JIM THORPE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 8,528.30
PALMERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 5,046.86
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP	\$ 355.34
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP	\$ 304.29
LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP	\$ 4.70
COUNTY OF CARBON	\$ 6,118.10

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF \$20,357.59 CHECK FROM THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TOWNSHIPS REPRESENTING PAYMENT IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES FOR 2020 ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BETHLEHEM WATER AUTHORITY AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#20-432 CDBG/CHANGE ORDER/SUMMIT HILL:

CHANGE ORDER #2 WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL TO THE CONTRACT WITH STONEY LONESOME EXCAVATING OF SUMMIT HILL, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES - GINDER FIELD REHABILITATION PROJECT-BUILDING, SUMMIT HILL BOROUGH (FY2016, FY2017), ADDING PARK BENCHES, PICNIC TABLES, TRASH CANS AND GEO-MATTING AND PROTECTIVE SURFACE HARDWOOD MULCH. DUE TO CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT, THE COST DECREASED \$2,500.00, FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$111,693.00. ORIGINAL CONTRACT: \$89,393.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH STONEY LONESOME EXCAVATING.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#20-433 CDBG 2019 COOPERATION AGREEMENTS:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO APPROVE THE FY2019 COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES AS LISTED: (LIST ATTACHED).

USE OF CDBG FUNDS – FY 2019
CARBON COUNTY ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES

Municipality	Project	Project Amount	Qualify
Franklin Township	Water/Sewer Improvements		
	Red Hill Road (Drainage Improvements-Phase 3)	\$ 77,475	Survey completed LMI 69.04%
	Total Project Allocation	\$76,183.00	
	Administration Grant Amount	\$16,722.00 \$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)	\$ 399,100	Block Group 3 CT 020102
	Total Project Allocation	\$80,466.00	LMI 56.50%
	Administration Grant Amount	\$17,663.00 \$98,129.00	
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 Grant Amount	\$18,966.00 \$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 Grant Amount	\$16,800.00 \$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	
Administration	\$18,810.00	LMI 54.79%
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 \$ 747,208.00

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FY2019 COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#20-434 AGREEMENT/REDCO:

A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH REDCO GROUP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC OUTPATIENT SERVICES EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER, 2020 WAS SUBMITTED BY THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR.

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN ABSTAIN*

*MR. NOTHSTEIN STATED, "I ABSTAIN SINCE MY DAUGHTER IS AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE REDCO GROUP."

SHARE PROGRAM:

#20-435 AMENDMENT/MOU/DEPT. OF AGING:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PA DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO ADMINISTER A SHARED HOUSING MATCH-UP PILOT CALLED SHARED HOUSING AND RESOURCE AND EXCHANGE (SHARE) TO ADDRESS THE INCREASING NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR SENIORS AND SENIORS WITH DISABILITIES. BUDGET FOR THE SHARE PROGRAM THROUGH CARBON COUNTY NOT TO EXCEED \$79,345.00 AND HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SYMPOSIUM-RELATED EXPENSES REMAIN AT \$23,685.00. THE TERM OF THE MOU SHALL BE OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

TAX ASSESSMENT:

#20-436 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: LEHIGHTON BOROUGH

FINNEY, RICHARD T. & CYNTHIA M.
424 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET
LEHIGHTON, PA 18235

PROPERTY CODE: 12-28-10203

PROPERTY RECORD CARD #: 84A6-28-C9.01

REASON: THE TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING A REFUND DUE TO BOARD OF APPEALS LOWERING THE ASSESSMENT.

REFUND IS BASED ON ASSESSMENT OF BUILDING OF 42,000.

TOTAL REFUND DUE: \$17.76

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO RICHARD T. & CYNTHIA M. FINNEY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

WEATHERLY BOROUGH:

#20-437 LEASE AGREEMENT/MDJ OFFICE:

A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE BOROUGH OF WEATHERLY FOR THE LEASING OF OFFICE SPACE AT 71 WEST MAIN STREET OF WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO HOUSE THE WEATHERLY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUSTICE OFFICE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE TERM OF THE LEASE IS TO BE EFFECTIVE AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE, SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, FOR TWENTY (20) YEARS. MONTHLY RENTAL IS \$2,562.50 TO BE PAID QUARTERLY IN ADVANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,687.50 WITH A 1% INCREASE STARTING IN THE SECOND YEAR. COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTRIC, TELEPHONE, SEWER, WATER, GARBAGE AND PROPANE.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF WEATHERLY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

CHILDREN & YOUTH ADMINISTRATOR, JILL GEISSINGER, AND CHILDREN & YOUTH ACCOUNTANT II ANISSA NUNEMACHER WERE IN ATTENDANCE RELATIVE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VISION QUEST. THEY GAVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE PROPOSED NEEDS BASED PLAN FOR THE 2020-2021 YEAR.

MR. NOTHSTEIN ADVISED THE NEEDS BASED PLAN IS REVIEWED BY THE STATE FOR APPROVAL. THE REQUESTED CHILDREN & YOUTH POSITIONS INCLUDING BENEFITS ARE REIMBURSED UP TO 80% FROM THE STATE.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER RECOGNIZED THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS LISA DART FOR THE GREAT JOB SHE'S BEEN DOING.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT WITH RECEIVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE COMMISSIONERS WILL REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO RECONCILE WITH THE JUSTIFIED AMOUNTS FOR A FINAL DETERMINATION. CHANGES FROM THE STATE CONTINUE TO OCCUR WITH THE GRANT PROGRAM.

THE COUNTY IS REQUESTING PROPOSALS FROM VENDORS AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ENHANCE BROADBAND IN CARBON COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON A RECENT NOTIFICATION FROM THE STATE WITH CHANGES IN THE RULES WITH THE COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:36 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN