

DECEMBER 31, 2020

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:30 A.M., CARBON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM WITH LIVE STREAM FOR THE PUBLIC ON THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK PAGE.

COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, LUKASEVICH, AND AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER WERE AVAILABLE REMOTELY.

THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY TREASURER WERE ALSO AVAILABLE REMOTELY.

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 DECEMBER 24, 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 THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD.

DECEMBER 29, 2020 11:00 A.M. PERSONNEL

DECEMBER 30, 2020 10:00 A.M PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

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BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED DECEMBER 31, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION:

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTAL DATED DECEMBER 31, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 217945 THROUGH 218067 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 874,809.04
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 1,167.76
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 393.07
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 38,637.87
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 645.62
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 3,681.41
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 1,594.83
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 49,112.55
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 2,049.32
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 35.48
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 304.65
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 7,189.79
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 463.51
TOTAL:	\$ 980,084.90

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. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED DECEMBER 21, 2020 TO DECEMBER 25, 2020 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 25, 2020:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 3,081.11
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 10,915,359.41

PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$	983,024.33
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	184,443.07
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	1,433,472.97
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$	713,480.31
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	400,559.06
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	(6,954.81)
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$	7,417.77
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$	193,197.71
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	51,785.81
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	59,147.21
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$	255,938.97
9-1-1 FUND	\$	1,085,967.79
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	157,478.99
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$	529,090.30
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$	144,821.30
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$	86,316.75
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$	12,592.54
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$	6,677.69
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$	253,851.93
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$	6,610.23
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	53,624.03
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	16,272.42
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$	48,683.60
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$	10,561.81
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$	42,757.74
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$	278,874.63
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$	12,600.64
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$	17,561.59
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$	6,284.69
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	33,396.19
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$	201,602.07
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$	630,121.54
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$	741,282.35
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$	91,107.49
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	61,185.51
CDBG FUND	\$	46.02
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	485,717.07
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	14,328,276.44
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$	0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$	757,084.02
PAYROLL FUND	\$	41,644.21
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$	971,057.15

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATION:

SHADIMON L. NAVARRO, WHITEHALL, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II - EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 25, 2020.

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

DECEMBER 31, 2020

DATED DECEMBER 31, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE RECEIVED.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

#20-639 TITLE XIX MEDICAID GRANT/AMENDMENT:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE ON AGING ENCLOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE XIX MEDICAID GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS), PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (PDA), AND CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) TO PROVIDE FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING TO THE AAA FOR PROVISION OF PDA SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS, THE MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT WILL BE \$299,499.00.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE XIX MEDICAID GRANT AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

BOARDS/AUTHORITIES:

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:

#20-640 REAPPOINTMENT:

FIVE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/25: MONROE CRESSLEY
LEHIGHTON, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MONROE CRESSLEY, LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COVID-19 COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT:

#20-641 GRANT AWARDS/SECOND ROUND:

THE AWARD OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF THE COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT WERE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION.

SMALL BUSINESS

<u>ENTITY NAME</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
AMY'S NATURALS LLC	\$ 500.00
COUNTRY CLIPPERS PET GROOMING	\$ 17,165.00
FRANTZ ELECTRIC	\$ 4,170.70

JINGLE BELLS LLC	\$	2,203.00
KY-BELLE BOUTIQUE	\$	4,000.00
LEHIGHTON HOBBIES	\$	3,536.00
LIZARD CREEK PUB LLC	\$	4,874.00
MOTOLA'S PAVING INC	\$	23,000.00
PALMERTON PIZZA & RESTAURANT INC	\$	4,720.00
PORVAZNIK'S FLOWERS AND GIFTS	\$	23,000.00
STORM PHOTOGRAPHY	\$	1,679.00
UNITED TESTING OF PA INC	\$	557.00
WEATHERLY AREA COMMUNITY PHARMACY	\$	15,567.75
WEST END SALOON	\$	3,210.00

MUNICIPALITIES

<u>ENTITY NAME</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP	\$ 18,336.00

NON-PROFIT

<u>ENTITY NAME</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
AMERICAN LEGION HOME ASSOCIATION	\$ 23,000.00
AMERICAN LEGION POST 123	\$ 23,000.00
CARBON COUNTY FRIENDS OF ANIMALS	\$ 23,000.00
JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	\$ 12,726.00
PANTHER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 4,505.97

TOURISM

<u>ENTITY NAME</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
NORTHEAST PA KAYAK SCHOOL, INC	\$ 23,000.00

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS TO AWARD PAYMENTS FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF THE COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

#20-642 NE TASK FORCE/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

RATIFY THE AMENDMENT TO THE FFY 2018 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA/PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) AND THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE (NEPRCTTF) ADDING LUZERNE AND WYOMING COUNTIES AND INCREASING THE GRANT AWARD TO \$1,207,166.61 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. (ORIGINAL AWARD AMOUNT \$994,639.00) THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: CARBON, LACKAWANNA, LEHIGH, LUZERNE, MONROE, NORTHAMPTON, PIKE, SUSQUEHANNA, WAYNE AND WYOMING.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT TO THE FFY 2018 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#20-643 NE TASK FORCE/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

DECEMBER 31, 2020

THE 2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA/PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) AND THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023. AWARD: \$975,068.00. THE NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: CARBON, LACKAWANNA, LEHIGH, LUZERNE, MONROE, NORTHAMPTON, PIKE, SUSQUEHANNA, WAYNE, AND WYOMING.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE 2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#20-644 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT:

SUBMISSION OF THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP) CARES ACT FINAL EXPENSE REPORT FOR THE TERM MARCH 1, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2020 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP) CARES ACT FINAL EXPENSE REPORT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

#20-645 WORK AUTHORIZATION:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR TO RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH PENTELEDATA TO ADD FOUR (4) NEW VOICE LINES ON A MONTH TO MONTH CONTRACT FOR THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTIONS OFFICES, AT THE TEMPORARY LOCATION 410 CENTER AVENUE, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS: NON-RECURRING FEE - \$40.00; MONTHLY RECURRING FEES - \$115.80

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH PENTELEDATA.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

LANTA:

#20-646 TRIP SPONSORSHIP:

AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AAA TO COVER THE \$.30 CENT INCREASE FOR SPONSORED ONE-WAY TRIPS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AAA TO COVER THE \$.30 CENT INCREASE FOR SPONSORED ONE-WAY TRIPS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SERVICE AGREEMENT:

#20-647 GENERATORS/MECHANICAL SERVICE:

AGREEMENT WITH MECHANICAL SERVICE COMPANY OF PITTSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PERFORM ANNUAL INSPECTIONS ON ELEVEN (11) COUNTY GENERATORS AT VARIOUS SITES FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021, A COST OF \$5,356.87/YEAR (INCREASE OF \$206.03) WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH MECHANICAL SERVICE COMPANY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

UNION AGREEMENT:

#20-648 AFSCME/EXTENSION:

AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND AFSCME, AFL-CIO, DISTRICT COUNCIL 87, LOCAL 2483 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2021. THE CURRENT CBA EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2020 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & TRAINING CENTER PHASE 1B:

#20-649 KOBALT CONSTRUCTION INC./AMENDMENT:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2020, WITH KOBALT CONSTRUCTION INC., OF TOBYHANNA, PENNSYLVANIA, TO INCLUDE ALTERNATE #1 BID OF \$45,525.00 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$2,332,357.00 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH KOBALT CONSTRUCTION INC., AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION:

#20-650 RESOLUTION/SIGNATORY AUTHORITY:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:49 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN