

APRIL 1, 2021

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, VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM WITH LIVE STREAM FOR THE PUBLIC ON THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK PAGE.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, LUKASEVICH, AND AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER AND SECRETARY III COREN KINTZ.

SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE WAS AVAILABLE REMOTELY.

THE COUNTY SHERIFF WAS PRESENT.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ATTORNEY GREEK AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE AVAILABLE REMOTELY.

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 MARCH 25, 2021.

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 SESSION WAS HELD.

MARCH 30, 2021 10:00 A.M. PERSONNEL

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 1, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTAL DATED APRIL 1, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 73227 THROUGH 73262 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6028963 THROUGH 6029375 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$594,574.82 (PAYROLL DATED MARCH 26, 2021).

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 219755 THROUGH 219847 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 82,607.99
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 96.25
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 31,310.02
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 76,710.10
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 1,194.90
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 2,981.05
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 7,708.49
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,812.99
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 135.62
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 135.64
CDBG FUND	\$ 297,801.69
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 434.24
TOTAL:	\$ 502,928.98

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MARCH 22, 2021 TO MARCH 26, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 26, 2021:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 393.29
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 9,266,143.87
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 983,629.85
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 186,096.99
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,480,731.19
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 702,808.40
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 588,993.88
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 808,577.14
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 6,249.88
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 135,050.46
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 21,886.35
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 146,449.12
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 192,028.75
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 956,244.06
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 168,618.68
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 564,987.87
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 147,343.16
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 65,619.62
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 16,584.68
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 8,804.73
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 251,251.64
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 10,254.52
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 62,688.34
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 22,303.30
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 41,362.86
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 10,030.03
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 47,971.13
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 308,860.82
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 13,688.73
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 18,272.51
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,288.56
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 33,416.76
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 195,110.79
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 630,507.37
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 741,738.97
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 95,328.62
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 22,424.77
CDBG FUND	\$ 140,503.07
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 517,933.11
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 12,764,453.46
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 759,276.33
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 148,807.14

TAX CLAIM FUND

\$ 1,241,385.28

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:33 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RETIREMENT:

ROBERT J. HALENAR, SUMMIT HILL, PA – MAINTENANCE II, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2021.

RESIGNATION:

DOMINIC D. DEMARCO, LANSFORD, PA – SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE, PARKS – EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2021.

HIRES:

JANERIA A. HOLLOWAY, ALLENTOWN, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2021.

HEATHER L. LESKO, ALLENTOWN, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2021.

GERALDINE PATIRE, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2021.

BENEDETTE W. ONUBOGU, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2021.

SAMANTHA M. CIALLELLA, JIM THORPE, PA – HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT, HUMAN RESOURCES – EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2021.

AMANDA C. MCMAHON, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2021.

PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

THOMAS J. EARLEY, DUNMORE, PA – CORRECTIONS ASSESSOR – EFFECTIVE APRIL 19, 2021.

JEROME W. WALSH, WYOMING, PA – CORRECTIONS ASSESSOR – EFFECTIVE APRIL 19, 2021.

CHANGE OF STATUS:

GREGORY L. MOUSSEAU, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER, PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE

TO: TEMPORARY FULL-TIME CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER TRAINEE, PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE

EFFECTIVE: APRIL 5, 2021

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CORRECTIONS

CLAYTON E. HUNSICKER, JIM THORPE, PA

CORRECTIONS OFFICER

FROM: MARCH 6, 2021

TO: APRIL 8, 2021

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

FRANCINE M. CRAIGIE KAREN A. GEIGER CAROL A. HEFFELFINGER EVA I. LABANOSKI

A THANK YOU NOTE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (CCCOG) REGARDING THE COUNTY PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ASPHALT ZIPPER AND THE STREET SWEEPER.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCING THE DRAFT OF THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WERE AVAILABLE FOR CITIZEN REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON MARCH 26, 2021. (LOCATED AT [HTTP://DCED.PA.GOV/HOUSING-AND-DEVELOPMENT/CONSOLIDATED-PLAN-ANNUAL-PLANS-REPORTS/](http://dced.pa.gov/housing-and-development/consolidated-plan-annual-plans-reports/))

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM DAVID BRADLEY, ET AL, RELATIVE TO THE LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

ADVERTISING:

#21-147 CDBG-CV/1ST PUBLIC HEARING:

AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (ZOOM MEETINGS) REGARDING THE FY2021 CDBG-CV FUNDS AND APPLICATION FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF 1ST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (ZOOM MEETINGS) REGARDING THE FY2021 CDBG-CV FUNDS AND APPLICATION FOR ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#21-148 AGREEMENTS:

THE FY 2020-21 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS:

FAMILIES UNITED NETWORK, INC DBA-ASHLER MANOR, MUNCY, PA

	<u>FY20-21</u>
FOSTER CARE-CHILD	\$ 63.68
FOSTER CARE-MOTHER /CHILD	\$ 114.73
FOSTER CARE-URGENT PLACEMENT	\$ 79.06
FOSTER CARE-RESPITE	\$ 48.73
FOSTER CARE-TRANSITIONAL FOSTER CARE LEVEL-1	\$ 75.31
*FOSTER CARE-TRANSITIONAL FOSTER CARE LEVEL-2	\$ 133.31
FOSTER CARE-INTENSIVE	\$ 98.74
SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE-MEDICAL LEVEL 1	\$ 51.10
SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE-MEDICAL LEVEL 2	\$ 50.31
SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE-MEDICAL LEVEL 3	\$ 37.73
SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE-MEDICAL LEVEL 4	\$ 28.65
ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED MED RATE	\$ 42.86
ARBORVALE MANOR LIFE READINESS (MALES)	\$ 182.51
ASHLER MANOR-LEVEL 1 (FEMALES)	\$ 199.28
ASHLER MANOR-LEVEL 2	\$ 208.07
ASHLER MANO-EMERGENCY SHELTER CARE (FEMALES)	\$ 182.34
ASHLER MANOR-TRANSITIONAL LIVING (FEMALES)	\$ 133.90
WHITE ROSE MANOR-LEVEL 1 (FEMALES)	\$ 199.28

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WHITE ROSE MANOR-TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (FEMALES) \$ 133.90
*ADDING NEW PROGRAM FOR FY20-21

NATIONAL MENTOR HEALTHCARE, LLC DBA- PENNSYLVANIA MENTOR BROOMALL, PA

FY20-21
FOSTER FAMILY CARE \$ 98.83
EMERGENCY RESPITE \$ 114.92
RESPITE CARE \$ 91.94
TREATMENT FOSTER CARE – TRANSITION/STEP DOWN \$ 105.73
PRE-PLACEMENT RESPITE \$ 91.94
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL REHAB (TREATMENT ONLY) \$ 198.42
ROOM AND BOARD \$ 14.69

VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE (ADOLESCENT ACHIEVEMENT INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM),

BETHLEHEM, PA **FY20-21**
INDEPENDENT LIVING \$ 140,940.00

VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE, BETHLEHEM, PA **FY20-21**

LEHIGH VALLEY SHELTER \$ 191.53
BUCKS COUNTY SHELTER \$ 264.19
BASE RATE WITHOUT IILS (THERAPY) \$ 166.03
PREGNANT TEEN/HIGH STRUCTURE RATE (24 HR/7 DAY SUPERVISION) \$ 206.41
BASE RATE FOR MOTHER \$ 181.59
BASE RATE FOR BABY (ADD'L PER CHILD AFTER 1ST CHILD) \$ 61.75
BASE RATE FOR MOM W/1 BABY \$ 243.34
SIL SINGLE RATE \$ 129.01
SIL MOTHER W/CHILD RATE \$ 179.77
SIL MOTHER W/2 CHILDREN RATE \$ 220.82
SIL PLUS SINGLE \$ 166.03
SIL PLUS PREGNANT TEEN/HIGH STRUCTURE \$ 204.03
BASE IILS ACT 148 \$ 19.00
INTENSIVE IILS ACT 148 \$ 42.00
BABY DAYCARE UNTIL TITLE XX IS EFFECTIVE \$ 33.00

VISION QUEST, TUCSON, ARIZONA **FY20-21**

FEMALE SERVICES:
* VISIONQUEST SAFE HOUSE \$ 0.00
MALE SERVICES:
* STANDING TIMBERS \$ 0.00
BLUE RIDGE ACADEMY \$ 350.00
*PROGRAMS HAVE CLOSED FOR FY20-21

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#21-149 INVOICE/REPORT:

THE FIRST QUARTER FY 2020-2021 ACT 148 INVOICE REPORT WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE COUNTY RECEIVING \$3,786.04 IN IT GRANT FUNDS, \$1,700.00 IN SPECIAL GRANT FUNDS, \$17,674.20 IN TITLE IV-E AA

FUNDS, \$551.73 IN MEDICAID FUNDS AND \$14,615.00 IN TANF FUNDS WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE CHILDREN & YOUTH DIRECTOR.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FY 2020/2021 FIRST QUARTER ACT 148 INVOICE REPORT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

#21-150 VOLUNTEER EMA DEPUTY:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO APPOINT MR. MATTHEW MILLER, OF LAKE HARMONY, PENNSYLVANIA AS A COUNTY EMA VOLUNTEER DEPUTY.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MATTHEW MILLER AS A COUNTY EMA VOLUNTEER DEPUTY WITH A SIX (6) MONTHS PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM:

#21-151 STRUCTURAL METAL FABRICATORS/BRIDGE #17:

RATIFY THE QUOTE RECEIVED FROM STRUCTURAL METAL FABRICATORS, INCORPORATED, OF PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO FABRICATE AND INSTALL TWO (2) ORIGINAL STANDARDS OF ONE VERTICAL CLEARANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE COVERED BRIDGE (COUNTY BRIDGE #17) LOCATED IN LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP, AT A COST OF \$7,841.00. THE AMOUNT WILL BE REIMBURSED BY INSURANCE. (MINUS DEDUCTIBLE)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF THE QUOTE FROM STRUCTURAL METAL FABRICATORS, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN THANKED THE NEWS MEDIA FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENT.

MR. AHNER RECOGNIZED COLLEEN KLEIN, ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK, FOR HER ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE INCIDENT WITH COVERED BRIDGE.

MATP PROGRAM:

#21-152 2019/2020 FINAL ALLOCATION:

ALLOCATION LETTER FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE 2019/2020 MATP PROGRAM LISTING THE ALLOCATION AFTER REVIEW OF THE FINAL RECONCILIATION REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$591,543.00 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

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

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ALLOCATION LETTER FOR 2019/2020 MATP PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT:

#21-153 EDWARDS/HUMAN RESOURCES:

A PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT (SOURCEWELL #083116-KON) WITH EDWARDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF WYOMISSING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR A NEW HP LASER MANAGED E50145DN PRINTER AT A COST OF \$1,118.00 (.0155 B&W PER COPY BILLED QUARTERLY) LOCATED IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH EDWARDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

STATE FACILITY CLOSURE TRANSITION PROGRAM:

#21-154 GRANT APPLICATION:

RATIFY SUBMISSION OF THE SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE FACILITY CLOSURE TRANSITION PROGRAM (SFCTP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,000.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MAIN ELEVATOR IN THE COURT HOUSE.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY SUBMISSION OF THE SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE FACILITY CLOSURE TRANSITION PROGRAM (SFCTP).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE SINGLE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE FACILITY CLOSURE TRANSITION PROGRAM (SFCTP) IS DUE TO THE CLOSURES OF SCI RETREAT AND THE WHITE HAVEN CENTER.

MR. LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND CAREERLINK TO ASSIST WITH PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO DISPLACED WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE TWO FACILITIES CLOSURES.

VEHICLE FLEET FINANCING:

#21-155 PROPOSAL/ENTERPRISE:

RATIFY THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT OF HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL VEHICLE UNDER THE VEHICLE FLEET FINANCING AND MAINTENANCE MASTER OPEN-END (EQUITY) LEASE AGREEMENT APPROVED APRIL 27, 2017, AGENDA #17-159. VEHICLE AND MONTHLY COST AS FOLLOWS WITH A TERM OF 60 MONTHS:
1-FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY @ \$766.27/MONTH (DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES

LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

Z&A/ FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

#21-156 AMENDMENT:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD LLC, FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021 INCREASING THE AGREEMENT \$30,000.00 DUE TO ADDITIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE COUNTY’S EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. FEE IS BASED ON 120 HOURS AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$250.00 PER HOUR WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD, LLC FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE COUNTY’S EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

44 & 76 RENOVATION PROJECT:

#21-157 FURNITURE:

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR FURNISHINGS FOR THE SECOND FLOOR AREA OF 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET THROUGH CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS, OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, TOTALING \$35,900.54 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:

THE HON COMPANY, C/O CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS - \$8,287.27 COSTARS CONTRACT #35-020

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS - \$27,613.27 – COSTARS CONTRACT #35-068

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/RECREATION:

#21-158 BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

JIM THORPE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL, INC.

4TH ANNUAL JIM THORPE INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL, APRIL 22 – 25, 2021

BANNER REQUEST: APRIL 9 TO APRIL 26, 2021

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

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TAX ASSESSMENT:

#21-159 **TAX REFUNDS:**

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

MUNICIPALITY: NESQUEHONING BOROUGH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
C/O ST. JOSEPH
118 NORTH MARKET STREET
SUMMIT HILL, PA 18250

PROPERTY CODE: 15-42-10525

PROPERTY RECORD CARD #: 105B1-42-Q1A

REASON: AS PER COURT ORDER, THE PARCEL'S ASSESSMENT WAS REDUCED. THE REFUND IS BASED ON DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSED VALUE OF 53,485. THE REFUND IS FOR THE YEARS OF 2020 (PAID IN BASE PERIOD), 2019 (PAID IN DISCOUNT PERIOD) AND 2018 (PAID IN PENALTY PERIOD).

TOTAL REFUND DUE: \$1,795.49

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION C/O ST. JOSEPH.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION CENTER:

MR. NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED A LETTER SUBMITTED TO THE ACTING SECRETARY ALISON BEAM, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SEEKING RECONSIDERATION OF THE DECISION TO ELIMINATE ST. LUKE'S LEHIGHTON CAMPUS AS A COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION CENTER. HE SPOKE OF THE CONCERNS WITH THE DECISION AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON VACCINE DISTRIBUTION IN CARBON COUNTY.

MR. LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON NEEDING THE SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ASSIST WITH MAXIMIZING THE POTENTIAL CAPACITY REGARDING VACCINE DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN CARBON COUNTY.

MR. AHNER SPOKE OF ADDITIONAL VACCINE DISTRIBUTION CENTERS ARE ESSENTIAL IN CARBON COUNTY TO ASSIST WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE COUNTY TO GET THEIR VACCINE.

MR. NOTHSTEIN RECOGNIZED COREN KINTZ, SECRETARY III, FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER SPOKE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW POSITION FOR ONE (1) CLEANING PERSON.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- PA COMMISSION FOR THE U.S. SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL IS SEEKING A VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE FROM CARBON COUNTY
- FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE COVID-19 HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT
- NOTING THE CORRESPONDENCE OBSERVING THE CARBON COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER (911) 2020 ANNUAL REPORT
 - 5.3% REDUCTION IN POLICE, FIRE, EMS CALLS IN 2020; 21% DECREASE IN CALLS IN POLICE FROM 2020-2019; 30% DECREASE IN POLICE CALLS FROM 2020-2016; 37% OF FIRE CALLS RECEIVED ARE FROM KIDDER TOWNSHIP

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- CARBON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2020 ANNUAL REPORT
 - 535 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS
 - 70,652 INCIDENT REPORT WITH POLICE, FIRE, EMS
 - 182,598 CALLS IN 2020
 - 2829 LANDLINE CALLS; 23,664 WIRELESS CALLS
 - 2,978 VOICE VOIP; 147,183 NON-EMERGENCY CALLS; 3,112 RINGDOWN CALLS; 2,773 MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:28 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN