

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:33 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, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER AND SECRETARY III COREN KINTZ.

THE COUNTY SHERIFF, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE 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 APRIL 1, 2021.

***NOTING CHANGE:** #21-155 VEHICLE FLEET FINANCING: PROPOSAL/ENTERPRISE – 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 WITH A TERM OF 60 MONTHS: 1-FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY @ \$760.97/MONTH (DISTRICT ATTORNEY) THE MONTHLY COST WITH A TERM OF 60 MONTHS SHOULD BE \$766.27/MONTH.

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:

#21-160 **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK:**

A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL 11-17, 2021 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK".

PROCLAMATION #2021-04
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK
APRIL 11 – 17, 2021

WHEREAS, EMERGENCIES CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME REQUIRING POLICE, FIRE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, WHEN AN EMERGENCY OCCURS THE PROMPT RESPONSE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND PARAMEDICS IS CRITICAL TO THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE SAFETY OF OUR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IS DEPENDENT UPON THE QUALITY AND ACCURACY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CITIZENS WHO TELEPHONE THE CARBON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER; AND

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS ARE THE FIRST AND MOST CRITICAL CONTACT OUR CITIZENS AND VISITORS HAVE WITH THE EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS, SUPPRESSION OF FIRES AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS; AND

WHEREAS, EACH CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHER HAS EXHIBITED COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING, AND PROFESSIONALISM DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR JOB IN THE PAST YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, THE SERVICE OF THE CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCHER IS A "SILENT SERVICE" AND THEIR DUTIES ARE SELDOM OBSERVED BY THE PUBLIC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARES THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2021, AS

"NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK"

IN CARBON COUNTY IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE DILIGENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM KEEP OUR COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND VISITORS SAFE.

SIGNED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

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 PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK".

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

THE COMMISSIONERS THANKED MR. WILLIAMS AND HIS STAFF FOR THE GREAT JOB THEY DO UNDER VERY STRESSFUL SITUATIONS.

MR. GARY WILLIAMS, 911 DIRECTOR THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROCLAMATION

APRIL 8, 2021

ACKNOWLEDGING "NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK".

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 FOR 2020 AND 2021 LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED APRIL 8, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 219848 THROUGH 219933 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,072,128.56
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 654.91
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,000.88
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 931.16
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 95,572.77
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 129.32
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 119.37
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 4,259.55
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 4,925.60
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 1,906.79
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 87.89
TOTAL:	\$1,181,716.80

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 MARCH 29, 2021, TO MARCH 31, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31, 2021:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 544.35
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 9,523,426.11
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 983,838.70
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 186,136.25
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,482,724.78
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 702,957.64
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 589,139.07
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 808,770.73
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 6,252.15
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 135,086.57
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 21,891.40
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 150,189.51
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 192,074.34
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 959,867.70
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 169,578.96
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 565,107.56
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 147,374.44
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 65,636.96
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 16,588.20
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 8,806.60
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 251,326.02
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 10,256.78
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 62,701.57
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 22,307.98
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 41,372.57
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 10,032.24
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 47,981.31
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 308,926.13
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 13,691.63
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 18,276.39
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,289.90
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 33,423.86
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 195,152.19
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 630,641.24
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 741,896.46
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 95,348.83
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 22,429.01
CDBG FUND	\$ 297,834.38
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 518,042.14
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 12,767,223.32
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 759,445.66
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 2,920.82
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 1,293,146.52

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

APRIL 8, 2021

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:39 A.M. IN ORDER TO RECONVENE THE SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:41 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATIONS:

GERARD A. BABB, JR., SCHNECKSVILLE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2021.

NICHOLAS V. BARRON, COALDALE, PA – SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF TRAINEE, SHERIFF’S OFFICE – EFFECTIVE MARCH 30, 2021.

HIRE:

LORI COOPER, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA – PART-TIME ELECTIONS CLERK, ELECTION DEPARTMENT – EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2021.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:

PARKS

MARK E. JANNER

DEFENSIVE TACTICS ANNUAL UPDATE
JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT AND AMEND THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED APRIL 8, 2021, ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF GERARD A. BABB, JR FROM THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

AUDIT REPORT RECEIVED: AUDIT OF TWENTY-THREE CARBON COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS’ COUNTY TAX DUPLICATES FOR THE YEAR 2020 RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY CONTROLLER.

THE MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVING COMPENSATION THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021 FROM THE VA WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

THE MARCH 2021 MONTHLY REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS AND THE CARBON COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS RESPECTIVELY.

COPY OF THE ELEVENTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #6-2020, FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA, MIDDLE DISTRICT, WAS RECEIVED FROM COURT ADMINISTRATION.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HOSTING AN EVENT TO HONOR 19 FEMALE VETERANS DURING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH RECOGNIZING CHRISTINE LECLAIR, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE.

MARCH 2021 REPORT TO CARBON COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE PENNEAST/UGI PIPELINE PROJECT, PRESENTED APRIL 31, 2021, WAS RECEIVED FROM SAVE CARBON COUNTY.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250PA) REQUESTING A CARBON COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE.

THE COVID-19 HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2021 WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC CORPORATION.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#21-161 AGREEMENTS:

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

CHILDREN’S HOME OF EASTON, EASTON PA

PROVIDER: CHILDREN’S HOME OF EASTON

	<u>FY 21-20</u>
FOSTER CARE-REGULAR	\$113.14/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE-INTENSIVE	\$145.62/PER DIEM
EMERGENCY SHELTER	\$349.90/PER DIEM
GROUP HOME	\$223.90/PER DIEM
RESIDENTIAL CARE-INSTITUTIONAL	\$337.44/PER DIEM
*RESIDENTIAL CARE-ZIGMUND HALL- TRANSITIONAL LIVING	\$0.00
RESIDENTIAL CARE-ACOPIAN SUITES-SUPERVISED	\$254.55/PER DIEM
INDEPENDENT LIVING	
*ELIMINATING PROGRAM FOR FY20-21	

PINEBROOK FAMILY ANSWERS ALLENTOWN, PA

PROVIDER: PINEBROOK FAMILY ANSWERS

	<u>FY 20-21</u>
TIER ONE FOSTER CARE-TRADITIONAL SERVICES	\$46.89/PER DIEM
TIER TWO FOSTER CARE-SPECIALIZED SERVICES	\$81.72/PER DIEM
TIER THREE FOSTER CARE-INTENSIVE SERVICES	\$100.83/PER DIEM
TIER FOUR FOSTER CARE-SHORT-TERM SERVICES	\$68.98/PER DIEM
TIER FIVE FOSTER CARE-MEDICAL SERVICES (ROOM & BOARD)	\$36.35/PER DIEM

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

#21-162 APPRAISAL REPORT:

A PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED FROM ANDRESS APPRAISALS, OF PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 410 CENTER AVENUE, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

APRIL 8, 2021

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM ANDRESS APPRAISALS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COUNTY PARKING LOT:

#21-163 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE COUNTY PARKING LOT PROPERTY WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

RUNEGADES, INCORPORATED, PHOENIXVILLE, PA
TWO-DAY RUNNING FESTIVAL, MAY 22 & 23, 2021

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

LEGAL SERVICES:

#21-164 NEWMAN WILLIAMS/DRBC:

A PROPOSAL FROM NEWMAN WILLIAMS PC, OF STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, TO REPRESENT CARBON COUNTY IN ACTION INVOLVING THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION IN THE US DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT. FEE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY GERARD GEIGER WOULD BE \$250.00 PER HOUR.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM NEWMAN WILLIAMS PC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MAGISTRATES/LANSFORD:

SNOW REMOVAL:

#21-165 TERMINATION AGREEMENT/BUTRIE:

A LETTER OF TERMINATION WAS SUBMITTED BY JOSEPH BUTRIE, OF LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL AND CLEARING AT THE LANSFORD MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT OFFICE 56-3-03 PARKING LOTS AND ADJACENT PARKING LOTS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE LETTER OF TERMINATION FROM JOSEPH BUTRIE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE COUNTY WILL BE SEEKING SOMEONE FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL AND CLEARING AT THE LANSFORD MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT OFFICE 56-3-03.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

#21-166 MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER TO APPROVE THE INCREASE PER DIEM OF ELECTION POLL WORKERS AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER ELECTION.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF THE ELECTION POLL WORKERS WORKING LONG HOURS ON ELECTION DAY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:45 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER ,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN