

MAY 6, 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, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER AND SECRETARY III COREN KINTZ.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, JUDGE MATIKA, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT AND THE COUNTY SHERIFF WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE AVAILABLE REMOTELY.

ANDY MULLER, CHAIRMAN/CEO, READING BLUE MOUNTAIN & NORTHERN RAILROAD, CHRISTINA MULLER-LUVEN, VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION/CO-OWNER, MATTHEW JOHNSON, VICE-PRESIDENT ASSET MANAGEMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, TAYLOR HAUPT, REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT, JOLENE BUSER ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT REAL ESTATE AND RICHARD FORGAY II, COUNTY RAILROAD COMMISSION TREASURER, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OFFERED THE PRAYER.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

MINUTES:

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD APRIL 29, 2021.

*NOTE CHANGE: MR. LUKASEVICH EXCEPTION OF DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6030095 THROUGH 6030097 FOR THE PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT DATED APRIL 23, 2021.
AGENDA #21-211 - CHILDREN & YOUTH: AGREEMENT/KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY
- THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE 420 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 15 WEEKS
SHOULD BE 420 HOURS FOR 15 WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PROCLAMATION:

#21-214 NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH (MAY):

PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH".

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. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MAY 6, 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 220428 THROUGH 220507 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 433,226.98
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,039.20
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 279.74
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 25,417.71
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 1,309.01
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 22,760.00
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,919.00
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 3,000.00
CDBG FUND	\$ 495.10
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 79.00
TOTAL:	\$ 489,525.74

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:

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MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED APRIL 26, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF APRIL 30, 2021:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 712.97
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 7,143,578.34
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 984,040.86
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 184,537.76
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,539,283.61
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 702,918.83
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 391,112.30
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 147,630.41
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 14,692.86
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 134,370.63
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 23,601.63
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 149,442.36
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 182,781.56
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 865,993.51
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 168,776.00
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 590,444.77
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 147,814.89
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 65,650.45
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 28,958.53
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 15,515.96
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 255,920.93
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 6,129.91
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 66,375.06
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 24,752.96
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 42,174.48
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 10,064.92
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 49,137.17
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 320,626.49
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 14,253.82
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 18,730.23
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,291.19
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 33,430.73
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 198,534.58
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 630,770.82
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 742,048.90
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 97,678.13
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 420,307.60
CDBG FUND	\$ 527.87
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 526,034.30
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 12,201,620.65
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 758,618.09
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 14,436.75
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 1,800,159.95

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES

LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:38 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:48 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATIONS:

VERA E. KOIN, LEHIGHTON, PA – DOMESTIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST II, DOMESTIC RELATIONS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 25, 2021.

KAREN A. GEIGER, LEHIGHTON, PA – PART-TIME SENIOR CENTER OPERATOR I, AREA AGENCY ON AGING – EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2021.

JACOB F. DEMATTO, SUMMIT HILL, PA – K-9 OFFICER, ANIMAL SHELTER – EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2021.

JENNIFER L. FLEXER, BOWMANSTOWN, PA – DEPUTY CLERK, CLERK OF COURTS – EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2021.

ANTONIA M. GALASSO, LEHIGHTON, PA – PART-TIME LICENSING CLERK, TREASURER – EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2021.

ABBY O'DONNELL, NESQUEHONING, PA – PART-TIME LICENSING CLERK, TREASURER – EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2021.

PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENT:

DAYNE D. CALLABY, COALDALE, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER – EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2021.

COURT APPOINTMENT:

ARISSA N. WERTMAN, BOWMANSTOWN, PA – SUMMER LAW CLERK – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021.

HIRES AS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR:

FRANK DE VITO, BATH, PA – FULL-TIME SOLICITOR, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2021.

TIMOTHY A. POLK, LEHIGHTON, PA – SECRETARY III, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2021.

CHANGE OF STATUS:

SARAH E. BROOKS, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: CLERK, TAX CLAIM

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/REPOSITORY SPECIALIST, TAX CLAIM

EFFECTIVE: MAY 10, 2021

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ADULT PROBATION

JUSTIN S. BILKA

NICOLE A. HORN

KEEGAN J. MCDEVITT

FETC – FORCE RESPONSE TRAINING

MANHEIM, PA

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

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

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BRIDGET M. JOHNSTON

SPRING 2021 DRS DIRECTORS MEETING – VIRTUAL

JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED MAY 6, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES: MARCH 16, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE.

THE COVID-19 HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 29, 2021 WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

APRIL 2021 REPORT TO CARBON COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE PENNEAST/UGI PIPELINE
PROJECT, PRESENTED APRIL 30, 2021, WAS RECEIVED FROM SAVE CARBON COUNTY.

THE APRIL 2021 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

BCM ENGINEERS

WEATHERLY TRAIL

ACT 14, 67, 68 AND 127 NOTIFICATION

CITY OF WEATHERLY AND LEHIGH TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY

NITTANY ENGINEERING, A DIVISION OF CENTURY ENGINEERING

MAHONING MANOR ESTATES - PERMIT WELL #5

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY PERMIT

MAHONING TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY

ADVERTISING REQUESTS:

AREA ON AGING:

#21-215 PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM (PERS):

AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM
(PERS).

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR
BIDS FOR THE PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM (PERS).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

BOARDS/AUTHORITIES:

CHILDREN & YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

#21-216 RESIGNATION:

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM MARY FIGURA SUBMITTING HER RESIGNATION FROM THE CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MARY FIGURA FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMUNICATIONS/911:

#21-217 AGREEMENT/TYLER TECHNOLOGIES:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE A PURCHASE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. TO SET UP AND CONFIGURE THE APCO INTELICOM SOFTWARE AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,160.00.

APPROVED UNDER THE STATEWIDE INTERCONNECTIVITY GRANT PROJECT #2019-79.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:

DOOR CONTROL SYSTEM:

#21-218 PROPOSAL/CSI:

PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED BY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS (CSI), ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA TO REPLACE THE EXISTING DOOR CONTROL SYSTEM WITH AN EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING OSSI SYSTEM AT THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CCCF). COSTARS CONTRACT #040-003

PAYMENTS: MATERIALS UPON DELIVERY - \$80,186.06
INSTALLATION & COMPLETION - \$142,278.00
TOTAL COST - \$222,464.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS (CSI).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COURTS:

#21-219 SENIOR JUDGE REIMBURSEMENT:

THE PA RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 701 (A) AND ACT 37 OF 2007 SENIOR JUDGE CHAMBERS & SUPPORT STAFF APPLICATION FOR SENIOR JUDGE REIMBURSABLE COSTS INCURRED WHILE ON ASSIGNMENT IN CALENDAR YEAR 2020 TOTALING \$216.00, WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION

OF THE APPLICATION.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#21-220 STATE FOOD/EXPENSE & DATA:

THE FY 2020/2021 STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM'S THIRD QUARTER EXPENSE AND DATA REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACCEPT THE FY 2020/2021 STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM FOURTH QUARTER EXPENSE AND DATA REPORT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#21-221 CDBG FY2020 & CDBG-CV FY2020/COOPERATION AGREEMENT:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO APPROVE THE FY2020 CDBG & FY2020 CDBG-CV COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR LEHIGHTON BOROUGH PROJECTS.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FY2020 CDBG & FY2020 CDBG-CV COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR LEHIGHTON BOROUGH PROJECTS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#21-222 CDBG BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING UP TO \$10,000.00 THROUGH CDBG BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AND CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH CDBG BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CARBON COUNTY CDBG BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ALONG WITH THE CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP., ESTABLISHED A SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CDBG DOLLARS (UP TO \$10,000 IN GRANTS) TO LOCAL BUSINESSES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTERS THE PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA WILL PROVIDE SMALL BUSINESSES (FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS WITH LESS THAN \$1 MILLION IN ANNUAL REVENUE WITH 100 OR FEWER EMPLOYEES) AND MICROENTERPRISES (ANY COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE WITH FIVE OR FEWER EMPLOYEES, ONE OR MORE OF WHOM OWNS THE ENTERPRISE) IN CARBON COUNTY UP TO \$10,000 TO RETAIN JOBS AND/OR PROVIDE WORKING CAPITAL FOR MICROENTERPRISES.

DULY ENACTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON HELD THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 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

TEAMSTERS:

**#21-223 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:
GRIEVANCE #46010:**

A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO TEAMSTERS GRIEVANCE #46010 AGREEING WRITTEN WARNING WILL BE REMOVED FROM EMPLOYEE’S FILE JUNE 26, 2021, SAID SETTLEMENT AMICABLY RESOLVES THE DISPUTE AND HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL EFFECT ON ANY OTHER ACTION, GRIEVANCE, ARBITRATION OR ANY OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO TEAMSTERS GRIEVANCE #46010.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

44/76 RENOVATION PROJECT:

#21-224 FURNITURE 1ST FLOOR:

PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED FROM CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA FOR FURNISHINGS LOCATED AT THE FIRST FLOOR OF 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET AS FOLLOWS:
9T05 SEATING HAWTHORNE, CA- \$645.30 – PA CONTRACT #4400022369

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CORBETT, INC NORRISTOWN, PA.- \$19,902.50 – COSTARS CONTRACT #035-018
CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS, BETHLEHEM, PA - \$121,173.82 COSTARS CONTRACT #35-068
SIT ON IT, CYPRESS, CA, \$22,840.00- PA CONTRACT #4400017037
TOTAL COST: \$164,561.62

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

COURTS:

#21-225 CONTRACT/SALLEMI:

A CONTRACT WAS SUBMITTED FOR ANGELA C. SALLEMI, KINGSTON, PENNSYLVANIA, COURT REPORTER ESTABLISHING PER DIEM COURT REPORTING SERVICE RATES FOR STENOGRAPHIC SERVICES FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2021 ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS AS FOLLOWS:

HALF-DAY (UP TO 3 HOURS)	\$ 200.00
FULL-DAY (UP TO 8 HOURS)	\$ 350.00
OVER 8 HOURS BILLED AT	\$ 50.00/HOUR

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH ANGELA C. SALLEMI.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE COUNTY IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL COURT REPORTERS.

PARKS:

#21-226 AGREEMENT/BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY:

AN AFFILIATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CARBON COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT AND BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY FOR UTILIZATION OF A COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE CAPACITY OF UNPAID INTERNSHIP WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE 120 HOURS FROM MAY 21, 2021 TO JULY 09, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AFFILIATION OF AGREEMENT WITH BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

REAL ESTATE:

#21-227 MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN

RAILROAD CONCERNING SALE OF COUNTY RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE RAIL LINE RIGHT OF WAY, TRACKAGE AND RELATED PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND

SALE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CARBON COUNTY RAILROAD COMMISSION.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#21-228 MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD AS WELL AS QUIT CLAIM DEED, LEASE TERMINATION AGREEMENT, AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION SET OUT IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD. HE SPOKE OF THE LIABILITIES THE RAILROAD HAD CONSUMED ON THE COUNTY. THANKED MR. MULLER FOR WORKING WITH THE COUNTY.

MR. MULLER THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF THE 19.5 MILE PANTHER VALLEY RAIL LINE TO THE READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD.

HE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS THE RAILROAD WILL COMPLETE OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

MR. NOTHSTEIN THANKED EVERYONE THAT ASSISTED WITH THE AGREEMENT OF SALE.

MR. AHNER SPOKE OF THE \$700,000 IN-KIND INVESTMENT THAT WILL ASSIST WITH REPAIRS TO THE CROSSWALKS AND THE NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING. THE SALE WILL ELIMINATE THE LIABILITY ON THE COUNTY.

MR. LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED RAILROADS CANNOT BE RUN EFFICIENTLY BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICE. THE RAILROAD WAS A LIABILITY TO THE COUNTY AND THE TAXPAYERS. HE THANKED MR. MULLER AND HIS TEAM FOR WORKING WITH THE COUNTY.

A BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- ST. LUKE'S DISTRIBUTED 800 VACCINES
- RECOGNIZED SAMANTHA CIALLELLA, HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT, FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING

SAMANTHA CIALLELLA, HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT, SPOKE OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES UTILIZING THE CURRENT RESOURCES IN REGARDS TO OBTAINING THE VACCINE.

MR. NOTHSTEIN NOTED COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT RECEIVED THE VACCINE SHOULD SEND A COPY OF THEIR DOCUMENTATION TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

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COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- ACKNOWLEDGED "CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WEEK"
- PRINTING ISSUES REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS
- RECOGNIZED A COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY FOR ASSISTING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT LOCATED IN WHITEHALL

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN THANKED A COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY AND DAWN BOWMAN, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, FOR OFFERING THEIR SERVICES REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

RICHARD FORGAY II, RAILROAD COMMISSION TREASURER, CONGRATULATED ANDY MULLER ON THE SALE AGREEMENT OF THE PANTHER VALLEY RAIL LINE TO THE READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:29 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN