

**JULY 29, 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 AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, PURCHASING DIRECTOR, COURT ADMINISTRATOR, TONY GANGUZZA, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, STEVEN J. ELTON, ARCHITECT, HENRY DESROSIERS, VETERANS COUNCIL, AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE WAS ABSENT.

**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 JULY 22, 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.

**PRESENTATION:**

**VETERANS & FOOD BANK PROGRAM:**

LINDSEY PARKS, SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, GAVE A DETAILED PRESENTATION REGARDING PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL, AREA FOOD PANTRIES AND SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANKS TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY SHARE PROGRAM AS AN ADDED SUPPLEMENT IN ADDITION TO WHAT THEY ALREADY RECEIVED AT THE FOOD PANTRY. THE PROGRAM'S GOAL IS TO HAVE A DISTRIBUTION SITE IN EACH OF THE SIX COUNTIES THAT SECOND HARVEST SERVES AMONG BEING MANAGED AT ONE CENTRAL LOCATION IN CARBON COUNTY. VETERANS, NATIONAL

GUARD, ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM AS PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF BEING AT OR BELOW 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE.

HENRY DESROSIERS, VETERANS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SPOKE OF CONCERNS ON HOW THE PROCEDURES WILL OPERATE AND HOW WILL THE FOOD BANKS DETERMINE VETERAN STATUS AND IF A DECEASED VETERAN'S SPOUSE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM.

LINDSEY PARKS DISCUSSED SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK REMOVES THE RESTRICTIONS TO ASSIST WITH THE SUPPORT THAT IS NEEDED FOR THE PROGRAM.

**OPENING OF BIDS:**

**#21-370 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & TRAINING CENTER (EOTC) VIA PENN BID:**

FREDDY LUTZ, DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC PLANNING & CLIENT DEVELOPMENT, DISCUSSED THE PENN BID PROGRAM WHICH IS A REGIONAL ONLINE BID MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT ASSISTS WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES AND PRIVATE COMPANIES TO POST AND MANAGE ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS AT NO COST.

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED VIA PENN BID FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & TRAINING CENTER (EOTC) PROJECT:

**BID TABULATION SHEET TO BE TYPED IN MINUTES**

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, ARCHITECT AND SOLICITOR FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD OR REJECT THE BIDS WITHIN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF HOW THE PENN BID PROGRAM ASSISTS WITH EXTENDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO VARIOUS POTENTIAL BIDDERS AS WELL AS CUTS COSTS FOR SERVICES.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD.

JULY 29, 2021 9:00 A.M. PERSONNEL

**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 JULY 29, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

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THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 222433 THROUGH 222587 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,538,203.12
GENERAL FUND LOAN #3 TO C&Y	\$ 500,000.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 1,753.67
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 32,115.33
LIQUID FUELS FUND	\$ 3,528.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 93,505.97
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 528,180.53
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 5,051.34
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 101,573.21
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 23,593.07
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 21,765.58
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 128,651.29
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 3,895.04
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 113.40
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 67.20
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 7,162.47
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 959.16
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 1.55
CDBG FUND	\$ 51,548.80
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 170,145.29
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 527,207.23
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ <u>12.68</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,739,033.93

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 JULY 19, 2021 TO JULY 23, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF JULY 23, 2021:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,170.14
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 19,878,616.01
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 984,452.04
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 172,432.40
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,586,023.08



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AND FOR THE OFFICE TO PULL LICENSES FOR NSF OR RETURNED CHECKS. AS OF JULY 29, 2021 THERE WERE 2,638 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS 4C TAGS AVAILABLE AND 18,361 3D WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS TAGS AVAILABLE THAT COVERS CARBON COUNTY. THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST BONUS ROUND STARTING AUGUST 2, 2021, APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED FRIDAY AFTER 10:00 A.M. ANY APPLICATIONS FOR THE BONUS ROUND RECEIVED FRIDAY MORNING WILL BE REJECTED. THE COST OF A DOE LICENSE HAS INCREASED TO \$6.97 PER LICENSE. (PREVIOUS COST \$6.90) SINCE THE 4C TAGS SELL OUT EARLY A SECOND AND THIRD PREFERENCE SHOULD BE SELECTED. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS 5C TAGS WILL NOT BE UNLIMITED TAGS THROUGH THE MAIL.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**TERMINATION:**

**DAYNE D. CALLABY, III**, COALDALE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE JULY 29, 2021.

**RESIGNATION:**

**ANGELA E. HEFFLEY**, PALMERTON, PA – CLERICAL SPECIALIST, CLERK OF COURTS – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2021.

**ARISSA N. WERTMAN**, BOWMANSTOWN, PA – SUMMER LAW CLERK, COURT ADMINISTRATION – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6, 2021.

**HIRES AS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS:**

**TAYLOR M. DAVIS**, LANSFORD, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER/TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021.

**SOPHIA CIVATANO**, WEISSPORT, PA – PART-TIME LEGAL III, PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021.

**CLERK OF COURTS APPOINTMENTS:**

**GREGORY L. MOUSSEAU**, JIM THORPE, PA – SOLICITOR – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021.

**LISA M. SHERRY**, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME CLERICAL SPECIALIST - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021.

**COURT APPOINTMENTS:**

**MATTHEW D. HASSICK**, WHITEHALL, PA – PROBATION OFFICER I, ADULT PROBATION – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021.

**CARLA M. RENFROW**, JIM THORPE, PA – DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICER I, DOMESTIC RELATIONS – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021.

**CHANGE OF STATUS:**

**MEGAN K. CROIZIER**, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: COUNTY CASEWORK SUPERVISOR I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

TO: COUNTY CASEWORK SUPERVISOR II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

EFFECTIVE: JULY 12, 2021

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:**

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

**SUSAN E. ZEIGLER**

2021 PA COMMUNITY ALLIANCE SUMMIT – VIRTUAL

PALMERTON, PA

**CLERK OF COURTS**

**JENNIFER L. HEFFELFINGER**

**KAREN L. SWEENEY**

NEW USER DEPENDENCY CASE PROCESSING  
MECHANICSBURG, PA

**CORONER**

**CAROL H. LESLIE**

ON-LINE:

INVESTIGATING ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA IN CHILDREN

INVESTIGATING ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA IN CHILDREN

INVESTIGATING INFANT AND CHILD DEATH

12 CRITICAL MISTAKES MADE AT A DEATH SCENE

LEHIGHTON, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$141.00

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**BRIAN B. GAZO**

2021 ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

BEDFORD, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$850.00, MEALS

**COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**ADULT PROBATION**

**KEEGAN J. MCDEVITT**

CURRENT PERSPECTIVES ON PARAPHILIC DISORDERS AND SEXUAL OFFENDING TRAINING WEBINAR

JIM THORPE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$75.00

**RICHMOND S. PARSONS**

**SARA M. HOLLAND**

2021 COUNTY CHIEF ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$400.00 TOTAL, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

**RICHMOND S. PARSONS**

COURSE 7 – WEAPON CONTROL / WEAPON RETENTION AND DISARMING

DALLAS, PA

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

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT  
DATED JULY 29, 2021.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES\*  
                          LUKASEVICH YES\*  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES\*

\*MR. AHNER STATED, "I VOTE YES, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE HIRE OF GREGORY L. MOUSSEAU  
CLERK OF COURTS APPOINTMENT TO SOLICITOR."

\*MR. LUKASEVICH STATED, "I VOTE YES, WITH THE

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EXCEPTION OF THE HIRE OF GREGORY L. MOUSSEAU  
CLERK OF COURTS APPOINTMENT TO SOLICITOR AND THE  
CHANGE OF STATUS WITH MEGAN K. CROZIER FROM COUNTY  
CASEWORKER SUPERVISOR I TO COUNTY CASEWORKER  
SUPERVISOR II. I ABSTAIN DUE TO BEING A FAMILY MEMBER

\*MR. NOTHSTEIN STATED, "I VOTE YES, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE HIRE OF GREGORY L. MOUSSEAU  
CLERK OF COURTS APPOINTMENT TO SOLICITOR.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: JUNE 15, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

THE BRIDGE CREW REPORTS FOR THE WEEKS ENDING JULY 4, 2021 AND JULY 11, 2021 WERE  
SUBMITTED BY COLLEEN KLEIN, ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM POCONO MOUNTAINS VISITORS BUREAU, ANNOUNCING  
PICK UP THE POCONOS DAY, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 BETWEEN 9:30AM - 12:30PM.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM GEORGE PETROLE, COO OF NORTHFACE DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
INFORMING THE COUNTY THAT AN APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH  
FINANCING AUTHORITY (CFA) FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (MTF)  
PROGRAM.

**ADVERTISING REQUEST:**

**#21-371 MEETING CHANGES:**

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL WAS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT CANCELLING THE  
AUGUST 5, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND RESCHEDULING OF  
THE SALARY BOARD MEETING TO AUGUST 12, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT  
CANCELLING THE AUGUST 5, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
RESCHEDULING OF THE SALARY BOARD MEETING TO AUGUST 12, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#21-372 COURT HOUSE ELEVATOR:**

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL WAS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE  
INVITATION TO BID FOR THE COURT HOUSE ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION ON PENN BID AND LOCAL  
NEWSPAPER.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF  
THE INVITATION TO BID FOR THE COURT HOUSE ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION ON PENN BID AND THE  
LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

**#21-373 CONTRACT ADDENDA:**

ADDENDA TO EXTEND THE RATES OF THE FOLLOWING 2020/2021 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR 180 DAYS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 OR UNTIL THE FINALIZATION OF THE FY 2021-2022 CONTRACT:

- AFFINITY FORENSIC SERVICES
  - D/B/A PENNSYLVANIA FORENSIC ASSOCIATES, READING, PA
- GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC IN PA GROVE CITY, PA
- NATIONAL MENTOR HEALTHCARE, LLC.
  - D/B/A-PENNSYLVANIA MENTOR, BROOMALL, PA
- VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE, BETHLEHEM, PA

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

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**DISTRICT COURT/KOSCIOLEK**

**#21-374 PROPOSAL/VICTOR E. MUNCY, INC.:**

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FROM VICTOR E. MUNCY, INCORPORATED OF POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL THREE (3) SOLID CORE WOOD DOORS LOCATED AT DISTRICT COURT OFFICE #56-3-03, LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA. OPTION PRICE #1 AT A COST OF \$3,780.00 WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY THE AOPC SECURITY GRANT.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM VICTOR E. MUNCY, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**#21-375 NON-BLOCK GRANT PLAN:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE HUMAN SERVICES NON-BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR CARBON COUNTY’S HSDF AND HAP PROGRAMS. \*PLANS FOR CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MH/DS & DRUG & ALCOHOL ARE BEING SUBMITTED WITH CARBON COUNTY’S HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PLAN.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE HUMAN SERVICES NON-BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR CARBON COUNTY’S HSDF AND HAP PROGRAMS.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

**#21-376 EDWARDS/TAX CLAIM BUREAU:**



A PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EDWARDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF WYOMISSING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR A HP LASERJET E50145DN PRINTER AT A COST OF \$925.00 (.0167 B&W PER COPY BILLED QUARTERLY) LOCATED IN THE TAX CLAIM BUREAU WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. MACHINE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WILL BE FIXED FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION.

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#21-377 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING:  
FEASIBILITY STUDY/CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT:**

AN AGREEMENT WITH BOYLE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO INCLUDE ARCHITECTURAL, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING RELATIVE TO THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 410 CENTER AVENUE, JIM THORPE PA.

BOYLE CONSTRUCTION-	TIME AND MATERIAL AS PER ATTACHED RATE SCHEDULE, PLUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES
MKSD ARCHITECTS	\$ 19,800.00
SNYDER HOFFMAN ASSOCIATES	\$ 4,320.00
CARBON ENGINEERING	\$ 4,880.00
ACM ASSOCIATES	\$ 5,075.00 (ESTIMATED, FINAL AMOUNT WILL BE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SAMPLES NEEDED.)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH BOYLE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT.

MR. AHNER DISCUSSED THE COURTHOUSE SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO SEE HOW IT COULD BE RECONFIGURED FOR POTENTIAL SPACE. HE SPOKE OF HIS CONCERN WITH THE MAINTENANCE COST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING AFFECTING THE COUNTY'S BUDGET.

MR. LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED HIS CONCERNS THAT THE COUNTY'S PROPOSAL WOULD EVEN BE CONSIDERED.

MR. NOTHSTEIN REMARKED OFFICE SPACE IN THE COUNTY HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS AND AMONG THE BUILDINGS THE COUNTY HAS LOOKED INTO IN THE PAST WERE HIGHER THAN THE COST ALLOWED BASED ON COUNTY CODE. HE DISCUSSED THE COUNTY WILL DO IT'S DUE DILIGENCE WITH THE STUDY AND AN OFFER WILL BE MADE CONTINGENT ON THE STUDY.

CONTROLLER MARK SVERCHEK POINTED OUT THE CHALLENGES WITH OLDER BUILDINGS PRODUCE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS WHEN RENOVATING TO CREATE NEW SPACE AMONG VARIOUS CHALLENGES WITH TOPOGRAPHY, TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND PARKING.

TREASURER RON SHEEHAN NOTED THE FEASIBLY STUDY SHOULD BE PERFORMED BEFORE PURCHASING THE BUILDING.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER NO  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**PARK & RECREATION:**

**#21-378 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT/MCLP:**

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

MELISSA BERWICK & SHAWN HEARD, PALMERTON, PA  
BEACH WEDDING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES  
LUKASEVICH YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSAS):**

**#21-379 RESOLUTION:**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS PROTECTING THE CURRENT DESIGNATION OF METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAS), ON BEHALF OF THE NEPA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO).

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-019**  
**OF THE**  
**CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**IN SUPPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS**  
**PROTECTING THE CURRENT DESIGNATION OF**  
**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAS)**

**WHEREAS**, UNTIL MARCH 2013, NEPA WAS DESIGNATED AS A RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO) AND SERVED AS THE COORDINATING AGENCY FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR CARBON, MONROE, PIKE, SCHUYLKILL AND WAYNE COUNTIES, AND

**WHEREAS**, AS A RESULT OF THE 2010 U.S. CENSUS, THE EAST STROUDSBURG METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) WAS DESIGNATED IN MONROE COUNTY ALONG WITH A CORRESPONDING URBANIZED AREA (UZA) THAT RESULTED WITH FOUR (CARBON, MONROE, PIKE AND SCHUYLKILL) OF THE FIVE RPO COUNTIES AND THE UZA MUNICIPALITIES TO COLLABORATE IN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMING AS THE NEPA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO), AND

**WHEREAS**, ON JANUARY 19, 2021, THE UNITED STATE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER A PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE DESIGNATION THRESHOLD FOR METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAS) FROM 50,000 TO 100,000 TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITH THE RELEASE OF THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DATA, AND

**WHEREAS**, SAID OMB RECOMMENDATION CARRIES A POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS UPON NINE MSAS WITHIN PENNSYLVANIA WITH POPULATIONS UNDER 100,000 INCLUDING THE EAST STROUDSBURG MSA, AND

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**WHEREAS**, ALTHOUGH THE OMB RECOMMENDATION STATES THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MSA THRESHOLD IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE IN PROGRAM FUNDING DECISIONS, IT WOULD LIKELY HAVE THAT IMPACT AS MANY FEDERAL PROGRAMS USE MSA DESIGNATIONS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND

**WHEREAS**, SAID OMB RECOMMENDATIONS COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE NEPA MPO AND MPO COUNTERPARTS, CAUSING THE LOSS OF MPO DESIGNATION AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCES INCLUDING LESS FEDERAL FUNDING TO MEET THE SAME CHALLENGES OF LARGER URBAN AREAS, SUCH AS AGING INFRASTRUCTURE, CONGESTION, AND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES, UNLESS PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE SAFEGUARDING EXISTING MPOS OR OTHER ASSURANCES WERE INCORPORATED, AND

**WHEREAS**, BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION UNDER THE SHORT TITLE OF THE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA PRESERVATION ACT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE BY U.S. SENS. JOHN THUNE (R-SD) AND MARK KELLY (D-AZ) AND IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY MEMBERS DUSTY JOHNSON (R-SD) AND TOM O’HALLERAN (D-AZ) WHICH WILL ESTABLISH THAT THE CURRENT MINIMUM POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MSAS REMAIN AT 50,000 PEOPLE.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:**

- (1) THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENDORSE THE INTENT OF THE METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA PRESERVATION ACT .
- (2) THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENCOURAGE SENATORS ROBERT CASEY AND PATRICK TOOMEY, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBERS MATT CARTWRIGHT, DAN MEUSER AND SUSAN WILD TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF SAID BILL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS.
- (3) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE NEPA REGION’S FEDERAL DELEGATION, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND APPROPRIATE COUNTERPARTS.

**ADOPTED THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY, 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. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ADOPT AND EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS PROTECTING THE CURRENT DESIGNATION OF METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS (MSAS).

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**TAX ASSESSMENT:**

**#21-380 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:** TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP

SCHRAMM, ROBERT I  
117 SIXTH STREET NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

**PROPERTY CODE:** 21-56-11892

**PROPERTY RECORD CARD #:** 16-56-A28.01

**REASON:** THE TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING A REFUND DUE TO A SUBDIVISION MAP THAT WAS FILED IN 2018 COMBINING PARCEL NUMBER 16-56-A28.01 WITH 4 OTHER PROPERTIES. THE REFUND IS BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF 6,600. THE REFUND IS FOR THE TAX YEARS OF 2019 AND 2020. BOTH YEARS WERE PAID IN DISCOUNT PERIOD.

**TOTAL REFUND DUE:** \$171.42

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO ROBERT SCHRAMM I.

BOARD POLLED:   AHNER       YES  
                          LUKASEVICH YES  
                          NOTHSTEIN YES

**FURTHER BUSINESS:**

MR. NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE PENN BID PROGRAM BEING BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY THROUGH A COST SAVING ALONG WITH MANPOWER. THE PROGRAM IS A SECURED STREAMLINE BIDDING MANAGEMENT PROCESS THAT ENABLES BIDDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC PROCESS AND TO SUBMIT, REVIEW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH PERSONALLY AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED THE COMMISSIONER'S STAFF FOR THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT WITH ENSURING THE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED WHILE BEING OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:53 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN