

AUGUST 19, 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 AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, JUDGE NANOVIC, CLERK OF COURTS, CINDY KOCHER ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY SHERIFF, SCOTT POMPA PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, SARAH WILSON AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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 AUGUST 12, 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 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 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED AUGUST 19, 2021.

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 AUGUST 19, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 73735 THROUGH 73829 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6033218 THROUGH 6033660 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$656,143.91 (PAYROLL DATED AUGUST 13, 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 222802 THROUGH 223007 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 134,493.30
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 13,337.14
LIQUID FUELS FUND	\$ 107.26
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 39,780.17
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 74,127.94
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 38.83
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 209.83
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 296.71
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 5,498.17
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 10,200.67
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 67.27
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 188,194.20
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 281.88
TOTAL:	\$ 466,633.37

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 AUGUST 9, 2021 TO AUGUST 13, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 13, 2021:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,413.83
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 17,960,932.47
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 984,661.07
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 176,865.47
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,658,634.36
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 738,699.66
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 422,710.75
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 182,671.77
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 18,131.41
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 181,957.66
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 26,682.98
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 276,098.57
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 150,172.96
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,152,357.58
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 167,727.71
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 563,954.15
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 170,693.36
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 62,133.27
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 109.92
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 11,840.47
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 266,473.95
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 6,400.54
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 60,889.63
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 15,317.97
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 44,016.41
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 10,594.83
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 53,215.26
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 366,418.97
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 16,057.72
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 20,382.56
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,295.16
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 31,537.68
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 209,605.58
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 661,301.36
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 742,516.59
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 99,687.80
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 487,754.14
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 6,236,417.64
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 2,000,547.98
CDBG FUND	\$ 51.69
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,183,972.23
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 10,880,570.76
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 234,177.83
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 192,445.07

TAX CLAIM FUND

\$ 1,089,723.58

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 10:36 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RETIREMENT:

GARRY J. WENTZ, PARRYVILLE, PA – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PCWDA – EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 23, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS:

ANISSA M. NUNEMACHER, COALDALE, PA – ACCOUNTANT II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2021.

TIMOTHY A. POLK, LEHIGHTON, PA – SECRETARY III, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2021.

BRYNN M. MASTEN, PALMERTON, PA – 911 OPERATOR, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2021.

STEPHEN T. BISCARDI, NESQUEHONING, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2021.

RICHARD W. ANTHONY JR., LEHIGHTON, PA – PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, PARKING FUND – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18, 2021.

VIRGINIA M. PIZZA, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, PARKING FUND – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 29, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

STEPHEN J. MURPHY, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, PARKING FUND – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2021.

HIRE AS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR:

CATHERINE C. BRYFOGLE, JIM THORPE, PA – CLEANING PERSON, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30, 2021.

CHANGES OF STATUS:

JODI L. KELLY, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CORRECTIONS

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR, CORRECTIONS

EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 23, 2021

JOSEPH A. GRECO, LANSFORD, PA

FROM: PROBATION OFFICER II, JUVENILE COURT OFFICE

TO: CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER TRAINEE, JUVENILE COURT OFFICE

EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 23, 2021

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ERIC T. WILTROUT, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
TO: FULL-TIME FIRST ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 23, 2021

MARIE L. RUSNAK, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: FISCAL ASSISTANT, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
TO: FISCAL TECHNICIAN, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 23, 2021

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

JENNIFER A. BOGER

LEADERSHIP CARBON 2021-2022

JIM THORPE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$300.00, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

TERRI L. ROCK

SAMANTHA J. PATTEN

203 – INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING IN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CASES – ZOOM

JIM THORPE, PA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

JEROME P. SCARPATI

2021 CYBER SECURITY SUMMIT

HARRISBURG, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$29.00, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

SHERIFF

DANIEL M. LONG

POLICE EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT (POLEX)

LEMOYNE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$1,289.00

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

JUVENILE PROBATION

JOSEPH A. GRECO

PFSA VIRTUAL MANDATED REPORTING TRAINING - WEBINAR

JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED AUGUST 19, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: JULY 20, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; JULY
9, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION.

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MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY THE FISCAL CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS WITH LINDA LEWIS AND KELLIE NOBLE TO PROVIDE FISCAL SERVICES TO THE CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

LOSS PREVENTION:

#21-403 PCORP/GRANT:

AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP) FOR THE 2021-2022 LOSS PREVENTION GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW PA SYSTEM FOR THE LIFEGUARD/FIRST AID STATION AT THE MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK, AT A COST OF \$1,339.85.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

#21-404 BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SHRINE OF ST. THERESE, NESQUEHONING, PA
ANNUAL SHOWER OF ROSES SHRINE OF ST. THERESE
(BANNER: SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 5, 2021)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE BANNER PERMIT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PROCLAMATION:

#21-405 SERNAK FARMS:

RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF THE PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE "100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY" OF SERNAK FARMS, LOCATED IN WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCLAMATION #21-010
100TH ANNIVERSARY SERNAK FARMS

WHEREAS, STEVE SERNAK WAS AN IMMIGRANT FROM TRENČIN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WITH \$600. HE MARRIED ETHEL WASHKO WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM HONMUSBOCE, SLOVAKIA IN 1912 AND THEY ORIGINALLY SETTLED IN WEST HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA; AND

WHEREAS, STEVE AND ETHEL SERNAK PURCHASED A 79 ACRE FARM FOR \$13,000 FROM JOE AND MARY LEININGER IN 1920; AND

WHEREAS, STEVE AND ETHEL MOVED TO THE PROPERTY IN 1921 WHERE THE DAIRY AND PRODUCE FARM WAS STARTED; AND

WHEREAS, THE SERNAK FARM HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS AGRICULTURAL OPERATION SINCE 1921;
AND

WHEREAS, THE SERNAK FARM'S SUCCESS OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DUE TO THE FAMILY'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE FARM. THE FARM HAS BEEN RUN BY FOUR GENERATIONS OF SERNAKS STARTING WITH STEVE, THEN HIS SON HENRY, FOLLOWED BY HIS SON JEFF, AND CURRENTLY JEFF'S SON, DILLAN; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR, 2021, MARKS THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SERNAK FAMILY COMMEMORATING THE PURCHASE AND CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THEIR 79 ACRE FARM LOCATED AT 1059 QUAKAKE ROAD IN WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERNAK FARMS, RECOGNIZES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THOSE WHO OWN AND WORK ON FAMILY FARMS, AND IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURE. FAMILY FARMS PROVIDE AN ARRAY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS WHICH CREATE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES THAT BENEFIT AND STRENGTHEN RURAL ECONOMIES AND COMMUNITIES.

SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 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 RATIFY THE PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE "100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY" OF SERNAK FARMS.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER SPOKE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ATTENDING THE CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SERNAK FARMS.
- AN ASSESSMENT ON COUNTY BUILDINGS SHOULD BE PERFORMED, OTHER OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- RECOGNIZED THE 200TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FOGEL FARMS AND THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SERNAK FARMS
- RESIGNATION OF THREE (3) PARKING/METER ATTENDANTS; THE COUNTY SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR PARKING/METER ATTENDANTS
- OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE COST REGARDING 44 & 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET PROJECT AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER (EOTC); ON JANUARY 6, 2020 DURING THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING, TWO (2) MOTIONS THAT WERE PRESENTED TO SUSPEND, FOR A MINIMUM OF 90 DAYS, ALL FURTHER FINANCIAL, CONTRACTUAL, OR CONSTRUCTION ACTION TO ASSESS THE PROJECTS; IN FEBRUARY 2020, AMONG VARIOUS OCCASIONS, ASSESSMENTS OF BUILDING OPTIONS WITH OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE COST WERE PRESENTED; ON OCTOBER 8, 2020, A MOTION WAS APPROVED FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATIONS FOR THE 44 – 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET PROJECT; IN NOVEMBER 2020, DURING VARIOUS MEETINGS, MR. LUKASEVICH QUESTIONED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS ENSURING THAT OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE COST WERE INCORPORATED IN THE 2021 BUDGET RELATIVE TO THE 44 SUSQUEHANNA STREET PROJECT; ON JULY 29, 2021, OPERATIONAL

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AND MAINTENANCE COST WERE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW REGARDING THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 410 CENTER AVENUE, JIM THORPE.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- OFFICE SPACE BEING AN ISSUE IN COUNTY OFFICES'
- THE COUNTY IS SEEKING EMPLOYEES IN CHILDREN & YOUTH, THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND PARKING/METER ATTENDANTS.
- CARBON COUNTY RAILROAD COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE CANCELED FOR NEXT WEEK.
- 4-H AUCTION AT THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CLARIFIED THE COUNTY SOLD THE NESQUEHONING RAILROAD LINE NOT THE LANSFORD RAILROAD LINE.

COUNTY SHERIFF HARVILLA NOTED THE PERSONNEL SHORTAGE AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM WHICH RESULTS IN THE CHALLENGES THAT OCCUR WITH THE COURTS AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DUE TO PERSONNEL AND VACANCIES.

SCOTT POMPA, PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE ISSUES THAT ARE OCCURRING WITH VISITORS AND THE EFFECTS ON THE STAFF.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:02 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN