

OCTOBER 21, 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 MARK A. SVERCHEK, COUNTY TREASURER RON SHEEHAN, COURT ADMINISTRATOR GREG ARMSTRONG, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 14, 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 SESSION:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD.

OCTOBER 20, 2021 8:30 A.M. REAL ESTATE

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 OCTOBER 21, 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 OCTOBER 21, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 223986 THROUGH 224107 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 137,882.52
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 2,222.97
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 11,570.68
LIQUID FUELS FUND	\$ 10,606.01
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 26,809.99
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 29,694.73
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 38.38
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 6,211.87
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 37.52
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 2,168.86
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 8,846.00
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 7,934.12
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 89.85
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 500,000.00
CDBG FUND	\$ 74,399.85
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ <u>121,644.67</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 940,158.02

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 OCTOBER 11, 2021 TO OCTOBER 15, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021:

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GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,875.70
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 15,345,908.60
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 985,072.51
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 165,561.74
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,880,030.10
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 737,156.78
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 62,734.17
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 392,123.58
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 13,955.48
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 219,731.02
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 1,663.21
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 254,739.96
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 209,801.30
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 952,116.70
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 176,029.02
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 603,729.37
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 174,075.72
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 81,481.62
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 12,467.60
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 13,641.91
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 272,738.55
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 6,314.78
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 67,155.27
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 19,484.51
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 44,553.45
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 10,795.30
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 55,507.66
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 388,237.04
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 17,019.85
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 12,677.27
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,297.79
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 31,550.80
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 215,144.99
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 661,577.68
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 805,669.53
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 103,514.83
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 52,124.46
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 6,224,325.81
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 2,001,383.91
CDBG FUND	\$ 74,471.81
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,269,574.94
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 9,776,792.44
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 735,952.15
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 8,244.63
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 1,270,050.73

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATIONS:

DANIEL N. GILBERRY, LANSFORD, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER/TEAMSTERS, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20, 2021.

JOSEPH M. KIRALY, TRESCKOW, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20, 2021.

RESIGNATIONS:

JASON N. JARAMILLO, HAZLETON, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2021.

JASON K. PFLEIDERER, LANSFORD, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2021.

DANIEL J. WALSH, STROUDSBURG, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER I, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 18, 2021.

HIRE AS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR:

HEATHER WUTTKE, DELANO, PA – SECRETARY III, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2021.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE

LISA O’DONNELL

CPR/AED/FIRST AID RECERTIFICATION

NESQUEHONING, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$32.00

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JASON SHELLHAMMER

MIGRATING FROM ARCMAP TO ARCGIS PRO ONLINE TRAINING

JIM THORPE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$1,500

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED OCTOBER 21, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/COURTS & ROW OFFICES:

COURTS

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

COURT ADMINISTRATION

SANDRA FLANIGAN CARLA HILL

BRUCE KOCH SOFIA MATHEWS

MELVA MCARDLE MARY MCELMOYLE

SARAH SHERER LINDA SWARTZ

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CPR/AED/FIRST AID RECERTIFICATION
NESQUEHONING, PA
COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$32.00 PER PERSON

CLERK OF COURTS

RESIGNATION:

JENNIFER L. HEFFELFINGER, SUMMIT HILL, PA – BENCH WARRANT CLERK – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

SHERIFF

APPOINTMENTS:

KAITLYN R. SPITZER, JIM THORPE, PA – CIVIL PROCESS CLERK – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED OCTOBER 21, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RESPONSE TO CARBON COUNTY’S MONITORING ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT (MAPR) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) PROGRAM.

THE SEPTEMBER 2021 REVISED EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM TOM MILLER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN.

ADULT PROBATION:

#21-502 2020 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT & SUBSTANCE ABUSE GRANT:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) FOR THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT AND ABUSE GRANT (COSSAP). THE GRANT WILL PROVIDE DIVERSION AND REENTRY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH A SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER. FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR CARBON – MONROE - PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION TO HIRE A PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO FACILITATE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATMENT INITIATIVE (LETI) AND ACT AS COORDINATOR OF THE CARBON COUNTY REENTRY COALITION. TWO (2) YEAR GRANT TOTALING \$119,980.00

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) FOR THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT AND ABUSE GRANT (COSSAP).

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS SPOKE OF THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT AND ABUSE GRANT (COSSAP) APPLICATION WHICH IS A TWO (2) YEAR TERM COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,980.00. THE GRANT WILL ALLOW COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAMS, JAIL-BASED SCREENING

PROTOCOLS AND COMPREHENSIVE REENTRY SERVICES. FUNDING OF THE GRANT WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO CARBON, MONROE, PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION TO HIRE A PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO FACILITATE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATMENT INITIATIVE (LETI) INCLUDING THE REENTRY COALITION. HE THANKED JAMIE DRAKE, CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL AND THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

MR. AHNER THANKED CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS FOR THE GREAT JOB WITH ASSISTING WITH THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT AND ABUSE GRANT (COSSAP).

MR. LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE IMPACT THE OPIOID ISSUES HAS HAD IN CARBON COUNTY, NOTING CARBON COUNTY BEING ONE (1) OF EIGHT (8) THAT RECEIVED THE GRANT.

MR. NOTHSTEIN NOTED THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COORDINATION THROUGHOUT VARIOUS AGENCIES THAT ASSIST WITH THE REENTRY COALITION.

COMMISSIONERS:

#21-503 POSTAGE EQUIPMENT:

PITNEY BOWES/LEASE PURCHASE:

A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR A SENDPRO P 2000 POSTAGE MACHINE WHICH INCLUDES METER RENTAL, A LASER PRINTER AND SYSTEM MAINTENANCE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. TERM WILL COMMENCE ON DATE OF INSTALLATION AND CONTINUE FOR SIXTY (60) MONTHS AT A FIXED COST OF \$338.04 PER MONTH AND BILLED QUARTERLY. PROPOSAL IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA STATE CONTRACT #4400015965. THE LEASE ON THE EXISTING SENDPRO P 1500 POSTAGE SYSTEM EXPIRES ON 12/31/21. (DECREASE OF \$29.24)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMUNICATIONS/911:

#21-504 AMENDMENT/TU-WAY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TU-WAY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE NORTHEAST CORE (NECORE) PHONE SYSTEM AND ESINET SERVICES FOR THE REGION. MAINTENANCE INCLUDES HARDWARE, SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND ON-SITE SERVICES AT A TOTAL COST OF \$57,012.17.

APPROVED UNDER THE STATEWIDE INTERCONNECTIVITY GRANT, COSTARS #12-108.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT WITH TU-WAY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

MR. NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE STATE OBTAINS 15% OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS ON 911 SURCHARGE ON CELL PHONE FOR REGIONAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES.

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CONTROLLER'S OFFICE:

#21-505 AGREEMENT/HYDRO:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE TO APPROVAL THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND HAROLD HYDRO OF JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL TRAINING TO THE ACCOUNTING MANAGER IN THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE AT THE RATE OF \$50.00/HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 120 HOURS OF SERVICE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2022.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH HAROLD HYDRO.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#21-506 NON-BLOCK GRANT REVISED REPORT:

THE HUMAN SERVICES NON-BLOCK GRANT REVISED FINAL REPORT FOR THE 2020-2021 STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR CARBON COUNTY'S HSDF, HAP, AND D&A PROGRAMS WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE NON-BLOCK GRANT REVISED FINAL REPORT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#21-507 FY 2021 CDBG APPLICATION:

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SINGLE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TO BE FILED WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE CDBG FY 2021 SINGLE APPLICATION.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PURCHASE AGREEMENT:

#21-508 EDWARDS/TAX CLAIM BUREAU:

A PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EDWARDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF WYOMISSING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR A HP LASERJET E65150DN PRINTER AT A COST OF \$1,298.00 (.01450 B&W AND .07400 COLOR PER COPY BILLED QUARTERLY) PLUS A THREE (3) YEAR WARRANTY 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. (THIS REPLACES AGENDA #21-376 DUE TO ORIGINAL ORDER BEING ON BACKORDER WITH NO ETA.)

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES

LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#21-509 REVISED MOU AGREEMENT/KEYSTONE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE INC.:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE ON AGING FOR APPROVAL OF THE REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND KEYSTONE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, INCORPORATED FOR SHARING PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI) ON CONSUMERS CAAA SERVE. IT WOULD BE AGREED THAT THE AGENCY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER WORK GROUPS AS NEEDED AND WOULD BE USING THE OPT-OUT OPTION TO GIVE CONSUMERS THE CHOICE TO PARTICIPATE. THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL COMMENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND CONTINUE FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS WITH AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION COST OF \$639.00 BILLED QUARTERLY AS INDICATED ON EXHIBIT E. THIS REVISION OUTLINES THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION COSTS WHICH WERE NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL AGENDA ITEM #21-139 OF MARCH 25, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH KEYSTONE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

76 RENOVATION PROJECT:

#21-510 JOHNSON CONTROLS:

A PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) ELECTRONIC DOOR LOCKS FOR DOORS #320 AND #345 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,433.28. INCLUDES PARTS, LABOR AND PROGRAMMING. PA CONTRACT #4400023962.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/JOSIAH WHITE:

#21-511 BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

THE BACH & HANDEL CHORALE
CHRISTMAS CONCERT/ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DECEMBER 4, 2021
BANNER REQUEST: 11/13/21 TO 12/05/21

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

THE CHAIRMAN RECOGNIZED CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS REGARDING DRUG COURT AND VETERANS COURT TREATMENT GRADUATION BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. COURT ROOM #1.

MR. NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF THE TOGETHER WITH VETERANS PROGRAM WHICH IS A COMMUNITY-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR RURAL VETERANS AMONG VARIOUS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING THE NEED.

MR. AHNER COMMENTED ON A MEETING WITH THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE RELATIVE TO WHAT IS NECESSARY IN THE COURTHOUSE AT A COST OF \$2,000.00 - \$2,300.00 FOR TRAVEL TIME.

HE SPOKE OF HIS CONCERNS WITH THE LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER THANKED THE PUBLIC DEFENDER PAUL LEVY AND CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS FOR EVERYTHING THEY DO.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON A PREVIOUS MOTION MADE ON OCTOBER 14, 2021, REGARDING THE LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WITH CONSIDERATION THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY AND REPORTS PROVIDED RELATIVE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE BUILDING.

COMMISSIONER AHNER DISCUSSED HIS CONCERNS WITH THE COST OF RENOVATION REGARDING THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BEING TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSUME.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED A TWO (2) TO THREE (3) YEAR COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT AN ALTERNATE LOCATION TO RELOCATE THE COURTS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.

MR. LUKASEVICH EMPHASIZED BALLOTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF AT THE BUREAU OF ELECTION OFFICE'S TEMPORARY LOCATION 410 CENTER AVENUE, JIM THORPE. THE ELECTION OFFICE WILL HAVE EXTENDED HOURS FROM 8:30 A.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 21, 25 - 28, 2021 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2021. A REQUEST FOR JUDGE OF ELECTIONS BEING NEEDED IN BOWMANSTOWN AND WEISSPORT INCLUDING ADDITIONAL POLL WORKERS IN BOWMANSTOWN, PALMERTON, SUMMIT HILL AND WEISSPORT.

ON OCTOBER 26, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M., HOSTING LIVE STREAM GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION AND HOME RULE CHARTER.

MR. LUKASEVICH ACKNOWLEDGED WASHINGTON COUNTY'S COMMISSIONER VAUGHAN AND COMMISSIONER MAGGI WITH PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING A BALLOT QUESTION FOR GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION ON THE BALLOT RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER NOTED, AS PER THE ELECTION DIRECTOR INDIVIDUALS THAT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH DROPPING OFF THEIR BALLOTS AT 410 CENTER AVENUE, JIM THORPE, SHOULD CALL THE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS OFFICE AT 570-325-4801 AND PERSONNEL WILL PHYSICALLY OBTAIN YOUR BALLOT FROM YOU IN THE PARKING LOT.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF A PRODUCTIVE MEETING THAT WAS HELD WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE EXPRESSING THE COUNTY'S CONCERNS WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT

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OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE HIRING PROCESS RELATIVE TO CIVIL SERVICE, TRANSPORTATION, REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT (RACP GRANT), MENTAL HEALTH, 2020 CENSUS, EMS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, THE COURT SYSTEMS INCLUDING CONCERNS WITH LEGISLATION AND CHILDREN & YOUTH FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER AHNER COMMENTED ON VARIOUS COUNTY'S EXPERIENCING SIMILAR CONCERNS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:09 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN