

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, REGISTER OF WILLS JEAN PAPAY, CHILDREN & YOUTH SOLICITOR FRANK DEVITO 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 OCTOBER 21, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

GUESTS: (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS AS PER COUNTY POLICY #2012-01 GOV)

JERRY HOARE, JIM THORPE

RE: CLARIFICATION REGARDING A PREVIOUS VOTE TO PURCHASE THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING; QUESTIONED WHY CHILDREN & YOUTH NEEDS OFFICE SPACE

FRANK DEVITO, CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES SOLICITOR, DISCUSSED WITH THE OFFICE CURRENTLY CONSUMING ABOUT 30 EMPLOYEE'S PHYSICAL OFFICE SPACE IS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THE CONTINUOUS CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE VARIOUS ISSUES WITH THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE AND THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BEING METICULOUS WITH THE CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORTS.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH DISCUSSED VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICES NEED THE SPACE AND THE REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO CHILDREN & YOUTH.

JEAN PAPAY, REGISTER OF WILLS

RE: POSTING ON THE CARBON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK WEBPAGE REGARDING
THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TREASURER RON SHEEHAN NOTED HE WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE REGARDING THE COUNTY'S
FINANCIAL INFORMATION BEING POSTED ON CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK WEBPAGE
AFTER THE TREASURERS REPORT.

COMMISSIONER AHNER COMMENTED ON ANY INFORMATION POSTED ON THE CARBON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK WEBPAGE SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD BEFORE BEING POSTED.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF REVIEWING THE OPTIONS WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER RON
SHEEHAN REGARDING THE POLICY CONCERNING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION. HE NOTED
EXPANDING THE COUNTY'S POLICY THAT POSTINGS ON THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FACEBOOK WEBPAGE SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD.

CONTROLLER MARK A. SVERCHEK VOICED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED
WITH CLOSING THE ACCOUNT.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD:

OCTOBER 22, 2021	10:30 A.M.	PERSONNEL
OCTOBER 26, 2021	1:00 P.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 OCTOBER 28, 2021.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 73988 THROUGH 74011 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK
NUMBERS 6035472 THROUGH 6035916 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING
ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$684,390.80 (PAYROLL DATED OCTOBER 22, 2021).

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL
CHECKS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
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LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 224108 THROUGH 224263 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$	97,779.68
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	833.36
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	1,370.83
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	68,819.62
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	127,748.85
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$	1,042.73
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$	882.35
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	258.16
9-1-1 FUND	\$	203,372.04
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	35.48
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$	118.90
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$	6,744.26
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$	1,002.08
CDBG FUND	\$	286.96
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	750.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	<u>10,655.67</u>
TOTAL:	\$	521,700.97

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 OCTOBER 18, 2021 TO OCTOBER 22, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2021:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	1,875.70
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	15,124,486.81
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$	985,072.51
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	170,366.72
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	1,906,664.35
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$	726,550.77
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	13,785.85
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	344,964.65
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$	10,684.34
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$	198,073.97
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	11,834.07

PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 244,648.62
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 223,715.30
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 919,357.32
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 175,939.17
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 603,729.37
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 174,075.72
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 81,481.62
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 24,967.60
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 13,641.91
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 272,480.21
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 5,271.87
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	\$ 86,270.00
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 6,206,211.13
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 1,501,383.91
CDBG FUND	\$ 358.92
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,285,732.02
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 9,655,147.77
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 745,755.62
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 191,306.19
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 1,289,335.96

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

TREASURER RON SHEEHAN SPOKE OF CHECK # 223995 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 PAYABLE TO LANSFORD BOROUGH AS PART OF THE SALE OF THE CARBON COUNTY RAILROAD WHICH WAS POSTED ON THE CARBON COUNTY'S FACEBOOK WEBPAGE HAD NOT BEEN REDACTED. MR. SHEEHAN SUGGESTED ANY INFORMATION POSTED ON THE CARBON COUNTY WEBPAGE UNDER THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOULD BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS. HE ENCOURAGED THE COMMISSIONERS TO REMOVE THE POSTING OF THE CHECK OFF OF THE COUNTY'S WEBPAGE. THE CONCERNS WITH THE CHECK POSTED ON THE WEBPAGE ARE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE COUNTY'S CHECK DESIGN, ACCOUNT DESIGNATION, BANK NAME AND BANK ABA, ACCOUNT NUMBER AND THE SIGNATURES OF THE THREE COMMISSIONERS, THE CONTROLLER AND THE COUNTY'S TREASURER. APPROXIMATELY 7,500 CHECKS ARE ISSUED ANNUALLY TO VARIOUS WELL-KNOWN VENDORS BY THE COUNTY. MR. SHEEHAN NOTIFIED THE MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY REGARDING THE SITUATION AND WAS ADVISED THE ACCOUNT IS BEING MONITORED FOR ANY FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY UNTIL FURTHER DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COUNTY WITH POTENTIALLY CLOSING THE ACCOUNT. NOTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT WAS POSTED IS RELATIVE TO THE COUNTY'S

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CLEARING ACCOUNT NOT THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT WHICH IS USED TO TRANSFER FUNDS INTO FROM THE GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT TO PAY NECESSARY BILLS.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN QUESTIONED MR. SHEEHAN IF ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS COULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED INSTEAD OF ISSUING CHECKS?

MR. SHEEHAN NOTED HE IS UNCERTAIN IF THE COUNTY'S SOFTWARE IS EQUIPPED TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS. PAPER CHECKS ARE THE MOST RELIABLE PROOF OF PAYMENT THUS AVOIDING INDIVIDUALS, FROM ACCESSING THE ACH BANKING ACCOUNT.

COMMISSIONER AHNER STATED HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH SEVERAL POSTINGS ON THE CARBON COUNTY'S FACEBOOK WEBPAGE AND RECOMMENDED REMOVING THE FACEBOOK WEBPAGE FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

MR. SHEEHAN HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION NOT BE PUBLISHED ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING THE POSTING SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY'S WEBPAGE.

MR. SHEEHAN RECOMMENDED WAITING FOR A RESPONSE FROM THE MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY REGARDING THE LONG-TERM CIRCUMSTANCES RELATIVE TO THE COUNTY'S CLEARING ACCOUNT.

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH THANKED TREASURER RON SHEEHAN FOR HIS EFFORT AS THE TREASURER. MR. LUKASEVICH SPOKE OF ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ERROR IN JUDGEMENT REGARDING THE POST AND AGREES THAT THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY BE REVIEWED.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

RESIGNATIONS:

SHANNON M. BROOKES, OREFIELD, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

MARK J. NORDYKE JR., KUNKLETOWN, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5, 2021.

ALBARO A. CASTRO, HAZLETON, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER/TEAMSTERS, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27, 2021.

CHANGES OF STATUS:

RYAN R. LONG, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: DEPUTY WARDEN, CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RECORDS, CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 1, 2021

DEREK D. GEORGE, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: SERGEANT, CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

TO: ACTING DEPUTY WARDEN, CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 1, 2021

KATHERINE M. KRAMER, NESQUEHONING, PA

FROM: PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, PARKING FUND

GENERAL NPDES STORMWATER PERMIT #PAM118008C
PALMERTON QUARRY OPERATION
LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP & PALMERTON BOROUGH

LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
SURFACE MINING PERMIT # 7373SM3C9
NPDES PERMIT # PA0593206
LEHIGH NO. 2 ASHFIELD SAND QUARRY OPERATION
EAST PENN TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –
ENGINEERING DISTRICT 5-0 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FINAL DESIGN STATUS REPORT #17
AGREEMENT E04098, PART 2-FINAL DESIGN
CARBON COUNTY BRIDGE #12
T-516 (NORTH OLD STAGE ROAD) OVER MUD RUN
PENN FOREST & KIDDER TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY

CCCT/LANTA:

MATP PROGRAM:

#21-512 FIRST QUARTER REPORT:

THE 2021/2022 FIRST QUARTER MATP REPORT AS SUBMITTED TO THE PA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES AS PREPARED BY LANTA WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2021/2022
FIRST QUARTER MATP REPORT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:

INMATE TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

#21-513 GLOBAL TEL*LINK/AMENDMENT:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL TEL*LINK (GTL) CORPORATION OF FALLS
CHURCH, VIRGINIA, FOR INMATE TELEPHONE SERVICES WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE
AMENDMENT IMPLEMENTS THE FCC MANDATED RATES, CHARGES, FEES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS,
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2021. THE COMMISSION PAYABLE ON EACH COMPLETED BILLABLE ITS CALL
SHALL BE \$0.00. (WAS PREVIOUSLY .02 PER MINUTE)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE
AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL TEL*LINK (GTL) CORPORATION.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

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JUVENILE COURT:

#21-514 GRANT IN AID:

THE FY 2021/2022 GRANT-IN-AID AWARD NOTIFICATION FROM THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION FOR SALARY REIMBURSEMENT OF THE JUVENILE COURT OFFICE FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,300.00 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FY 2021/2022 GRANT-IN-AID AWARD.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PENN STATE EXTENSION:

#21-515 MOU/FUNDING:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE AND SERVICES IN CARBON COUNTY AND THE 4H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE MOU SPECIFICALLY OUTLINES THE SERVICES OF EACH PARTY, OFFICE SPACE AND A CLERICAL STAFF PERSON. THIS IS A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT, JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. FUNDING FOR 2022 - \$76,568.00; 2023 ALLOCATION WILL BE ADJUSTED BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, PHILADELPHIA – CAMDEN – WILMINGTON.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ADDITION OF THE WORD EDUCATOR ON PAGE 1 WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#21-516 REVISION #2/CDBG-CV FY2020:

DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:

REVISION #2 FOR THE DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CDBG -CV FY2020 FOR REALLOCATION OF FUNDS WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:

REVISION REQUEST #2, CDBG-CV CONTRACT #C000075512, FFY2020:

MOVE \$247.10 FROM DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – BUSINESS ASSISTANCE - TO HOMELESS FACILITIES – FAMILY PROMISE HOTEL COST

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE REVISION #2 FOR THE DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CDBG -CV FY2020 FOR REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#21-517 ADDENDUM/ LEASE/SUPREME PROPERTIES:

AN ADDENDUM TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND SUPREME PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED FOR THE LEASING OF SPACE AT THE BEAR CREEK PLAZA, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR USE AS THE PENN/KIDDER SENIOR CENTER SITE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THIS ADDENDUM ALLOWS THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUPREME PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED TO BE ASSIGNED TO BEAR CREEK PLAZA HOLDINGS, LLC. DUE TO THE PROPERTY BEING SOLD. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUPREME PROPERTIES.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#21-518 AGREEMENT/PA DHS:

A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL FILED BY THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. UPON EXECUTION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A REGULAR LICENSE AND THE AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

MR. AHNER COMMENTED ON A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE ST. LUKE’S BUILDING ON IRON STREET, LEHIGHTON, WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE THE CHILDREN & YOUTH’S NEEDS. NOTING IF THE NEED REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE NOT ACHIEVED THE COUNTY WILL LOSE THE LICENSING FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH.

FRANK DEVITO, CHILDREN & YOUTH SOLICITOR, NOTED THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WAS PREPARED SO THE PERMANENT SPACE SOLUTION WAS NOT REQUIRED WITHIN 30 OR 90 DAYS, HOWEVER; AN IMPLEMENTED PLAN FOR ADEQUATE SPACE IS REQUIRED WITHIN 90 DAYS.

MR. AHNER NOTED THE MAIN FOCUS IS TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE SPACE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH.

MR. LUKASEVICH SPOKE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH REVIEWING 44 SUSQUEHANNA STREET FOR POTENTIAL SPACE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WHICH WILL MEET SOME OF NEEDS AND INDICATE PROGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.

MR. NOTHSTEIN THANKED MR. FRANK DEVITO AND MS. PAULA SANDERS FOR ASSISTING WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/RECREATION:

#21-519 BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION:

AN AGREEMENT WITH LORI KNOX OF JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR OPERATION OF THE BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION AT THE MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE APRIL 1, 2022 TO MARCH 31, 2024. ANNUAL RENTAL: \$4,628.00 PLUS \$80.00 PER

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MONTH FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER; \$400.00 TOTAL FOR ELECTRIC. (NO CHANGE IN RENTAL PAYMENT)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH LORI KNOX.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PROCLAMATION:

#21-520 EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS “EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH.”

PROCLAMATION #2021-13
EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, EPILEPSY IS A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS A SEIZURE DISORDER AND IS CHARACTERIZED BY RECURRING SEIZURES AND 1 IN 26 PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP EPILEPSY IN THEIR LIFETIME; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 209,000 PENNSYLVANIANS LIVE WITH EPILEPSY OR A SEIZURE DISORDER; AND

WHEREAS, UP TO 50,000 AMERICANS DIE EACH YEAR FROM SEIZURES AND RELATED CAUSES, INCLUDING SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY; AND

WHEREAS, THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION-EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA LEADS THE FIGHT TO STOP SEIZURES, FIND A CURE, AND OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES CREATED BY EPILEPSY. THE FOUNDATION IS DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT ALL PEOPLE WITH SEIZURES AND EPILEPSY ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL LIFE’S EXPERIENCES. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF EPILEPSY CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CONTINUED COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS; AND

WHEREAS, STATE FUNDING IN PENNSYLVANIA CURRENTLY SUPPORTS PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO PENNSYLVANIA’S SCHOOL NURSES, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ON SEIZURE RECOGNITION AND FIRST AID; AND

WHEREAS, STATE FUNDING ALSO SUPPORTS PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE PATIENT EDUCATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS, INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING WITH SEIZURES IN PENNSYLVANIA; AND

WHEREAS, THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION-EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMONWEALTH HAS HISTORICALLY SUPPORTED THE CREATION AND EXPANSION OF EPILEPSY SUPPORT SERVICES AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS THROUGH FEDERAL AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 2021 AS **EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH** IN THE COUNTY OF CARBON TO PROMOTE EPILEPSY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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

LEHIGHTON, PA 18235

PROPERTY CODE: 14-35-11090

PROPERTY RECORD CARD #: 97-35-B41.08

REASON: THE TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING A REFUND DUE TO AN APPEAL RULING THE ASSESSMENT DECREASED FROM 109,000 TO 89,189, THE REFUND IS BASED ON THE DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSMENT OF 19,811. TAXES WERE PAID IN DISCOUNT PERIOD.

TOTAL REFUND DUE: \$237.83

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO JOHN J. & SUSAN SCHNEIDER.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#21-523 **MUNICIPALITY:** MAHONING TOWNSHIP
BERGER, WALLACE H. JR & PATRICIA
2210 MAHONING DRIVE EAST
LEHIGHTON, PA 18235

PROPERTY CODE: 14-35-10090

PROPERTY RECORD CARD #: 97-35-B40.01

REASON: THE TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING A REFUND DUE TO AN APPEAL RULING THE ASSESSMENT DECREASED FROM 68,450 TO 66,967, THE REFUND IS BASED ON THE DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSMENT OF 1,483. TAXES WERE PAID IN DISCOUNT PERIOD.

TOTAL REFUND DUE: \$17.81

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO WALLACE H. JR & PATRICIA BERGER.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

TAX CLAIM:

#21-524 **LIEN SEARCHES:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX CLAIM BUREAU RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNTY ACCEPT THE QUOTE RECEIVED FROM PARAMOUNT ABSTRACT, INCORPORATED OF JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED LIEN SEARCHES FOR THE 2021 UPSET TAX SALE OVERBIDS FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSED (22 SEARCHES) AT THEIR PRICE OF \$50.00/SEARCH. PARAMOUNT ABSTRACT WAS THE SOLE QUOTE RECEIVED.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE QUOTE AS SUBMITTED FROM PARAMOUNT ABSTRACT, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

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NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH SPOKE OF HIS CONCERN REGARDING A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY JIM THORPE BOROUGH PRESENTED AT THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING REGARDING A SUBDIVISION LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH IS ALONG LENTZ TRAIL NORTH OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK. NOTING THE PROPOSED SEPTIC SYSTEM WHICH IS WITHIN ONE (1) HALF MILE OF THE MAUCH CHUNK LAKE AND MAUCH CHUNK CREEK COULD HAVE A POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE WATERSHED, DRINKING SUPPLY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKE AND THE MAUCH CHUNK CREEK.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN NOTED HE WILL NOT BE STEPPING DOWN AS COMMISSIONER AND HE INTENDS TO COMPLETE HIS FULL TERM.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:40 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN