

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, ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK COLLEEN KLEIN, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR GREG ARMSTRONG, REGISTER OF WILLS JEAN PAPAY, CLERK OF COURTS TYRA BONI AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE ALSO PRESENT.

COUNTY CONTROLLER WAS AVAILABLE BY PHONE.

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER 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 DECEMBER 16, 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: INQUIRED IF THE COUNTY HAS A PROVISIONAL OR CONDITIONAL LICENSE AND THE STATUS OF THE FUNDING WITH THE STATE RELATIVE TO CHILDREN & YOUTH

MR. NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED THE COUNTY CURRENTLY DOES HAVE A LICENSE INCLUDING ACHIEVING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN CHILDREN & YOUTH, HOWEVER; THE COUNTY IS STILL WAITING THE STATUS OF THE FUNDING FROM THE STATE.

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MR. AHNER NOTED NOTIFICATION POTENTIALLY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE BY JANUARY OR FEBRUARY REGARDING THE STATUS OF FUNDING RELATIVE TO CHILDREN & YOUTH.

MR. LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE IS THE CURRENT PLAN THAT COUNTY IS ANTICIPATING.

JEAN PAPAY, REGISTER OF WILLS, THANKED PRESIDENT JUDGE ROGER N. NANOVIC II, CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONER WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, PHOTOGRAPHER LYNN SHUPP AND EVERYONE THAT WAS INVOLVED FOR THEIR SUPPORT REGARDING COUNTY'S CHRISTMAS DOOR DECORATING CONTEST. THE COUNTY'S CHRISTMAS DOOR DECORATING CONTEST CONSISTED OF THIRTY-TWO (32) OFFICES PARTICIPATING. THE WINNERS WERE SELECTED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES VOTING FOR THEIR FAVORITE DOOR. MRS. PAPAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING WINNERS: THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTING GRINCH WHOVILLE PRISON, REGISTER OF WILLS/CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT PRESENTING THE NATIVITY SCENE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION PRESENTING SANTA'S POST OFFICE AND JUDGE SERFASS' CHAMBER PRESENTING A SNOW GLOBE SCENE.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD:

DECEMBER 21, 2021	10:15 A.M.	LITIGATION
DECEMBER 21, 2021	10:30 A.M.	PERSONNEL
DECEMBER 21, 2021	3:30 P.M.	PERSONNEL
DECEMBER 22, 2021	10:00 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 DECEMBER 23, 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 74074 THROUGH 74100 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6037223 THROUGH 6037670 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$654,400.47 (PAYROLL DATED DECEMBER 17, 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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED DECEMBER 13, 2021 TO DECEMBER 17, 2021 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2021:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 2,376.35
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 11,109,720.84
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 985,484.12
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 164,999.48
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,476,881.55
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 794,540.22
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 322,912.58
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 44,853.28
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 21,050.67
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 251,700.05
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 73,859.41
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 170,246.27
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 311,408.70
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 964,008.92
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 175,720.94
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 656,280.47
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 177,750.14
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 82,003.63
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 12,403.23
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 6,812.09
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 138,702.77
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 4,084.54
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 73,558.25
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 23,742.60
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 44,632.06
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 10,899.82
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 58,419.50
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 411,445.92
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 18,189.20
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 13,302.62
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,300.42
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 31,563.98
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 222,428.56
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 719,402.78
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 806,006.18
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 108,317.60
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 3,824.98
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 6,191,974.80
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 1,502,079.77
CDBG FUND	\$ 233.88
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 546,890.23
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 8,559,434.40
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 857,410.35

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PAYROLL FUND \$ 207,265.04
TAX CLAIM FUND \$ 1,338,064.44

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:45 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:47 A.M

PERSONNEL REPORT:

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

RETIREMENT:

FRANCIS G. ROSSINO, JIM THORPE, PA – MAINTENANCE II, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

MICHAEL A. MOORE, LEHIGHTON, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 16, 2021.

CHANGE OF STATUS:

BREENA K. COXE, WEATHERLY, PA
FROM: PART-TIME DISPATCHER, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
TO: 911 OPERATOR, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 10, 2022

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

HEATHER LESKO, ALLENTOWN, PA
COUNTY CASEWORKER I
FROM: NOVEMBER 29, 2021
TO: DECEMBER 20, 2021

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED DECEMBER 23, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/COURTS & ROW OFFICES:

COURTS

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:

JOSEPH A. GRECO
VIRTUAL PA EBP STAKEHOLDER FORUM
JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED DECEMBER 23, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 12, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION; OCTOBER 19, 2021 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE.

A NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION VACATING AUTHORIZATIONS AND DISMISSING APPLICATION REGARDING PENNEAST PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ADVISING OF THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF SCOTT MOSIER AS FARMER DIRECTOR, MERLE B. HUNSICKER AS PUBLIC DIRECTOR AND WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN AS COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CARBON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGARDING THE DRAFT CLASS A STREAM EVALUATION REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

ROSSI EXCAVATING COMPANY, BEAVER MEADOW, PA
SURFACE MINING PERMIT #13980201C5
CENTTOWN OPERATION
BANKS TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY

H&K GROUP, INC., SKIPPACK, PA
AS-BUILT ACCEPT CERTIFICATION
SURFACE MINING PERMIT NO. 13930301C8 & 7373SM1C7
JAMICO S QUARRY OPERATION
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

#21-605 PROPOSAL/NUCLEAR MOISTURE SURVEY:

A PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED FROM WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED OF BEACHWOOD, OHIO, TO PERFORM A NUCLEAR SCAN ON THE EPDM SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO IDENTIFY WET INSULATION AREAS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$3,190.00 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. PROPOSAL INCLUDES UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS GIVEN UPON COMPLETION OF NUCLEAR SCAN. PENDING RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#21-606 PROPOSAL/TELECOM WIRING:

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A PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED FROM DIFENDERFER ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, TO REWIRE THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$19,400.00, WHICH IS THE LOWEST OF THE THREE QUOTES RECEIVED. PENDING RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM DIFENDERFER ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

ADULT PROBATION:

#21-607 PAROLE GRANTS:

A LETTER OF AWARD WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) GRANT FOR THE CONTINUING COUNTY ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE GRANT, FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,640.00, FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 20, 2022.

*APPLICATION APPROVED OCTOBER 14, 2021 (AGENDA #21-495)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF AWARD FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) FOR FY 2021-2022.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

#21-608 RESIGNATION:

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM GINNY COMPTON SUBMITTING HER RESIGNATION FROM THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF GINNY COMPTON FROM THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS:

JNET/JTAC:

#21-609 AGREEMENT/DODSON:

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND JAMES DODSON OF SUMMIT HILL, PENNSYLVANIA, TO OVERSEE AND TRAIN TWO CURRENT SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE COUNTY-WIDE JNET AND CLEAN OPERATIONS AND ALL REQUIRED AUDITS WHILE REPORTING DIRECTLY TO SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S DESIGNEE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022. COMPENSATION WILL BE \$25.00 PER HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 500 HOURS PLUS MILEAGE IF APPLICABLE.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES DODSON.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#21-610 FAIR HOUSING REPORT:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FOR EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2021 FAIR HOUSING ANNUAL REPORT AS REQUIRED FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2021 FAIR HOUSING ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT:

#21-611 EDWARDS/COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

A PURCHASE/SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EDWARDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS, WYOMISSING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR ONE (1) NEW HP COLOR LASERJET MANAGED E40040DN PRINTER AT A COST OF \$928.22 (0.01640 B&W COPY BILLED QUARTERLY) PRINTER LOCATED IN THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. MACHINE MAINTENANCE WILL BE FIXED FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS.

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

SHERIFF:

#21-612 AXON ENTERPRISE/TASERS:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM SHERIFF HARVILLA FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INCORPORATED OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 25 TASERS PLUS SUPPLIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE FIVE (5) YEARS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$68,787.51, ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$13,757.51. (INCREASE OF \$3,981.86)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#21-613 TERMINATION SAFE DEPOSIT BOX/KEY BANK:

THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADMINISTRATOR SENT A NOTIFICATION INFORMING THE COUNTY OF THE SURRENDERING OF THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER #356 LOCATED AT KEY BANK OF PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA, DUE TO THE LACK OF USE WITHIN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO RATIFY THE TERMINATION AND SURRENDERING OF THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX NUMBER #356 WITH KEY BANK.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMUNICATIONS:

#21-614 PROPOSAL/RADIO MAINTENANCE:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR A PROPOSAL FROM RADIO MAINTENANCE, INCORPORATED OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR CATALYST EXTENDED WARRANTY SERVICE PLUS HARDWARE REPLACEMENT, SOFTWARE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THI DESIGN. TOTAL COST OF \$17,179.00. (INCREASE OF \$449.00) THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT IS JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM RADIO MAINTENANCE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

LITIGATION/PURDUE PHARMA LP:

#21-615 SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION:

RATIFY EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS CONCERNING THE COUNTY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH THE STATE.

#1 JANSSEN SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH THE STATE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#2 INTRASTATE ALLOCATION PARTICIPATION FORM

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE INTRASTATE ALLOCATION PARTICIPATION FORM WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH THE STATE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#3 DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO RATIFY EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH THE STATE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/RECREATION:

LIL-RUS FARMS:

#21-616 AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

THE AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND LIL-RUS FARMS, TAMAQUA, PENNSYLVANIA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL. LIL-RUS FARMS MAY USE CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING CROPS. SAID AGREEMENT SHALL BE FOR THREE (3) YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 7, 2022 AND ENDING JANUARY 6, 2025 WITH A REVIEW OF OPERATIONS TO BE MADE AFTER TWO (2) YEARS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 6, 2024 TO DETERMINE IF OPERATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH LIL-RUS FARMS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#21-617 MODIFICATION/MCLP:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PARKS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION REQUEST TO INCLUDE DECEMBER 30, 2021 FOR THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK APPROVED OCTOBER 7, 2021 WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

RAISING THE HOUSE
A DRIVE THROUGH HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK
NOVEMBER 27 AND 28, 2021
DECEMBER 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23 AND 26, 2021
JANUARY 2, 2022

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION REQUEST TO INCLUDE DECEMBER 30, 2021 FOR THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

OPIOID SETTLEMENT:

MR. NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED THE COUNTY, AMONG OTHER COUNTIES, FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE THREE PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTORS REGARDING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS. THE COUNTIES WILL RECEIVE 70% OF THE SETTLEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$1 BILLION DOLLARS OVER AN EIGHTEEN (18) YEAR PERIOD ALONG WITH 15% BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATE AND THE REMAINING 15% BEING DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.

SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE SPOKE OF IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTIES RECEIVING THE 70% OF THE

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SETTLEMENT, CARBON COUNTY WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 15% OF THE SETTLEMENT DUE TO THE COUNTY BEING CONSIDERED A BELLWETHER COUNTY.

MR. NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ANNUAL SALARY BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING:

- COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE GREAT JOB THEY DO SERVING THE PUBLIC
- PERSONNEL REPORT RECOGNIZED THE RETIREMENT OF FRANCIS G. ROSSINO FROM HIS POSITION OF MAINTENANCE II
- DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE CARBON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER: PAUL AND SANDY KATTNER - \$334.00, JOANNE AND MARK DERR - \$500.00, ERICA AND JOANNE DERR - \$500.00, SUMMIT SHIELD, INCORPORATED - \$1,500.00 AND ALBERT J. HOLCZMAN - \$2,000.00

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DRAFT CLASS A STREAM EVALUATION REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
- CARBON COUNTY SHERIFF HOSTING ONLINE SHERIFF'S SALE VIA BID4ASSETS BEING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2022
- ACKNOWLEDGED THE RETIREMENT OF FRANCIS G. ROSSINO FROM HIS POSITION OF MAINTENANCE II
- WISHED EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN RECOGNIZED THE FOLLOWING:

- RETIREMENT OF FRANCIS G. ROSSINO FROM HIS POSITION OF MAINTENANCE II
- COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT WORKED THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC
- JERRY HOARE INCLUDING VARIOUS GUESTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THE COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS WEEKLY
- WISHED EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEARS

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:13 A.M.

COLLEEN KLEIN,
ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN