

MARCH 17, 2022

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:31 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, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JEN BOGER AND SECRETARY III ANGELIA STEC.

FIRST DEPUTY CONTROLLER KEVIN BINDER, COUNTY TREASURER KEVIN ZELIENKA, KAYLA FUSSELMAN, 4H EDUCATOR, STEVE ALESSI, PENN STATE EXTENSION CLIENT RELATIONS MANAGER, 4-H CLUB MEMBERS AMANDA GOWIN, HEIDI DAGES, GRACE EROH, EVA EROH 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. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2022.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN NOT VOTING*

*DUE TO ABSENCE AT THE MARCH 10TH MEETING.

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

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

PROCLAMATION:

#22-133 **4-H WEEK:**

A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH 14 - 18, 2022, AS "4-H WEEK".

PROCLAMATION #2022-007
"4-H WEEK" MARCH 14 – 18, 2022

WHEREAS, THE YOUTH OF CARBON COUNTY IS ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES; AND
WHEREAS, 4-H MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE, FOOD PRODUCTION AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS THAT AID IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, NUTRITION, HOME IMPROVEMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS; AND

WHEREAS, AS A RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH MANY COUNTRIES, 4-H IS ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO WORLD UNDERSTANDING; AND

WHEREAS, IN THE PROCESS, 4-H YOUTH APPLY LEADERSHIP SKILLS, ACQUIRE A POSITIVE SELF-CONCEPT AND LEARN TO RESPECT AND GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA THE WEEK OF MARCH 14 THROUGH MARCH 18 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED "4-H WEEK IN PENNSYLVANIA".

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MARCH 14-18, 2022 AS "4-H WEEK IN CARBON COUNTY" AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE 4-H PROGRAM.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

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 PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING MARCH 14 - 18, 2022, AS "4-H WEEK".

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE 4-H MEMBERS RECITE THE 4-H PLEDGE.

HEIDE DAGES, PRESIDENT OF THE MAHONING VALLEY COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB, HAS BEEN IN THE CLUB FOR EIGHT (8) YEARS. MS. DAGES IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF PROJECTS THAT CONSIST OF RAISING RABBITS, GARDENING, GEOCACHING, AND LEADERSHIP.

AMANDA GOWIN, VICE- PRESIDENT OF THE MAHONING VALLEY COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB, PRESENTLY IS INVOLVED IN THE LIVESTOCK PROGRAM, GEOCACHING, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND COOKING.

AVA EROH IS PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF THE 4-H CARBON COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROGRAM FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS. MS. EROH IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN MARKET LAMB, POULTRY AND DERBY MARKET LAMB.

GRACE EROH IS A MEMBER OF THE 4-H CARBON COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROGRAM AND IS PRESENTLY RAISING SHEEP AND GOATS.

KAYLA FUSSELMAN IS A 4-H EDUCATOR SERVING ON BEHALF OF CARBON COUNTY CURRENTLY FOR THREE (3) WEEKS.

THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING 4-H CLUB VOLUNTEERS: STEVE ALESSI, PENN STATE EXTENSION CLIENT RELATIONS MANAGER, CAROLYN GOWIN AND BETH EROH.

MR. NOTHSTEIN ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE 4-H CLUB PROGRAM AT THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR.

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EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD.

MARCH 16, 2022 1:00 P.M. REAL ESTATE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2021 AND 2022 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MARCH 17, 2022.

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 74204 THROUGH 74219 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6039841 THROUGH 6040270 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$620,318.68 (PAYROLL DATED MARCH 11, 2022).

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 227161 THROUGH 227374 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 134,831.28
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 3,897.21
LIQUID FUELS FUND	\$ 116.47
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 9,628.81
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 131,219.65
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 37.61
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 112.33
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 4,353.89
CARBON TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$ 25,885.00
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,740.30
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 100,785.00
CDBG FUND	\$ 360.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 52,831.42

FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$	410.79
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$	<u>32,240.86</u>
TOTAL:	\$	498,450.62

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 MARCH 7, 2022 TO MARCH 11, 2022 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MARCH 11, 2022:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	442.30
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	6,282,914.25
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$	986,091.74
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	155,679.14
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	1,555,819.22
PLGIT/PRIME	\$	0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$	783,890.51
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	530,144.84
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	1,530,222.16
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$	8,729.12
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$	222,572.41
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	71,278.19
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	179,630.82
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$	216,339.39
9-1-1 FUND	\$	754,098.68
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	179,924.76
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$	685,479.33
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$	180,971.54
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$	82,057.24
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$	12,581.73
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$	6,856.89
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$	138,861.35
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$	6,958.33
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	77,309.62
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	30,228.25
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$	45,026.46
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$	10,906.53
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$	61,813.15
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$	444,713.96
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$	18,937.92
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$	14,330.98
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$	6,304.31
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	31,583.44
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$	213,243.46
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$	719,844.37
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$	806,503.13

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VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 105,810.73
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 4,095.49
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 6,105,996.51
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 1,503,005.89
CDBG FUND	\$ 368.02
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 579,548.18
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 6,724,595.21
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 1,035,555.23
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 190,672.49
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 1,304,366.50

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

RESIGNATIONS:

ALYSSA M. ALBERTSON, BERWICK, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25, 2022.

ALFRED L. HAUPTLY, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MARCH 19, 2022.

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:

REBECCA B. SINCLAIR, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2022.

HIRESAS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS

MARK A. CUTH, DANIELSVILLE, PA – COORDINATOR (TANF & WIOA), PCWDA – EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 2022.

WILLIAM BAMFORD, NESQUEHONING, PA – PART-TIME K-9 OFFICER, ANIMAL SHELTER – EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 2022.

PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

JAMES E. OSBORNE, WEISSPORT, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2022.

DONALD J. TUCKER, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 2022.

ROBERT J. RAKOWSKI, NANTICOKE, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2022.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED MARCH 17, 2022.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/COURTS & ROW OFFICES:

COURTS

UNPAID INTERNSHIPS:

ADULT PROBATION

NECARLLY SERRATA, WEATHERLY, PA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR, CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
FROM: MARCH 16, 2022
TO: MAY 31, 2022

JUVENILE PROBATION

OLIVIA JACOBSON, NAZARETH, PA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
FROM: MAY 23, 2022
TO: AUGUST 26, 2022

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:

JUVENILE PROBATION

JOSEPH A. GRECO
HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES: AWARENESS, RECOGNITION & RESPONSE
NESQUEHONING, PA

CLERK OF COURTS

APPOINTMENT:

JAMIE L. TURNER, TAMAQUA, PA – CLERICAL SPECIALIST – EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2022.

RESIGNATION:

ALEXANDRA WALL, LAKE HARMONY, PA – DEPUTY CLERK – EFFECTIVE MARCH 9, 2022.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESIGNATION:

JENNIFER M. KETCHLEDGE, WEISSPORT, PA – LEGAL SECRETARY III – EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2022.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:

ERIC WILTROUT

VIRTUAL 2021 PENNSYLVANIA DEFENDER NEW ATTORNEY LITIGATION SKILLS TRAINING
JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSONNEL
REPORT DATED MARCH 17, 2022.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

THE FEBRUARY 2022 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF
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A CLOSEOUT LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM DAVID BODNAR, DIRECTOR OF CARBON COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, INFORMING THE COUNTY THAT THE CARBON COUNTY'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY PEMA ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WEATHERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING THEIR TIME TO COME AND READ WITH THE STUDENTS FOR READ ACROSS AMERICA 2022.

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

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FINAL DESIGN STATUS REPORT #22
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

ADULT PROBATION:

#22-134 SUPERVISION FEE GRANT:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER ENCLOSING THE 2021-2022 RENEWAL OF THE STATE OFFENDER SUPERVISION FEE ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT WHICH COMMENCED JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDS JUNE 30, 2022. THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE WILL RETURN TO THE COUNTY, THE OFFENDER SUPERVISION FEES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FROM THE COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FY 2021-2022 OFFENDER SUPERVISION FEE RENEWAL.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

#22-135 RFP/AUDITING:

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL WAS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022; WITH OPTIONS FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022; WITH OPTIONS FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CCCT/LANTA:

MATP PROGRAM:

#22-136 2020/2021 FINAL ALLOCATION:

ALLOCATION LETTER FROM THE PA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE 2020/2021 MATP PROGRAM LISTING THE FINAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT OF \$423,932 WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ALLOCATION LETTER FOR THE 2020/2021 MATP PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#22-137 FY 2021/2022 AGREEMENT:

THE FY 2021/2022 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVIDER:

MERAKEY PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG, PA

<u>PROVIDER:</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>
THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE R&B	\$ 29.29/PER DIEM
THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE R&B + TREATMENT FULL FEE	\$ 165.57/PER DIEM
THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE WITH INFANT RESPITE	\$ 79.64/PER DIEM
*RESPITE FOSTER CARE	\$ 99.67/PER DIEM
*EMERGENCY RESPITE	\$ 99.22/PER DIEM
EMERGENCY RESPITE	\$ 116.67/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE PLUS	\$ 126.80/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE-INFANT ADD ON ONLY	\$ 94.75/PER DIEM
ENHANCED FOSTER CARE	\$ 94.75/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE WITH INFANT	\$ 123.80/PER DIEM
FOSTER CARE WITH TWO INFANTS	\$ 135.80/PER DIEM
CRR ITP	\$ 170.86/PER DIEM
*NEW PROGRAM FOR FY21-22	\$ 12.25/PER DIEM

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

#22-138 HAZMAT REPORT:

THE 2021 ANNUAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2021 ANNUAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

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PUBLIC DEFENDER:

#22-139 MH SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION:

A LETTER OF AWARD OF FUNDING WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) GRANT FOR MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE, CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION, FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,464. THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT A SALARY FOR A PART-TIME SOCIAL WORKER/CASE MANAGER AND FOR A PSYCHOLOGIST TO PERFORM EVALUATIONS ON THOSE IN THE COUNTY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. PROJECT PERIOD: JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022.

*APPLICATION APPROVED SEPTEMBER 23, 2021. (AGENDA #21-460)

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#22-140 2ND EXTENSION FISCAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT:

SECOND EXTENSION TO THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH KELLIE NOBLE OF BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE FISCAL SERVICES TO THE CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT TO JUNE 30, 2022. ALL OTHER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE SECOND EXTENSION TO THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH KELLIE NOBLE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

LP GAS/PROPANE:

#22-141 ADDENDUM/BUTTON:

ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2022 WITH BUTTON OIL & PROPANE OF MOUNTAINTOP, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ADD CARBON COUNTY MAINTENANCE STORAGE FACILITY TO THE CURRENT LIST OF LOCATIONS, USING AN ON-CALL FILL SCHEDULE WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH BUTTON OIL & PROPANE.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS & RECREATION:

#22-142 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

CARBON ADVENTURE RACING (KEYSTONE BACKYARD ULTRA), LLC, PALMERTON, PA

ULTRA-MARATHON TRAIL RUNNING, MAY 21-23, 2022
*PENDING RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#22-143 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

QIGONG EXERCISE CLASS ON THE BEACH
JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022
JULY 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022
AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#22-144 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

LANAPE NATION
NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL, MAUCH CHUNK POW WOW
SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2022
*PENDING RECEIPT OF VALID INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

POCONO MOUNTAINS VISITORS BUREAU, INC.;

#22-145 LEASE AGREEMENT:

A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND THE POCONO MOUNTAINS VISITORS BUREAU OF STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR LEASE OF OFFICE AREA IN THE TRAIN STATION TO BE USED FOR TOURIST PROMOTION, TRAVEL INFORMATION, TOURIST INFORMATION AND RELATED SERVICES, WHICH INCLUDES USE OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND ONE (1) PARKING SPACE WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

THE LEASE SHALL COMMENCE JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024. ANNUAL RENT FOR THE TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 SHALL BE \$26,699.28 PAYABLE IN TWELVE (12) EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS. ANNUALLY, THE RENTAL AMOUNT SHALL BE ADJUSTED BY A COST OF LIVING INCREASE EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD AS PUBLISHED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR-

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BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH POCONO MOUNTAINS VISITORS BUREAU.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

TAX ASSESSMENT:

#22-146 **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: MAHONING TOWNSHIP

SCHOOL DISTRICT: LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PENCOR SERVICES INC.
P.O. BOX 215
PALMERTON, PA 18071

PROPERTY CODE: 14-35-10969

PROPERTY RECORD CARD#: 98-35-A12

REASON: THE TAX PAYER IS DUE A REFUND FOR THE FOLLOWING YEARS: 2019, 2020, 2021 DUE TO A COURT APPEAL THAT WAS SETTLED ON OCTOBER 3, 2019. THE REFUND IS BASED ON A DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSMENT OF 154,532. THE TAX BILLS WERE PAID IN DISCOUNT PERIOD.

TOTAL REFUND DUE: \$5,261.62

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE REFUND TO PENCOR SERVICES INC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

FURTHER BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE CARBON COUNTY RAILROAD COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M. HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER NOTED THE FOLLOWING:

- DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE CARBON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER: PENCOR EMPLOYEE'S - \$100.00; LEHIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - \$150.00; LEHIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL \$171.60; WEATHERLY SCHOOL DONATED BLANKETS
- 1,351 MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED, 1,500 MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATIONS ARE PENDING TO BE PROCESSED, DEADLINE TO SUBMIT MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION IS MAY 10, 2022, VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 2, 2022

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- CONGRATULATED THE JIM THORPE OLYMPIAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR VICTORY WIN AGAINST DUNMORE SCHOOL
- ENCOURAGED THE PUBLIC TO COMPLETE THE BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY SURVEY; DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY IS MARCH 18, 2022; SURVEY RESULTS RECENTLY PUBLISHED REGARDING DOWNLOAD SPEEDS IN CARBON COUNTY CONSIST OF 23% USERS ARE UNSERVED AND 67% ARE UNDERSERVED; RECOGNIZED THE 2,000 BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS OF CARBON COUNTY THAT CURRENTLY COMPLETED THE BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY SURVEY.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN THANKED THE 4-H CLUB PROGRAM AND THE EDUCATORS FOR ALL THEY DO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:01 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN