

APRIL 28, 2022

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 FRYCKLUND AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/OPEN RECORDS OFFICER JEN BOGER.

FIRST DEPUTY CONTROLLER KEVIN BINDER, COUNTY TREASURER KEVIN ZELIENKA, COURT ADMINISTRATOR GREG ARMSTRONG, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS, LAUREN PEIFER AND TAMMY RECKER, CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL, PURCHASING MANAGER RHONDA WENRICH 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 APRIL 21, 2022.

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.

PRESENTATION:

STEVE ALESSI, PENN STATE EXTENSION CLIENT RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, GAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PENN STATE EXTENSION. CURRENTLY OVER 5,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE RECEIVING UPDATES REGARDING UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE PENN STATE EXTENSION. INDIVIDUALS INQUIRING TO OPT INTO RECEIVING UPDATES FROM THE PENN STATE EXTENSION CAN LOG INTO

WWW.EXTENSION.PSU.EDU/ABOUTME.COM.

MR. ALESSI SPOKE OF THE HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) VIRUS THAT HAS BEEN

DETECTED IN COMMERCIAL POULTRY FLOCKS, BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCKS AND IN WILD WATERFLOW. ON APRIL 18TH, 2022, THE USDA, PDA AND PENN STATE CONFIRMED THAT THE HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) VIRUS HAS BEEN DETECTED IN COMMERCIAL POULTRY IN PENNSYLVANIA. IF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) VIRUS IS DETECTED IN A FLOCK CONTACT THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (PDA) AT 717-772-2852 OR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) AT 1-866-536-7593. PENN STATE EXTENSION WILL BE HOSTING A FARMLAND PRESERVATION VIRTUAL WEBINAR ON APRIL 28, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M. REGARDING WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO LANDOWNERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO AID IN THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND.

KAYLA FUSSELMAN, PENN STATE EXTENSION 4-H EDUCATOR, SPOKE OF A PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE THROUGH MAY 8, 2022 LOCATED AT TRACTOR SUPPLY IN LEHIGHTON. THE PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN BENEFITS THE CARBON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES CHILDREN AGES 5-18 WITH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO BECOME LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY INCLUDING BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE.

PROCLAMATION:

#22-211 SECOND CHANCE MONTH (APRIL):

A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS “SECOND CHANCE MONTH”.

PROCLAMATION #2022-012

SECOND CHANCE MONTH (APRIL)

WHEREAS, EVERY PERSON IS ENDOWED WITH HUMAN DIGNITY AND VALUE; AND

WHEREAS, REDEMPTION AND SECOND CHANCES ARE AMERICAN VALUES; AND

WHEREAS, AN ESTIMATED 65 MILLION AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD; AND

WHEREAS, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORTS EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY 650,000 INDIVIDUALS ARE RETURNED TO THEIR COMMUNITY FROM STATE AND FEDERAL PRISONS; AND

WHEREAS, INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DEBT AFTER COMMITTING A CRIME FACE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS, ALSO KNOWN AS COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES, TO REINTEGRATING INTO SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS, GAINING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PREDICTORS OF SUCCESSFUL REENTRY AND REDUCING FUTURE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY; AND

WHEREAS, NINETY PERCENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN INCARCERATED STRUGGLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF BOTH SOCIETAL AND LEGAL BARRIERS WHICH ARE OFTEN NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFENSE COMMITTED OR ANY PROVEN PUBLIC SAFETY BENEFIT; AND

WHEREAS, EDUCATION HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PREDICTOR OF SUCCESSFUL REENTRY; AND

WHEREAS, THOSE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD HAVE LOWER LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTY ACQUIRING ADMISSION TO AND FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS; AND

WHEREAS, PEOPLE WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY ALSO FACE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS IN SECURING A PLACE TO LIVE AND THIS INABILITY TO ACCESS HOUSING HAS BEEN FOUND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RETURNING TO PRISON; AND

WHEREAS, ALL OF THESE BARRIERS PREVENT THE 65 MILLION AMERICANS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS FROM CONTRIBUTING FULLY TO THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THESE BARRIERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO RECIDIVISM, WHICH INCREASES VICTIMIZATION AND DECREASES PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

WHEREAS, THE BARRIERS AND STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD RESULTS IN LOST HUMAN CAPITAL AND LOST ECONOMIC OUTPUT FOR THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY HAS A REENTRY COALITION THAT IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO REDUCE THE BARRIERS TO THOSE BEING RELEASED TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL AS SECOND CHANCE MONTH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR

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DEBT, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS, EMPLOYERS, CONGREGATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES TO EXTEND SECOND CHANCES.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATES APRIL 2022 AS “**SECOND CHANCE MONTH**”; HONORS THE WORK OF THE CARBON COUNTY REENTRY COALITION AND THE WORK OF OUR COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS, NON-PROFITS, CONGREGATIONS, EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY LEGAL AND SOCIETAL BARRIERS THAT PREVENT INDIVIDUALS WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD FROM BECOMING PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY; AND CALLS UPON THE PEOPLE OF CARBON COUNTY TO OBSERVE SECOND CHANCE MONTH THROUGH ACTIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE CHALLENGES FACING THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DEBT AND OPPORTUNITIES TO UNLOCK SECOND CHANCES.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 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. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ADOPT A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS “SECOND CHANCE MONTH”.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	LUKASEVICH	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS “SECOND CHANCE MONTH”. SECOND CHANCE MONTH IS TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY LEGAL AND SOCIETAL BARRIERS THAT PREVENT INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE FORMERLY BEEN INCARCERATED FROM BEING PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS IN SOCIETY. MR. PARSONS DISCUSSED THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (COSSAP) GRANT WAS UTILIZED TO APPOINT LAUREN PEIFER, CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL, AS THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO FACILITATE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATMENT INITIATIVE (LETI) INCLUDING THE REENTRY COALITION

TAMMY RECKER, CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL, DISCUSSED HOW EFFICIENT THE COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT AND ABUSE GRANT (COSSAP) PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS UTILIZED TO APPOINT LAUREN PEIFER, CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL, AS THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR TO FACILITATE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TREATMENT INITIATIVE (LETI).

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE PERSONNEL REPORT ACKNOWLEDGING THE RETIREMENT OF RICK PARSONS, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER. MR. NOTHSTEIN THANKED MR. PARSONS FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY AND WISHED HIM SUCCESS ON HIS NEW ENDEAVORS.

CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS SPOKE OF THE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE COUNTY.

OPENING OF BIDS:

#22-212A MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE HVAC PROJECT VIA PENN BID:

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED VIA PENN BID FOR THE MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE HVAC PROJECT #1:

Reference Number	Description	Type	UOM	Quantity	Extended Estimate	George J. Hayden, Inc dba Hayden Power Group	Myco Mechanical, Inc.	Leibold Inc.	Average
Bid Price Ratio						100%	47.64%	41.17%	
Total Extended						\$66,700.00	\$227,000.00	\$241,700.00	
Project 1						\$66,700.00	\$140,000.00	\$162,000.00	
1	services and equipment necessary for the GENERAL Contract	Base	Lump Sum	1				\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
2	services and equipment necessary for the ELECTRICAL Contract	Base	Lump Sum	1		\$66,700.00			\$66,700.00
3	services and equipment necessary for the HVAC MECHANICAL Contract	Base	Lump Sum	1			\$140,000.00	\$107,000.00	\$123,500.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED MR. AHNER, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR FOR REVIEW WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF EITHER AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR REJECTION OF THE BIDS IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#22-212B THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED VIA PENN BID FOR THE MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE HVAC PROJECT #2:

Reference Number	Description	Type	UOM	Quantity	Extended Estimate	George J. Hayden, Inc dba Hayden Power Group	Myco Mechanical, Inc.	Leibold Inc.	Average
Bid Price Ratio						100%	47.64%	41.17%	
Total Extended						\$66,700.00	\$227,000.00	\$241,700.00	
Project 2						\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$42,000.00	
1	services and equipment necessary for the HVAC MECHANICAL Contract	Option	Lump Sum	1			\$44,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$41,500.00
2	services and equipment necessary for the GENERAL Contract	Option	Lump Sum	1				\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED MR. AHNER, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR FOR REVIEW WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF EITHER AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR REJECTION OF THE BIDS IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#22-212C THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED VIA PENN BID FOR THE MAUCH CHUNK OPERA HOUSE HVAC PROJECT #3:

Reference Number	Description	Type	UOM	Quantity	Extended Estimate	George J. Hayden, Inc dba Hayden Power Group	Myco Mechanical, Inc.	Leibold Inc.	Average
Bid Price Ratio						100%	47.64%	41.17%	
Total Extended						\$66,700.00	\$227,000.00	\$241,700.00	
Project 3						\$0.00	\$43,000.00	\$37,700.00	
1	services and equipment necessary for the HVAC MECHANICAL Contract	Option	Lump Sum	1			\$43,000.00	\$37,700.00	\$40,350.00

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED MR. AHNER, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR FOR REVIEW WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF EITHER AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR REJECTION OF THE BIDS IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD.

APRIL 22, 2022 3:00 P.M. PERSONNEL

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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 APRIL 28, 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 74261 THROUGH 74284 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 6041136 THROUGH 6041573 FOR PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$639,325.39 (PAYROLL DATED APRIL 22, 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 228043 THROUGH 228170 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 146,003.10
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 51.80
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 58,436.44
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 11,803.57
DOMESTIC RELATIONS FUND	\$ 285.05
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 882.80
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 18,315.11
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 767.36
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 35.48
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 230.35
CDBG FUND	\$ 993.57
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 472.35
TOTAL:	\$ 238,276.98

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 APRIL 18, 2022 TO APRIL 22, 2022 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF APRIL 22, 2022:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 667.29
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 4,801,471.49
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND	\$ 986,301.12
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 155,848.20
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,602,029.89
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 783,824.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 553,039.38
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 324,204.05
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 14,678.91
DOMESTIC RELATION IV-D FUND	\$ 193,091.59
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 90,633.92
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 193,509.78
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 185,815.64
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 780,669.95
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 181,491.34
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 424,990.19
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 188,995.59
FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND	\$ 67,983.12
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 12,570.45
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 6,859.54
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 152,572.45
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 10,797.08
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 80,649.84
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 32,450.54
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 37,912.93
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 11,117.29
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 62,421.27
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 456,343.31
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 20,024.27
REGISTER OF WILLS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 14,699.02
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 6,305.65
VITAL STATS IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 31,590.15
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION	\$ 220,765.52
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44	\$ 719,997.21
HIGHWAY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT ACT 13	\$ 806,674.37
VICTIMS SERVICES FUND	\$ 110,096.19
HOTEL ROOM EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 338,392.33
COVID ARP FUND	\$ 5,980,518.79
RR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 1,503,325.02
CDBG FUND	\$ 1,002.17
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 595,369.93
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 5,632,437.25
PLGIT/PRIME	\$ 0.00
PLGIT/CD PURCHASE	\$ 0.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 1,107,616.12

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PAYROLL FUND \$ 171,625.32
TAX CLAIM FUND \$ 1,262,356.99

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

RESIGNATIONS:

JOSEPH M. COLECIO JR., TRESCKOW, PA – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS MEMBER, TAX ASSESSMENT – EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2022.

JESSICA R. HOLLENBACH, NEW RINGGOLD, PA – LIFEGUARD & TEMPORARY PARK ATTENDANT, PARKS – EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2022.

BRENNA J. KARNISH, LANSFORD, PA – PARK ATTENDANT, PARKS – EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2022.

MARK J. NORDYKE JR., KUNKLETOWN, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2022.

NOAH E. RODGERS, JIM THORPE, PA – LIFEGUARD & TEMPORARY SEASONAL PARK RANGER II, PARKS – EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2022.

TARA L. STRAUSS, TAMAQUA, PA – SEASONAL PARK RANGER II, PARKS – EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2022.

APPOINTMENT:

JEFFREY A. SCHNAITER, KUNKLETOWN, PA – BOARD MEMBER, BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS – EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2022.

HIRE AS RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR:

EMILY C. DART, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME ELECTION CLERK, ELECTION DEPARTMENT – EFFECTIVE CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF ALL SUPERVISOR CLEARANCES.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:

PARKS

KRISTOFER S. CAMPBELL

ANNUAL FIREARMS QUALIFICATION WITH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
WALNUTPORT, PA

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED APRIL 28, 2022.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/COURTS & ROW OFFICES:

COURTS

RETIREMENT:

RICHMOND S. PARSONS, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA – CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022.

CLERK OF COURTS

APPOINTMENT:

VAWN KOCH, LEHIGHTON, PA – DEPUTY CLERK – EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2022.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED APRIL 28, 2022.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES*

*MR. NOTHSTEIN STATED YES, WITH THE REGRETS FOR THE RETIREMENT OF RICHMOND S. PARSONS, AS CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER.

CORRESPONDENCE:

THE MARCH TRACKER REPORT REGARDING CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVING COMPENSATION FROM THE VA WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

A PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BRODHEAD, MCMICHAELS, 2006 AND TOBYHANNA, 1997 PLAN RENEWAL INVITING THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND ON MAY 5, 2022 AT 9:45 A.M. AT THE CARBON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM, JIM THORPE.

AGENCY ON AGING:

#22-213 CHARITABLE REGISTRATION:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING ENCLOSING THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION STATEMENT – FORM BCO-10 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PA BUREAU OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING DUE TO RECEIVING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. (ANNUAL FEE - \$100)

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE CHARITABLE REGISTRATION FORM.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCING NATURE AND COMMERCE:

#22-214 RECYCLING/903 GRANT:

THE ACT 101, SECTION 903, RECYCLING COORDINATOR GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2021 (ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT - \$1,566.24) WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE ACT 101, SECTION 903, RECYCLING COORDINATOR GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2021.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SERVICE AGREEMENT:

#22-215 9-1-1/C-K ALARM SYSTEMS:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL MAINTENANCE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH C-K ALARM SYSTEMS OF MOUNTAIN TOP, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROVIDE 24/7 HARDWARE SUPPORT ON HONEYWELL MX-8000 DIGITAL RECEIVER AND EMERGENCY SOFTWARE SUPPORT THROUGH MICRO-KEY SOLUTIONS ON THE 9-1-1 ALARM MONITORING SYSTEM FOR 1 YEAR; JUNE 1, 2022 –MAY 31, 2023 (HARDWARE - \$135/MONTH; SOFTWARE - \$139/MONTH). AT A TOTAL COST OF \$3,288.00 PER YEAR. (\$4.00 MONTHLY INCREASE FOR SW SUPPORT).

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE RENEWAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH C-K ALARM SYSTEMS.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN DISCUSSED THE COUNTY PROVIDES SERVICE TO MONITOR ALARMS.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AUDITING SERVICES:

#22-216 AWARD/RFP:

A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 AS SUBMITTED BY RKL, LLP OF WYOMISSING, PA WITH AN OPTION FOR 2 ADDITIONAL YEARS AS FOLLOWS:

2021: \$49,450 INCLUDES WIA AUDIT \$3,900
2022: \$51,800 INCLUDES WIA AUDIT \$4,000
*2023: \$54,275 INCLUDES WIA AUDIT \$4,100
*2024: \$56,880 INCLUDES WIA AUDIT \$4,200
*OPTIONAL 2 YEARS

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022 WITH THE OPTION OF YEARS 2023 AND 2024 AS SUBMITTED BY RKL, LLP.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#22-217 AGREEMENT/EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC.:

AN AGREEMENT WITH EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC. OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO COMPLETE ANNUAL CONSUMER REPORT SERVICES PERTAINING TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL. (NO COST TO THE COUNTY)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & TRAINING CENTER:

#22-218 CHANGE ORDERS #1-#3/HAYDEN POWER GROUP:

CHANGE ORDERS #1-#3 TO THE CONTRACT WITH HAYDEN POWER GROUP OF HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA, DECREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$2,636.00 FOR A NEW CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$331,264.00, DUE TO THE CHANGE ORDERS AS FOLLOWS WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

- #1- ADD SERVICE ENTRANCE- NO COST
- #2- ADD RECEPTACLES TO POLICE TRAINING BUILDING- NO COST
- #3- ELIMINATE 7 FIXTURES AND 1 QUAD RECEPTACLE IN BURN TOWER – (\$2,636.00)

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. LUKASEVICH, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS #1-#3 TO THE CONTRACT WITH HAYDEN POWER GROUP.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

R.F OHL FUEL OIL INC.:

#22-219 1ST RENEWAL AGREEMENT:

FIRST-YEAR RENEWAL FOR #2 FUEL OIL (HEATING OIL) AND OFF-ROAD DIESEL FUEL DELIVERY WITH R.F. OHL FUEL OIL, INCORPORATED OF LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 UNTIL MARCH 31, 2023 WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL. FUEL DELIVERIES WILL BE INVOICED AT 49.7 CENTS PER GALLON ABOVE THE OIL PRICE INDEX SERVICE (OPIS) PRICE ON THE DATE OF FUEL DELIVERY.

MOTION BY MR. LUKASEVICH, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE FIRST-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE #2 FUEL OIL (HEATING OIL) AND OFF-ROAD DIESEL FUEL DELIVERY WITH R.F. OHL FUEL OIL, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/JOSIAH WHITE:

#22-220 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT/GAZEBO:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE JOSIAH WHITE PARK, ALONG WITH REQUEST FOR GAZEBO, WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

NEW ENGLAND VALLEY MENNONITE CHURCH, TAMAQUA, PA
STREET MEETING (ACAPPELLA SINGING & BIBLE TEACHING), MAY 15, 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

PARKS/RECREATION:

#22- 221 AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

APRIL 28, 2022

JIM THORPE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, INC.

CHILDREN'S FISHING CONTEST, MAY 14, 2022

*PENDING APPROVAL OF PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#22-222 AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ST. MARK'S & ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4 MILE AND 15K FOOTRACE (RACE STREET RUN), JUNE 25TH, 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

#22-223 AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

KAYAK ANGLERS OF EASTERN PA, DREXEL HILL

KAYAK FISHING TOURNAMENT, JULY 9, 2022

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

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
 LUKASEVICH YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#22-224 AGREEMENT/MCLP:

A SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT FOR USE OF MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, JIM THORPE, PA

THE SWITCHBACK SCAMPER, OCTOBER 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

RESOLUTION:

#22-225 RETIREMENT/MELINDA GRAVER:

RATIFY THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO MELINDA GRAVER ON HER RETIREMENT.

RESOLUTION #22-013

RETIREMENT OF MELINDA GRAVER

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, HAS RECOGNIZED MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY GENEROUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY; AND

WHEREAS, ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IS MELINDA GRAVER, AS SHE HAS DEDICATED A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE AND TO THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT INTERACT WITH OUR YOUTH; AND

WHEREAS, MELINDA GRAVER WAS A MEMBER OF THE CARBON COUNTY PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS. THIS ORGANIZATION BROUGHT CARBON COUNTY THE DENTAL VAN, LEADERSHIP CARBON, AND THE CHILD AND FAMILY COLLABORATIVE BOARD, NOW KNOWN AS THE CARBON COUNTY COLLABORATIVE BOARD; AND

WHEREAS, MELINDA GRAVER BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFE KIDS COALITION, WHICH IS NOW KID ZONE, IN 2002 AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE CHAIRPERSON. SHE HAS ALSO SERVED AS TREASURER OF THE CHILD AND FAMILY COLLABORATIVE BOARD; AND

WHEREAS, MELINDA GRAVER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SAFETY DAY EVENTS AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK BY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EVENT AND COORDINATING THE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDED CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION; AND

WHEREAS, MELINDA GRAVER SPENDS COUNTLESS HOURS PARTICIPATING IN NUMEROUS CHILDREN’S SAFETY PROGRAMS SUCH AS BICYCLE HELMET SAFETY, BICYCLE RODEOS, CAR SEAT CHECKS, AND TRAFFIC SAFETY TOWN AND SHE STILL GRACIOUSLY DONATES SPACE IN HER GARAGE FOR STORAGE OF SAFETY TOWN, HELMET SAFETY CRUSHER AND BICYCLE HELMETS; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HER EMPLOYMENT AT THE PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE, MELINDA GRAVER WAS THE PENN STATE EDUCATOR FOR THE PROSPER (**PROMOTING SCHOOL-COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS TO ENCOURAGE RESILIENCE**) PROGRAM IN THE JIM THORPE SCHOOL DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH MELINDA GRAVER IS RETIRED FROM THE PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE, SHE CONTINUES TO VOLUNTEER HER TIME TO KID ZONE, HER CHURCH AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY THAT THEY EXTEND THEIR GRATITUDE TO MELINDA GRAVER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND OFFER THEIR BEST WISHES TO HER IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 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 RATIFY THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MELINDA GRAVER ON HER RETIREMENT.

BOARD POLLED: AHNER YES
LUKASEVICH YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

APRIL 28, 2022

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN NOTED THE RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED TO MELINDA GRAVER DURING THE HUMAN SERVICES PRIORITY BRUNCH HELD AT WHISPERING PINES BANQUET HALL LOCATED IN JIM THORPE.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER AHNER COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- SUPPORTING THE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE HELD AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK
- ACKNOWLEDGED THE RETIREMENT OF MELINDA GRAVER, PENN STATE EXTENSION
- RECOGNIZED THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS

COMMISSIONER LUKASEVICH ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING:

- CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER RICK PARSONS FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY WITH VETERANS COURT AND DRUG COURT.
- NICHOLAS GOLDBERG, IT SYSTEM ANALYST/SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNICIAN, COMPLETING THE NACO JANUARY 2022 ENTERPRISE CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
- DAWN BOWMAN, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, COMPLETING NACO HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN SPOKE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- NACO HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM; CARBON COUNTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
- ISSUES WITH THE HVAC UNIT LOCATED AT THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
- APRIL 27, 2022 ACKNOWLEDGED AS ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:21 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN