

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, GERHARD, AND O'GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

**ELECTRIC ONLINE PROPOSALS:**

THE CHIEF CLERK ADVISED THAT THE COUNTY CONTROLLER WILL BE RECEIVING ELECTRIC ONLINE PROPOSALS FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. THIS DATE IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THE LOWEST ELECTRIC RATE FOR THE COUNTY.

**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. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2014, NOTING THE TERM FOR CRAIG ZURN ON THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY WAS CORRECTED TO DECEMBER 31, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):**

JERRY STRUBINGER, JIM THORPE, PA

RE: 903 BRIDGE; FOOT BRIDGE;  
PACKERTON FUNDING

**PROCLAMATION:**

**4-H WEEK:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION FOR 4-H WEEK – MARCH 16-22, 2014:

**PROCLAMATION #2014-01**

**"4-H WEEK"**

**MARCH 16-22, 2014**

**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 16 THROUGH 22 HAS  
BEEN PROCLAIMED "4-H WEEK IN PENNSYLVANIA";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF  
MARCH 16-22, 2014, 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 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

- /S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
- /S/ TOM J. GERHARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
- /S/ WILLIAM J. O'GUREK, MEMBER

**ATTEST:**

/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO GRANT PERMISSION TO FLY THE 4-H FLAG  
UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG AT THE COURTHOUSE.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:**

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR  
2013 AND 2014 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MARCH 13, 2014.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MARCH 13, 2014.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 62509 THROUGH 62568 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5080052 THROUGH 5080347 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$291,005.80 (PAYROLL DATED MARCH 7, 2014).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL CHECKS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 105630 THROUGH 105875 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 425,786.58
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 790.73
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND	\$ .48
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 31,668.81
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 5,718.98
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 4,202.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 43,981.23
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 180,160.36
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 2,510.21
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 14,534.73
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 8,288.47
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 12,443.42
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 62.80
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 127.83
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 113.07
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 6.24
CDBG FUND	\$ 318.11
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 420,418.90
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 38,993.59
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ <u>631,391.57</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,821,518.11

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CHECK NUMBERS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES\*  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

\* MR. O'GUREK VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BILLS FOR THE TIMES NEWS, BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, PENTELEDATA, AND THE PALMERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, HE ABSTAINED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MARCH 7, 2014 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF MARCH 7, 2014:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	323.50
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	146,784.89
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	3,134,105.44
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	925,955.55
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	269,239.74
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$	109,268.34
9-1-1 FUND	\$	181,109.48
PARKING FUND	\$	981,959.45
ACT 78 FUND	\$	172,784.94
ACT 56 FUND	\$	1,202,653.88
LIQUID FUELS	\$	429,838.29
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	382,516.55
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	631,356.20
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	21,142.72
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	7,833.34
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	23,231.42
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	35,979.74
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	11.59
HAZMAT FUND	\$	121,132.29
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	326,015.90
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	136,807.01
SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN	\$	72,201.80
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	143,803.74
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	11,988.17
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	6,939.49
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	45,465.22
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	1,053.79
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	33,972.09
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	21,421.57
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	38,276.36
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	14,485.64
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	14,096.47
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	199,538.98
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	13,727.28
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	10,370.23
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	3,873.02
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	33,497.42
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	4,071.64
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	206,528.21
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	183,083.07
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	9,658.81
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	81,781.40

CDBG FUND	\$	720.99
DEBT SERVICE	\$	2,071,949.64
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	460,678.45
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	250,156.10
TAX CLAIM	\$	938,222.51

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST:**

**TREASURER**

**KATHY BALLIET**

66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COUNTY TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

LANCASTER, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$200, LODGING, MEALS

**COURT SEMINAR/TRAINING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**ERIC JOHNSTON**

INTRASTATE101 INSTRUCTOR WEBINAR

JIM THORPE, PA

**JUVENILE COURT**

**JIM DODSON**

**KIM MULIK**

**PAUL ZONA**

**JOE GRECO**

**JANELLE BALLIET**

EVIDENCE BASE PRACTICES 101

JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED MARCH 13, 2014.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: OCTOBER 15, NOVEMBER 19, DECEMBER 23, 2013 MEETINGS AND JANUARY 21, 2014 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE; FEBRUARY 18, 2014 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

THE FEBRUARY 2014 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

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

AMETEK - CHEMICAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, NESQUEHONING, PA

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM PERMIT #13-00010

BET ASSOCIATES IV, LLC, TAMAQUA, PA  
SURFACE MINING PERMIT #54733020, AUTHORIZATION TO MINE #24567-54733020-04  
LCN MINE OPERATION, SCHUYLKILL AND CARBON COUNTIES

**COUNTY ENGINEER:**

**#14-106 CARBON ENGINEERING/REAPPOINTMENT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CARBON ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED AS COUNTY ENGINEER AND ACCEPT THE 2014 PROFESSIONAL FEE SCHEDULE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

**#14-107 EMA DEPUTY APPOINTMENT:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE POSITION OF DULY-ENROLLED VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA) DEPUTY: KEVIN STEBER – SUMMIT HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN STEBER.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#14-108 LEPC/APPOINTMENTS:**

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**GROUP II (EMERGENCY SERVICE):** DAWN BENNER, LEHIGHTON, PA

EAST PENN FIRE COMPANY/MAHONING VALLEY  
AMBULANCE BLUE MOUNTAIN HEALTH SYSTEM

**GROUP II (EMERGENCY SERVICE):** SCOTT SODEN, RAPID RESPONSE, INCORPORATED

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPOINT DAWN BENNER AND SCOTT SODEN TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SERVICE AGREEMENTS:**

**#14-109 ADVANCED BUSINESS/ADULT PROBATION:**

THE PROPOSAL FROM ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR MAINTENANCE ON A NEW TOSHIBA ESTUDIO 506 BLACK AND WHITE COPIER IN THE ADULT PROBATION OFFICE WAS PRESENTED FOR BOARD ACTION. SINCE BEING TABLED AT THE MARCH 6TH MEETING, ADVANCED BUSINESS SYSTEMS HAS AGREED TO LOWER THE COST FROM \$.0095/COPY TO \$.008/COPY INCLUDING TONER, PARTS AND LABOR. PRICE WILL REMAIN FIRM FOR (3) YEARS FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#14-110 SIMPLEXGRINNELL:**

THE ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SIMPLEX-GRINNELL COVERING THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CARBON COUNTY COURT HOUSE WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION. THE AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVE 4/01/14 TO 3/31/15 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,095 (NO INCREASE).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION AND PAYMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**PARKS/AGREEMENT/BANNER:**

**#14-111 JOSIAH WHITE PARK:**

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT, ALONG WITH BANNER AND GAZEBO REQUESTS, FOR USE OF THE JOSIAH WHITE PARK WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

JIM THORPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
JIM THORPE BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, MAY 17 & 18, 2014  
(BANNER REQUEST: 5/02/14 TO 5/19/14)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

**#14-112 CONSULTANT AGREEMENT/MEIXELL:**

AN UPDATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND IVAN O. MEIXELL, JR. FOR SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL REVIEW SERVICES WAS SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. THE AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY GIVING THIRTY (30) DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. COMPENSATION SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE (RESOLUTION #14-006).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH IVAN O. MEIXELL, JR.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**ROUTE 903 BRIDGE PROJECT:**

**#14-113 AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER RELATIVE TO THE ROUTE 903 BRIDGE PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SAFETY FENCE 25' FROM THE EDGE OF THE RAIL LINE WITH THREE (3) TEMPORARY ACCESS GATES, ONE AT EACH TEMPORARY CROSSING. FENCE AND GATES ARE TO BE INSTALLED AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY OR R&N RAILROAD.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SHAMROCK AWARD:**

**#14-114 RESOLUTION/O'GUREK**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROBERT "BOBBY" O'GUREK AS THE 2014 SHAMROCK AWARD RECIPIENT:

**RESOLUTION #14-009**

**SHAMROCK AWARD**

**ROBERT "BOBBY" O'GUREK**

**WHEREAS,** THE PANTHER VALLEY IRISH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER PROGRAM IN LANSFORD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AS A MEANS OF PRESERVING THE IRISH ANCESTRY AND RECOGNIZING A PERSON OF ITS NATIONALITY WHO HAS AIDED ITS CAUSE BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE REGION IN SERVICE TO MANKIND; AND

**WHEREAS,** ROBERT "BOBBY" O'GUREK, A CURRENT RESIDENT OF SUMMIT HILL AND A SON OF ROBERT AND PATRICIA "BILLIE" (O'DONNELL) O'GUREK, HAS MET THE IDEALS OF THE PANTHER VALLEY IRISH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION THROUGH HIS PRODUCTIVE LIFE AS A YOUNG ADULT WITH DISABILITIES; AND

**WHEREAS,** DESPITE HIS CEREBRAL PALSY AILMENTS, MR. O'GUREK HAS BEEN A SHINING EXAMPLE OF COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND ENTHUSIASM IN HIS DAILY LIFESTYLE, BEING A GRADUATE OF PANTHER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND THE LEHIGH-CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND

**WHEREAS,** MR. O'GUREK HAS UTILIZED HIS ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AS A COMPUTER SPECIALIST TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL WEB DEVELOPMENT BUSINESSMAN WHOSE WORK IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT CARBON COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS,** MR. O'GUREK HAS BEEN A LONGSTANDING DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE DILIGENCE FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, SUMMIT HILL, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HONORED HIM WITH ONE OF ITS ANNUAL "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS; AND

**WHEREAS,** MR. O'GUREK'S ABILITY TO RISE ABOVE A HANDICAP CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF PERSONS THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA AND PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES, HE BECAME AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE PRENTKE ROMICH COMPANY, TRAVELING TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE COMMUNICATION DEVICE HE USES TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS; HE ADDRESSED THE PITTSBURGH EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE, HOSTED FOR SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH ALL KINDS OF DISABILITIES WHO USE AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES; AND HE RECEIVED THE EDWIN AND ESTHER PRENTKE AAC DISTINGUISHED LECTURE AWARD IN BOSTON, PRESENTED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO USES A COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND IS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE PANTHER VALLEY IRISH-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HAILS MR. O'GUREK AS ITS "IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR" IN THE PANTHER VALLEY, BY PRESENTING TO HIM THE SHAMROCK AWARD DURING THE PVIAA'S 67TH ANNUAL BANQUET.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** THE COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY HONOR AND COMMEND ROBERT "BOBBY" O'GUREK FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVORS AND ON THE OCCASION OF HIM RECEIVING THE ANNUAL SHAMROCK AWARD.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN  
/S/ TOM J. GERHARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
/S/ WILLIAM J. O'GUREK, MEMBER

**ATTEST:**

/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**FURTHER BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION BOARD MEETING:**

**MARCH 13, 2014:**

THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONVENED A MEETING AT 10:56 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CHAIRPERSON, WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, COMMISSIONERS TOM J. GERHARD AND WILLIAM J. O'GUREK. ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER AND SOLICITOR DANIEL MISCAVIGE.

**CERTIFICATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES:**

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE MAY, 2014 PRIMARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**RESIGNATION OF ELECTION BOARD WORKERS:**

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTION BOARD WORKERS:

LANSFORD, DISTRICT 24, JUDGE OF ELECTIONS, DAVID SPENCE  
LANSFORD, DISTRICT 24, CLERK, ROBERTA SPENCE  
PENN FOREST, DISTRICT 51-4, JUDGE OF ELECTIONS, JOHN DANCHAK  
PENN FOREST, DISTRICT 51-4, MINORITY INSPECTOR, DONNA DANCHAK

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**ELECTION ADJOURNMENT:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE ELECTION BOARD, THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.

**ELEVATOR REPAIRS:**

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT REPAIRS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE COURT HOUSE ELEVATOR BUT ADVISED THAT IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE USED UNTIL IT IS INSPECTED.

**ANIMAL SHELTER:**

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN ALSO GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CARBON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER, NOTING THAT IT PASSED INSPECTION ON MARCH 17TH.

**C&Y ADVISORY BOARD:**

THE CHAIRMAN THANKED THE NEWS MEDIA FOR THE COVERAGE ON THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES, WHICH RESULTED IN SEVERAL INQUIRIES.

**LIFE GUARD POSITIONS:**

THE CHAIRMAN INFORMED THAT THERE WILL BE TWELVE (12) LIFEGUARD POSITIONS AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK. APPLICANTS WILL NEED LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION AND MUST BE AVAILABLE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS THROUGH LABOR DAY.

**4-H PROGRAM:**

THE COMMISSIONERS PRESENTED THE 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION TO GEORGIA FARROW, PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE, AND THE 4-H CLUB MEMBERS AND HELPERS WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE COMMISSIONERS ENTERTAINED QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA REGARDING THE MEETING AND THE ELECTRIC PROPOSALS.

**ELECTRIC ONLINE PROPOSALS:**

**#14-115 OPENING OF QUOTES:**

THE ONLINE ELECTRIC PROPOSALS CLOSED AT 11:30 A.M. THE REQUESTED PROPOSALS WERE COMPRISED OF SIX (6) BIDS AS FOLLOWS: 12-MONTH FIXED; 24-MONTH FIXED; 36-MONTH FIXED; 12-MONTH/20% GREEN; 24-MONTH/20% GREEN; 36-MONTH/20% GREEN. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED:

**12-MONTH FIXED RATE:**

U.S. GAS & ELECTRIC INCORPORATED	\$.0887/KWH
TRIEAGLE ENERGY LP	\$.08546/KWH
PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY	\$.0884/KWH
LIBERTY POWER CORPORATION	\$.08542/KWH
CONEDISON SOLUTIONS	\$.0896/KWH
AP G&E ENERGY SOLUTIONS	\$.09044/KWH

**24-MONTH FIXED RATE:**

U.S. GAS & ELECTRIC INCORPORATED	\$.086/KWH
TRIEAGLE ENERGY LP	\$.08220/KWH
PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY	\$.085/KWH

LIBERTY POWER CORPORATION	\$.08224/KWH
CONEDISON SOLUTIONS	\$.0878/KWH
AP G&E ENERGY SOLUTIONS	\$.08714/KWH

**36-MONTH FIXED RATE:**

U.S. GAS & ELECTRIC INCORPORATED	NO BID
TRIEAGLE ENERGY LP	\$.07991/KWH
PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY	\$.0828/KWH
LIBERTY POWER CORPORATION	\$.08022/KWH
CONEDISON SOLUTIONS	\$.0864/KWH
AP G&E ENERGY SOLUTIONS	\$.08526/KWH

**12-MONTH FIXED RATE/20% GREEN:**

U.S. GAS & ELECTRIC INCORPORATED	NO BID
TRIEAGLE ENERGY LP	\$.08746/KWH
PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY	NO BID
LIBERTY POWER CORPORATION	\$.08736/KWH
CONEDISON SOLUTIONS	NO BID
AP G&E ENERGY SOLUTIONS	\$.09074/KWH

**24-MONTH FIXED RATE/20% GREEN:**

U.S. GAS & ELECTRIC INCORPORATED	NO BID
TRIEAGLE ENERGY LP	\$.08420/KWH
PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY	NO BID
LIBERTY POWER CORPORATION	\$.08405/KWH
CONEDISON SOLUTIONS	NO BID
AP G&E ENERGY SOLUTIONS	\$.08744/KWH

**36-MONTH FIXED RATE/20% GREEN:**

U.S. GAS & ELECTRIC INCORPORATED	NO BID
TRIEAGLE ENERGY LP	\$.08191/KWH
PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY	NO BID
LIBERTY POWER CORPORATION	\$.08179/KWH
CONEDISON SOLUTIONS	NO BID
AP G&E ENERGY SOLUTIONS	\$.08556/KWH

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO TABLE THE ELECTRIC PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW, WITH ACTION TO BE TAKEN THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THE MEETING IS RECONVENED AT 1:30 P.M.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 11:55 A.M.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AT 1:30 P.M.

**BRIDGE #16 PROJECT:**

**#14-116 BIDS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADVISED THAT A LIST OF BIDS SUBMITTED FOR COUNTY BRIDGE #16 PROJECT WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THROUGH THE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WEBSITE. BIDS RECEIVED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

FABCOR INCORPORATED	\$1,350,550.92
KRIGER CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED	\$1,449,498.00
FAHS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INCORPORATED	\$1,466,843.95
CLEARWATER CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED	\$1,588,000.00
J. D. ECKMAN, INCORPORATED	\$1,627,965.85
HEIM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INCORPORATED	\$1,673,135.90
LOFTUS CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED	\$1,706,000.00
DESCCO DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED	\$1,749,071.53
NYLEVE BRIDGE CORPORATION	\$1,797,645.35
LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$1,880,634.43
READING MATERIALS, INCORPORATED	\$1,965,000.00

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT ACCORDING TO PENNDOT THE RESULTS WERE VERY GOOD AND SINCE THE BIDS CAME IN UNDER THE ESTIMATE, ALL FUNDING IS IN PLACE. ALL BIDS WERE SUFFICIENTLY IN LINE WITH THE ESTIMATE THAT NO JUSTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS IS NEEDED. THEREFORE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT POSSIBLY BY NEXT WEEK THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN WILL NEED TO LOG INTO ECMS TO CONCUR IN THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

THE CHAIRMAN QUESTIONED THE COUNTY SOLICITOR REGARDING WHETHER THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD HAVE TO RATIFY ACTION IF HE IS CONTACTED BY PENNDOT BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE PROCESS PENNDOT IS USING.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BIDS RECEIVED BY PENNDOT FOR COUNTY BRIDGE #16 PROJECT.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO TABLE ACTION ON CONCURRENCE OF THE AWARD OF BID WITH PENNDOT FOR THE COUNTY BRIDGE #16 PROJECT UNTIL NOTIFIED BY PENNDOT.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 1:48 P.M.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 1:58 P.M.

**AWARD ELECTRIC CONTRACT:**

**#14-117 TRIEAGLE ENERGY:**

A RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE BY JASON ULSHAFFER, INGRAM ENGINEERING, TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY TRIEAGLE ENERGY, THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

36-MONTH TERM - FIXED RATE OF \$.07991/KWH WITHOUT GRS (\$.08490/KWH WITH GRS)

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, ACCEPT THE CONSULTANT'S RECOMMENDATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRIEAGLE ENERGY, THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO THE COUNTY OF CARBON FOR A 36-MONTH TERM AT THE RATES AS SPECIFIED.

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BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 2:00 P.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN