

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:31 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 SECRETARY III IDA STEELE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, AND THE ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR 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. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2014.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	NOT VOTING*

*DUE TO ABSENCE AT MAY 8TH MEETING.

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

ROBIN PLESNARSKI, ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL	RE: INVITATION TO THE BLACK
CLAUDIA KUPEC, ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL	DIAMOND GARDEN PARTY

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 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED MAY 15, 2014.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 106923 THROUGH 107133 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 494,443.76
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 2,205.65
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND	\$ 0.48
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 7,873.91
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 1,316.94
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 5,548.66
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 97,745.22
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 9.90
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 8,627.67
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 230.31
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 5,601.45
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 58.76
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 126.78
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 96.66
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 3.36
CDBG FUND	\$ 8.88
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 84,882.10
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ <u>444,564.34</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,153,344.83

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 PENTELEDATA, TN PRINTING AND THE TIMES NEWS, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MAY 9, 2014 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MAY 9, 2014:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	667.35
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	16,381.09
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	1,241,514.60
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	926,497.25
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	269,396.35
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$	117,478.27
9-1-1 FUND	\$	321,480.91
PARKING FUND	\$	972,848.86
ACT 78 FUND	\$	95,702.87
ACT 56 FUND	\$	1,280,532.39
LIQUID FUELS	\$	403,327.01
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	340,125.05
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	371,086.58
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	19,556.34
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	30,072.46
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	10,414.29
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	62,786.57
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	29.29
HAZMAT FUND	\$	126,391.20
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	439,730.01
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	138,527.39
SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN	\$	73,217.67
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	143,887.87
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	24,289.44
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	13,648.65
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	52,512.81
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	6,067.43
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	21,381.01
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	5,098.81
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	43,165.85
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	14,627.12
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	6,326.48
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	212,392.85
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	8,259.40
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	10,971.37
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,091.87
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	33,517.02
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	28,920.00
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	206,649.03
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	183,190.17
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	13,105.07
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	78,367.45
CDBG FUND	\$	112.62
DEBT SERVICE	\$	2,089,114.72
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	453,035.35
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	200,175.54
TAX CLAIM	\$	801,946.21

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATION:

TAMMY E. NASH-STERNER, PARRYVILLE, PA – PART-TIME CLEANING PERSON, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – EFFECTIVE MAY 23, 2014.

HIRE:

KENDALL J. JURACKA, JIM THORPE, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE MAY 24, 2014.

COURT APPOINTMENT:

MICHELE L. HUSZAR, PALMERTON, PA – DEPARTMENT CLERK I, JUVENILE COURT OFFICE – EFFECTIVE MAY 27, 2014.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

SALLIANNE NEWTON

ANISSA NUNEMACHER

PCYA QUARTERLY MEETING

GETTYSBURG, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$100, LODGING, MEALS

SALLIANNE NEWTON

ANISSA NUNEMACHER

NORTHEAST REGIONAL NBB MEETINGS

SCRANTON, PA

COST: MEALS

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED MAY 15, 2014.

BOARD POLLED:	O’GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: APRIL 14, 2014 MEETING OF SHEPHERD HOUSE INCORPORATED.

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

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION:

ROB SNYDER, NORRISTOWN, PA

GP -2 PERMIT APPLICATION, PRIVATE RECREATIONAL DOCK, LAKE HARMONY, PA

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

- IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SOLUTION (CWIS) WHICH WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO HOW INFORMATION IS GATHERED AND SHARED BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCIES.

(CARBON COUNTY’S TENTATIVE BUDGET IS \$39,753: \$20,036 - STATE; \$6,360 - FEDERAL; \$13,357 - COUNTY FUNDS)

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INFORMING THAT ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED HAS BEEN AWARDED CONTRACT NO. 96082, SR 209 SECTION POC2A, FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SECTIONS OF SR 93, SR 209 AND SR 309 IN CARBON COUNTY.

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

#14-177 SPECIAL MEETING/FARMLAND PRESERVATION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD TO BE HELD MAY 28, 2014.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK ABSTAIN
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

C&Y ADVISORY BOARD:

#14-178 REVISED BY-LAWS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE UPDATED BY-LAWS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, INCORPORATING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM "NOT MORE THAN 18 NOR FEWER THAN 12" TO "NOT MORE THAN 12 NOR FEWER THAN 6"
- EXTENDING TERM OF OFFICERS FROM ONE YEAR TO TWO YEARS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#14-179 CDBG/LANSFORD/CHANGE ORDER:

CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE CONTRACT WITH POPPLE CONSTRUCTION, INCORPORATED, LAFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS/EAST BERTSCH STREET PROJECT, LANSFORD BOROUGH (FY 2011) WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION.

THE CHANGE ORDER DECREASES THE CONTRACT \$2,973.25 DUE TO CHANGES IN THE SCOPE OF WORK. ORIGINAL CONTRACT: \$78,629.25; NEW CONTRACT PRICE \$75,656.00.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE POPPLE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SAINT LUKES:

#14-180 FACILITIES USE:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM ST. LUKE'S MINERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR USE OF THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX PARKING LOT FACILITIES ON MAY 30 AND 31, 2014, AND THE ANNEX ELEVATOR AND RESTROOMS ON MAY 31, 2014, FOR ITS ANNUAL BLACK DIAMOND AFFAIR.

ST. LUKE'S WILL REIMBURSE THE COUNTY AT THE RATE OF \$20.00 PER HOUR/GUARD FOR BUILDING SECURITY.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SERVICE AGREEMENT:

#14-181 COURTS/STENOGRAPH LLC:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE STENOGRAPH WRITER PROTECTION PLAN RENEWAL CONTRACT #MQ067757 FOR ELAN MIRA A3 STENO MACHINE (SERIAL #A005206) IN COURTROOM #1 FOR THE TERM 6/12/14 TO 6/11/15 AT A COST OF \$379 (\$10 INCREASE).

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

#14-182 BANNER REQUEST:

A BANNER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY
FIREWORKS DISPLAY, MEMORIAL PARK
(JUNE 23 TO JULY 9, 2014)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE BANNER PERMIT REQUEST AS SUBMITTED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/RECREATION:

#14-183 CAMP STORE CONCESSION:

LEASE EXTENSION/BROWN:

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED AN EXTENSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND ROBERT E. BROWN, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR OPERATION OF THE CAMP STORE CONCESSION AT THE MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR TO MARCH 31, 2015.

ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2011 SHALL BE INCORPORATED AND MADE A PART OF THIS EXTENSION.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE EXTENSION TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT BROWN.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

RESOLUTION:

#14-184 EAGLE SCOUT/OROSS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING ANDREW OROSS OF EAST SIDE BOROUGH, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 25, WHITE HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA:

RESOLUTION #14-018
EAGLE SCOUT/ANDREW OROSS

WHEREAS, ANDREW OROSS OF EAST SIDE BOROUGH HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, ANDREW OROSS IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 25 IN WHITE HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCOUTING FOR 11 YEARS. ANDREW HAS EARNED 22 MERIT BADGES, AND HAS SERVED AS ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER, DEN CHIEF, QUARTERMASTER, PATROL LEADER AND ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER; AND

WHEREAS, ANDREW OROSS'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CONSISTED OF ASSISTING THE EAST SIDE BOROUGH WITH CREATING A VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AT THE BOROUGH BUILDING. ANDREW ACQUIRED A COUNTERBALANCED FLAG POLE FROM WILMONT ENGINEERING. HE PREPARED THE SITE AND INSTALLED THE POLE. THE SITE WAS THEN LANDSCAPED; A VETERAN'S MARKER AND A REFLECTIVE AREA WERE INSTALLED TO COMMEMORATE THE LOCAL VETERANS. ANDREW SPENT 85 HOURS ON THIS PROJECT. THE MEMORIAL WAS DEDICATED IN NOVEMBER 2013; AND

WHEREAS, ANDREW OROSS HAS DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE AN HONOR HE WILL VALUE FOR A LIFETIME; AND

WHEREAS, ANDREW OROSS IS AN INSPIRATION TO YOUNG MEN THROUGH HIS DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ANDREW OROSS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ANDREW OROSS AND HEREBY COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES HIM IN ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 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:

ANIMAL SHELTER/REPORT:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD COMMENTED ON A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE CARBON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2013 RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY CONTROLLER. THE REPORT SHOWS THAT EXPENSES HAVE DECREASED AND DONATIONS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED. THE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS TO FUND THE ANIMAL SHELTER FOR 2013 WAS \$7,272, A DECREASE OF \$22,770 FROM 2012.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK COMMENTED ON THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

MAY 15, 2014

STATEWIDE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SOLUTION (CWIS). HE REPORTED ON THE NUMBER OF CHILD ABUSE CASES IN THE COUNTY, NOTING THAT NEXT YEAR THE STATE WILL BE LOWERING THE THRESHOLD FOR WHAT WILL CONSTITUTE PHYSICAL CHILD ABUSE.

MR. NOTHSTEIN ADDED THAT THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH EMPLOYEES HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT JOB AND MUST MAKE VERY SERIOUS DECISIONS REGARDING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:47 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN