

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:41 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.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

**PRAYER:**

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK 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 JANUARY 22, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):**

BOWMANSTOWN ROD & GUN CLUB MEMBERS	RE: \$2,000 DONATION FOR ANIMAL SHELTER
CHARLES & CATHY WEBER, ALBRIGHTSVILLE; ROY & LINDA CHRISTMAN, TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP; DR. SUE ANN LEWINE, MAHONING TOWNSHIP; SCOTT BUBBLEMOYER JIM VOIGHT, AQUASHICOLA WATER CONSERVANCY EUGENE NALESNIK, JIM THORPE	RE: PROPOSED PENNEAST PIPELINE     RE: PIPELINE; BAT ISSUE AT COURTHOUSE

**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 2014 AND 2015 AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED JANUARY 29, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 64322 THROUGH 64394 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 112893 THROUGH 112906 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$339,416.33 (PAYROLL DATED JANUARY 23, 2015).

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 112893 THROUGH 113021 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 213,580.50
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 1,158.40
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 4,678.22
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 468.43
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 10,428.00
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 1,767.88
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 83,892.94
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 6,082.26
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 896.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 382.48
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 19,692.75
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 29.97
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 2,500.00
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$ 1,830.00
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE FUND	\$ 14,928.68
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 506.50
CDBG FUND	\$ 614.18
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 50,786.21
TOTAL:	\$ 414,223.40

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, PENTELEDATA, AND BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, HE ABSTAINED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED JANUARY 23, 2015 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 23, 2015:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	0.00
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	152,545.94
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	6,938,874.77
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	928,676.11
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	231,339.01
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$	194,601.44
9-1-1 FUND	\$	84,850.67
PARKING FUND	\$	1,118,576.78
ACT 78 FUND	\$	55,487.58
ACT 56 FUND	\$	1,103,889.23
LIQUID FUELS	\$	651,163.96
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	369,399.44
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	213,585.94
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	11,829.96
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	40,213.01
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	24,759.56
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	71,712.29
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	19,692.75
HAZMAT FUND	\$	124,486.32
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	558,250.56
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	155,659.54
SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN	\$	70,785.35
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	167,382.99
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	14,866.83
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	6,818.63
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	66,877.27
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	11,409.96
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	37,456.49
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	16,521.32
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	27,352.60
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	14,962.43
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	16,373.68
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	254,493.78
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	10,867.14
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	11,897.73
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,197.96
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	39,255.24
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	50,646.26
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 89 FUND	\$	21,241.35

LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	80,548.27
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	149,599.35
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	22,823.45
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	88,776.12
CDBG FUND	\$	630.42
DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,700,769.28
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	288,597.66
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	516,105.76
TAX CLAIM	\$	408,333.42

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

**RYAN J. BORTREE**, LEHIGHTON, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 26, 2015.  
**LARRY R. WILLIAMS**, TAMAQUA, PA – CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 26, 2015.

**HIRES:**

**CHRISTINE E. EROH**, WEATHERLY, PA – CLERICAL AIDE, ARCHIVES – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 2015.  
**ASHLEY M. HUMMEL**, NESQUEHONING, PA – PART-TIME CLEANING PERSON, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2015.  
**JAMES J. MARKS**, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE, PARKS – EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION:**

**CORRECTIONS**

**JESUS A. MORALES**, JIM THORPE, PA  
 CORRECTIONS OFFICER  
 FROM: JANUARY 23, 2015  
 TO: JANUARY 22, 2016

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:**

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

**CONNIE LYNN**  
 LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN – TIER II TRAINING  
 DALLAS, PA  
 COST: MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

**CONNIE LYNN**  
**CHERI MAE SANTORE**  
 LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN – TIER I TRAINING  
 NORRISTOWN, PA  
 COST: MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**MARK NALESNIK**  
 PEMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY TRAINING  
 WILKES-BARRE, PA  
 COST: MEALS

**MARK NALESNIK**

PEMA TRAINING COURSE: G-358 EVACUATION & RE-ENTRY PLANNING

READING, PA

**COURT SEMINAR/TRAINING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**COURT ADMINISTRATION**

**SHERRI KLEINTOP**

**PATRICIA LAWLESS**

**JOLENE REMUS**

NEW COURT REPORTER RULES WEBINAR

JIM THORPE, PA

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**MARY KUNKEL**

EASTERN REGIONAL INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HERSHEY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$250, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

**STACY KATTNER**

**BRIDGET JOHNSTON**

EASTERN REGIONAL INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HERSHEY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE: \$365 PER PERSON, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED JANUARY 29, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: AUGUST 26, 2014 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY RAILROAD COMMISSION.

THE 2014 REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS WAS RECEIVED FROM CARBON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 56-3-02, PALMERTON, PA.

A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY JANUARY 26, 2015 WAS RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

**AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PROGRAM:**

**#15-035 FUNDING RESOLUTION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO EXECUTE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR 2015 FUNDING RESOLUTION, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE:

**RESOLUTION #15-002**  
**AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENT FARMERS IN THE CARBON COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN EVIDENT;

**WHEREAS**, THESE TRUTHS JUSTIFY AN APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUND FOR SUCH A PROGRAM AND ITS BENEFACTORS;

**WHEREAS**, THIS APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUND SHALL BE DULY PROVIDED AS MATCHING FUND AVAILABLE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE ACT OF JUNE 30, 1981 (P.L. 128, NO. 43) KNOWN TO BE THE AGRICULTURAL SECURITY LAW, AS AMENDED;

**WHEREAS**, NO PART OF THIS FUND SHALL BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS FUND SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY AND PLACED IN A SEPARATE, RESTRICTED ACCOUNT ALONG WITH ROLL-BACK TAX PENALTIES COLLECTED THROUGH ACT 319 (LEAN & GREEN) AS REQUIRED BY ACT 156 OF 1998;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, CARBON COUNTY SHALL APPROPRIATE A FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 PLUS 2014 ACT 319 ROLL-BACK TAXES OF \$944.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$25,944.00 FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2015.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT ANY PART OF THIS FUND NOT EXPENDED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL PERIOD STATED ABOVE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL PERIOD FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

**ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.**

**CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ATTEST:**

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:**

**#15-036 CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

**RESIGNATION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JERRY DOTTER, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM THE CARBON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**COURTS:**

**#15-037 GRANT APPLICATION:**

**SENIOR JUDGE REIMBURSEMENT:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ENCLOSING THE PA RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 701 (A) AND ACT 37 OF 2007 SENIOR JUDGE CHAMBERS & SUPPORT STAFF APPLICATION FOR SENIOR JUDGE REIMBURSABLE COSTS INCURRED WHILE ON ASSIGNMENT IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014 TOTALING \$314.00.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**#15-038 STATE FOOD/REPORTS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER EXPENSE AND DATA REPORTS FOR THE FY 2014/2015 STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM AS SUBMITTED BY SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**JUVENILE COURT:**

**#15-039 GRANT IN AID:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2014-15 JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION AND AWARD NOTIFICATION/ INVOICE UNDER THE 2012-2017 AGREEMENT FOR JUVENILE PROBATION/SPECIALIZED PROBATION SERVICES FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,300.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**PROPOSED PENNEAST PIPELINE:**

**#15-040 RESOLUTION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PENNEAST PIPELINE.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-003**  
**PENNEAST NATURAL GAS PIPELINE**  
**COUNTY OF CARBON, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PENNEAST NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ACT AS AN INTERVENER AND TAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL ACTION IN THE COURSE OF THE REGULATORY PROCESS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, PENNEAST PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC (HEREINAFTER "PENNEAST") PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A 108 MILE, 36 INCH DIAMETER PIPELINE FROM DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA TO HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PROPOSED PIPELINE IS PLANNED TO TRANSPORT 1,000,000,000 CF OF NATURAL GAS PER DAY AT A PRESSURE OF 1,500 PSI FROM THE GAS FIELDS OF NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA TO ITS PLANNED TERMINUS; AND

**WHEREAS**, PENNEAST HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION ("FERC") INITIATE AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT WITH THE INTENTION TO FILE A FORMAL APPLICATION WITH FERC ON OR BEFORE JULY, 2015; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED PIPELINE PROJECT WILL CROSS THE LEHIGH RIVER, SEVERAL CREEKS, STATE PARKS, STATE GAME LANDS, STATE FOREST, HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND LAND RESERVED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE, ALL WITHIN CARBON COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PROJECT WILL REQUIRE A FIFTY FOOT-WIDE PERMANENT CLEAR-CUT CONSTRUCTION RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN A ONE HUNDRED FOOT-WIDE TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY WHICH WILL ENTER THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF KIDDER TOWNSHIP THROUGH A MAJOR DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA, FRANCIS E. WALTER DAM, AND PASS THROUGH CARBON COUNTY TRANSITING MANY MORE DESIGNATED NATURAL AREAS BEFORE EXITING CARBON COUNTY AT ITS BORDER IN LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP WITH NORTHAMPTON COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SUCH A MASSIVE REMOVAL OF VEGETATION AND DISTURBANCE OF SOILS WITHIN CARBON COUNTY WILL RESULT TO THE DETRIMENT OF UNDERGROUND WATER SUPPLIES AND TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO RELY ON PURE AND ABUNDANT WELL WATER AND HAVE NO ACCESS TO TREATED MUNICIPAL WATER; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PROPOSED PIPELINE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS BY LOWERING PROPERTY VALUES, RAISING HEALTH CONCERNS, NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND CREATING ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE AREA BECAUSE OF SAID ISSUES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTE WILL DISPLACE MANY CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS FROM THEIR HOMES AND WILL MAKE LESS HABITABLE THE HOMES OF MANY MORE ALL OF WHICH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMINENT DOMAIN CONFISCATION OF THEIR REAL PROPERTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE PENNEAST PROJECT IS PROPOSING A SITE LOCATION IN KIDDER TOWNSHIP BETWEEN ROUTE 940 AND JACK FROST MOUNTAIN FOR A REQUIRED ABOVE-GROUND COMPRESSOR STATION WHICH WILL OPERATE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS-A-YEAR, EMITTING NOXIOUS CHEMICALS AND PRODUCING CONSTANT DISTURBING LEVELS OF NOISE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS PIPELINE PROJECT WILL MAINTAIN ITS ROUTE THROUGH CARBON COUNTY BY THE ROUTINE USE OF CHEMICAL HERBICIDES TO CLEAR VEGETATION FROM THE PIPELINE CORRIDORS AND THESE CHEMICALS HAVE BEEN LINKED TO A WORLDWIDE DECLINE IN INSECT, AMPHIBIOUS AND AQUATIC SPECIES AND ILLNESS TO HUMANS AND OTHER MAMMALS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY COUNTY OF CARBON, PENNSYLVANIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. COUNTY OF CARBON OBJECTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND CURRENT PROPOSED PATH OF THE PROPOSED PENNEAST PIPELINE. IT ALSO OBJECTS TO THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO SECURE THE "RIGHTS OF WAY" FOR THIS PROJECT.

2. COUNTY OF CARBON WILL ACT AS AN "INTERVENER" AND/OR "OBJECTOR" THROUGH THE FERC REGULATORY PROCESS TO PRESERVE OUR ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS TOWNSHIP. WE WILL EXERCISE CAREFUL FISCAL OVERSIGHT IN THESE ROLES.

3. FOR SUCH A MASSIVE PROJECT COUNTY OF CARBON REQUIRES THE UTMOST IN PREVENTIVE SAFETY PREPARATIONS AND FULLEST MITIGATION OF ALL NEGATIVE IMPACTS FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT.

4. COUNTY OF CARBON CHARGES PENNEAST TO ENGAGE THE CONCERNS OF ALL CARBON COUNTY RESIDENTS, TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS WITHIN THE AFFECTED TOWNSHIPS SO THAT RESIDENTS MAY BE FULLY HEARD AND TO CONSIDER REROUTING THE PROPOSED PIPELINE TO EXISTING UTILITY "RIGHTS OF WAY" OR OTHER UNOCCUPIED AREAS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

5. COUNTY OF CARBON CHARGES PENNEAST TO ACTIVELY PURSUE WAYS TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE THE PIPELINE WILL CAUSE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO OUR PRESERVED PROPERTIES, TO OUR RESIDENTS' PROPERTY VALUES, TO OUR AQUIFERS AND TO THE HOMES AND LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY ,2015.

**COUNTY OF CARBON 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

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK COMMENTED ON A LETTER TO THE EDITOR WHICH APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING CARBON COUNTY RECEIVING A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO FEED SENIOR CITIZENS.

HE NOTED THAT THE ARTICLE CONTAINED INCORRECT INFORMATION IMPLYING THAT THE COUNTY WAS NOT LOOKING AFTER THE PANTHER VALLEY AREA. HE CLARIFIED THAT THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) CURRENTLY SERVES 120 CLIENTS HOME-DELIVERED MEALS IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY, 48 IN SUMMIT HILL, LANSFORD, AND NESQUEHONING.

THE ADDITIONAL \$225,000 IN LOTTERY FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE WAS FOR THE OPTIONS PROGRAM AND THE COUNTY PLANNED TO USE A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS TO EXPAND HOME DELIVERED MEALS TO THE LEHIGHTON, JIM THORPE AND PALMERTON AREAS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY SERVED BY MEALS ON WHEELS AND THE BLUE MOUNTAIN HEALTH SYSTEM.

COMMISSIONER GERHARD PROVIDED MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE OPTIONS PROGRAM, AND HE AND COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN THANKED COMMISSIONER O'GUREK FOR HIS EXPLANATION.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:19 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN