

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 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, 911 DIRECTOR, AND ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR HAMM 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. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WERE HELD:

FEBRUARY 6, 2015	10:00 A.M.	PERSONNEL MATTERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2015	9:00 A.M.	PERSONNEL MATTERS

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 FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 64395 THROUGH 64442 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5087542 THROUGH 5087847 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$295,149.75 (PAYROLL DATED FEBRUARY 6, 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 113148 THROUGH 113353 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 78,260.74
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 164.15
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 13,252.46
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 133.86
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 28,178.71
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 40,095.32
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 3,710.46
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 533.98
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 6,455.35
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 0.46
OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND	\$ 3,650.00
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 102.13
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 71.30
CDBG FUND	\$ 48,347.81
PAYROLL FUND	\$ 41,683.72
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ <u>188,247.53</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 452,887.98

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 PALMERTON
TELEPHONE COMPANY, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT
DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2015 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2015:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	157.97
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	140,530.19
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	5,880,642.69
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	928,952.17
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	229,147.23
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$	194,656.13
9-1-1 FUND	\$	42,807.10
PARKING FUND	\$	1,116,662.82
ACT 78 FUND	\$	96,561.33
ACT 56 FUND	\$	1,241,436.33
LIQUID FUELS	\$	640,919.59
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	457,789.31
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	48,350.66
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	18,007.30
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	47,843.98
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	18,364.61
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	63,643.43
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	16.19
HAZMAT FUND	\$	124,434.33
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	558,415.06
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	157,055.32
SMALL BUSINESS EXPANSION LOAN	\$	70,806.37
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	167,432.75
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	12,370.38
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	4,990.08
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	58,589.80
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	10,724.60
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	37,467.46
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	16,526.12
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	12,431.57
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	14,460.36
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	17,238.54
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	254,569.04
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	10,870.34
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	12,126.25
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,199.21
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	39,266.91
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	50,660.89
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 89 FUND	\$	21,247.66
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	80,572.21
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	149,643.82
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	22,830.10
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	150,365.24

CDBG FUND	\$	48,372.74
DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,701,273.51
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	288,683.45
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	496,894.95
TAX CLAIM	\$	541,196.99

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:34 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:36 A.M.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

CHERI MAE SANTORE

CONNIE LYNN

SUE ZEIGLER

MARIANNE MARZEN

THERESA MILBERGER

2015 PENNSYLVANIA OMBUDSMAN AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

CHERI MAE SANTORE

CINDY BIZARRE

CIVIL SERVICE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TRAINING WEBINAR
 PALMERTON, PA

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

CATHERINE NONNEMACHER

CHARTING THE COURSE TOWARDS PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN PENNSYLVANIA:

INTRODUCTIONS TO PENNSYLVANIA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

IDENTIFYING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

USING INTERACTIONAL HELPING SKILLS TO ACHIEVE LASTING CHANGE

RISK ASSESSMENT

CASE PLANNING WITH FAMILIES

THE COURT PROCESS

ASSESSING SAFETY IN OUT OF HOME CARE

OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT AND PERMANENCY PLANNING

MAKING PERMANENT CONNECTIONS-OUTCOMES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

READING, PA

COST: MEALS

SALLIANNE NEWTON

ANISSA NUNMACHER

PCYA QUARTERLY MEETING

STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$100 PER PERSON, LODGING, MEALS

HUMAN RESOURCES

DAWN M. BOWMAN

LISA A. MARKS

14TH ANNUAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE

HERSHEY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$225 PER PERSON, LODGING, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE), MEALS

VETERANS AFFAIRS

HENRY DESROSIERS

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY DIRECTORS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 2015 STATE CONFERENCE

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA

COST: LODGING, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

COURT SEMINAR/TRAINING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ADULT PROBATION

DEREK GEORGE

CONTROL TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE

COPLAY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$1,825, MEALS

COURT ADMINISTRATION

SHERRI KLEINTOP

PATRICIA LAWLESS

JOLENE REMUS

2015 PCRA ANNUAL CONVENTION

SEVEN SPRINGS, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$255 PER PERSON, LODGING, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE), MEALS

DISTRICT COURT

WENDY SMELAS

MDJS – ADVANCED JUVENILE CASE PROCESSING

ALLENTOWN, PA

COST: MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

JUVENILE COURT

JANELLE BALLIET

CONTROL TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE

COPLAY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$1,825, MEALS

JOSEPH A. GRECO

PAUL R. ZONA

PENNSYLVANIA GANG CONFERENCE

STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$100, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: JANUARY 19, 2015 MEETING OF SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

THE JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

NOTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING COURSES TO BE HELD APRIL 6, 13, 20 & 27; SEPTEMBER 1, 21, 28, AND OCTOBER 5, 2015.

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

#15-051 BIDS/CDBG PROJECTS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION TO BID FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS:

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH: WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS/TAMAQUA STREET
(FY2012 & FY2013)

WEISSPORT BOROUGH: STREET IMPROVEMENTS/PROSPECT STREET RECONSTRUCTION (FY 2012)

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	ABSTAIN
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

AGENCY ON AGING:

#15-052 SENIOR CENTER GRANTS:

SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER 2014-2015 GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) AND THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING FOR THE FOLLOWING TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS WERE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION:

PALMERTON CENTER: \$2,750.00 - PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCREEN TV & WII SYSTEM

PANTHER VALLEY CENTER: \$4,500.00 - PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCREEN TV & PA SYSTEM

WEATHERLY AREA CENTER: \$1,200.00 - PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LARGE SCREEN TV

THE GRANTS ARE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2015 TO JANUARY 31, 2016.

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

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

COURTS COMPUTER INFO:

#15-053 AGREEMENT/VISTACOM:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COURT COMPUTER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT ENCLOSING AN EXTENDED SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH VISTACOM FOR ONE (1) POLYCOM VIDEO

CONFERENCING UNIT #487000370156GS (SERIAL #88115010F7C7CH). THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE MARCH 7, 2015 TO MARCH 6, 2016 AT A COST OF \$712.00. WARRANTY COVERAGE INCLUDES REPLACEMENT OF FAULTY EQUIPMENT.

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

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK QUESTIONED IF THE PRICE REFLECTS AN INCREASE. THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADVISED THAT IT IS A NEW AGREEMENT COVERING THE PRISON VIDEO CONFERENCING UNIT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLID WASTE:

#15-054 DISPOSAL AGREEMENT/ADDENDA:

ADDENDA TO MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL CAPACITY AGREEMENTS, ELIMINATING THE TIPPING FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

- ALLIANCE SANITARY LANDFILL, INC., TAYLOR, PA
- COMMONWEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, HEGINS, PA
- ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CORPORATION, INC., TAMAQUA, PA
- GRAND CENTRAL SANITARY LANDFILL, INC., PEN ARGYL, PA
- KEYSTONE SANITARY LANDFILL, DUNMORE, PA
- LEHIGH VALLEY RECYCLING CENTER, COPLAY, PA
- PHOENIX RESOURCES LANDFILL, INC., WELLSBORO, PA
- PIONEER CROSSING LANDFILL, BIRDSBORO, PA
- WAYNE TOWNSHIP LANDFILL, MCELLHATTAN, PA
- WHITE PINES LANDFILL, MILLVILLE, PA

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

MAGISTRATES/LANSFORD:

#15-055 AGREEMENT/SNOW REMOVAL:

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND JOSEPH BUTRIE FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL AND CLEARING AT THE LANSFORD MAGISTRATES OFFICE, 417 EAST RIDGE STREET, LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PARKING LOTS ADJACENT TO THE PREMISES, WAS PRESENTED FOR BOARD ACTION. COMPENSATION SHALL BE \$75.00 PER EACH INSTANCE, PAYABLE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

THE AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, SHALL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS OR CHANGES AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COUNTY.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH JOSEPH BUTRIE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PARKS/RECREATION:

#15-056 ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT:

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

PA SENATOR JOHN T. YUDICHAK
CARBON COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS - COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY, MAY 2, 2015
*PENDING APPROVAL FROM THE PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION.

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

BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION:

#15-057 LEASE EXTENSION/KNOX:

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED AN AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION OF THE LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 2014 WITH LORI KNOX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR OPERATION OF THE BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR TWO (2) SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL TERMS BEGINNING APRIL 1ST AND EXPIRING MARCH 31ST WITH A FINAL TERMINATION DATE OF MARCH 31, 2019.

THE AGREEMENT ALSO AMENDS PARAGRAPH 4.2 AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF TWO (2) PADDLEBOARDS.

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

RESOLUTION:

#15-058 911 FUNDING & SYSTEM REFORM:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REGARDING 911 FUNDING AND SYSTEM REFORM:

RESOLUTION #15-004
911 FUNDING AND SYSTEM REFORM

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, URGING THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE 35 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, RELATING TO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES (FORMERLY THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT, ACT 78 OF 1990).

WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE ACT GAVE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING AND MANAGING A SYSTEM OF 911 CALL TAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, SETTING IN PLACE PLANNING PROCESSES, LINES OF AUTHORITY BETWEEN COUNTIES AND PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) AND A FUNDING STREAM BASED ON TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER SURCHARGES; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER COUNTIES' STEWARDSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA'S 911 SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE BEST MANAGED AND UP-TO-DATE SYSTEMS IN THE NATION, WITH ALMOST COMPLETE E-911 COVERAGE

(ENHANCED 911, PROVIDING LOCATOR SYSTEMS FOR WIRELINE, WIRELESS, AND VOIP CALLS), THE FEWEST PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS (PSAPS) PER CAPITA AMONG LARGE STATES, AND A COMMITMENT TO MOVING TOWARD NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) TECHNOLOGIES.

WHEREAS, THE 911 SYSTEM FACES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES TO MEET RAPIDLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS, A FUNDING STREAM WHOSE FAILURE TO KEEP PACE WITH NEEDS REQUIRES COUNTIES TO RELY BOTH HEAVILY AND INCREASINGLY ON THE PROPERTY TAX, AND THE JUNE 30, 2015, SUNSET OF ONE KEY FUNDING SOURCE, THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE SURCHARGE; AND

WHEREAS, THE ACT CURRENTLY KEYS ITS PLANNING, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND AUDIT FUNCTIONS SEPARATELY TO DIFFERENT COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES, INHIBITING COUNTIES' ABILITY TO MANAGE THE SYSTEM, TO INCORPORATE SHARED SERVICES, OR TO IMPLEMENT SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE INTENT OF THE ORIGINAL LAW WAS TO FULLY FUND COUNTIES' ELIGIBLE 911 COSTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT SUBSCRIBER FEE STRUCTURE IS A MONTHLY SURCHARGE ON WIRELINE, WIRELESS, AND VOIP SUBSCRIBERS, RANGING FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.50 PER MONTH FOR WIRELINE, AND SET AT \$1.00 PER MONTH FOR WIRELESS AND VOIP; AND

WHEREAS, THE WIRELINE FEES HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE THE ACT'S PASSAGE IN 1990 AND THE WIRELESS AND VOIP FEES, ALTHOUGH ADOPTED LATER, WERE KEYED TO THE 1990 WIRELINE RATES, ALL OF WHICH, IF ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ALONE, WOULD MEAN FEES OF AT LEAST \$1.72; AND

WHEREAS, COUNTIES OVER THE YEARS HAVE ADAPTED AND UPGRADED 911 SYSTEMS TO MEET UNANTICIPATED TECHNOLOGY CHANGE INCLUDING LOCATOR SYSTEMS, AND ARE NOW ACTIVELY PLANNING UPCOMING TECHNOLOGY NEEDS INCLUDING NEXT GENERATION 911 TEXT, VIDEO, AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA; AND

WHEREAS, THE ONSLAUGHT OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE WAS UNFORESEEN AND DRAMATICALLY ALTERED THE ABILITY OF THE FUNDING STRUCTURE TO MEET COUNTY NEEDS, FOR BOTH OPERATING AND CAPITAL COSTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT FUNDING STRUCTURE COVERED ONLY 66 PERCENT OF CARBON COUNTY'S YEAR 2014 COST TO PROVIDE THIS VITAL SERVICE, WITH THE REMAINDER DRAWN FROM COUNTY PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER REVENUES; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE FUNDING STREAM IS IMMEDIATE, AND WILL REACH CRISIS PROPORTIONS IF ACTION IS DELAYED PAST THE JUNE 30, 2015 EXPIRATION OF THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER SURCHARGE; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY JOINS WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA IN SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE REWRITE OF CHAPTER 53 OF TITLE 35; AND

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY SUPPORTS A REFORM BILL THAT IS TECHNOLOGY-NEUTRAL ALLOWING COUNTIES TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS MEETING CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS; AND

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY SUPPORTS A REFORM BILL THAT COMBINES PLANNING, ADMINISTRATIVE, FUNDING AND AUDIT PROVISIONS INTO A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED WHOLE, AFFORDING COUNTIES THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO MANAGE EFFECTIVELY, FACILITATE SHARED SERVICES, INCORPORATE SYSTEM EFFICIENCIES, AND READILY ADAPT TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND

RESOLVED, THAT CARBON COUNTY SUPPORTS A REFORM BILL THAT INCREASES 911 SUBSCRIBER FEES TO A LEVEL THAT FULLY SUPPORTS CURRENT AND NEXT GENERATION OPERATIONS, AND WHICH KEYS THE FEES TO INFLATION OR ALLOWS FOR OTHER MECHANISMS TO PROVIDE REGULAR ADJUSTMENTS TO MEET SYSTEM NEEDS; AND

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE CARBON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO GOVERNOR WOLF, TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

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

TAX ASSESSMENT:

#15-059 TAX REFUND:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSMENT BUREAU VERIFYING THAT THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER IS REQUESTING AND IS DUE A REFUND OF REAL ESTATE TAX:

MUNICIPALITY: BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
LEONARD, ANN M. & JAMES G.
81 DEAN STREET
BEAVER MEADOWS, PA 18216

CODE: 2-5-10212

PROPERTY RECORD CARD #: 125A-5-D20

REASON: TAXES PAID TWICE, ONCE BY TAXPAYER AND THEN BY MORTGAGE COMPANY.

TOTAL REFUND DUE: \$293.71

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE TAX REFUND AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

MR. O'GUREK COMMENTED ON THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT ADDENDA WHICH WILL ELIMINATE THE \$4.00 PER TON TIPPING FEES THAT EVERY MUNICIPALITY'S CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN PAYING AT THE LANDFILLS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015. HE ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF THIS, THE MUNICIPALITIES WILL SEE A DECREASE IN THEIR DISPOSAL COSTS, AND SINCE THE COUNTY IS NO LONGER IN THE RECYCLING BUSINESS, THEY WILL BE RETURNING THE MONEY COLLECTED FOR NINE (9) MONTHS IN 2013 AND FOR THE YEAR 2014.

MR. GERHARD GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT, ADVISING THAT WORK AT THE ANNEX, COURT HOUSE AND 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET BUILDINGS IS COMPLETE. WORK IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE AT THE PRISON, AND THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY FEBRUARY 20TH.

MR. NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENTS, NOTING THE COMMISSIONERS FRUSTRATION OVER THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TOOK TO GET DEP TO PROVIDE SOMETHING IN WRITING IN REGARDS TO CHANGING THE AGREEMENT ON THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

HE URGED THE MUNICIPALITIES TO GET THEIR REPORTS SUBMITTED IN A TIMELY FASHION.

MR. NOTHSTEIN REFERENCED THE 911 FUNDING AND SYSTEM REFORM RESOLUTION, STATING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION'S MEDIA RELEASE LISTS 911 SERVICE SYSTEM REFORM AS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR THE YEAR. HE ADVISED THAT UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION, THE LAW FOR ACT 56 FUNDING SUNSETS ON JUNE 30, 2015, WHICH WILL BE A GREAT HARDSHIP ON THE COUNTIES.

HE NOTED THAT IN 2014, CARBON COUNTY'S REVENUES TOTALED \$1,055,444; EXPENSES WERE \$1,591,476, LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$536,032. FEES COLLECTED FROM ALL MUNICIPALITIES FOR SERVICES

PROVIDED AMOUNTED TO \$146,810; FEES COLLECTED FOR ALARM MONITORING WAS \$20,443, LEAVING THE COUNTY TO PAY THE BALANCE OF \$368,779.

THE 911 DIRECTOR WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA REGARDING EQUIPMENT ISSUES AND CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:55 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN