

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:32 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 COURT ADMINISTRATOR 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 MAY 21, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

PROCLAMATION:

#15-167 FOREST FIRE WARDEN:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION NAMING 2015 THE YEAR OF PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND JUNE 3, 2015 PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDEN DAY:

PROCLAMATION #2015-05
2015 YEAR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FOREST FIRE WARDEN

WHEREAS, PENNSYLVANIA'S BOUNTIFUL FORESTS AND BRUSH LANDS ENRICH THE LIVES OF BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE ON A DAILY BASIS, PROVIDING IRREPLACEABLE HABITAT FOR COUNTLESS FLORA AND FAUNA; A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE OF TIMBER AND CLEAN WATER; SCENIC RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING AS PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDENS FOR THE LAST 100 YEARS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DCNR BUREAU OF FORESTRY, OFTEN ARE THE FRONT LINE OF DEFENSE IN PREVENTING, DETECTING, INVESTIGATING AND EDUCATING AGAINST THE WILDFIRES THAT SO QUICKLY CAN DEVASTATE THESE RESOURCES, AND SO OFTEN ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE. FIRES TRACED TO ARSON AND CARELESSNESS ANNUALLY DEVASTATE NEARLY 7,000 ACRES OF STATE FOREST AND PRIVATE LAND; AND THREATEN LIFE, PROPERTY, AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS, MEN AND WOMEN SERVE AS PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDENS ACROSS THE STATE AND IN ALL 20 STATE FOREST DISTRICTS, AND ARE PROPERLY TRAINED AND APPOINTED PRIMARILY TO DETECT, EXTINGUISH AND INVESTIGATE WILDFIRES. WARDENS ACTIVELY PROMOTE FIRE PREVENTION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, OFTEN VISITING SCHOOLS AND CIVIC GROUPS; AND PROVIDE VITAL ASSISTANCE TO DCNR'S BUREAU OF FORESTRY IN FULFILLING ITS MISSION OF ENSURING THE LONG-TERM HEALTH, VIABILITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S FORESTS AND CONSERVING NATIVE PLANTS; AND

WHEREAS, THESE FIRE WARDENS ALSO ARE EXPECTED TO ASSEMBLE AND TRAIN A CREW OF WILD LAND FIREFIGHTERS THAT IS AVAILABLE TO RESPOND, UNDER THEIR DIRECTION, TO WILDFIRES ANYWHERE IN THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE, RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN AND GUIDED BY POLICY AND PRACTICE, ESTABLISHED THEIR AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN A LEGISLATIVE MANDATE THAT IS THE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACT OF JUNE 3, 1915 CREATING THE PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDEN SYSTEM THAT REMAINS IN EFFECT TODAY.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S IMPORTANCE AND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM 2015: YEAR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND JUNE 3, 2015, PENNSYLVANIA FOREST FIRE WARDEN DAY. WE URGE ALL PENNSYLVANIANS AND VISITORS TO ASSIST THEM IN PROTECTING OUR VALUABLE RESOURCES BY BEING METICULOUSLY CAUTIOUS WITH THE USE OF FIRE.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.

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

WES KELLER, CONRAD WEISER DISTRICT, FOREST FIRE WARDEN DARRYL BREWSTER AND SMOKEY THE BEAR WERE IN ATTENDANCE TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION.

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 28, 2015.

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 115562 THROUGH 115665 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$	431,139.86
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	1,438.85
9-1-1 FUND	\$	19,307.93
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	1,373.93
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	27,941.76
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	24,276.53
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$	2,424.08
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$	12,648.80
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$	8,609.26
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	14,470.89
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	29.97
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$	14.01
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$	691.07
CDBG FUND	\$	204.15
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$	<u>1,106.31</u>
TOTAL:	\$	545,677.40

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, BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, PENTELEDATA, PENCOR, AND TIMES NEWS PRINTING, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MAY 22, 2015 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MAY 22, 2015:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	682.60
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	22,541.23
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	5,108,446.52
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	929,745.18
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	251,716.36
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$	158,131.82

9-1-1 FUND	\$	416,664.71
PARKING FUND	\$	1,014,624.16
ACT 78 FUND	\$	96,568.55
ACT 56 FUND	\$	956,884.22
LIQUID FUELS	\$	251,007.35
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	478,011.59
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	443,311.26
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	36,989.93
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	120,351.40
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	14,319.34
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	143,802.92
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	22.59
HAZMAT FUND	\$	129,773.54
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	391,476.72
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	162,231.39
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	168,593.09
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	16,757.31
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	3,256.03
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	69,282.03
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	11,399.85
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	21,879.91
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	5,118.50
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	16,930.39
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	14,644.24
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	15,171.54
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	272,918.89
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	1,268.83
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	11,766.17
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,500.24
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	37,870.13
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	51,434.52
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	101,908.83
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	149,771.56
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	27,794.47
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	6,566.47
CDBG FUND	\$	240.92
DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,698,354.89
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	359,468.99
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	467,626.24
TAX CLAIM	\$	441,252.95

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:**HIRES:**

ROBERT BEVICH, SUMMIT HILL, PA – SUMMER SUPERVISOR, LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015.

ERIN BUCCI, JIM THORPE, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE MAY 29, 2015.

MATTHEW M. HUDICKA, NESQUEHONING, PA – SUMMER LABORER, LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM – EFFECTIVE JUNE 15.

HUNTER R. SIMMONS, JIM THORPE, PA – SUMMER LABORER, LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM – EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2015.

PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

GLEND A H. MELDRUM, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015.

JAMES S. ROMANKOW, LANSFORD, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015.

CHRISTOPHER M. TORO, HAZLETON, PA – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

SUSAN ZEIGLER

THERESA MILBERGER

CHERI MAE SANTORE

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN FINAL RULE WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

CHERI MAE SANTORE

SUSAN ZEIGLER

CONNIE LYNN

ETHEL WHITE

THERESA MILBERGER

PAM SCHLEICHER

MARY ANN MARZEN

DEENA FITAL

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

SUSAN ZEIGLER

CONNIE LYNN

CHERI MAE SANTORE

ETHEL WHITE

MARY ANN MARZEN

RUDY LOPEZ

PAM SCHLEICHER

THERESA MILBERGER

PA LINK MEETING – MANAGING BEHAVIORS STARTING WITH YOUR OWN
PALMERTON, PA
COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

CHERI MAE SANTORE

GLENN SCHOCH

CINDY BIZARRE

PROGRAMMATIC AND FISCAL MONITORING WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED MAY 28, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMUNICATION SENT TO MARK NALESNIK, CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COORDINATOR, FROM LAKE HARMONY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY THANKING HIM AND STAFF FOR ASSISTING IN THE FIGHTING AND CONTROLLING OF LARGE BRUSH FIRE BETWEEN FRANCIS WALTER DAM AND JACK FROST MOUNTAIN ON MAY 4 AND 5, 2015.

BOARDS/AUTHORITIES:

CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

#15-168 APPOINTMENT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPOINT DR. JUSTIN CUNFER, LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA TO SERVE AS A PUBLIC DIRECTOR ON THE CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT FILLING THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF GERALD DOTTER, EFFECTIVE TO DECEMBER 31, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

INSURANCE:

#15-169 PCORP/RENEWAL:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2015/2016 INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2016 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$226,597 (DECREASE OF \$16,329), CHOOSING THE 40%/30%/30% PAYMENT OPTION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION:

#15-170 EAGLE SCOUT/SNYDER:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING JACOB SNYDER, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 744, NESQUEHONING:

RESOLUTION #15-016
EAGLE SCOUT/JACOB SNYDER

WHEREAS, JACOB SNYDER OF NESQUEHONING HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, JACOB SNYDER IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 744 IN NESQUEHONING, PENNSYLVANIA AND HAS BEEN A BOY SCOUT FOR 5 YEARS. JACOB HAS EARNED 31 MERIT BADGES, INCLUDING SWIMMING AND KAYAKING; AND HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PATROL LEADER, ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER AND QUARTERMASTER; AND

WHEREAS, JACOB SNYDER'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT CONSISTED OF BUILDING A CEREMONIAL FLAG RETIREMENT AREA FOR THE NESQUEHONING VFW. THE RETIREMENT AREA IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE NESQUEHONING FIRE COMPANY. IT IS AN 8' X 8' PAVED AREA WITH A STONE FIRE PIT IN THE CENTER. HE ALSO CONSTRUCTED TWO PARK STYLE BENCHES AND A FLAG POLE. IT TOOK APPROXIMATELY 173 MAN HOURS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT; AND

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

WHEREAS, JACOB SNYDER 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 JACOB SNYDER.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.

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:

AAA/VOUCHERS:

THE CHAIRMAN MADE THE NEWS MEDIA AWARE THAT FARMER MARKET VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGH THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

MR. GERHARD THANKED MARK NALESNIK, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FOR ALL HIS HELP AND SUPPORT WITH THE RECENT FOREST FIRE BETWEEN FRANCIS WALTER DAM AND JACK FROST MOUNTAIN, AND ALSO FOR THE EXTRA TIME HE SPENT AT AN INCIDENT IN SUMMIT HILL.

MR. NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE DECREASE IN INSURANCE FOR THE COUNTY, COMMENDING THE SAFETY COMMITTEE, WILDONER INSURANCE AGENCY AND PCORP IN KEEPING THE COSTS DOWN FOR THE COUNTY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:56 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN