

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:35 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, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, CHILDREN & YOUTH ACCOUNTANT II, HUMAN SERVICES ACCOUNTANT II, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR 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 OCTOBER 29, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BONDS:**

**#15-374 ADVERTISING:**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE WITH REGARD TO CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROJECT OF THE CARBON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF GNADEN HUETTEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE INCURRENCE OF LEASE RENTAL DEBT BY THE COUNTY TO BE EVIDENCED BY A GUARANTY AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY SECURING A SERIES OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE AUTHORITY TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH PROJECT.

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

\* COMMISSIONER O'GUREK STATED THAT HE ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE BECAUSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TIMES NEWS AND NOT AGAINST THE INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE BOARD ENTERTAINED QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA.

MR. ANDREW HARRIS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BLUE MOUNTAIN HEALTH SYSTEM, WAS PRESENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, EXPLAINING THAT IN 2005 WHEN THE PALMERTON AND GNADEN HUETTEN HOSPITALS MERGED, A DECISION WAS MADE TO FREEZE THE PENSION FUND OF THE GNADEN HUETTEN EMPLOYEES. IN THE PAST TEN (10) YEARS, 20 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN PUT IN THE FUND, BUT IT IS STILL UNDERFUNDED BY \$16 MILLION AND THE AMOUNT IS EXPECTED TO ESCALATE DUE TO PROPOSED IRS CHANGES IN 2017. THIS BOND ISSUE WILL BE USED TO TOTALLY FUND THAT PENSION PLAN.

MR. JAY WENGER, SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS, WAS ALSO PRESENT. MR. WENGER BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE BOND ISSUE, EXPLAINING THAT IT WILL BE A FIFTEEN (15) YEAR COMMITMENT ON THE COUNTY'S PART. THE COUNTY CURRENTLY GUARANTEES A \$7 MILLION HOSPITAL BOND DEBT WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

**STATE BUDGET IMPASSE:**

**#15-375 PRESS CONFERENCE:**

THE COMMISSIONERS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING THE EFFECTS THE STATE BUDGET IMPASSE IS HAVING ON THE LOCAL AGENCIES AND THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE. MONROE COUNTY AND PIKE COUNTY HELD SIMILAR PRESS CONFERENCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR BOARD MEETINGS EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

SHEILA THEODOROU, CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR; JAMIE DRAKE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION; SALLIANNE SCHATZ, CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR; AND GLENN SCHOCH, REPRESENTING THE CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING, SPOKE ON THE IMPACT IT IS HAVING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND OUTLINED THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THEY ARE PRESENTLY OWED.

**GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):**

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

**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 NOVEMBER 5, 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 APPROPRIATIONS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 65677 THROUGH 65721 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5093708 THROUGH 5094041 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$323,790.13 (PAYROLL DATED OCTOBER 30, 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 118697 THROUGH 119100 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 111,886.62
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 2,029.50
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 2,671.92
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 3,376.27
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 41,046.98
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 21,042.24
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 68.28
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 1,048.58
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 1,429.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 1,879.15
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 40.03
CDBG FUND	\$ 3,892.92
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 9,483.34
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 399,687.55
PAYROLL FUND	\$ <u>40,674.60</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 640,256.98

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 TIME NEWS, HE ABSTAINED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED OCTOBER 31, 2015 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2015:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,785.18
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 153,636.21
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 11,598,205.88
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 931,386.82
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$ 222,051.59
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$ 63,384.57
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 247,367.13
PARKING FUND	\$ 1,132,660.87
ACT 78 FUND	\$ 72,118.09
ACT 56 FUND	\$ 753,096.58
LIQUID FUELS	\$ 392,974.44
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$ 65,550.74
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$ 176,260.42
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$ 19,564.44
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$ 57,401.51
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 8,297.87
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 138,289.38
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$ 138.08
HAZMAT FUND	\$ 132,204.34
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$ 504,773.31
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 167,253.17
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$ 96,500.49
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 7.06
HOMELESS GRANT	\$ 1.35
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$ 78,858.66
VICTIM WITNESS	\$ 11,930.33
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$ 31,577.53
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 12,050.76
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$ 22,052.93
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$ 14,816.53
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$ 23,585.99
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 298,773.39
CLERK OF COURTS	\$ 3,175.82
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$ 8,177.26
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 4,611.96
VITAL STATISTICS	\$ 43,623.94
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$ 69,650.68
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$ 122,603.37
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 253,014.47
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$ 34,795.49
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 193,967.26
CDBG FUND	\$ 3,923.84
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 2,020,044.79
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 285,305.41
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 889,460.03
TAX CLAIM	\$ 305,275.49

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 11:24 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE THE MONTHLY SALARY BOARD MEETING.

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 11:32 A.M.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:**

**DEBRA A. KEIPER**, LEHIGHTON, PA – PART-TIME FISCAL/DATA PROCESSING TECHNICIAN, FISCAL/DATA PROCESSING – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2015.

**DATE OF RESIGNATION CORRECTION:**

**NADINE A. GALLOWAY**, COALDALE, PA – PART-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK, DOMESTIC RELATIONS – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2015.

**HIRE:**

**LAVATOR S. HENDERSON**, TOBYHANNA, PA – AGING CARE MANAGER II, AREA AGENCY ON AGING – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 9, 2015.

**CHANGES OF STATUS:**

**RYAN R. LONG**, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: SERGEANT, CORRECTIONS  
TO: DEPUTY WARDEN, CORRECTIONS  
EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

**KATHRYN A. MCGUIRE**, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: ASSISTANT CHIEF ASSESSOR, TAX ASSESSMENT  
TO: FIRST DEPUTY, CLERK OF COURTS  
EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

**SUSAN J. WILLIAMS**, LEHIGHTON, PA

FROM: PART-TIME ACCOUNTS CLERK II, CONTROLLER  
TO: PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CONTROLLER  
EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 5, 2015

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**ANN MARIE BOSSARD**, PALMERTON, PA  
PART-TIME CLEANING PERSON  
FROM: DECEMBER 22, 2015  
TO: JANUARY 4, 2016

**CORRECTIONS**

**RUTH A. SERAFIN**, JIM THORPE, PA  
CORRECTIONS OFFICER  
FROM: NOVEMBER 23, 2015  
TO: DECEMBER 7, 2015

**PARKING**

**JEFFREY M. BUTZ**, LEHIGHTON, PA  
PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT  
FROM: NOVEMBER 10, 2015  
TO: NOVEMBER 25, 2015

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2015.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: JUNE 25, 2015 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

THE OCTOBER 2015 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS.

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

KEYSTONE ANTHRACITE MARKETING CORPORATION (KAMC), DANVILLE, PA  
PERMIT CORRECTIONS REVISING MODULE 3, OWNERSHIP/COMPLIANCE TO ADD LEHIGH ANTHRACITE COAL, LLC (LICENSE NO. 25813) AS A CONTRACT OPERATOR ON FOLLOWING PERMITS:  
COAL SURFACE MINING PERMIT #13060101C5, STRIP MINE OPERATION, NESQUEHONING;  
COAL SURFACE MINING PERMIT #13070101C5, NO. 2 STRIP MINE OPERATION, NESQUEHONING  
ALPHA BIO-MED SERVICES, LLC, SHARPS COMPLIANCE, INCORPORATED, NESQUEHONING, PA  
APPLICATION FOR WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY, HOST COUNTY NOTIFICATION,  
EARTHRES PROJECT NO. 151015.001

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION REGARDING THE HAWK FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, NORTHEAST EXTENSION, MILEPOST A-88.59, PENN FOREST AND KIDDER TOWNSHIPS.

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

**#15-376 TEFAP 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE 2014-2015 FOURTH QUARTER TEMPORARY EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) INVENTORY PARTICIPATION REPORT AND INVOICE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST, WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS:**

**#15-377 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS, INCORPORATED OF HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE COUNTY PROVIDING A GENERAL OBLIGATION PLEDGE AS SECURITY FOR A GUARANTEE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE \$20,000,000 DEBT OBLIGATION OF THE CARBON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY. COMPENSATION FOR SAID SERVICES SHALL NOT EXCEED \$16,500 PAID AT THE TIME OF CLOSING.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**Z&A/ FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:**

**#15-378 AMENDMENT:**

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD LLC FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2015 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

THE AMENDMENT INCREASES THE NOT TO EXCEED FEE FROM \$75,250 TO \$86,000 DUE TO ADDITIONAL SERVICES RENDERED.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**CLERK OF COURTS:**

**#15-379 AGREEMENT/MCGOWAN:**

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THERESA M. MCGOWAN OF JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA FOR SERVICES IN THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE.

THE AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 9, 2015. COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES SHALL BE \$25.00/HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED 140 HOURS.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH MS. MCGOWAN.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**RESOLUTION:**

**#15-380 HERNANDEZ:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING AND EXTENDING GRATITUDE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL RHETT A. HERNANDEZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY:

**RESOLUTION #15-034**  
**HONORING & EXTENDING GRATITUDE TO**  
**LIEUTENANT GENERAL RHETT A. HERNANDEZ**

**WHEREAS**, LIEUTENANT GENERAL RHETT A. HERNANDEZ, A NATIVE OF PALMERTON, CARBON COUNTY, PA AND NOW A RESIDENT OF FT. BELVOIR, VA JOINED THE ARMY IN 1971. AFTER ATTENDING THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT F. BELVOIR, VA, HE GRADUATED FROM THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT IN 1976 WITH A COMMISSION IN FIELD ARTILLERY; AND

**WHEREAS**, DURING HIS MORE THAN 39 YEARS OF SERVICE, LTG HERNANDEZ COMMANDED MANY UNITS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS. SOME OF HIS COMMANDS INCLUDED B BATTERY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION, 33<sup>RD</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY, 1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION, GERMANY AND SERVICE BATTERY, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 5<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY, 1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION, FT. RILEY KANSAS. 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 14<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY, 2<sup>ND</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, 3<sup>RD</sup> BATTALION, 16<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY, 4<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION. COMMANDER OF DIVISION ARTILLERY, 4<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION. AS A GENERAL OFFICER, HE SERVED AT THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER (SUPPORT), 1<sup>ST</sup> ARMORED DIVISION, U.S. ARMY EUROPE AND SEVENTH ARMY, GERMANY AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE ALSO SERVED AS THE COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND, ALEXANDRIA, VA. HE WAS THE FIRST

COMMANDER OF U.S. ARMY CYBER COMMAND; AND

**WHEREAS**, IN ADDITION, LTG HERNANDEZ HAS SERVED IN KEY STAFF ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING STRATEGIC PLANNER, OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TASK FORCE, ALEXANDRIA VA; CHIEF, OPERATIONS DIVISION, J-39, THE JOINT STAFF, WASHINGTON, DC; DIRECTOR, OFFICER PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE, U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND, ALEXANDRIA VA; CHIEF, U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND, RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA; AND HQDA ASSISTANT G-3/5/7, U.S. ARMY, WASHINGTON, DC; AND

**WHEREAS**, LTG HERNANDEZ’S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS INCLUDE THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (3<sup>RD</sup> AWARD), DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL (2<sup>ND</sup> AWARD), LEGION OF MERIT (2<sup>ND</sup> AWARD), BRONZE STAR, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (5<sup>TH</sup> AWARD), ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (5<sup>TH</sup> AWARD), ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (2<sup>ND</sup> AWARD), COMBAT ACTION BADGE, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF IDENTIFICATION BADGE, AND THE ARMY STAFF IDENTIFICATION BADGE.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY THAT THEY EXTEND THEIR GRATITUDE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL RHETT A. HERNANDEZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THIS COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF CARBON COUNTY AND OFFER THEIR BEST WISHES IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN  
/S/ THOMAS 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 CLAIM:**

**#15-381 TITLE SEARCHES:**

A RECOMMENDATION WAS SUBMITTED BY THE TAX CLAIM BUREAU THAT THE COUNTY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARAMOUNT ABSTRACT, INCORPORATED, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED TITLE SEARCHES FOR THE 2016 JUDICIAL SALE (193 SEARCHES) AT THEIR QUOTE OF \$115.00 PER SEARCH. PARAMOUNT ABSTRACT WAS THE SOLE QUOTE RECEIVED.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARAMOUNT ABSTRACT.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**FURTHER BUSINESS:**

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE COVERED BRIDGE WAS OFFICIALLY RE-OPENED THIS MORNING. THE COMMISSIONERS THANKED THE LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, COUNTY MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, AND MIKE TIRPAK OF CARBON ENGINEERING FOR WORK WELL DONE.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK CONGRATULATED THE WINNERS IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, ESPECIALLY HIS FELLOW COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONERS GERHARD AND NOTHSTEIN ECHOED COMMISSIONER O'GUREK'S COMMENTS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:38 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN