

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENE  
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 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, AND SHERIFF ELECT HARVILLA 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 DECEMBER 3, 2015.

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

\*COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE DECEMBER 3, 2015 MEETING.

**PRESENTATION:**

**AWARD OF APPRECIATION:**

**RACE STREET RUN:**

MR. TOM LAGER, AN ORGANIZER OF THE ANNUAL RACE STREET RACE, PRESENTED AN AWARD OF  
APPRECIATION TO THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT IN  
REGARDS TO THE RACE OVER THE PAST TEN (10) YEARS. THE RACE BENEFITS THE MISSION MINISTRY OF ST.  
MARK'S AND ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN JIM THORPE.

**GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):**

MINDY GRAVER, PENN STATE EXTENSION

RE:COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AWARD/  
EASTERN REGION FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY  
DAY EVENT

BILL RICHARDS, GOV. YUDICHAK REPRESENTATIVE

RE: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AWARD

CATHY WEBER, KIDDER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL	RE: INVITATION TO ATTEND SEMINAR REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL OPEN SPACE
CHUCK WEBER, ALBRIGHTSVILLE	RE: IMPACT OF PENNEAST PIPELINE ON RESIDENTS
DENNIS MINNICH, ALBRIGHTSVILLE	RE: IMPACT ON HIS PROPERTY
ROY CHRISTMAN, ALBRIGHTSVILLE	RE: GOVERNMENT APPOINTED TASK FORCE 300- PAGE REPORT; COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 29TH

**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 DECEMBER 10, 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 119681 THROUGH 119828 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 354,483.18
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 164.15
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 19,207.46
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 12,173.92
ACT 78 FUND	\$ 1,092.90
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 18,856.97
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 56,745.06
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 2,424.08
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 16,470.88
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 7,788.56
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 4,265.53
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 20,369.00
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 14.01
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 82.90
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 7.68
CDBG FUND	\$ 8.15

FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 409,117.13
TAX CLAIM FUND	<u>\$ 144,500.05</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,067,771.61

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, BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, 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 DECEMBER 4, 2015 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 4, 2015:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,968.34
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 29,049.77
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 10,239,128.21
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 931,654.75
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$ 223,473.21
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 387,764.83
PARKING FUND	\$ 1,150,788.34
ACT 78 FUND	\$ 72,138.84
ACT 56 FUND	\$ 753,313.22
LIQUID FUELS	\$ 453,755.48
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$ 202,478.32
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$ 231,953.57
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$ 33,373.26
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$ 107,984.48
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 17,087.99
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 116,923.31
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$ 20,532.80
HAZMAT FUND	\$ 114,094.72
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$ 520,648.10
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 168,117.41
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$ 96,528.25
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 7.06
HOMELESS GRANT	\$ 1.35
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$ 83,100.97
VICTIM WITNESS	\$ 15,361.28
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$ 23,876.03
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 23,580.50
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$ 22,609.39
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$ 14,899.62
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$ 25,913.91
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 304,718.00
CLERK OF COURTS	\$ 3,566.72
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$ 8,764.68

JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,613.29
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	43,636.49
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	74,062.53
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	149,163.90
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	253,087.25
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	36,618.55
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	56,744.58
CDBG FUND	\$	31.26
DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,719,050.69
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	275,826.27
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	1,159,304.74
TAX CLAIM	\$	374,865.69

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**#15-425 CLOSE ACCOUNTS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO CLOSE OUT THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS WITH THE MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY:

ACT 56 FUND                      FUND #1256  
 ACT 78 FUND                      FUND #1229

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**RESIGNATION:**

**ERICA M. STOUT**, SCHNECKSVILLE, PA – COUNTY CASEWORKER II, CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES – EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2015.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION:**

**SHERIFF**

**ROBERT J. BLISARD**, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA  
 DEPUTY SHERIFF  
 FROM: NOVEMBER 17, 2015  
 TO: DECEMBER 16, 2015

**COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

- MARY KUNKEL
- PIERRE GUICHARDAN
- CHRISTINE LECLAIR
- STACY KATTNER
- MICHAEL HYDOCK
- TEAH REICHARD
- VERA KOIN
- SUSAN BOLTON
- KAREN GASKER

**CRYSTEL STEIN**  
**BRIDGET JOHNSTON**  
**RASHUNDA YUHAS**  
PACSETI - PACSES IMAGING MODULES WEBINARS  
JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED DECEMBER 10, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING OF SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED.

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

- ALPHA BIO-MED SERVICES, LLC, SHARPS COMPLIANCE, INCORPORATED  
APPLICATION #400696, APS#884550; AUTH#1096750  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
MEDICAL WASTE PROCESSING AND TRANSFER FACILITY, NESQUEHONING, PA
- HORSEHEAD CORPORATION, PALMERTON, PA  
RENEWAL OF NPDES PERMIT
- PANTHER CREEK POWER OPERATING, LLC & PANTHER CREEK ENERGY FACILITY, NESQUEHONING, PA  
NOTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL OR RESIDUAL WASTE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR STORAGE OF TIRE DERIVED FUEL (TDF)

**BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:**

**#15-426 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:**  
**REAPPOINTMENT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA GREEN, LEHIGHTON PENNSYLVANIA, TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR TERM ON THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, EFFECTIVE TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**C-M-P DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION:**

**#15-427 APPOINTMENT:**

A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF MS. JAMIE DRAKE TO THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION, INCORPORATED.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ENDORSE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE DRAKE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION, INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**FISCAL DATA:**

**#15-428 SIRIUS/MAINTENANCE:**

A ONE-YEAR ON-SITE PRINTER REPAIR MAINTENANCE RENEWAL WITH SIRIUS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED, WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE 7205 PRINTRONIX PRINTER/FISCAL/DATA PROCESSING, EFFECTIVE 12/12/15 THROUGH 12/11/16 AT A COST OF \$1,836.67.

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**GIS/MAPPING:**

**#15-429 ESRI AGREEMENT:**

A SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ESRI, INCORPORATED, REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA, WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE YEAR 2016 LISTING THE FOLLOWING CHARGES: ASSESSMENT - \$400.00; ELECTIONS - \$300.00; LIQUID FUELS - \$10,900.00; 911 - \$3,500.00, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$15,100.00 (INCREASE - \$462).

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**AGENCY ON AGING:**

**#15-430 AGREEMENT/BRIGHTSTAR:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING SUBMITTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND HOME STAR CARE, INCORPORATED\* D/B/A BRIGHTSTAR CARE OF STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE PERSONAL CARE AND HOME SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE RATE OF \$18.32/HOUR FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.

\*HOME STAR CARE BOUGHT HOBLACK JONES INCORPORATED D/B/A BRIGHTSTAR OF STROUDSBURG, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2015.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH HOME STAR CARE, INCORPORATED\* D/B/A BRIGHTSTAR CARE OF STROUDSBURG.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#15-431 JANITORIAL SERVICES:**

**AGREEMENT CANCELLATION:**

NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM LORI KNOX ADVISING THAT SHE WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDING JANITORIAL SERVICES AT MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 56-3-01, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2015.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACKNOWLEDGE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH LORI KNOX, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**NATIONAL STEPPING UP:**

**#15-432 RESOLUTION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL INITIATIVE "STEPPING UP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS" AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN STEPPING UP:

**RESOLUTION #15-038**

**STEPPING UP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTIES ROUTINELY PROVIDE TREATMENT SERVICES TO THE ESTIMATED 2 MILLION PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES BOOKED INTO JAIL EACH YEAR; AND

**WHEREAS**, PREVALENCE RATES OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS ARE THREE TO SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS OF ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS HAVE CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS; AND

**WHEREAS**, ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES TEND TO STAY LONGER IN JAIL AND, UPON RELEASE, ARE AT A HIGHER RISK OF RECIDIVISM THAN PEOPLE WITHOUT THESE DISORDERS; AND

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY JAILS SPEND TWO TO THREE TIMES MORE ON ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES THAT REQUIRE INTERVENTIONS COMPARED TO THOSE WITHOUT THESE TREATMENT NEEDS; AND

**WHEREAS**, WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT AND SERVICES, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES CONTINUE TO CYCLE THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, OFTEN RESULTING IN TRAGIC OUTCOMES FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, CARBON COUNTY AND ALL COUNTIES TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY OF THEIR RESIDENTS IN EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE WAYS; AND

**WHEREAS**, CARBON COUNTY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD (CJAB) FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS. WITHIN THE INITIATIVES FOR THE CJAB, THE COUNTY RECENTLY BEGAN AN INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE THAT INVOLVES COORDINATION BETWEEN THE BLUE MOUNTAIN HEALTH SYSTEM; CARBON-MONROE-PIKE MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; AND CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION. THIS TEAM WORKS HAND IN HAND WITH THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. CARBON COUNTY IS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A RE-ENTRY PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR INMATES LEAVING THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO HELP THEM SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO THE COMMUNITY. THE RE-ENTRY TASK FORCE IS COMPRISED OF SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES, THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THROUGH STEPPING UP, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER, AND THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION ARE ENCOURAGING PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NON-PROFIT PARTNERS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, THAT** THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY, DOES HEREBY SIGN ON TO THE CALL TO ACTION TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN ITS COUNTY JAIL, COMMITS TO SHARING LESSON LEARNED WITH OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO SUPPORT A NATIONAL INITIATIVE AND ENCOURAGES ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN STEPPING UP. THE COUNTY RESOLVES TO UTILIZE THE COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH STEPPING UP TO:

- CONVENE OR DRAW ON A DIVERSE TEAM OF LEADERS AND DECISION MAKERS FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES COMMITTED TO SAFELY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS;

- COLLECT AND REVIEW PREVALENCE NUMBERS AND ASSESS INDIVIDUALS' NEEDS TO BETTER IDENTIFY ADULTS ENTERING JAILS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES AND THEIR RECIDIVISM RISK, AND USE THAT BASELINE INFORMATION TO GUIDE DECISION MAKING AT THE SYSTEM, PROGRAM, AND CASE LEVELS;
- EXAMINE TREATMENT AND SERVICE CAPACITY TO DETERMINE WHICH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES AND CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, AND IDENTIFY STATE AND LOCAL POLICY AND FUNDING BARRIERS TO MINIMIZING CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING TREATMENT AND SUPPORTS IN THE COMMUNITY;
- DEVELOP A PLAN WITH MEASURABLE OUTCOMES THAT DRAWS ON THE JAIL ASSESSMENT AND PREVALENCE DATA AND THE EXAMINATION OF AVAILABLE TREATMENT AND SERVICE CAPACITY, WHILE CONSIDERING IDENTIFIED BARRIERS;
- IMPLEMENT RESEARCH-BASED APPROACHES THAT ADVANCE THE PLAN; AND
- CREATE A PROCESS TO TRACK PROGRESS USING DATA AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND TO REPORT ON SUCCESSES.

ADOPTED, THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 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

**TAX ASSESSMENT:**

#15-433 **TAX REFUND:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSMENT BUREAU VERIFYING THAT THE FOLLOWING TAX COLLECTOR IS DUE A REFUND OF 2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES:

**MUNICIPALITY:** LANSFORD

DANIEL J. WYNN, TAX COLLECTOR  
 1 WEST RIDGE STREET  
 LANSFORD, PA 18232

**CODE:** 9-2-10903

**PROPERTY RECORD CARD #:** 122A3-22-S22

**REASON:** ON THE LANSFORD BOROUGH NOVEMBER, 2015 TAX COLLECTOR REPORT, THE AMOUNT OF \$149.39 WAS TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES FOR THOMAS R. EVANS. THE CHECK USED FOR PAYMENT WAS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS; THEREFORE, A REFUND IS DUE TO THE TAX COLLECTOR.

**TOTAL REFUND DUE:** \$149.39

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

**TAX CLAIM BUREAU:**

**#15-434 AGREEMENT/INFOCON:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX CLAIM BUREAU DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2016 PRINTING SERVICE OPTIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE WITH INFOCON CORPORATION, EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA AS PER AGREEMENT APPROVED NOVEMBER 13, 2014 FOR TAX CLAIM PRINTING SERVICES OF ANNUAL NOTICES AS REQUIRED BY PA REAL ESTATE TAX SALE LAW. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$5,000 (2015 COSTS: \$4,854).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE 2016 PRINTING SERVICE OPTIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE WITH INFOCON.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**#15-435 RESOLUTION/FEE INCREASE:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TAX CLAIM BUREAU DIRECTOR REQUESTING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CARBON COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU'S SCHEDULE OF COSTS TO REFLECT AN INCREASE OF THE REPOSITORY BID DEPOSIT FEE FROM \$50.00 PER PROPERTY TO \$100.00 PER PROPERTY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION #15-039**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN INCREASE OF THE REPOSITORY BID DEPOSIT FEE FOR THE CARBON COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU**

**WHEREAS**, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA REAL ESTATE TAX SALE LAW, 72 P.S. § 5860.101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED (HEREINAFTER, "RETSL"), THE CARBON COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU (HEREINAFTER, THE "BUREAU") IS CHARGED WITH THE DUTY TO COLLECT DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; AND

**WHEREAS**, SECTION 626 OF THE RETSL PROVIDES THAT THE BUREAU IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A REPOSITORY OF UNSOLD PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTIES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXPOSED BY THE BUREAU TO JUDICIAL SALE; AND

**WHEREAS**, SECTION 205 OF THE RETSL PROVIDES THAT MONEY RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT OF COSTS, FEES AND EXPENSES ADVANCED BY ANY TAXING DISTRICT SHALL BE REPAYED TO THE TAXING DISTRICT MAKING THE ADVANCE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BUREAU CURRENTLY REQUIRES BIDDERS TO SUBMIT A DEPOSIT OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) PER PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF A BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM THE REPOSITORY OF UNSOLD PROPERTIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BUREAU'S SCHEDULE OF COSTS DOES NOT CURRENTLY REFLECT THE ACTUAL EXPENSES FOR MAINTAINING A REPOSITORY OF UNSOLD PROPERTIES.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016, THE BUREAU'S SCHEDULE OF COSTS SHALL BE AMENDED TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN THE DEPOSIT TO ACCOMPANY A BID FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM THE BUREAU'S REPOSITORY OF UNSOLD PROPERTIES TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) PER PROPERTY, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TOTAL SALE PRICE, THEREBY REDUCING THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO THE BUREAU ON THE SALE DATE BY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00). IN THE EVENT THAT A BIDDER DOES NOT, IN A TIMELY MANNER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BUREAU, COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE BID, THE SAID BID DEPOSIT FEE SHALL BE FORFEITED AND RETAINED BY THE BUREAU IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, TIME AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BUREAU IN RECEIVING AND PROCESSING SUCH BID.

**DULY ADOPTED** AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF

CARBON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRPERSON  
/S/ THOMAS J. GERHARD  
/S/ WILLIAM J. O'GUREK

**ATTEST:**

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

MR. GERHARD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- SANTA WILL BE AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER SATURDAY FOR PICTURES WITH PETS
- PCORP ANNOUNCED DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THIS YEAR WHICH WAS 3 MILLION DOLLARS; SINCE 2011, 11 MILLION IN DIVIDENDS HAS BEEN RETURNED BACK TO MEMBERS

MR. NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE "STEPPING UP" RESOLUTION, NOTING THAT A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON D.C. IN APRIL, 2016 TO SHARE IDEAS TO TRY TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR PRISON SYSTEM IN PARTICULAR. THE APPLICATION IS COMPETITIVE AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 11:09 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN