

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENE
THIS DATE AT 10:30 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, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS, AND ASSISTANT COURT
ADMINISTRATOR HAMM WERE ALSO PRESENT.

SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE WAS ABSENT.

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 JUNE 2, 2016.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

PUBLIC HEARING/ESG GRANT:

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:32 A.M. IN ORDER TO CONVENE A PUBLIC
HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A 2016 EMERGENCY
SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG).

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:39 A.M.

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 JUNE 9, 2016.

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 122558 THROUGH 122713 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 676,144.67
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 182.59
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 252,648.59
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 119,637.00
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 59,241.14
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 2,569.55
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 13,628.33
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 8,821.84
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 11,042.19
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 27,001.88
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 14.15
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 7,967.16
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ 415,964.12
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 482,576.14
TOTAL:	\$ 2,077,439.35

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 THE PALMERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED JUNE 3, 2016 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 3, 2016:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	843.30
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	29,185.28
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	8,080,017.73
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	933,287.09
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	213,504.63
PARKING FUND	\$	1,183,399.47
LIQUID FUELS	\$	519,459.93
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	689,174.38
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	716,740.95
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	33,249.99
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	158,065.06
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	18,826.14
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	188,506.02
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	47.53
9-1-1 FUND	\$	1,451,447.64
HAZMAT FUND	\$	112,481.79
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	353,649.58
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	176,792.37
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	96,697.37
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	12,222.71
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	6,488.95
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	76,414.02
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	3,669.75
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	23,512.90
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	5,216.74
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	21,560.86
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	12,400.58
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	30,975.73
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	302,159.28
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	1,315.82
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	10,641.24
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,649.07
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	41,357.34
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	92,847.21
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	179,717.64
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	253,530.68
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	44,678.03
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	1,791.94
CDBG FUND	\$	13.03
DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,737,231.92
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	161,894.75
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	580,311.01
TAX CLAIM	\$	654,853.75

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATIONS:

JOYCE A. CONNELL, NESQUEHONING, PA – TEMPORARY CLERK, ARCHIVES – EFFECTIVE JUNE 7, 2016.

KYLE J. LAWRENCE, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME LICENSING CLERK, TREASURER – EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 2016.

LEONARD J. OGOZALEK, SUMMIT HILL, PA – SUMMER LABORER, LIQUID FUELS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 10, 2016.

HIRES:

RENEE A. SCHOCH, LEHIGHTON, PA – AGING CARE MANAGER II, AREA AGENCY ON AGING – EFFECTIVE JUNE 20, 2016.

ZACHARY G. GILBERT, LANSFORD, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 11, 2016.

ALYSSA M. SCHULTZ, SUMMIT HILL, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 11, 2016.

SARAH E. BROOKS, LEHIGHTON, PA – CLERK, TAX CLAIM – EFFECTIVE JUNE 13, 2016.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

SUSAN ZEIGLER

MARYANN MARZEN

CARE TRANSITIONS 101 WEBINAR

PALMERTON, PA

GAYLE GERSBACH

LCD ASSESSOR TRAINING COURSE WEBINAR

PALMERTON, PA

MICHAEL CUTLER

HARMONY TUTORIALS FOR SAMS.NET & SAMS MODULES FROM THE OLT WEBINAR

PALMERTON, PA

CORRECTIONS

JAMES ROMANKOW

LORI AHNER

LEHIGH COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY

ALLENTOWN, PA

COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DAVID J. BODNAR, JR.

RYAN RICHARDS

COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING

MONTOURSVILLE, PA

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

TAX ASSESSMENT

LEWIS GULLONE

JOLAINE HERMAN

ASSESSOR ASSOCIATION CHAPTER MEETING & SEMINAR

TUNKHANNOCK, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$25 PER PERSON, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED JUNE 9, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: MAY 9, 2016 MEETING OF SHEPHERD HOUSE INCORPORATED.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY MICHAEL S. GREEK, ENCLOSING A PUBLIC NOTICE SCHEDULING A HEARING FOR JUNE 14, 2016 AS REQUESTED, REGARDING A DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A 58 FOOT FIREMEN'S TRAINING TOWER LOCATED AT 331 BROAD STREET, NESQUEHONING.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION:

PENN EAST PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC
ACT 14 NOTIFICATION GENERAL PERMIT 8 APPLICATION
TEMPORARY SITE ACCESS FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES
KIDDER TOWNSHIP, PA

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISING THAT AS PART OF ITS ONGOING REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNDERTAKING AN EVALUATION THAT MAY RESULT IN A REGULATORY CHANGE TO THE DESIGNATED USES OF STREAM SEGMENTS AND STREAM BASINS. INCLUDED IN THE LIST IS UNT LEHIGH CANAL (WEISSPORT), CARBON COUNTY.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INFORMING OF THE FOLLOWING:

- HANSON AGGREGATES PENNSYLVANIA LLC HAS BEEN AWARDED CONTRACT NO. 106363, SR 2012 & SR 2015, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY; PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE – JUNE 13, 2016
- CARBON COUNTY, FRANKLIN AND TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIPS, STATE ROUTE 0209, SECTION 12M HIGHWAY RESTORATION PROJECT, PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEETING AND PUBLIC PLANS DISPLAY OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 16, 2016 AT THE TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY TO BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.

BID AWARD:

#16-202 CDBG/SUMMIT HILL:

A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT:

SUMMIT HILL BOROUGH – STREET IMPROVEMENTS

WHITE STREET (FY2014)	LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
	TAMAQUA, PA
	BID: \$77,695

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUMMIT HILL STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO LEHIGH PAVING & CONSTRUCTION AT THEIR BID OF \$77,695.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#16-203 INVOICE/REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES FIRST QUARTER FY 2015/2016 ACT 148 INVOICE REPORT WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE COUNTY RECEIVING \$24,359.05 IN TITLE IV-E AA FUNDS; \$414.61 IN MEDICAID FUNDS; \$3,862.04 IN ITG GRANT FUNDS, AND \$12,040 IN TANF FUNDS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

#16-204 COBRA SOLUTIONS:

THE INVOICE FOR RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE WITH COBRA SOLUTIONS, TEMPE, ARIZONA, FOR THE TERM 7/01/16 THROUGH 6/30/17 AT A COST OF \$395.00 (NO CHANGE IN COST SINCE INCEPTION IN 2011) WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL WITH COBRA SOLUTIONS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#16-205 TEFAP AGREEMENT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON AND THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND REMAINING IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#16-206 CDBG/FAIR HOUSING NOTICE/RESOLUTION:

THE FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION/NOTICE AS REQUIRED FOR THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE FAIR HOUSING NOTICE AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION #16-016
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON THAT DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE, RENTAL, LEASING, FINANCING OF HOUSING OR LAND TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING, OR IN THE PROVISION OF BROKERAGE SERVICES BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, FAMILY STATUS (FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN), HANDICAP OR DISABILITY IS PROHIBITED BY TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 (FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT) AND THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT ADDS THE ADDITIONAL PROTECTED CLASSES OF AGE AND ANCESTRY. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO ENSURE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSING FOR ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, FAMILY STATUS, HANDICAP, DISABILITY, OR, AGE AND ANCESTRY. THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF CARBON DOES HEREBY PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES THE COUNTY OF CARBON WILL ASSIST ALL PERSONS WHO FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX,

NATIONAL ORIGIN, FAMILIAR STATUS, HANDICAP, DISABILITY, OR, AGE AND ANCESTRY TO SEEK EQUITY UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS BY FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER, PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AND/OR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE **COUNTY OF CARBON** SHALL PUBLICIZE THIS RESOLUTION AND THROUGH THIS PUBLICITY SHALL CAUSE OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE, DEVELOPERS, AND BUILDERS TO BECOME AWARE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS UNDER THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW, THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT, AND ANY LOCAL LAWS OR ORDINANCES.

FURTHER ACTION: WILL AT A MINIMUM INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: (1) THE PUBLICIZING OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE LOCAL FAIR HOUSING OFFICE TO INCLUDE THE PROCESS TO FILE A COMPLAINT SHOULD A PERSON FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN HOUSING IN ANY MANNER AND OTHER APPLICABLE FAIR HOUSING INFORMATION THROUGH LOCAL MEDIA AND COMMUNITY CONTRACTS; (2) CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITY ANNUALLY TO BETTER INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING LAW AND PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT; AND (3) USE THE FAIR HOUSING LOGO ON ALL MATERIALS DEALING WITH HOUSING PROGRAMS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS FOR VACANCY OR DISCUSSING THE PROGRAM, APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE, CONTRACTS, MUNICIPAL LETTERS DEALING WITH THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AND REQUIRE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY NOTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CARBON COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, AT P.O. BOX 210, 76 SUSQUEHANNA STREET, JIM THORPE, PA 18229; 570-325-3671; CCOPAD@CARBONCOUNTY.NET; OR WWW.CARBONCOUNTY.COM. A TDD NUMBER IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE PERSONS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS (570-732-0084).

APPROVED AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON: JUNE 9, 2016

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTEST:

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

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF RESOLUTION/NOTICE.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	ABSTAIN
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

COURIER PRINTING:

#16-207 WITHDRAW CONTRACT:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REQUESTING A MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE CONTRACT WITH COURIER PRINTING CORPORATION OF DEPOSIT, NEW YORK FOR THE PRINTING OF ADRC GUIDES DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE ARTWORK.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED AT THE MAY 19, 2016 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT A TOTAL BID AMOUNT OF \$15,110.00.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CONTRACT WITH COURIER PRINTING.

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK QUESTIONED THE SITUATION AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FUNDING (WHICH WAS TO BE SPENT BY JUNE 30TH).

THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RESPONDED THAT SINCE THE ARTWORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS LATE DATE, THE LINK COORDINATOR ASKED THAT THE CONTRACT BE TERMINATED; THE MONEY WILL NOT BE SPENT.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

RESOLUTIONS:

#16-208 CLEAN WATER COUNTS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY AS "CLEAN WATER COUNTS" MONTH:

RESOLUTION #16-017

CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
CLEANING PENNSYLVANIA'S STREAMS & RIVERS**

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF CARBON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONSTITUTES THE CHIEF GOVERNING BODY OF CARBON COUNTY, WITH LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY-MAKING POWERS THAT AFFECT EACH RESIDENT'S QUALITY OF LIFE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THE FISCAL HEALTH AND INTEGRITY OF ITS RESIDENTS AND HAS THE DUTY OF PLANNING FOR AND IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS THAT ACCOMPLISH AND BRING FORTH SAFE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, PENNSYLVANIA IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE MORE THAN MORE THAN 83,000 MILES OF STREAMS, NEARLY 4,000 LAKES, AND 80 TRILLION GALLONS OF GROUNDWATER; AND

WHEREAS, PENNSYLVANIA'S ABILITY TO ATTRACT GROWING BUSINESSES AND TO PROVIDE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THIS GOVERNING BODY SEEKS FOR ITS RESIDENTS DEPENDS ON THE COMMONWEALTH PROPERLY PRIORITIZING CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; WITHOUT SUCH AN INCREASE IN PRIORITIZATION AND FUNDING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO POLLUTION AND THE DEGRADATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE – WATER; AND

WHEREAS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 27 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION STATES, "THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR, PURE WATER, AND TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL, SCENIC, HISTORIC AND ESTHETIC VALUES OF THE ENVIRONMENT. PENNSYLVANIA'S PUBLIC NATURAL RESOURCES ARE THE COMMON PROPERTY OF ALL THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING GENERATIONS YET TO COME. AS TRUSTEE OF THESE RESOURCES, THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL CONSERVE AND MAINTAIN THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE"; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REALIZE THAT THE COMMONWEALTH IS LOSING MORE FOREST, WILDLIFE HABITAT, FARMLAND AND OTHER OPEN SPACES TO DEVELOPMENT THAN IT IS ABLE TO PRESERVE; AND THE COMMONWEALTH HAS APPROXIMATELY 19,000 MILES OF RIVERS AND STREAMS THAT DO NOT MEET BASIC WATER QUALITY STANDARDS; AND

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY WISHES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER INVESTMENT OF RESOURCES TO CLEAN PENNSYLVANIA'S RIVERS AND STREAMS THROUGH STATE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS A REBOOT GROWING GREENER PROGRAM, BEFORE IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE OCCURS TO THE PLACES WE LIVE, WORK AND RAISE OUR FAMILIES. CLEAN WATER PROVIDES FOR GREATER HEALTH, STRONGER COMMUNITIES AND THRIVING ECONOMIES WITHIN OUR REGION.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTS INCREASED STATE INVESTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR WITH

DEDICATED, SUSTAINABLE AND LONG-TERM FUNDING SOURCES, SUCH AS THE CREATION OF A GROWING GREENER III PROGRAM FOCUSED ON WATER QUALITY, RECREATION, RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION; AND THE SIGNED RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA AND OUR RESPECTIVE STATE LEGISLATORS.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

CARBON COUNTY 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

**#16-209 EAGLE SCOUT:
ROSENBERGER:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 555, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA:

RESOLUTION #16-018

EAGLE SCOUT/NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER

WHEREAS, NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER OF JIM THORPE HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 555 IN JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCOUTING FOR 11 YEARS. DURING HIS SCOUTING CAREER, HE HAS EARNED 38 BADGES INCLUDING SWIMMING, WILDERNESS/SURVIVAL, AND ASTRONOMY; HAS SERVED AS TROOP GUIDE AND CHAPLAIN AIDE; AND

WHEREAS, NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT INCLUDED ASSISTING AT THE VALOR CLINIC – PAUL'S HOUSE, WHICH IS A HOMELESS SHELTER FOR VETERANS. NEAR PAUL'S HOUSE IS A POND AND NICHOLAS CLEARED BRANCHES, CLEARED A PATH, WEEDED, TOOK OUT A TREE, REPAIRED AND PAINTED FIVE PICNIC TABLES, AND PUT IN A SMALL WALKWAY WITH STEPPING STONES. NICHOLAS ALSO ADDED SOLAR LIGHTS, FLAGS, AND PLANTERS WITH MUMS. NICHOLAS SPENT 122 ½ HOURS ON THIS PROJECT.

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

WHEREAS, NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER 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 NICHOLAS HUNTER ROSENBERGER.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

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

#16-210 SR. BERNARD AGNES & SR. JUDY TRUMBORE:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING SISTER BERNARD AGNES AND SISTER JUDY TRUMBORE:

RESOLUTION #16-019
SISTER BERNARD AGNES AND SISTER JUDY TRUMBORE

WHEREAS, THE SUCCESS OF ANY INSTITUTION, PARTICULARLY IN EDUCATION, IS DEPENDENT UPON THE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE OF PERSONS OF STRONG FAITH AND VALUES, WHO ARE INTELLIGENT AND COMMITTED TO ACCEPTING CHALLENGES IN WHICH THEY ARE CONFRONTED;

WHEREAS, AT MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL, HOMETOWN, A PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN THAT OFFERS A FAITH-BASED EDUCATION TO STUDENTS IN CARBON, SCHUYLKILL AND LUZERNE COUNTIES, ITS SUCCESS IN NEARLY THE LAST TWO DECADES HAS BEEN IMPACTED TREMENDOUSLY BY THE UNYIELDING AND UNTIRING COMMITMENT OF SR. BERNARD AGNES, I.H.M., WHO HAS SERVED THE SCHOOL AS ITS CHEMISTRY TEACHER, 1976-83, AND STUDIES DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL, 1997-2016, AND SR. JUDY TRUMBORE, I.H.M., WHO HAS SERVED THE SCHOOL AS DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, 1998-2002, AND AS A THEOLOGY TEACHER, 2010-2016;

WHEREAS, THE SISTERS ARE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE THEIR CAREERS IN EDUCATION LOCALLY AS A MEMBERS OF THE SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, AN ORDER THAT HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FOR THE PAST 132 YEARS;

WHEREAS, SINCE THE 1960S, SISTER BERNARD AGNES AND SR. JUDY TRUMBORE COLLECTIVELY HAVE SPENT OVER 100 YEARS IN EDUCATION, AND HAVE BEEN MENTORS, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FRIENDS, OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, PARENTS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHOSE LIVES THEY HAVE IMPACTED AT BOTH THE ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS;

WHEREAS, SR. BERNARD AGNES AND SR. JUDY TRUMBORE ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON NEW CHAPTERS OF THEIR LIVES AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, BUT, UNDOUBTEDLY, HAVE EARNED THE APPRECIATION OF THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY HAVE HAD AN IMMEASURABLE IMPACT.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACKNOWLEDGES THE POSITIVE INFLUENCE SR. BERNARD AGNES AND SR. JUDY TRUMBORE HAVE HAD ON RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES THEY SERVED, MOST ASSUREDLY HAVING LEFT THEIR PEOPLE IN MUCH BETTER POSITIONS THAN EVER BEFORE; ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION TO PERPETUATE THEIR PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF CARBON COUNTY; AND ORDERS A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO SR. BERNARD AGNES AND SR. JUDY TRUMBORE IN APPRECIATION OF THEM SHARING THEIR LIVES WITH THE PEOPLE OF THIS REGION, AND WITH WISHES FOR HAPPY AND HEALTHY LIVES IN ALL OF THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

#16-211 SISTERS/SERVANTS OF THE I.H.M.:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING OVER A CENTURY OF SERVICE BY SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

**RESOLUTION #16-020
SISTERS/SERVANTS OF THE I.H.M.**

WHEREAS, FOR OVER 132 YEARS, THE SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (I.H.M.), HAVE BEEN A PRESENCE IN CARBON AND SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES WHOSE MISSION, "...TO RADIATE JOYFUL SERVICE AND PROMOTE GOSPEL VALUES, OFFER COMPASSION TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH OUR MISSION TO EVANGELIZE, TO CATECHIZE, AND TO TEACH" HELPED TREMENDOUSLY TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES;

WHEREAS, THROUGH SERVICE TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THESE COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL CARBON COUNTY TOWNS, THE I.H.M. SISTERS HAVE HAD AN IMMEASURABLE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MANY;

WHEREAS, THE ORIGIN OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE I.H.M. CONGREGATION PARALLELS THE POPULATION GROWTH OF THE COAL REGION OF PENNSYLVANIA DATING BACK TO THE LATE 19TH CENTURY. AS COMMUNITIES HERE BEGAN TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY WITH THE WAVE OF ENGLISH, WELSH, IRISH AND GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, THE ORDER SENT NUMEROUS SISTERS WHO JOYFULLY ACCEPTED ROLES TO ESTABLISH CONVENTS AND SCHOOLS, DESPITE HARDSHIPS OF UNBELIEVABLE PROPORTIONS. THE ETHNICITIES FOLLOWED BY A SECOND WAVE OF POLISH, ITALIAN AND LITHUANIAN IMMIGRANTS, WHO THE SISTERS JOINED IN HELPING TO BUILD OUR COMMUNITIES, DESPITE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN THE ANTHRACITE MINES;

WHEREAS, THE ORDER, FACED WITH A DECLINING NUMBER OF WOMEN ENTERING THE CONVENT, CAN NO LONGER CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES TO THE CARBON-SCHUYLKILL REGION, HAVING ANNOUNCED THE CLOSE OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR WILL MARK THE END OF THE SISTERS' WONDERFUL TENURE ON OUR BEHALF;

WHEREAS, IN APPRECIATION OF THE SISTERS' SERVICE TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THIS REGION, PRIMARILY MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL, AND MULTIPLE FEEDER SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SOME THAT EXISTED OR EXIST IN LANSFORD, JIM THORPE, NESQUEHONING AND WEATHERLY IN CARBON COUNTY, THE MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAS SCHEDULED A MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DESIRING TO ACKNOWLEDGE OVER A CENTURY OF SERVICE BY SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, TO ITS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016, AS A MEANS OF OFFERING ITS SINCEREST APPRECIATION TO THE SISTERS, AS WELL AS TO PERPETUATE THEIR SERVICE IN THE HISTORY OF CARBON COUNTY, AND ORDERS THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

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BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD NOTED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS

REGARDING SIGNS "WE DO METAL ROOFS" PLACED AROUND THE COUNTY, AND HE CALLED THE COMPANY WHICH IS LOCATED IN LEWISBURG, AND WAS TOLD THAT A SUB-CONTRACTOR WAS PUTTING THEM UP. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GAME COMMISSION, A LETTER WAS SENT TO THE COMPANY INDICATING THAT IF THE SIGNS WERE NOT REMOVED, THEY WOULD BE CHARGED WITH LITTERING AND DAMAGE OF TREES. SIGNS WERE REMOVED FROM STATE GAME LANDS. NOW THERE ARE SIGNS ON 93 AND INTO LANSFORD. THE SIGNS WILL BE REMOVED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:48 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN