

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 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 JUNE 16, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD NOT VOTING*
NOTHSTEIN YES

*DUE TO ABSENCE AT JUNE 16TH MEETING.

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 23, 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 122832 THROUGH 122951 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 103,028.22 |
| RENTAL PROPERTY FUND | \$ 2,049.71 |
| COUNTY PARKING FUND | \$ 657.61 |
| LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND | \$ 31.98 |
| AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND | \$ 9,572.60 |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND | \$ 69,840.89 |
| DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND | \$ 1,228.58 |
| WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND | \$ 800.00 |
| PARKS & RECREATION FUND | \$ 721.68 |
| 9-1-1 FUND | \$ 1,050.28 |
| VICTIM/WITNESS FUND | \$ 126.16 |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND | \$ 11,399.00 |
| CDBG FUND | \$ 686.09 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | \$ 10,987.30 |
| TAX CLAIM FUND | \$ <u>80,571.06</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ 292,751.16 |

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CHECK NUMBERS AS LISTED ABOVE.

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

* MR. O'GUREK VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BILLS FOR THE TIMES NEWS AND BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED JUNE 17, 2016 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 17, 2016:

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| GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT | \$ 843.30 |
| PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT | \$ 35,026.62 |
| GENERAL FUND SP NOW | \$ 15,585,169.32 |
| OPERATING RESERVE | \$ 933,287.09 |
| RENTAL PROPERTY | \$ 214,045.94 |
| PARKING FUND | \$ 640,039.95 |
| LIQUID FUELS | \$ 512,801.84 |
| AREA AGENCY ON AGING | \$ 588,552.83 |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH | \$ 944,460.22 |

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| HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY | \$ | 27,058.36 |
| DOMESTIC RELATIONS | \$ | 199,467.19 |
| WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT | \$ | 10,894.58 |
| PARKS & RECREATION FUND | \$ | 191,350.92 |
| CARBON TRANSPORTATION | \$ | 47.53 |
| 911 FUND | \$ | 1,406,054.90 |
| HAZMAT FUND | \$ | 117,666.55 |
| OFFENDER SUPERVISION | \$ | 361,376.23 |
| ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING | \$ | 176,948.01 |
| FARMLAND PRESERVATION | \$ | 97,546.51 |
| HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT | \$ | 12,222.71 |
| HOMELESS GRANT | \$ | 6,488.95 |
| CENTRALIZED BOOKING | \$ | 79,088.40 |
| VICTIM WITNESS | \$ | 3,156.98 |
| RECORDER OF DEEDS | \$ | 25,741.90 |
| RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS | \$ | 6,702.74 |
| JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE | \$ | 23,329.06 |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE | \$ | 12,455.72 |
| PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION | \$ | 30,975.73 |
| AFFORDABLE HOUSING | \$ | 307,958.38 |
| CLERK OF COURTS | \$ | 1,556.43 |
| REGISTER OF WILLS | \$ | 10,641.24 |
| JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING | \$ | 4,649.07 |
| VITAL STATISTICS | \$ | 41,357.34 |
| SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND | \$ | 95,328.14 |
| LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND | \$ | 205,997.22 |
| ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND | \$ | 253,530.68 |
| VICTIMS SERVICE FUND | \$ | 45,774.89 |
| HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND | \$ | 31,965.84 |
| CDBG FUND | \$ | 699.12 |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ | 1,959,992.49 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | \$ | 953,927.59 |
| FRINGE BENEFITS | \$ | 584,527.68 |
| TAX CLAIM | \$ | 364,172.03 |

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATION:

TERRENCE C. SMITH, SUMMIT HILL, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – EFFECTIVE JUNE 22, 2016.

CHANGE OF STATUS:

BERNARD J. NEWHARD, JIM THORPE, PA

FROM: SUMMER SUPERVISOR, LIQUID FUELS & TEMPORARY PARKING ATTENDANT, COUNTY PARKING

TO: SUMMER SUPERVISOR, LIQUID FUELS

EFFECTIVE: JUNE 22, 2016

HIRES:

CHRIS D. GEHRES, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME PARKING/METER ATTENDANT, PARKING – EFFECTIVE JUNE 25, 2016.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

MAUREEN P. LENAR, LEHIGHTON, PA

CLEANING PERSON

FROM: JULY 12, 2106

TO: JULY 31, 2016

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

RENEE SCHOCH

PS INTAKE WORKERS TRAINING WEBINAR

HARMONY OMBUDSMANAGER ONLINE TUTORIALS

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

ISP ON-LINE WEBINAR

NAT WEBINAR

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT (NVRA) PROCEDURES WEBINAR

PALMERTON, PA

SHERIFF

JAMES BONNER

FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR RE-CERTIFICATION

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

COURT SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

COURT ADMINISTRATION

JEFFREY CHU

APPELLATE ADVOCACY IN STATE COURTS

NORRISTOWN, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$115

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED JUNE 23, 2016.

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| BOARD POLLED: | O'GUREK | YES |
| | GERHARD | YES |
| | NOTHSTEIN | YES |

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: MAY 17, 2016 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

THE BRIDGE CREW REPORTS FOR THE WEEKS ENDING JUNE 5, JUNE 12, AND JUNE 19, 2016 WERE RECEIVED FROM LIQUID FUELS COORDINATOR, EMILY KATTNER.

THE BOARD RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER FROM SANDRA E. EROH INFORMING OF HER RESIGNATION AS TAX COLLECTOR OF WEATHERLY BOROUGH EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016.

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

NORTHEASTERN POWER COMPANY, MCADOO, PA

SURFACE MINING PERMIT #54960201;

AUTHORIZATION TO MINE PERMIT #1790-54960201-13
HONEYBROOK OPERATION, KLINE, HAZLE & BANKS TOWNSHIPS

PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES CORPORATION, ALLENTOWN, PA
EAST PALMERTON – LITTLE GAP TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT NOTIFICATION LETTER
NPDES PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
***COUNTY LAND USE LETTER REQUEST**

ROSSI EXCAVATING COMPANY, BEAVER MEADOWS, PA
SURFACE MINING PERMIT #13010201R3; GENERAL NPDES STORMWATER PERMIT
#13010201GP104R; BOND REVIEW FOR 2016; AUTHORIZATION TO MINE
#1756-130010201-10

COLERAINE OPERATION BANKS TOWNSHIP, CARBON COUNTY
A COPY OF THE JIM THORPE 12KV RIVER CROSSING PROJECT TO REPLACE POLES AND WIRES WAS
RECEIVED FROM PPL ELECTRIC.

NEWS RELEASE REGARDING TWO (2) BRIDGES LOCATED IN CARBON COUNTY WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO
BE REPLACED IN 2016 AND 2017 UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S RAPID
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; PLENARY WALSH KEYSTONE PARTNERS (PPWKP) EXTENDS INVITATION
TO ATTEND MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE MAHONING TOWNSHIP BUILDING ON JUNE 28, 2016 AT 3 P.M. TO
VIEW PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MAUCH CHUNK STREET (US 209) BRIDGE OVER BEAVER RUN
PLANNED FOR REPLACEMENT IN THE SUMMER OF 2016.

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

#16-219 BIDS/ROOF REPLACEMENT/ARCHIVES:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR
INVITATION TO BID FOR ARCHIVES BUILDING, ROOF REPLACEMENT.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK ABSTAIN
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

#16-220 LINK PROGRAM:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE
CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AS FISCAL MANAGER FOR THE LINK PROGRAM JULY 1, 2016
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AS OUTLINED IN THE CORE PARTNER AGREEMENT APPROVED MARCH 1, 2012.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-221 AGREEMENT RENEWAL/EDWARDS:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FOR RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON,
CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DAWN EDWARDS, WHITE HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA, TO
CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THE POSITION OF CARBON COUNTY LEAD LINK COORDINATOR, CREATED BY A
FEDERALLY MANDATED AND FUNDED PROGRAM, FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AT
THE SAME RATE OF \$25.00/HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000/YEAR, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE RENEWAL
AGREEMENT WITH DAWN EDWARDS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-222 AGREEMENT RENEWAL/ROVINSKI-MANN:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FOR RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND JULIE ROVINSKI-MANN, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION OF CARBON COUNTY LINK COORDINATOR, CREATED BY A FEDERALLY MANDATED AND FUNDED PROGRAM, FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AT THE SAME RATE OF \$22.00/HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED \$22,800/YEAR, SUBJECT TO FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH JULIE ROVINSKI-MANN.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:

HOUSING AUTHORITY:

#16-223 RESIGNATION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION OF REV. DORIS S. BRAY FROM THE CARBON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

HOTEL TAX:

#16-224 GRANT INITIATIVES:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE POCONO MOUNTAIN VISITORS BUREAU INCORPORATED TO SUPPORT HOTEL TAX GRANT SPRING 2016 INITIATIVES IN CARBON COUNTY FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS TOTALING \$22,230:

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| BACH AND HANDEL CHORALE (ON-LINE MARKETING) | \$ 225. |
| CARBON COUNTY LION/LIONESS FAIR ASSOCIATION (CARBON COUNTY FAIR/ADVERTISING & MARKETING) | \$ 3,625. |
| CONCOURSE CLUB OF PALMERTON (ART SHOW) | \$ 275. |
| DILIGENCE FIRE COMPANY #1, SUMMIT HILL (ADVERTISING FEES) | \$ 525. |
| JIM THORPE TOURISM AGENCY (PROMOTION/MARKETING/ADVERTISING) | \$ 5,730. |
| LANSFORD ALIVE (CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK/LITTLE MISS SNOWFLAKE CONTEST) | \$ 100. |
| MAUCH CHUNK MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER (RACK CARDS FOR ADVERTISING) | \$ 250. |
| MAUCH CHUNK ROD & GUN CLUB (LEHIGH RIVER TROUT STOCKING) | \$ 250. |
| OLD JAIL & HERITAGE CENTER | |

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| (RACK CARDS FOR ADVERTISING) | \$ 1,150. | | |
| PALMERTON FESTIVAL CORPORATION | | | |
| (2016 PALMERTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL) | \$ 1,660. | | |
| PALMERTON VETERANS MEMORIAL | | | |
| (MOVING WALL) | \$ 500. | | |
| PANTHER CREEK VALLEY FOUNDATION | | | |
| (2016 COAL MINER'S HERITAGE FESTIVAL) | \$ 2,500. | | |
| ST. JOSEPH RC CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL | | | |
| (2016 ST. JOSEPH PARISH FESTIVAL) | \$ 900. | | |
| SUMMIT HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY | | | |
| (2016 HOOTENANNY) | \$ 450. | | |
| UKRAINIAN HOMESTEAD OF CEC, ODWU | | | |
| (UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL) | \$ 1,100. | | |
| WEATHERLY HILL CLIMB ASSOCIATION | | | |
| (WEATHERLY HILL CLIMB 2016) | \$ 2,240. | | |
| WEISSPORT RECREATION COMMISSION | | | |
| (REDNECK FESTIVAL) | \$ 750. | | |
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HUMAN SERVICES:

#16-225 STATE FOOD/STATE PLAN:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY/AAA REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE SHEPHERD HOUSE, INCORPORATED STATE PLAN OF THE STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017. THE REVENUE ALLOCATION HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE PLAN AS SUBMITTED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#16-226 CDBG/RESIDENTIAL PLAN:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT AND EXECUTE THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT & RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED FOR THE FY2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SERVICE AGREEMENTS:

#16-227 ADVANCED BUSINESS/DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT, ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, ON A NEW TOSHIBA E-STUDIO MODEL 4508A COPIER IN THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

SERVICE INCLUDES PARTS, LABOR AND TONER, BILLED AT 1 CENT/COPY. PRICE WILL REMAIN FIXED FOR THREE (3) YEARS, 6/14/16 TO 6/14/19.

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

#16-228 OTIS ELEVATOR/PRICE INCREASE:

A CONTRACT INCREASE WAS SUBMITTED BY OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY, ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRICE ADJUSTMENT PROVISION AS SET FORTH IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT WHICH COMMENCED 3/18/11.

THE CONTRACT PRICE SHALL BE INCREASED FROM \$3,298.98 IN 2015 TO \$3,392.29, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (INCREASE: \$7.78 MONTHLY; \$93.31/ANNUALLY)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT INCREASE ON THE AGREEMENT WITH OTIS ELEVATOR.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

#16-229 HAZMAT RESPONSE DESIGNATION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO DESIGNATE RAPID RESPONSE INCORPORATED OF NORTHAMPTON, PENNSYLVANIA AS PRIMARY HAZMAT RESPONSE TEAM/HAZMAT CLEAN-UP CONTRACTOR FOR CARBON COUNTY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CARBON COUNTY LEPC.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-230 RAPID RESPONSE/AGREEMENT:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COORDINATOR ENCLOSING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAPID RESPONSE INCORPORATED OF NORTHAMPTON, PENNSYLVANIA TO SERVE AS THE COUNTY HAZMAT/SPILL RESPONSE CONTRACTOR.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH RAPID RESPONSE INCORPORATED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-231 PEMA NOTIFICATION:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REQUESTING NOTIFICATION, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT, BE SENT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) EASTERN OFFICE ADVISING PEMA THAT RAPID RESPONSE INCORPORATED OF NORTHAMPTON, PENNSYLVANIA IS TO BE CARBON COUNTY'S PEMA-CERTIFIED HAZMAT SPILL RESPONSE CONTRACTOR.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE NOTIFICATION AND A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RAPID RESPONSE INCORPORATED BE SENT TO PEMA.

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| BOARD POLLED: | O'GUREK | YES |
| | GERHARD | YES |
| | NOTHSTEIN | YES |

WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY:

#16-232 LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN:

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY FOR ITS CONTINUOUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN:

RESOLUTION #16-022
WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

WHEREAS, CARBON COUNTY, STEEPED IN RICH NATURAL RESOURCES, CONTINUES TO BE A DESTINATION OF THOUSANDS OF VISITORS ANNUALLY WHO COME HERE TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS, NAMELY IN HIKING, BIKING, RAFTING AND KAYAKING OPPORTUNITIES;

WHEREAS, THOSE RESOURCES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE LEHIGH RIVER, WHICH FLOWS THROUGH THE COUNTY VIA THE LEHIGH GORGE, PROVIDING TO THOSE WHO RIDE THE RIVER AWESOME RAPIDS THAT PASS THROUGH PICTURESQUE JIM THORPE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA;

WHEREAS, ONE PARTICULAR ANNUAL EVENT – THE LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN – HAS BEEN A STEADY AND CONTINUOUS ADVENTURE HERE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, SPONSORED BY THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY, OFFERING PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ALL OF THE TREASURES OF NATURE – SCENIC VIEWS, VISITS FROM RESIDENT WILDLIFE, AMAZING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND A SHARED APPRECIATION FOR PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES;

WHEREAS, THE SOJOURN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24 – JUNE 29, WHICH WILL BEGIN IN THE LEHIGH GORGE AND CONTINUE TO ITS DESTINATION OF THE WATERS OF THE HUGH MOORE PARK IN EASTON, WILL MARK THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THAT PARTICULAR EVENT, AND WILL INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, LEHIGH RIVER STOCKING ASSOCIATION, KEITH WILLIAMS OF CREEK SNORKELING ADVENTURES, THE WATERFRONT PROJECT, ALLENTOWN, AND ST. LUKE'S RODALE INSTITUTE ORGANIC FARM;

WHEREAS, THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY, A PREMIERE NONPROFIT LAND TRUST OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY AND LEHIGH RIVER WATERSHED, THROUGH ITS SPONSORSHIP OF THE LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN, HAS HELPED TO CREATE LASTING CONNECTIONS TO NATURE, INCLUDING THOSE EXPOSED THROUGH THIS EVENT IN CARBON COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DESIRES TO COMMEND THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY FOR ITS CONTINUOUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN, OFFERS APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE EVENT WHO PLAY KEY AND MAJOR ROLES IN HELPING THE SPONSOR ATTAIN ITS MISSION, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2016, AND ORDERS THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY WITH THE SINCERE "THANKS" OF CARBON COUNTY FOR HELPING TO ACCENTUATE THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AMENITIES THAT MAKE THIS COUNTY SPECIAL.

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

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| BOARD POLLED: | O'GUREK | YES |
| | GERHARD | YES |
| | NOTHSTEIN | YES |

FURTHER BUSINESS:

THE BOARD RECOGNIZED BILL MICHALIK, GENERAL MANAGER AND SCOTT SODEN, RESPONSE MANAGER, OF RAPID RESPONSE, INCORPORATED, NORTHAMPTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

THEY THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR WORKING WITH THEM IN OBTAINING THEIR CERTIFICATION THROUGH PEMA, AND EXPLAINED ALL THAT HAD TO BE DONE, ALONG WITH THE TRAINING THEY HAD TO TAKE, TO ACQUIRE THAT CERTIFICATION.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEDIA THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM PPL REGARDING THEIR PLANS TO REBUILD THE 12KV LINE FROM EAST PALMERTON TO LITTLE GAP AND TO REPLACE THE 12KV LINE THAT CROSSES THE LEHIGH RIVER AFTER THE JIM THORPE BRIDGE IS FINISHED (EXCESS OF \$200,000 PROJECT). BOTH PROJECTS ARE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO IMPROVE ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND SYSTEM RELIABILITY IN THOSE AREAS.

COMMISSIONER GERHARD THANKED REV. DORIS BRAY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE CARBON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, WHICH SHE HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE DECEMBER 9, 1998.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:49 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN