

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:33 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS GERHARD AND O'GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

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

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN 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. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY TO MR. GERHARD, APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2016.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

RALPH CLARK, PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP RE: CONCERNS OF SAFETY OVER BARRIERS
BLOCKING BRIDGE ON STONEY CREEK;
REQUEST TO OPEN BRIDGE TO PEDESTRIAN
TRAFFIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

OPENING OF BIDS:

#16-249 ELECTRICAL/FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS UPGRADE

RAILROAD STATION BUILDING:

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE ELECTRICAL & FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS UPGRADE,
RAILROAD STATION BUILDING:

WIND GAP ELECTRIC, INC. 125 W. SEVENTH STREET WIND GAP, PA	BID: \$26,500.00 BOND: 10%
GEORGE J. HAYDEN ELECTRIC COMMUNICATIONS 235 E. MAPLE STREET HAZLETON, PA	BID: \$29,595.00 BOND: 10%
ARC ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. 123 N. WARREN STREET WEST HAZLETON, PA	BID: \$21,300.00 BOND: 10%
BILLITIER ELECTRIC 760 BROOKS AVENUE ROCHESTER, NY	BID: \$23,707.00 BOND: 10%
L&S ELECTRICAL 672 WHITE BEAR DRIVE SUMMIT HILL, PA	BID: \$39,639.00 BOND: 10%

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO TABLE THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO
KEYSTONE ELECTRIC FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD OR REJECT IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS
LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED JULY 14, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTAL DATED JULY 14, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 66540 THROUGH 66654 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK
NUMBERS 5098019 THROUGH 5098363 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND
CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$342,995.02 (PAYROLL DATED JULY 8, 2016).

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL

CHECKS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 123191 THROUGH 123393 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$	84,624.68
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	2,326.05
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	32,333.72
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$	16,818.10
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	25,367.56
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	146,326.40
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$	74.92
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$	46,010.70
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$	271.73
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	3,702.22
9-1-1 FUND	\$	6,212.57
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	22.52
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$	4,231.00
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$	96.73
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$	8.27
CDBG FUND	\$	40,754.54
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	5,000.00
PAYROLL FUND	\$	43,352.05
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$	<u>506,772.04</u>
TOTAL	\$	964,305.80

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED JULY 8, 2016 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF JULY 8, 2016:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	1,004.30
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	145,605.54
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	14,986,490.06
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	933,554.84
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	204,324.02
PARKING FUND	\$	658,664.05
LIQUID FUELS	\$	483,221.40
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	484,875.47
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	705,559.32
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY	\$	15,981.73
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	203,784.43

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	8,873.25
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	204,748.65
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	56.39
9-1-1 FUND	\$	1,333,751.27
HAZMAT FUND	\$	117,669.91
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	361,478.71
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	177,673.76
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	97,574.39
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	12,226.34
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	6,490.81
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	77,785.60
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	1,683.43
RECORDER OF DEEDS	\$	28,134.03
RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	8,294.49
JUVENILE SUPERVISION FEE	\$	23,335.50
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE	\$	12,459.28
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION	\$	32,910.12
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$	303,730.09
CLERK OF COURTS	\$	1,556.84
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	10,999.29
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	4,650.40
VITAL STATISTICS	\$	41,369.20
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	95,355.11
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	206,055.06
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	253,603.41
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	45,787.85
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	32,622.23
CDBG FUND	\$	40,895.97
DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,970,542.51
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$	941,132.44
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$	589,250.78
TAX CLAIM	\$	700,136.76

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
 GERHARD YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

CHANGES OF STATUS:

MARK S. NALESNIK, LANSFORD, PA

FROM: EMA COORDINATOR, EMA
 TO: EMA COORDINATOR, EMA & SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF TRAINEE, SHERIFF
 EFFECTIVE: JULY 18, 2016

RENEE L. RUSSELL, WEATHERLY, PA

FROM: DISTRICT JUSTICE SECRETARY I, DISTRICT JUSTICES
 TO: SECRETARY II, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 EFFECTIVE: JULY 25, 2016

CHRISTOPHER UHLMAN, LANSFORD, PA

FROM: PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS
 TO: CORRECTIONS OFFICER, CORRECTIONS
 EFFECTIVE: JULY 18, 2016

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

DEENA FITAL

GAYLE GERSBACH

KATHERYN LABOSKY

CONNIE LYNN

MARY ANN MARZEN

PAMELA SCHLEICHER

RENEE SCHOCH

DONNA SHELLY

ETHEL WHITE

SUSAN ZEIGLER

IEB/AAA ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES – AGING WAIVER ENROLLMENT WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

MARY ANN MARZEN

DONNA SHELLY

APPRISE MONTHLY WEBINAR
PALMERTON, PA

MARY ANN MARZEN

DONNA SHELLY

2016 APPRISE REGIONAL UPDATES
WILKES-BARRE, PA
COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

SHERIFF

JAMES E. BONNER

PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION
STATE COLLEGE, PA

COURT SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

PIERRE GUICHARDAN

KAREN GASKER

BRIDGET JOHNSTON

DOMESTIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA 49TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
LANCASTER, PA
COST: LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

JUVENILE COURT

KIMMY MULIK

JANELLE BALLIET

CASE PLAN FORUM
STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$15 PER PERSON, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED
JULY 14, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

AUDIT REPORTS RECEIVED: THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER OF CARBON COUNTY; CARBON COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014.

BRIDGE CREW REPORTS FOR THE WEEKS ENDING JUNE 26 AND JULY 3, 2016 WERE RECEIVED FROM LIQUID FUELS COORDINATOR, EMILY KATTNER.

THE JUNE 2016 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED ADVISING THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE APPLIED FOR A DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY GRANT THROUGH ITS GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP):

LEHIGHTON BOROUGH - PUBLIC PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT BAER MEMORIAL PARK
PA PARKS & FORESTS FOUNDATION - PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
CANOE AND KAYAK LAUNCH AT BELTZVILLE STATE PARK

NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, FROM JUNE 26, 2016 THROUGH JULY 26, 2016, TO REVIEW PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR FY 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (PL-112-55) FUNDS AND FY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (PL-113-2) FUNDS.

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

NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME COMPANY, INCORPORATED
D/B/A EASTERN INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, WHITEHALL, PA
SURFACE MINING PERMIT #PA0124214,
LITTLE GAP QUARRY OPERATION, LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP
POCONO WHITEWATER, JIM THORPE, PA
CHAPTER 105 JOINT INDIVIDUAL WATER OBSTRUCTION & ENCROACHMENT PERMIT
BANK STREET & LEHIGH RIVER, BOWMANSTOWN, PA

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ANNOUNCING THAT \$65 IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) DURING THE 2015-16 HEATING SEASON.

ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN #2013-03, MAXIMUM RATES OF STATE PARTICIPATION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH AGENCIES AND MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INFORMING THAT THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE STATE ROUTE 0443, SECTION 02S IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, LEHIGHTON BOROUGH AND MAHONING TOWNSHIP, ON JULY 20, 2016 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AT THE LEHIGHTON BOROUGH AUDITORIUM ANNEX FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS MEETING.

A COPY OF A PROCLAMATION NOTING JULY 17 TO 23, 2016 AS PRETRIAL, PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THOMAS G. LAGER, RACE COORDINATOR, ON BEHALF OF ST. MARK'S AND ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THANKING THE COMMISSIONERS, PARKS/RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF FOR THEIR EXCELLENT COOPERATION IN REGARDS TO THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL

RACE STREET RUN.

THE BOARD RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER FROM HAROLD J. PUDLINER, JR., WEATHERLY BOROUGH MANAGER, INFORMING THAT AT THE WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2016, COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF SANDRA EROH AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF WEATHERLY, AND APPOINTED DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR DEBORAH KOEHLER TO FINISH THE TERM.

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY THANKING THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONSERVANCY FOR ITS CONTINUOUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN.

ESG GRANT/2015:

#16-250 BUDGET REVISION:

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO DCED FOR THE 2015 ESG GRANT TRANSFERRING \$11,000 FROM HOMELESS PREVENTION TO RAPID RE-HOUSING AND THE UTILIZATION OF DIRECT CASE MANAGEMENT HOURLY SERVICE RATE FOR THE MATCH COMPONENT AS RECOMMENDED BY KIM MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CARBON COUNTY ACTION COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN SERVICES.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

PARKS/RECREATION:

#16-251 2017 GYPSY MOTH PROGRAM:

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO AUTHORIZE THE PARKS DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE DCNR BUREAU OF FORESTRY, DIVISION OF FOREST PEST MANAGEMENT/FOREST HEALTH, OF THE COUNTY'S INTENT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 STATE GYPSY MOTH SPRAY PROGRAM.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#16-252 CONTRACT TERMINATION:

THE BOARD RECEIVED A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION SENT TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING FROM DAWN EDWARDS PROVIDING 30-DAY TERMINATION NOTICE IN REGARDS TO HER CONTRACT TO SERVE IN THE POSITION OF CARBON COUNTY LINK COORDINATOR, ADVISING THAT THE FINAL SUBMISSION OF HOURS WILL BE AUGUST 6TH UNLESS AN EARLY TERMINATION IS AGREED UPON BY BOTH PARTIES.

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH DAWN EDWARDS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES

D&L TRAIL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT:

#16-253 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING RELATIVE TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE D&L TRAIL, KNOWN AS THE D&L TRAIL CONNECTIVITY PROJECT:

EAST PENN TOWNSHIP
LEHIGHTON BOROUGH & LEHIGHTON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
WEISSPORT BOROUGH

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS WITH EAST PENN TOWNSHIP, LEHIGHTON BOROUGH & LEHIGHTON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY, AND WEISSPORT BOROUGH.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF ERIC SCHRANTZ AS THE NEW DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE (56-3-01).

ERIC, WHO IS A LONG TIME POLICE OFFICER IN JIM THORPE AND STEPSON OF THE FORMER MAGISTRATE EDWARD LEWIS, IS VERY WELL EXPERIENCED AND HAS ALREADY BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE STATE TO HOLD THE POSITION.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:52 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN