

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:31 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

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

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK 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. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD JUNE 1, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

BOB SILVER, LANSFORD, PA

RE: CONCERNS REGARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE LANSFORD ELKS BUILDING NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS

THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED THAT THE MATTER WILL BE REVIEWED AND SOMEONE WILL CONTACT HIM.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD:

JUNE 6, 2017	10:00 A.M.	RE: REAL ESTATE
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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTAL DATED JUNE 8, 2017.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTAL DATED JUNE 8, 2017.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 131140 THROUGH 131220 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 757,222.55
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$ 840.69
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$ 3,411.08
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$ 399.10
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$ 20,235.14
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$ 36,927.79
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$ 2,667.63
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$ 23,179.09
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$ 8,535.46
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 10,415.97
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 25,430.16
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 59.04
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FUND	\$ 14.15
VICTIM/WITNESS FUND	\$ 97.85
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND	\$ 1.81
CDBG FUND	\$ 15.45
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 39,613.98
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$ <u>486,238.70</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,415,305.64

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

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ACCEPT THE END OF THE MONTH TREASURER'S REPORT DATED MAY 31, 2017, ALONG WITH TREASURER'S REPORT DATED JUNE 2, 2017 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 2, 2017:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,568.18
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PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 25,416.11
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 5,847,282.84
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 937,636.55
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$ 216,934.04
PARKING FUND	\$ 677,435.33
LIQUID FUELS	\$ 544,211.11
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$ 546,682.65
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$ 821,934.35
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY FUND	\$ 31,538.62
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$ 117,051.15
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 24,997.09
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 212,152.44
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$ 163.13
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,775,001.16
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 110,535.32
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$ 349,150.48
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 163,141.51
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$ 63,981.74
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 24,961.34
HOMELESS GRANT	\$ 6,940.88
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$ 100,650.17
VICTIM WITNESS	\$ 4,978.51
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT	\$ 32,318.04
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 5,527.78
JUVENILE SUPERVISION	\$ 26,170.34
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 11,650.34
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 48,274.11
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE	\$ 318,287.58
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 1,716.27
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$ 14,495.53
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 5,902.34
VITAL STATISTICS FUND	\$ 39,939.99
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$ 106,360.71
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$ 263,278.11
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 339,001.11
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$ 62,435.23
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 207,486.74
CDBG FUND	\$ 35.32
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,554,321.98
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 10,427,223.21
FRINGE BENEFITS PAYMENT FUND	\$ 531,572.00
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 552,076.78

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
 NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RESIGNATION:

KAYLYN A. AHNER, LEHIGHTON, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER TRAINEE, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2017.

HIRES:

CALEB M. ANTHONY, LEHIGHTON, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 9, 2017.

MICHELLE C. BOZILESKY, LEHIGHTON, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 9, 2017.

JONATHAN S. REYNOLDS, LANSFORD, PA – LIFEGUARD, PARKS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 9, 2017.

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

CONNIE M. LYNN

DANYELLE M. NEIFERT

VICTIM SERVICE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: WORKING TOGETHER

AMBLER, PA

COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

DEENA L. FITAL

DANYELLE M. NEIFERT

MARK D. MISCZENSKI

WHAT IT MEANS TO GROW OLD FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

WILKES-BARRE, PA

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

MARY ANN MARZEN

PAMELA I. SCHLEICHER

ETHEL WHITE

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS IN OLDER ADULTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR DEMENTIA

WEATHERLY, PA

COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

KRISTY HAHN

INTRODUCTION TO PENNSYLVANIA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

IDENTIFYING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

USING INTERACTIONAL HELPING SKILLS TO ACHIEVE LASTING CHANGE

IN HOME SAFETY ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

RISK ASSESSMENT

CASE PLANNING WITH FAMILIES

THE COURT PROCESS

ASSESSING SAFETY IN OUT OF HOME CARE

OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT AND PERMANENCY PLANNING

MAKING PERMANENT CONNECTIONS-OUTCOMES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PITTSTON, PA

COST: MEALS

PUBLIC DEFENDER

MATTHEW J. MOTTOLA

2017 PENNSYLVANIA DEFENDER TRIAL SKILLS TRAINING

CARLISLE, PA

TAX ASSESSMENT

KATHRYN A. MCGUIRE

LEWIS M. GULLONE

CLEAN AND GREEN LAW – UPDATE

TUNKHANNOCK, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$30, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ADULT PROBATION

PAUL J. KATTNER

BASIC FIREARMS TRAINING
HARRISBURG, PA & PALMYRA, PA
COST: LODGING, MEALS

PAUL J. KATTNER
BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA
COST: MEALS

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

BRIDGET M. JOHNSTON
PACSES ADMINISTRATION 201
HARRISBURG, PA
COST: LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT
DATED JUNE 8, 2017.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

AUDIT REPORT RECEIVED: CARBON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016.

THE MAY 2017 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS.

THE JUNE REPORT TO CARBON COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE PENNEAST/UGI PIPELINE
PROJECT WAS RECEIVED FROM SAVE CARBON COUNTY. A DRAFT TIMELINE ESTIMATE FOR THE PROJECT
WAS ALSO ATTACHED.

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

KME CORPORATION, NESQUEHONING, PA
AIR QUALITY PROGRAM PLAN APPROVAL #13-0008A (EXPIRATION DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2017)
KME CORPORATION, NESQUEHONING, PA
NOTIFICATION TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION
MOBILE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT, NESQUEHONING FACILITY

BOARDS & AUTHORITIES:

#17-216 POCONO COUNTIES WIOA:

REAPPOINTMENT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
BARBARA GREEN, PRESIDENT, BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA/TUTHILL, INCORPORATED, TO THE POCONO
COUNTIES WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR AN
ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERMS TO END JUNE 30, 2020.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMUNICATIONS/911:

#17-217 PEMA/AUDIT:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR ADVISING THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) HAS REQUESTED MAHERDUESSEL CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AUDIT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CARBON COUNTY 911 FOR THE YEARS 2015 & 2016. IT WILL COMPRISE OF THE PROGRAM STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN ACT 12 FUND BALANCES FOR THOSE YEARS.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE AUDIT.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COURTS:

CLERK OF COURTS:

#17-218 AGREEMENT/EDOCS TECHNOLOGIES:

A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDOCS TECHNOLOGIES AND THE CARBON COUNTY COURTS TO CONVERT THE CURRENT CLERK OF COURTS DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO THE AOPC (CPCMS) COMPUTER SYSTEM WAS SUBMITTED BY THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR.

THE FLAT CONVERSION RATE PRICING IS \$2,000 (50% DOWN AND 50% UPON COMPLETION).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH EDOCS TECHNOLOGIES.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

MAGISTRATES:

#17-219 AGREEMENT/BLUE RIDGE:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ENCLOSING THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE (LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE) FOR THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT JUSTICE OFFICE:

LANSFORD (#56-3-03): THREE (3) YEARS – 2 LINES @ \$89.90/MONTH

*DECREASE: \$44.95/MONTH FROM PREVIOUS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

FAX LINE REMOVED AND NOW COVERED THROUGH WINDSTREAM

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

ESG GRANT/2015:

#17-220 BUDGET REVISION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO DCED FOR THE 2015 ESG GRANT TRANSFERRING \$468.00 FROM RAPID RE-HOUSING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RAPID RE-HOUSING RENTAL ASSISTANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY KIM MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CARBON COUNTY ACTION COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN SERVICES.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

#17-221 COBRA SOLUTIONS:

THE INVOICE FOR RENEWAL OF SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE WITH COBRA SOLUTIONS, TEMPE, ARIZONA, FOR THE TERM 7/01/17 THROUGH 6/30/18 AT A COST OF \$395.00 WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL (NO CHANGE IN COST SINCE INCEPTION IN 2011).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL WITH COBRA SOLUTIONS.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

HUMAN SERVICES:

#17-222 NON BLOCK GRANT PLAN:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE HUMAN SERVICES NON BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR THE 2017-2018 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

#17-223 MIPPA PARTNERSHIP PILOT:

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING (PDA), APPRISE PROGRAM AND THE PA LINK FISCAL AGENCY FOR SERVICE AREA #11 WHICH SETS FORTH THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MIPPA PARTNERSHIP PILOT INITIATIVE.

AS THE LINK FISCAL MANAGER, CARBON COUNTY WILL PAY FOR OUTREACH ON MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM TO LOW INCOME, UNDER 65 YEAR OLD INDIVIDUALS. THE AGREEMENT WILL END JUNE 30, 2017; ANY MONIES NOT EXPENDED WILL BE RETURNED.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CONFLICT COUNSEL:

#17-224 CRIMINAL/JUVENILE/ADDENDA:

ADDENDA TO THE AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS CONFLICT COUNSEL IN CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE CARBON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS WERE PRESENTED FOR BOARD ACTION.

THE ADDENDA REVISES THE AGREEMENTS WITH ATTORNEY ARLEY KEMMERER, ATTORNEY CAROLE J. WALBERT, AND STRUBINGER LAW PC FOR THE REMAINING TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 31, 2017 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ASSIGNMENTS AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY (20), WITH COMPENSATION ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY AT THE RATE OF \$625.00 PER ASSIGNMENT.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ADDENDA WITH STRUBINGER LAW PC, ATTORNEY ARLEY KEMMERER, AND ATTORNEY CAROLE J. WALBERT.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

REPAYMENT AGREEMENT:

#17-225 EMPLOYEE #3375:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE #3375, EFFECTIVE JUNE 8, 2017.

BOARD POLLED: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

RESOLUTIONS:

#17-226 EAGLE SCOUT/SCOTT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GAVIN R. SCOTT, BOWMANSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 20, PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA:

RESOLUTION #17-020
EAGLE SCOUT/GAVIN R. SCOTT

WHEREAS, GAVIN R. SCOTT OF BOWMANSTOWN HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, GAVIN R. SCOTT IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 20 IN PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCOUTING FOR 8 ½ YEARS. DURING HIS SCOUTING CAREER, HE HAS EARNED 34 BADGES INCLUDING SHOTGUN SHOOTING, SPORTS, AND ARCHERY. GAVIN HAS SERVED AS SCRIBE; AND

WHEREAS, GAVIN R. SCOTT'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WAS BUILDING A WALKING BRIDGE ON THE THREE PONDS TRAIL AT THE LEHIGH GAP NATURE CENTER. THE PREVIOUS BRIDGE WAS BROKEN AND WAS RESTING IN THE STREAM THAT IT SPANNED. THE REPLACEMENT BRIDGE WAS MADE STRONGER BY THE ADDITION OF CONCRETE FOOTERS ON EACH END AS WELL AS ADDING MORE STRUCTURAL SUPPORT. HANDRAILS WERE ALSO ADDED FOR SAFETY PURPOSES. GAVIN SPENT 121.5 HOURS ON THIS PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, GAVIN R. SCOTT HAS DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE AN HONOR HE WILL VALUE FOR A LIFETIME; AND

WHEREAS, GAVIN R. SCOTT 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 GAVIN R. SCOTT.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

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: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#17-227 WEISSPORT ANNIVERSARY:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF WEISSPORT AS A BOROUGH AND 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN'S FOUNDING:

RESOLUTION #17-021
WEISSPORT ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF WEISSPORT, ONE OF 23 MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, IN 2017 IS CELEBRATING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING AND THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION, HAVING HELD A FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, THE DATE OF ITS INCORPORATION IN 1867;

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH IS SITUATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE LEHIGH RIVER, WHERE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WAS APPOINTED TO BUILD A LINE OF FORTS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE FORT ALLEN BUILT IN 1756. THE TOWN IS NAMED IN HONOR OF ITS FOUNDER, COL. JACOB WEISS, DEPUTY QUARTER MASTER GENERAL IN GENERAL GREEN'S ARMY DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR;

WHEREAS, COL. WEISS VISITED THE AREA IN 1784 AND SOON AFTER PURCHASED 700 ACRES OF LAND BETWEEN WHAT IS NOW PARRYVILLE AND LONG RUN FROM THE MORAVIANS, LATER RESIDING THERE WITH HIS FAMILY, NOT FAR FROM WHERE THE SOLT, ARNER AND HOETH FAMILIES HAD SETTLED ALONG THE POHO-POCO CREEK;

WHEREAS, THE RESOURCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WEISSPORT – NAMELY, THE LEHIGH CANAL, “WEISS MILL” AND THE LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY - EVENTUALLY BECAME THE TOWN'S BIGGEST ASSETS, ALLOWING THE COMMUNITY TO GROW. IN 1823, COL. WEISS GAVE HIS TWO SONS, THOMAS AND FRANCIS, A DEED IN TRUST OF THE PRESENT SITE OF WEISSPORT TO BE MADE A TOWN PLOT, PROVIDING FOR LOTS, STREETS AND A PUBLIC SQUARE;

WHEREAS, COL. WEISS FURTHER PROVIDED LAND TO BUILD A CHURCH, JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND LAND FOR A BURIAL GROUND, WHICH CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUNKER HILL CEMETERY;

WHEREAS, A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE EXISTS TODAY IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF WEISSPORT, WHO, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE TOWN'S FOUNDING AND INCORPORATION, HAVE CAUSED THE TOWN'S HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BE HEADLINED. MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND ITS RECREATION COMMITTEE JOINED BOROUGH RESIDENTS IN THE DAYLONG CELEBRATION THAT FEATURED OLD PHOTOGRAPHS, NEWS CLIPPINGS, MEMORABILIA, SCRAPBOOKS, OLD BOTTLES AND A UNIQUE MAP DETAILING SOME OF THE LONG-GONE LANDMARKS THAT ONCE EXISTED IN THE BOROUGH;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DESIRING TO DOCUMENT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF WEISSPORT IN THE HISTORY OF CARBON COUNTY, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TO CONGRATULATE THE RESIDENTS, BOROUGH OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS ON PRESERVING THE BOROUGH OF WEISSPORT'S HISTORY, HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AND ORDERS A COPY OF IT BE PRESENTED TO BOROUGH OFFICIALS FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN DOCUMENTING THE TOWN'S RIGHTFUL PLACE IN HISTORY.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE 2017.

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: GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD COMMENTED ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEISSPORT BOROUGH AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE TARDINESS IN ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THE CELEBRATION WHICH WAS HELD JUNE 3RD BY THE WEISSPORT RECREATION AUTHORITY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:44 A.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN