

THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED 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, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

**PRAYER:**

COMMISSIONER O'GUREK 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 OCTOBER 19, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**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 OCTOBER 26, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED OCTOBER 26, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:**

**GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:**

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 133933 THROUGH 134060 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$	123,540.30
RENTAL PROPERTY FUND	\$	3,997.58
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	8,345.09
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$	2,358.91
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	29,444.17
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	39,950.20
HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY FUND	\$	29.70
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$	169.22
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$	800.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	1,361.67
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$	332,256.30
9-1-1 FUND	\$	5,024.95
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	29.97
HUMAN SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$	309.26
HOMELESS GRANT FUND	\$	239.85
CDBG FUND	\$	852.24
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	6,425.70
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	17,029.16
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$	<u>1,033.42</u>
TOTAL:	\$	573,197.69

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, AND THE TIMES NEWS, HE ABSTAINED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED OCTOBER 20, 2017 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 20, 2017:**

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	3,705.84
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	7,414.32

GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$ 12,078,195.14
OPERATING RESERVE	\$ 940,652.17
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$ 208,384.14
PARKING FUND	\$ 851,098.74
LIQUID FUELS	\$ 408,341.51
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$ 356,267.72
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$ 948,822.98
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY FUND	\$ 8,257.11
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$ 91,369.31
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$ 22,622.18
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$ 169,686.81
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$ 332,600.95
9-1-1 FUND	\$ 1,506,565.33
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$ 124,178.99
OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$ 505,017.08
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$ 168,410.24
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$ 89,066.95
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 19,658.37
HOMELESS GRANT	\$ 7,050.08
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$ 111,815.73
VICTIM WITNESS	\$ 3,344.01
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT	\$ 25,294.21
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 13,716.76
JUVENILE SUPERVISION	\$ 31,972.27
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$ 11,894.16
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 55,175.77
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE	\$ 340,659.12
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$ 3,557.46
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$ 6,732.59
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$ 5,921.32
VITAL STATISTICS FUND	\$ 45,295.12
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$ 121,879.27
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$ 290,395.09
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 416,453.67
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$ 69,908.86
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$ 444,543.96
CDBG FUND	\$ 962.89
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 1,881,316.35
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 9,484,081.84
FRINGE BENEFITS PAYMENT FUND	\$ 509,918.87
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$ 563,287.34

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
 GERHARD YES  
 NOTHSTEIN YES

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**

**EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION:**

**CHARLES W. HORVATH**, EASTON, PA – PART-TIME COUNTY DETECTIVE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2017.

**HIRE:**

**BRITTANI L. THOMPSON**, JIM THORPE, PA – PART-TIME DISPATCHER, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 20, 2017.

**CHANGE OF STATUS:**

**CHELSEA L. ARNOLD, NEW RINGGOLD, PA**

FROM: PART-TIME DISPATCHER, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

TO: 911 OPERATOR, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 30, 2017

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:**

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

**SUSAN E. ZEIGLER**

PDA QUARTERLY REVIEW & P4A MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HERSHEY, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$80, LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

**SUSAN E. ZEIGLER**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TRAINING – MODULE 2

STATE COLLEGE, PA

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

**DANYELLE M. NEIFERT**

**CONNIE M. LYNN**

PROTECTIVE SERVICE ENRICHMENT TRAINING 2017-18 – INVOLUNTARY CASE PLANNING

PHILADELPHIA, PA

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

**DANYELLE M. NEIFERT**

**CONNIE M. LYNN**

PROTECTIVE SERVICE ENRICHMENT TRAINING 2017-18 – RISK ASSESSMENT

LANCASTER, PA

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

**SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS (CONTINUED):**

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

**DEENA L. FITAL**

**MARY ANN C. MARZEN**

**PAMELA I. SCHLEICHER**

**ETHEL WHITE**

PROTECTIVE SERVICE ENRICHMENT TRAINING 2017-18-INVOLUNARY CASE PLANNING

BETHLEHEM, PA

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

**SHERIFF**

**MARK S. NALESNIK**

ACT 2 CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

WILKES-BARRE, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED OCTOBER 26, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MINUTES RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE.

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

PANTHER CREEK POWER LLC, NESQUEHONING, PA

REFERENCE: TITLE V PERMIT #13-00003

NOTIFICATION OF PANTHER CREEK ENERGY FACILITY AND WESTWOOD GENERATING FACILITY DISSOLUTION OF NOX AVERAGING PLAN UNDER PA. CODE TITLE 25 §129.94 AND PANTHER CREEK ENERGY FUTURE COMPLIANCE UNDER PA. CODE TITLE 25 §129.97

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR APPROVAL TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ABOVE-GRADE CROSSING WITH A NEW RELOCATED BRIDGE WHERE STATE ROUTE 0903 (RIVER STREET), CROSSES THREE EXISTING TRACKS OF READING BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD AND ONE TRACK OF NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY (DOT NO. 929 678 S; M.P. L-122.86) IN JIM THORPE BOROUGH.

**CCCT/LANTA:**

**#17-428 MATP PROGRAM 2017-18:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE FY 2017-2018 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (MATP) PARTICIPATION GRANT AGREEMENT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER REPORTS.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**ENVIRONMENTAL ED CENTER:**

**#17-429 FURNACE REPLACEMENT/EXTENSION:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH SHEEHAN'S PLUMBING, HEATING, AC LLC, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE FURNACE REPLACEMENT AT THE CARBON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (CCEEC) FROM OCTOBER 26, 2017 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2017.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION TO NOVEMBER 2, 2017.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**ESG GRANT APPLICATION/2017:**

**#17-430 RESOLUTION/ASSURANCES:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) APPLICATION, APPROVAL OF THE 2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES, LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION, AND LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN. TOTAL GRANT: \$90,000 (CARBON COUNTY ACTION COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN SERVICES: \$45,000; FAMILY PROMISE: \$45,000).

**RESOLUTION #17-033**

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON  
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

**WHEREAS**, THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND RAPID TRANSITION TO HOUSING ACT OF 2009 (HEARTH) ENACTED INTO LAW ON MAY 20, 2009, AUTHORIZED THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) HAS RECEIVED ESG PROGRAM FUNDS AND IS MAKING THESE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE HOMELESS SERVICES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COUNTY OF CARBON DESIRES TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO DCED FOR ESG PROGRAM FUNDS TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES OR ON BEHALF OF OTHER ENTITIES TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** BY THE COUNTY OF CARBON THAT:

1. THE PROPOSED PROJECT(S) RAPID REHOUSING, HOMELESS PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY SHELTER TO BE FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA ESG PROGRAM MEET THE ESG INTERIM RULE REQUIREMENTS AT §24 CFR 576 ARE ELIGIBLE AND APPROVED.
2. THE CARBON COUNTY ACTION COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AN ESG PROGRAM APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000 TO THE PA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT .
3. THE COUNTY OF CARBON WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURING THE REQUIRED MATCHING AMOUNT OF PROJECT FUNDS OR REQUEST A WAIVER OF MATCH FUNDS TO DCED.
4. THE COUNTY WILL REIMBURSE THE COMMONWEALTH FOR ANY EXPENDITURE FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE.
5. THE COUNTY OF CARBON IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCES, CERTIFICATES, AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA OR REVISED DATA THAT DCED MAY REQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION.

ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, SECRETARY

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

**#17-431 FY 2017 CDBG APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:**

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION TO BE FILED WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION:

- CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REPORT
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SINGLE APPLICATION

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE DOCUMENTS AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**#17-432 CDBG/FLAGGED ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FLAGGED ACTIVITIES REPORT CITING REASONS FOR DELAY AND REMEDIATION PLAN REGARDING CDBG CONTRACTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO DCED OCTOBER 26, 2017.

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

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SERVICE AGREEMENTS:**

**#17-433 REYNOLDS BUSINESS/ARCHIVES:**

THE FOLLOWING SERVICE AGREEMENTS WERE SUBMITTED WITH REYNOLDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS, ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT:

KOFAX TECHNICAL SUPPORT & SOFTWARE UPGRADE ANNUAL AGREEMENT (11/01/17 – 10/31/18)	\$273.00
REYNOLDS HARDWARE & SOFTWARE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ANNUAL AGREEMENT (1/19/18 – 10/31/18)	<u>\$505.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$778.00

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION AND PAYMENT OF THE AGREEMENTS AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**ANIMAL SHELTER:**

**#17-434 CHRISTMAN ESTATE:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO RATIFY THE EXECUTION OF THE RELEASE FORM FOR THE ESTATE OF PAUL W. CHRISTMAN, CONFIRMING THAT THE LATE PAUL CHRISTMAN DEPOSED \$98,567.89 OF HIS ESTATE TO THE CARBON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:**

**#17-435 AGREEMENT/C-M-P D&A:**

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WARDEN FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CARBON-MONROE-PIKE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION, LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA, TO CONTINUE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT COUNSELING SERVICES AT THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CCCF) FOR THE TERM 1/01/2018 THROUGH 12/31/2018, AT A COST OF \$54,000.00. (PAID THROUGH COMMISSARY FUND)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMISSION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**#17-436 TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS:**

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE WARDEN ENCLOSING THE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES AT THE CARBON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (CCCF) IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION:

KUHN TRANSPORTATION, JIM THORPE, PA  
MINIMUM CHARGE: \$272.00 (4 HOURS), ADDITIONAL TIME \$68 PER HOUR

GEORGE'S TRANSPORTATION, LEHIGHTON, PA  
\$80.00/HOUR - MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS TERMS: 5 YEARS

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS WITH KUHN TRANSPORTATION AND GEORGE'S TRANSPORTATION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**#17-437 CHARLES GETZ:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES GETZ, LAST FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:

**RESOLUTION #17-034**

**CHARLES GETZ**

**WHEREAS**, THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN 2017 IS OBSERVING 40 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO KIDDER TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA, AND IS CELEBRATING THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION AT A "FOUNDING MEMBER DINNER" ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE DINNER PROGRAM IS SERVING TO HONOR AND THANK DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY FOR THEIR ONGOING AND UNYIELDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRE SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT, MOST ESPECIALLY RECOGNIZES CHARLES GETZ, ONE OF THE LAST FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE EVENT IS BEING HELD ON THE 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF GETZ, AN ALBRIGHTSVILLE RESIDENT WHOSE VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CARBON COUNTY REGION ARE PUBLICLY KNOWN; AND

**WHEREAS**, GETZ SERVED IN PUBLIC OFFICE AS A CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR 16 YEARS AND A KIDDER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR FOR 18 YEARS, HAVING ALSO SERVED FOR MANY YEARS ON THE CARBON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JIM THORPE NEIGHBORHOOD BANK AND CO-OWNER WITH HIS WIFE, CAROL (KELHART) GETZ, OF THE FORMER GETZ TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, ALBRIGHTSVILLE FIRE COMPANY'S "FOUNDING MEMBER" ALSO FORMERLY OWNED WHITEWATER RAFTING ADVENTURES AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE JIM THORPE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE, THE ST. LUKE'S MINERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CARBON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD AND THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE; AND



**WHEREAS**, IN ADDITION TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, GETZ IS A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALBRIGHTSVILLE; CARBON LODGE NO. 242, F. & A.M.; LILLY CHAPTER NO. 181; PACKER COMMANDERY NO. 23; THE IREM TEMPLE, WILKES-BARRE; AND CARBON COUNTY FRIENDS OF ANIMALS.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, ON THE OCCASION OF COMMISSIONER GETZ BEING HONORED BY THE AFC FOR HIS CHARTER MEMBER SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION, THANKING MR. GETZ FOR HIS DECADES OF CIVIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE, WISHES HIM HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD, AND DOCUMENTS THIS EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF CARBON COUNTY.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 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, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**#17-438 ALBRIGHTSVILLE FIRE COMPANY:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ON THEIR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

**RESOLUTION #17-035**  
**ALBRIGHTSVILLE FIRE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, THE FOUNDATION OF EACH AND EVERY COMMUNITY IN CARBON COUNTY IS THE TRADITION, TRAINING, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ITS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE WELL-BEING OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SUCH VOLUNTEERISM HAS CONTINUALLY BEEN EXHIBITED BY THOSE IN THE FIRE SERVICE SINCE 1736 WHEN BEN FRANKLIN FORMED THE FIRST VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, PROVIDING A LEGACY OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR RESIDENTS AND THEIR PROPERTIES THROUGH FIRE AND RESCUE PREPARATION AND TECHNIQUES; AND

**WHEREAS**, ONE SUCH FIRE COMPANY, THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, HAS REACHED A MILESTONE OF SERVICE TO ITS COMMUNITY IN OBSERVING 40 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO KIDDER TOWNSHIP SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON MARCH 6, 1977; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CHARTER MEMBERS WERE TOM DAVIS, WILLIAM NONNEMAKER, AL KELLER, WILLIAM BANKHEAD, GARY ZIMINSKY, ERNIE AND MOLLIE GOWER, ADAM KELHART, KENNETH MCGEEHAN, CHARLES GETZ AND WILLIAM ADAMS ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS OF KIDDER TOWNSHIP FOR ORGANIZING THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SINCE THAT TIME, THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS HAVE PROUDLY AND DEVOTEDLY LIVED UP TO THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THEIR PREDECESSORS BY NOT ONLY PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT TO NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS AS WELL, THROUGH MUTUAL AID ENDEAVORS; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CONTINUES TO RAISE FUNDS TO PURCHASE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT TO BETTER SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HEREBY HONORS AND COMMENDS MEMBERS OF THE ALBRIGHTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THE

COMPANY'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION, PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGES AND PRAISES THEM FOR THEIR UNTIRING COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF KIDDER TOWNSHIP, AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, THANKS THEM FOR THE TREMENDOUS SERVICE PROVIDED 365 DAYS A YEAR, AND OFFERS TO THEM SINCERE APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES WELL IN FUTURE SERVICE TO ITS CITIZENS.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 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:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**#17-439 USED EQUIPMENT:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF USED EQUIPMENT (VEHICLE VALUED AT LESS THAN \$1,000) AND AUTHORIZE THE POSTING):

**RESOLUTION #17-036**

**USED EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, THE COUNTY IS THE OWNER OF A 2007 FORD FREESTYLE, VIN #1GAGG39K8SF126809 AND VALUED AT LESS THAN \$1,000.00:

**WHEREAS**, SAID VEHICLE IS OF NO FURTHER USE TO THE COUNTY AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE SALVAGE.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1805 (A) OF THE COUNTY CODE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF THE ABOVE LISTED PERSONAL PROPERTY SHALL BE POSTED FOR AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS, IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE COURT HOUSE DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY AND DIRECTING THAT BIDS MAY BE MADE THEREON TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

UPON RECEIPT AND AWARD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, THE ABOVE LISTED EQUIPMENT IS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE COUNTY INVENTORY.

**ADOPTED** BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

ELOISE K. AHNER, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**USED EQUIPMENT:**

**#17-440 DISPOSITION:**

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF USED EQUIPMENT (LAW BOOKS VALUED AT LESS THAN \$1,000).

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONER GERHARD REPORTED ON THE CARBON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER, NOTING THAT THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWENTY-TWO (22) DOGS. TOM CONNORS DIRECTOR REQUESTED THE COUNTY OFFER OUR VETERANS HALF PRICE OF THE ADOPTION FEE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, AND THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN RECOGNIZED FISCAL CONSULTANT JEFF WEISS, ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD LLC.

MR. WEISS GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE COUNTY'S NEXT YEAR BUDGET AS IT STANDS NOW, NOTING THERE IS CURRENTLY A \$600,000 SHORTFALL AND THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PERSONNEL REQUESTS, WHICH SOME DEPARTMENTS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL HOURS.

HE NOTED THE MAJOR ITEMS CAUSING THE BUDGET ISSUES ARE COURT RELATED (ADDITIONAL COST FOR INCREASE IN COURT CASES), INCREASES AT THE PRISON, CENTRAL COURT DISCUSSION, SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUESTS FOR ITEMS RELATING TO SECURITY, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OFFICES REQUESTING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND ADDITIONAL HOURS. ALL THESE ISSUES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE \$600,000 SHORTFALL NUMBER. THE BIGGEST ISSUE IS THAT PRESENTLY THERE IS NO TAX BASE GROWTH, WITH ROUGHLY ONLY \$20,000 ADDITIONAL TAXES COMING IN THIS YEAR, WHICH FOLLOWS THREE (3) YEARS OF THE SAME OR NEGATIVE GROWTH DUE TO TAX APPEALS. THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE UP ADDITIONAL REVENUE IS TO INCREASE TAXES.

HE ADVISED THE COMMISSIONERS THAT HE WILL BE SENDING A MEMO TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS SHOWING THEM WHERE THEIR BUDGETS STAND, WITH THEIR REQUESTS AND WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE AND REQUESTING THEY CUT THEIR BUDGETS BY 10%.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED. IT WAS NOTED THAT \$644,444 WAS SPENT THIS PAST YEAR THAT WAS NOT BUDGETED, INCLUDING \$268,000 AT THE PRISON AND \$67,500 ON PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,  
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN