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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 COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN, GERHARD, AND O'GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.

THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER, AND THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE 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 MAY 24, 2018.

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

*DUE TO ABSENCE AT THE MAY 24TH MEETING

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

OPENING OF BIDS:

#18-238 TRAINING CENTER – PHASE 1A:

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR CARBON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND TRAINING CENTER – PHASE 1A:

LEHIGH ASPHALT PAVING & CONSTRUCTION CO. P.O. BOX 549 TAMAQUA, PA	BID: \$ 1,492,649.60 BOND: 10%
BRUCE GEORGE PAVING & EXCAVATING, INC. 843 KUEHNER DRIVE KUNKLETOWN, PA	BID: \$ 811,879.85 BOND: 10%
CMG OF EASTON, INC. 400 S. GREENWOOD AVENUE, SUITE 300 EASTON, PA	BID: \$ 1,580,000.00 BOND: 10%

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE COUNTY ENGINEER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO EITHER AWARD OR REJECT IN ONE (1) WEEK.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

#18-239 COURTHOUSE SLATE ROOF REPAIRS:

THE FOLLOWING BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR COURTHOUSE SLATE ROOF REPAIRS:

C & D WATERPROOFING CORP. 300 PAPERMILL ROAD	BID: \$ 216,000.00 BOND: 10%
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BLOOMSBURG, PA

GILLESPIE CONTRACTING, INC.
171 INDIAN RUN ROAD
GLENMOORE, PA

BID: \$ 315,940.00
BOND: COMPANY CHECK*

*APPEARS NON-CONFORMANT WITH BID SPECIFICATIONS

MOTION BY MR. O'GUREK, SECONDED BY MR. GERHARD, TO ACCEPT THE BIDS AND REFER THEM TO THE CONSULTANT, JOE JENKINS, FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO EITHER AWARD OR REJECT IN TWO (2) WEEKS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

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 TRANSMITTAL DATED MAY 31, 2018.

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 TRANSMITTAL DATED MAY 31, 2018.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 68960 THROUGH 68988 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5115316 THROUGH 5115669 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING \$339,469.08 (PAYROLL DATED MAY 25, 2018).

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 138806 THROUGH 138921 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

GENERAL FUND	\$	117,381.68
COUNTY PARKING FUND	\$	10,200.00
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND	\$	106.67
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND	\$	61,001.85
CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND	\$	10,693.59
DOMESTIC RELATIONS 4D FUND	\$	477.58
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT FUND	\$	800.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	1,043.33
CARBON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUND	\$	59,999.55
9-1-1 FUND	\$	342.88
HAZ-MAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	376.20
CDBG FUND	\$	500.80
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	10,200.00
FRINGE BENEFIT PAYMENT FUND	\$	1,125.12
PAYROLL FUND	\$	<u>57,840.10</u>
TOTAL:	\$	332,089.35

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 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 MAY 25, 2018 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS OF MAY 25, 2018:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	2,991.11
PAYROLL CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$	154,765.26
GENERAL FUND SP NOW	\$	6,008,561.64
OPERATING RESERVE	\$	947,282.38
RENTAL PROPERTY	\$	211,845.76
PARKING FUND	\$	784,447.38
LIQUID FUELS	\$	473,826.21
AREA AGENCY ON AGING	\$	461,367.84
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$	135,735.91
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY FUND	\$	9,955.00
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	\$	91,050.03
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT	\$	42,234.70
PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$	176,193.36
CARBON TRANSPORTATION	\$	60,124.69
9-1-1 FUND	\$	1,738,802.83
HAZMAT RESPONSE FUND	\$	131,146.50

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OFFENDER SUPERVISION	\$	337,994.97
ADULT ELECTRONIC MONITORING	\$	186,440.44
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	\$	20,708.91
HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT	\$	9,113.13
HOMELESS GRANT	\$	2,935.64
CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$	113,095.19
VICTIM WITNESS	\$	12,254.73
RECORDER OF DEEDS IMPROVEMENT	\$	21,398.99
COUNTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	5,402.54
JUVENILE SUPERVISION	\$	30,751.77
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEE FUND	\$	10,684.48
PROTHONOTARY AUTOMATION FUND	\$	64,783.48
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEE	\$	326,344.72
CLERK OF COURTS AUTOMATION FUND	\$	713.86
REGISTER OF WILLS	\$	6,891.26
JUVENILE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FUND	\$	6,055.74
VITAL STATISTICS FUND	\$	37,551.19
SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION FUND	\$	133,689.29
LIQUID FUELS/ACT 44 FUND	\$	353,140.51
ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	419,389.06
VICTIMS SERVICE FUND	\$	42,936.12
HOTEL EXCISE TAX FUND	\$	1,348.24
CDBG FUND	\$	535.64
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	1,188,143.48
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$	8,917,089.30
FRINGE BENEFITS PAYMENT FUND	\$	723,254.18
TAX CLAIM FUND	\$	620,208.86

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PERSONNEL REPORT:

RETIREMENT:

DAWN M. ORSULAK, ANDREAS, PA – DISTRICT JUSTICE OFFICE SUPERVISOR I, DISTRICT JUSTICES – EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 2018.

RESIGNATIONS:

COURTNEY E. MCCALL, SUMMIT HILL, PA – PART-TIME LICENSING CLERK, TREASURER – EFFECTIVE MAY 30, 2018.

ANTHONY COLLEVECHIO, SUMMIT HILL, PA – SUMMER LABORER, LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM – EFFECTIVE MAY 29, 2018.

JEFFREY G. STEIGERWALT, LEHIGHTON, PA – SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE, PARKS – EFFECTIVE MAY 28, 2018.

WILLIAM Z. SCOTT, JR., LEHIGHTON, PA – SOLICITOR, CLERK OF COURTS – EFFECTIVE MAY 25, 2018.

HIRES:

MICHAEL J. PASCOE, SUMMIT HILL, PA – SEASONAL PARK RANGER II, PARKS – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018.

HAROLD L. MAURER, JIM THORPE, PA - SUMMER SUPERVISOR, LIQUID FUELS SUMMER PROGRAM – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018.

KHALIL D. RODRIGUEZ, JIM THORPE, PA – SUMMER LABORER, LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM – EFFECTIVE JUNE 4, 2018.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

CORRECTIONS

DEBRA J. EVANS, NESQUEHONING, PA

CORRECTIONS OFFICER

FROM: MAY 10, 2018

TO: JUNE 12, 2018

SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

SALLIANNE S. NEWTON

ANISSA M. NUNEMACHER

NE REGION NBB TRAINING/MEETING

SCRANTON, PA

COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ROBERT S. FRYCKLUND

INTRODUCTION TO TRIAL ADVOCACY

STATE COLLEGE, PA

COST: CONFERENCE FEE \$350, MEALS

COMMUNICATIONS

RAY H. BOSSARD, JR.

DANIEL E. REIS

KATE F. POLISCHAK

STEPHANY A. REHRIG

THOMAS B. WASSIL

DARRIN M. ARNDT

ASHLEY L. BARTEK

MARK R. RUCH

JOSHUA J. JACOBS

JENNI K. HOFFMAN

CHELSEA L. ARNOLD

BRIAN T. UHNAK

CHUNK M. KRONE

BRITTANI L. THOMPSON

THERESA C. ROSSMAN

JAIME L. LAZAR

JUSTIN MARKELL

TRAIN THE END USER –CAD TRAINING ON NEW CAD COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH

NESQUEHONING, PA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MARK S. NALESNIK

SHELLEY L. SNYDER

LEPC TABLETOP EXERCISE

BARNESVILLE, PA

TAX ASSESSMENT

KATHRYN A. MCGUIRE

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LEWIS M. GULLONE

NECAAP CHAPTER MEETING

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA

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

COURTS SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

DISTRICT COURT

DONNA L. PECK

AOPC WORKSHOP

LEHIGHTON, PA

COST: MILEAGE (IF COUNTY VEHICLE IS UNAVAILABLE)

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

TEAH M. REICHARD

SHAWN M. JONES

RACHEL L. MOYER

ESTABLISHING REALISTIC ORDERS/EARNING CAPACITY WORKSHOP

WILKES-BARRE, PA

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

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED MAY 31, 2018.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: MAY 15, 2018 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY.

AMENDED FISCAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEARS: JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011, JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012, JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013, JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014, JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015, AND JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 FOR THE CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

THE MAY 2018 REPORT TO CARBON COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING THE PENNEAST/UGI PIPELINE PROJECT WAS RECEIVED FROM SAVE CARBON COUNTY.

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

HAZLETON OIL & ENVIRONMENTAL, INCORPORATED, HAZLETON, PA

PRE-DENIAL LETTER, PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION

APPLICATION #301295-A181; APS ID#963787, AUTH ID#1221004

BANKS TOWNSHIP

CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED REPRESENTING THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS), OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (OMHSAS) COMMITMENT CONFIRMING FORENSIC FUNDS TO THE CARBON /MONROE/PIKE MH/ID PROGRAM RELATED TO THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) SETTLEMENT WITH THE DHS. OMHSAS WILL INCLUDE AS PART OF ITS FY 2018-19 PRIMARY ALLOCATION IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION 10248 (BASE) FUNDS, A TOTAL OF \$1,636,978.

ADULT PROBATION:

#18-240 CJAB GRANT APPLICATION:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF ADULT PROBATION OFFICER FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$446,388.34 UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE "ADULT DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FY 2018 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT" TO IMPLEMENT A CARBON COUNTY DRUG COURT. FUNDING IS FOR FOUR (4) YEARS FOR UP TO \$500,000 WITH A 25% CASH MATCH.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

ADVERTISING REQUEST:

#18-241 FARMLAND PRESERVATION MEETINGS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD FROM JUNE 2018 TO MAY OF 2019.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	ABSTAIN
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

#18-242 LINK PROGRAM:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE ON AGING FOR APPROVAL FOR THE CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO CONTINUE AS FISCAL MANAGER FOR THE LINK PROGRAM FROM JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 AS OUTLINED IN THE CORE PARTNER AGREEMENT APPROVED MARCH 1, 2012.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

#18-243 AGREEMENT RENEWAL/ROVINSKI-MANN:

A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE ON AGING REQUESTING RENEWAL OF 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 FEDERAL MANDATE, FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 AT A RATE OF \$25.00/HOUR, WITH FLEXIBLE HOURS UP TO BUT NOT EXCEEDING 40 HOURS PER WEEK. THIS CONTRACT WILL RENEW YEARLY, 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

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BID AWARD:

#18-244 BULLET RESISTANT MATERIAL:

DISTRICT COURT OFFICES:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR BULLET RESISTANT MATERIAL INSTALLATION, DISTRICT COURT OFFICES, TO CLEAR SECURITY BALLISTIC DETERRENT SYSTEMS, ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY, AT THEIR BID OF \$32,870.00, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF E-VERIFICATION FORM WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

INSURANCE:

#18-245 PCORP/RENEWAL:

THE 2018/2019 INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2019 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$225,680 (INCREASE OF \$17,643) WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION, WITH A COST BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

INSURANCE COSTS	+ \$ 120,069
LOSS FUND CONTRIBUTION	+ \$ 101,026
OPTIONAL EXCESS PREMIUM	+ \$ 10,647
UNDERWRITING CREDIT	- \$ 2,526
LOSS CONTROL CREDIT	- \$ 3,536

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE 2016/2017 INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP), CHOOSING THE 40%/30%/30% PAYMENT OPTION.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

#18-246 HOME PROGRAM:

AGREEMENT:

A REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING CARBON COUNTY HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT:

#CH 115-22-137 GENERAL: THE SERVICE TEAM
LEHIGHTON, PA \$ 9,450.00

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SERVICE TEAM.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

AGENCY ON AGING:

#18-247 ADDENDUM/WEATHERLY SENIOR CENTER:

THE SOLICITOR PRESENTED AN ADDENDUM TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARBON, CARBON COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND ZIONS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 335 THIRD STREET, WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE WEATHERLY SENIOR CENTER.

THE ADDENDUM INCREASES THE RENT FROM \$500.00/MONTH TO \$515.00/MONTH, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018. ALL OTHER TERMS OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN AS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ZIONS LUTHERAN CHURCH.

BOARD POLLED:	O'GUREK	YES
	GERHARD	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES

RESOLUTIONS:

#18-248 BLUE RIDGE TV 13:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS TV13 STATION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY:

RESOLUTION #18-015

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS TV 13

WHEREAS, IN TODAY'S WORLD, THE MEDIA IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES, PLAYING AN OUTSTANDING ROLE IN CREATING AND SHAPING OF PUBLIC OPINION AND STRENGTHENING OF SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS, IN CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ITS CITIZENS ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE VARIOUS MEDIA ENTITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, ONE OF WHICH, BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS TV 13, IN 2018 IS CELEBRATING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY; AND

WHEREAS, KNOWN AS BRC TV 13, THE NEWS STATION HAS BECOME A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY WHICH IT SERVES, NOT ONLY BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE NEWS COVERAGE OF HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THIS REGION OF PENNSYLVANIA, BUT IN PROVIDING FAMILY-SUSTAINING EMPLOYMENT FOR ITS STAFF MEMBERS, AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CHARITIES AND CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON A REGULAR AND UNYIELDING BASIS; AND

WHEREAS, BRC TV 13 HAS GROWN BEYOND THE PUBLIC'S EXPECTATIONS, ITS NEWS, SPORTS AND WEATHER COVERAGE HAVING BEEN EXPANDED THROUGH THE LAST THREE DECADES TO INCLUDE CARBON, MONROE, PIKE, WAYNE, SCHUYLKILL, LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES; AND

WHEREAS, BRC TV 13 CONTINUES TO PERFORM A NUMBER OF FUNCTIONS IMPORTANT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. IT REPORTS THE NEWS, SERVES AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE, HELPS DETERMINE WHICH ISSUES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, AND KEEPS PEOPLE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SOCIETY AND POLITICS; AND

WHEREAS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY, THE CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS JOINING THE PUBLIC IN ACCENTUATING THE MANY ATTRIBUTES OF BRC TV 13 AT AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MAY 31 AT THE STATION LOCATED AT 936 ELM STREET, LEHIGHTON, PA.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN APPRECIATION OF BRC TV 13'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO CARBON COUNTY, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018, HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE COMPANY FOR ITS 30 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL NEWS REPORTING, DOCUMENTS ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HISTORY OF CARBON COUNTY, AND OFFERS ITS THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO THE OWNERS, PRODUCERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND STAFF MEMBERS OF BRC TV 13 FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

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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

#18-249 CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS WEEK:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES STAFF DURING CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS
APPRECIATION WEEK, JUNE 4-8, 2018:

RESOLUTION #18-016
CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, THE WEEK OF JUNE 4-8, 2018 HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED AS CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS
APPRECIATION WEEK BY GOVERNOR WOLF, RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF CHILD WELFARE
PROFESSIONALS SERVING THE CHILDREN OF PENNSYLVANIA; AND

WHEREAS, EVERY DAY IN CARBON COUNTY, LOCAL CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT. SOME HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES DUE TO SUCH ABUSE AND NEGLECT; AND

WHEREAS, WE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY RECOGNIZE THE RISKS AND NEED TO
INTERVENE TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN OF THIS COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHALLENGING WORK OF INVESTIGATING CHILD ABUSE AND PROVIDING SERVICES
TO FAMILIES TO ASSURE THE CHILDREN OF CARBON COUNTY ARE PROVIDED WITH HEALTHY, NURTURING
CARE, AND SUPPORT AS THEY TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD. CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH
SERVICES PROVIDES THE NEEDED SERVICES TO THE FAMILY FOR REUNIFICATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE WORK OF THESE DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS REQUIRES THEM TO ENTER INTO
SITUATIONS IN WHICH THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY MAY BE PUT AT RISK; AND

WHEREAS, OUR COMMITTED PROFESSIONALS WORK WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED
BY PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND OTHER FORMS OF MALTREATMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROFESSIONALS OF CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES MUST
DEVELOP GREAT SKILL IN WORKING WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE IN CRISIS SITUATIONS, STRUGGLING WITH
MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, AND SUFFERING FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL AFFLICTIONS, POVERTY, AND
OTHER DIFFICULT ISSUES; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROFESSIONALS OF CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES MUST
POSSESS SUBSTANTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN A MYRIAD OF AREAS TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE
FAMILIES OF CARBON COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE STAFF OF CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES ENDEAVORS TO
PROTECT THE CHILDREN OF CARBON COUNTY, OFTEN WITH LONG HOURS, TREMENDOUS DEMANDS, LITTLE
APPRECIATION AND GREAT CRITICISM; AND

WHEREAS, MANY INJURIES AND POSSIBLY DEATHS OF CHILDREN IN CARBON COUNTY HAVE BEEN
AVERTED DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON
COUNTY HEREBY ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND
YOUTH SERVICES FOR ITS EFFORTS AND DEDICATION IN PROTECTING THE CHILDREN OF CARBON COUNTY.
SIGNED THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018.

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

#18-250 EAGLE SCOUT/PROKOPICK:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK, BEAVER MEADOWS, PENNSYLVANIA, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 790, HAZLE TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA:

RESOLUTION #18-017
EAGLE SCOUT/PROKOPICK

WHEREAS, KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK OF BEAVER MEADOWS HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 790 IN HAZLE TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCOUTING FOR EIGHT YEARS. DURING HIS SCOUTING CAREER, HE HAS EARNED 31 BADGES INCLUDING COOKING, PERSONAL FITNESS, AND CYCLING. KYLE HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PATROL LEADER AND PATROL LEADER; AND

WHEREAS, KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WAS THE RENOVATION OF THE ALFRED J. MITCHO MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND IN BEAVER MEADOWS. KYLE PAINTED THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PAINTED THE CHAIN LINK FENCE THAT ENCLOSES THE BASKETBALL COURTS, AND REMOVED BRUSH AND TREES BEHIND THE PLAYGROUND. THIS AREA IS NOW AN OPEN SPACE FOR VISITORS. KYLE SPENT 101 HOURS ON THIS PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK HAS DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE AN HONOR HE WILL VALUE FOR A LIFETIME; AND

WHEREAS, KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK 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 KYLE KEVIN PROKOPICK.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018.

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

#18-251 EAGLE SCOUT/SCHOCK:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION HONORING CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK, WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA, MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 007, WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA:

RESOLUTION #18-018
EAGLE SCOUT/SCHOCK

WHEREAS, CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK OF WEATHERLY HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT; AND

WHEREAS, CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK IS A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 007 – TWEEDLE PARK OF WEATHERLY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SCOUTING FOR 12 YEARS. DURING HIS SCOUTING CAREER, HE HAS EARNED 28 BADGES INCLUDING FIRST AID, GEOCACHING, AND CLIMBING. CADE HAS SERVED AS SENIOR PATROL LEADER, ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER; PATROL LEADER, AND QUARTERMASTER; AND

WHEREAS, CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT INCLUDED RAISING OVER 500 DOLLARS BY ORGANIZING A BASKET RAFFLE. THE PROCEEDS WERE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMERICAN FLAG AND FLAG POLE FOR TWEEDLE PARK. CADE DUG THE HOLE, POURED THE CONCRETE, AND ERECTED THE FLAG POLE. A LIGHT WAS ALSO INSTALLED TO ILLUMINATE THE FLAG. CADE SPENT 57 HOURS ON THIS PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK HAS DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE AN HONOR HE WILL VALUE FOR A LIFETIME; AND

WHEREAS, CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK 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 CADE SAMUEL SCHOCK.

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

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018.

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

#18-252 FIRST COMMONWEALTH:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION NEW FINANCIAL CENTER:

RESOLUTION #18-019
FIRST COMMONWEALTH

WHEREAS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AND RETENTION OF EXISTING BUSINESS WITHIN A COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PLAYS AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE SUCCESS OF THEIR RESIDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONTINUATION OF SERVICES OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE IN THAT OFFERING RESIDENTS SOUND AND DEDICATED SERVICE IS TESTAMENT TO THE GOOD BUSINESS PRACTICES OF THE PROVIDER; AND

WHEREAS, ONE SUCH BUSINESS, THE FIRST COMMONWEALTH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, HAS CONTINUED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND COUNTY, AND, IS EXPANDING ITS OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE A NEW FINANCIAL CENTER AT THE CARBON PLAZA MALL, 1241 BLAKESLEE BLVD. DRIVE EAST, LEHIGHTON; AND

WHEREAS, THE CARBON CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS JOINING FIRST COMMONWEALTH AT A GALA

RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT ON JUNE 5; AND

WHEREAS, THE ORGANIZATIONS WILL HELP THE CREDIT UNION TO EXTOL THE PRODUCTS IT WILL OFFER AT ITS NEW LOCATION. FIRST COMMONWEALTH'S IMPROVED LEHIGHTON FINANCIAL CENTER FEATURES THE SAME FRIENDLY FACES WITH A MODERN LOOK AND FEEL; DEDICATED SPACE FOR FINANCIAL WELLNESS AND SOCIAL SPACES FOR CONVERSATION; AND THE NEW CENTER IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE MEMBER EXPERIENCE, UTILIZING NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDED HOURS, ITS STAND-ALONE DRIVE-UP IN THE MALL PARKING LOT ALSO FEATURES NEW TECHNOLOGY WITH LIVE VIDEO ASSOCIATES AND EXTENDED HOURS.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DESIRING TO CONGRATULATE FIRST COMMONWEALTH AND ITS EMPLOYEES ON THE OCCASION OF LAUNCHING ITS NEW FINANCIAL CENTER, THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2018, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AS A WAY OF DOCUMENTING THIS EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, AND OFFERS BEST WISHES TO FIRST COMMONWEALTH IN THE FUTURE FOR ITS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE BUSINESS CLIMATE IT HAS ENHANCED BY ITS NEW ENDEAVOR.

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTEST:

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

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- STATUS OF LIFEGUARDS AT MAUCH CHUNK LAKE PARK
- TOM REESE, EASTERN METAL, WILL BE PRESENTING A DONATION FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER NEXT WEEK

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN COMMENTED ON THE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES STAFF, INFORMING THAT MOST OF THE STAFF ARE AT TRAINING AND WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND TODAY'S MEETING.

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