

JUNE 16, 2010

On the above date at 5:00 P.M., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened a regularly scheduled meeting with the following present: Maryanne Petrilla, Chairman; Thomas P. Cooney, Commissioner; Stephen Urban, Commissioner; Douglas Pape, Chief Clerk/County Manager; Vito DeLuca, County Solicitor; Joan Pusateri, Deputy Chief of Budget and Finance; Walter Griffith, Controller, Joe DeVizia, Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Office of Community Development; Joseph Gibbons, County Engineer; Frank Pugliese, Jr., Director of Purchasing; Andrew Check, Director of Human Resources.

Maryanne Petrilla called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

It is noted that all meetings are electronically recorded

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Douglas A. Pape
County Manager /Chief Clerk**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Rezoning Case has been withdrawn.

**RECOGNITIONS:.....Maryanne C. Petrilla
Commissioner/Chairman**

**“AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 20TH ANNIVERSARY”
Patricia Ebert, President, Keith Williams, Community Organizer**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Dombrowski

Thank you. I live in a Home Rule Community, Kingston Township that runs a 5 member Home Rule Commission, all unpaid, and a Township Manager. I don't know if everyone realizes, but you are sitting in a Home Rule Community right now run by a Mayor and a Council. Does everyone know that? The Commission wants a Home Rule set up a particular way and I think it would be fine. I would ask that everyone look into it and see if it would be better than the Commissioner form of government. I want to make mention of this because it is important to the county. Since 2003, I've been in agreement with the Commissioners' who said we need a new Personnel Policy. It's been 7 years and we still don't have it. The new Director's first priority was to put a new Personnel Policy together. It was listed as one of his first responsibilities in the newspaper. And he didn't know that it was his priority. I asked him and unfortunately he said, "He wasn't told". Well, he knows now. It is one of the poorest policies that I have ever seen in my career as a Consultant and Engineer in private industry for over 54 years. I want to point out when criminals are still being paid and there are at least 6 of them being paid...and people who serve for six to 20 years are being discharged for political reasons, it is not right! A new Personnel Policy with guidelines to correct that will do the job. If someone is charged, get them out of the Courthouse immediately. So it's wrong to do that--but a new Personnel Policy will correct those things. Six months ago I stood up and said, "Stop the Stealing!!!" Now since then, we have had 6 to 8 more people who have gone to jail or are now charged and 6 are continued to be paid. In 2003, I volunteered to go ahead and in 3 weeks, I can do and make this county proud of its personnel policy. Not to have the worse one around...

Commissioner Petrilla

Anything else, Mr. Dombrowski

Tom Dombrowski

In 2003 when Skrepenak and Vonderheid hired that first lady, I gave her a \$50.00 book on how to put together a Personnel Policy and she went and got fired anyway. And since then, we've had 2 more HR people and have not had the Personnel Policy redone. Do I have a commitment from any of you that this will be done? I will volunteer...

Thomas Concert

We have a serious situation with Luzerne County Children and Youth. I have been in constant communication with your office and also Commissioner Urban and Petrilla. I brought all these facts up to the Solicitors Office. Everyone knows about the wrong doings in that Agency. There is no doubt that wrong doing was going on. I brought it to your attention. What about this article right here? More families have been damaged because of what has gone on. You should be facing perjury charges---I sat behind you Commissioners at...

Commissioner Petrilla

You are coming very close to crossing the line...

Thomas Concert

And you two kept saying that no one brought it to your attention...

Commissioner Petrilla

You are talking about juvenile problems...

Thomas Concert

No, you are talking about juvenile problems. When the questions were directed to you about Luzerne County Children and Youth...Transcripts do not lie. Now I am going to ask you when the law suits came out...(unintelligible) OK...now that you have a Federal Lawsuit filled against your Agency, what do you plan to do for the damage done to the families and the children? Commissioners, you have a lot of people who want to know.

Commissioner Petrilla

There is a legal process in place for people who feel they have been violated.

Thomas Concert

Unintelligible...

Commissioner Petrilla

Mr. Concert what else do you have to say?

Thomas Concert

What else do I have to say? (Screaming and unintelligible)

Commissioner Petrilla

Mr. Concert, I am not going through this with you again today. If you have other issues to bring before the Board, fine, otherwise, I ask you to take your seat.

Thomas Concert

What about this law suit?

Commissioner Petrilla

I will not talk about a lawsuit.

Commissioner Urban

Mr. Concert...

Thomas Concert

Screaming something at Commissioner Urban...

Commissioner Petrilla (banging on gavel)

Mr. Concert, I am going to have to ask the Sheriffs Office...

Thomas Concert

Shame on you Mr. Urban...

Commissioner Urban

Mr. Concert, how old are your children?

Thomas Concert

How many years have I been coming to you Mr. Urban? You will answer for it in a US Court.

Commissioner Petrilla

Hitting the gavel---Mr. Concert, I am going to call for the Sheriff...

Concert taken out.....

Commissioner Urban

I want to go on record by saying that Mr. Concert came to me on a number of occasions and I sat down with him many times including once for over 5 hours. I provided that information to Mr. DeVizia and people in Children & Youth to look at it. Mr. Concert if you want to go over the details.....

Walter Griffith

I would like to take the opportunity to speak about the MOU (Memorandum of understanding) and my concerns as Controller of this County the accountability of the Sheriffs to use a personal vehicle allowance. In January I issued a statement to the Commissioners regarding the ability of the Deputy Sheriffs to collect \$15 for a civil process on the basis that we pay the Deputy Sheriffs to do. The \$15 is not a warranted expense. So I will go on record that the MOU (memorandum of understanding) that I see before me is also a violation and non accountable plan for the Controller to make payment for these expenses. I don't believe Personal Vehicle Allowances---there is nothing in the county code to allow for them---it will allow for mileage, but not for personal vehicle allowance and I also don't find how that personal vehicle allowance can be regulated to make sure that people are using their personal vehicles for county time or personal time when they are out. There are some serious issues with the union contract. It states that if they get called out at any time, they get overtime. There is nothing in the MOU ... simply two lines which state proof of registration and proof of insurance. No where does it state how much insurance they are to carry and if in fact they are in an accident how much liability the county would be responsible for...

Commissioner Petrilla

Walter, the agreement is much longer than the motion and the agreement that will be signed, should the Commissioners approve it, would include a lot of the things that you

are talking about. The motion is simply to enter into the agreement which is fixed with signatures covers those issues.

Walter Griffith

OK, but there is nothing in the agreement that talks about overtime if they are called out. Also, if they are called out when they are on the clock...their hours are 8 to 5 and if they are called out, do they get the minimum of 3 hours overtime or in light of all these things, there are a lot of issues that keep this county ripe for liability. There are issues that I am concerned about as Controller and the Commissioners should be concerned, too. I have contacted 8 Deputy Sheriffs in the state and all 8 of them do not use it. I spoke with PCED and the Sheriffs Association. No one does it because of the high liability issues. If you are driving your private car and you are in street clothes, there are liability issues. In Bradford County, 2 Sheriffs got shot and killed serving a civil process. It is a very serious business for Sheriffs Deputies. I would urge the Commissioners to vote no this motion and if they continue to proceed, I will have to take other measures to protect the taxpayers of this county.

Vito De Luca

First of all, this practice that has been in place for a number of years and for a number of Sheriff's Administrations. The way that we approached that from the Administration side was that this was something that the Sheriff's office had come to us several months ago. They indicated that they wanted this MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) so they could have it as part of the bargaining Agreement. I advised them that I would like the Sheriffs Office to sit down with the Union and to come up with a plan for how the language would be and we would review the language after they came through with some sort of agreement. Andy Check and I reviewed what was submitted and then contracted the insurance agency to make sure there were no liability issues and I believe that there may be a misunderstanding or misinformation provided by the insurance agency. So I contacted them again today. Joe Joyce of Joyce Insurance Agency indicates, "Please be advised that the prior recommendation to Luzerne County was not recommending AGAINST this course of action. It was merely to advise Luzerne County to the best practices in order to protect the county from excessive and fraudulent claims. In reality, just about every action we take dealing with unique situations, we contact our Insurance Carriers and look for their advice all the time as how to best protect the county from excessive and fraudulent liability. In reality, in this case, no matter how it is done, these individuals are driving personal cars on county time or county cars on county time and the county would be sued. This is merely a way to limit the mileage reimbursement that we would ultimately have to give to these guys who make multiple trips to the same address. It is also an incentive for that Deputy Sheriff to serve those papers on the first try, if possible. I have had conversation with the Sheriff's Office Manager and also number of the Deputies who do this on a regular basis. Our job is as Administration is to sit down with the Sheriff's Office and make sure the Sheriff has the discretion whether to use or not use this practice and also to make sure the county is protected in the best possible way. I believe in this case that Andy and I have come up with language that does that and addresses Walter's concerns about over-time pay and call out pay. We have called the Sheriff's Office and agreed that this service would be done during the typical work day---a 40 hour week. This would not result in overtime pay and the sheriff's office does have a log book to determine the whereabouts of the Deputy Sheriffs as they serve the process and make sure there is no issue. The Sheriff is an elected position and he is held accountable by the taxpayers of the county and however we hold them responsible as Administration and how they stay on budget.

Walter Griffith

The concern I have is if it is financially responsible...

Commissioner Petrilla

Excuse me Walter...we are not going to debate...

Walter Griffith

I am not debating...it is my turn to speak and I want the taxpayers to know what is fiscally responsible for them...I'm not going to debate and the taxpayers have to know that they are going to have to pay \$15.00 for something they already get paid for...

Ed Gustitus

I'm going to speak about if you are responsible to handle all the financial responsibility ...after all the financial irresponsibility... after looking at what I have seen over the past several years.

Commissioner Petrilla

I take strong umbrage to that...

Mr. Gustitus

What???

Commissioner Petrilla

You made the accusation ...I take strong umbrage to what you say...Most of the Administrative Staff around here have Bachelors and Masters in their respective fields.

Mr. Gustitus

I also have several degrees...

Commissioner Petrilla

What else do you have, Mr. Gustitus?

Mr. Gustitus

I have several newspaper clippings here---the South Main Street Project---KOZ Opportunity Zone; no property taxes or state, local taxes for 10 years and you were in with the Chamber of Commerce and you and they are always together on a number of things. You forgave them \$1 Million on the Sterling and now you want to do something on the Irem Temple on Franklin Street. These projects should have been saved years ago. The Courthouse needs \$4Million to beautify the outside and you haven't done anything inside and now you want to do the outside. The Courthouse is a beautiful place and you haven't done anything---the plaster is falling and you let it deteriorate. These are examples and Bonanza Brozena and the River Common...He placed the levee fee and now next year we are going to raise it again. This is a game that Bonanza plays and he thinks he is going to get away with it. I don't think so....(unintelligible). The FBI is investigating---they have rules, policies, and procedures. What do you have here? Not much. All this stuff gets to be such a joke. These things have existed so very long...where has everybody been? You are wasting taxpayer money. It's his money and not your money. You don't manufacture anything...you don't sell anything but yourselves.

Commissioner Petrilla

We ask everyone to keep their comments to 5 minutes....

Mr. Gustitus

Recently in the paper, Urban, stated that the county government we have now is better than Home Rule. They will do a better job and Home rule will be in because the people are fed up. If you don't see the writing on the wall, then you better open your eyes...

Commissioner Petrilla

Thank you, Mr. Gustitus.

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COMMUNICATIONS – DOUGLAS A. PAPE, COUNTY MANAGER/CHIEF CLERK

Minutes

MOTION

Request a Motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting held on. May 12, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Vouchers

MOTION

Request a Motion to ratify and confirm pre-payment of the following vouchers:

PNC Bank, Vouchers 492433GF – 494603GF
ACH 000003
\$4,106,312.96
County General Fund for 2010 to Date

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

PNC Bank, Vouchers 503677LF – 503732LF
\$34,706.45
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2010 to Date

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400439WC – 400441WC
\$204,070.00
Worker's Compensation for 2010 to Date

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING STATE OF EMERGENCY EVENTS AND THEIR DATES AS LISTED:

Hazleton and Hazle Township

Request a Motion to adopt a Resolution continuing a Declaration of a State of Emergency within the City of Hazleton and Hazle Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Resolution dated: June 16, 2010; June 23, 2010; June 30, 2010; July 7, 2010; July 14, 2010; July 21, 2010

Luzerne County State of Emergency – Bridges

Request a Motion to adopt a Resolution declaring the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Luzerne relating to all county – owned bridges. Resolution dated: June 16, 2010; June 23, 2010; June 30, 2010; July 7, 2010; July 14, 2010; July 21, 2010

Luzerne County State of Emergency – EMA Flooding

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from June 26th, 2006 due to flash flooding and flooding from the Susquehanna River. This motion is for the weeks of June 28, 2010; July 5, 2010; July 12, 2010; July 19, 2010 and July 26, 2010.

Luzerne County State of Emergency – EMA Flash Flooding

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from November 16th, 2006 due to flash flooding. This motion is for the weeks of: June 28, 2010; July 5, 2010; July 12, 2010; July 19, 2010 and July 26, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

EMA Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve the application for a grant under the Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant and to authorize the appropriate officials to execute all documents relative to this application and subsequent award. This is a new application for State Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

EMA - 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the Federal Fiscal year 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$60,105. It is also requested that authorization be given to the appropriate officials to fully execute any and all documentation required by the grant program.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Annual Hazardous Material Report /Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve the Annual County Report and to authorize the appropriate officials to execute all documents relative to this Annual County Report.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

9-1-1 Transfer of Funds

Request a motion to authorize the proper 9-1-1 officials to transfer \$259,668.00 out of the 911 wire line (240) account into the (250) 911 wireless account. This transfer is to satisfy a PEMA wireless account audit, and to reimburse a portion of the GTE phone switch installed in 1997-1998.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

9-1-1 Triennial Plan Approval and Resolution

Request the Luzerne County Board of Commissioner’s to enact a Resolution and approve Luzerne County 9-1-1 Triennial Plan as approved by PEMA. Approval and signed documentation is required for filing with the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” COONEY, URBAN “NAY” PETRILLA

MOTION

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to enter into an inter-local agreement, effective June 16, 2010, between the Cities of Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton that addresses the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The U.S. Department of Justice has allocated funds to these cities to support all components of the criminal justice system; Wilkes-Barre was allocated \$27,090 and Hazleton was allocated \$11,730. This inter-local agreement is required as part of the application process.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

CCAP Data Quality Improvement Project

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve participation in the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Data Quality Framework for Criminal Justice Project, effective June 16, 2010, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the participation in the above referenced project. If selected as one of the 33 counties to participate in this project, CCAP will provide assistance to improve the quality of information collected within the County’s criminal justice record keeping system.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Tax Refund-Assessment Appeals Office – Total Refunds for June, 2010

Request a Motion to approve the total amount of \$21,357.91 due to Court Mediation Process for the month of June 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Tax refund-Assessment Appeals Office/ Updyke, Burl & Shirley

Request a Motion to approve the following refund through the Assessment Appeals Office:

Name: Updyke, Burl & Shirley
Address: 9 Updyke Road
Hunlock Creek, Pa, 18621-2935
Property Location: Main Road, Ross Twp
Amount Due: \$ 924.63
Reason for Refund: Improvement already assessed on Lot 27A

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Tax refund-Assessment Appeals Office/ Gadola, Angelo M Jr.

Request a Motion to approve the following refund through the Assessment Appeals Office:

Name: Gadola, Angelo M Jr.
Address: 585 Upper Street
Hazle Twp, Pa. 18202
Property Location: Upper Street/Village Streets, Hazle Twp
Amount Due: \$ 221.76
Reason for Refund: Improvement already assessed on Lot 30

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Tax refund-Assessment Appeals Office/ Gadola, Angelo M. Jr.

Request a Motion to approve the following refund through the Assessment Appeals Office:

Name: Gadola, Angelo M Jr.
Address: 585 Upper Street
Hazle Twp, Pa. 18202

Property Location: Upper Street/Village Streets, Hazle Twp
Amount Due: \$ 25.78
Reason for Refund: Improvement already assessed on Lot 30

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Sale of Property at 244 Center St., Plymouth, PA

Request a Motion to approve the sale of real property PIN Number 48-H8SE1-014-001-000, 244 Center Street, Plymouth, PA 18651 to Plymouth Borough. This property is owned by the County by virtue of a tax sale. The property is in very poor condition and can be considered a fire hazard. Plymouth Borough will demolish the improvement on this property and clean the weeds. The sale amount is \$ 1.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Solid Waste Management Department – Tire Approval

Requests a Motion to approve the use of the State Contract #4400004532-Scrap Tire Contract for our 2010 Tire Recycling Collection.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-56 – (Appendix Page 49)

Request a Motion to approve payment of \$65,587.22 from the 2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue Series D for items identified on schedule “A” of Requisition 2003D-56.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Reject Mailing Machine RFP Responses of May, 2009

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to reject all proposals received in May, 2009 in response to a “Request for Proposals” (RFP) for leasing a new mailing machine. It was determined that there were no cost advantages to replacing the existing mailing machine prior to the lease expiration date of February, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Mailing Machine Request for Proposals

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to advertise a “Request for Proposals” for a new mailing machine to replace the existing mailing machine following the lease expiration date of February, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Maintenance Contract for Telephone Systems

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to advertise an RFP for a maintenance agreement that covers all the NEC telephone systems in operation throughout the County. Telephone systems manufactured by NEC are installed in the following locations:

- Central Court
- Children & Youth Services
- Community Development
- Domestic Relations
- Magisterial District Court 11-1-01
- Magisterial District Court 11-1-02
- Magisterial District Court 11-3-02
- Mental Health / Mental Retardation
- Office of Human Services

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Ratify Amendment of the Sales Agreement with Y. Judd Shoval

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to ratify the amendment of the sales agreement with Y. Judd Shoval, 24 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 for the purchase of 30 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA (Springbrook Water Building) to extend the expiration of the agreement until August 30, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Transfer revenue received from the Forty Fort Recreational Complex

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to transfer \$4,320.00 from revenue received from the Forty Fort Recreational Complex as a result of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement executed between Luzerne County and the Luzerne County Recreation Coalition. The transfer is necessary due to Luzerne County collecting facility use fees from a permittee for seasons occurring after the beginning of the term of the Operations and Maintenance Agreement and assignment of responsibility to the Luzerne County Recreation Coalition.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Wilkes-Barre/Wyoming Valley Airport Window Replacement Project

Request a Motion to Award the Wilkes-Barre/Wyoming Valley Airport Window Replacement project to Window World of the Lehigh Valley, 5925 Tilghman Street, Suite 800, Allentown, PA 18104 in the amount of \$5,231.00.

Joe Gibbons

I'd like to pull this item. The low responder bid vinyl windows and we specified aluminum.

Request a motion to go off of the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Urban

Do you want us to table the motion?

Joe Gibbons

No, we specified aluminum itself because the building itself is subject to weather conditions and the lowest responder is right at the threshold for bidding. I'd like permission to advertise.

Request a motion to advertise for the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Public Comment: None

MOTION

Execute a Lease Agreement with Kingston Borough

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to execute a Lease Agreement with Kingston Borough, 500 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704 to provide for approximately 1,593 square feet of occupancy space by Magisterial District Court 11-1-05 located at the same address for the following terms and rates:

- January 1, 2010 Thru December 31, 2010 \$1,000.00/mo.
- January 1, 2011 Thru December 31, 2012 \$1,000.00/mo.

The Lease Agreement includes two additional 2-year optional renewals at the same terms and rates. The lease will be subject to approval by the Luzerne County Solicitor.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Execute a Lease Agreement with Northeast Revenue Services LLC

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to execute a Lease Agreement with Northeast Revenue Services LLC, 15 Public Square, Suite 202, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 for approximately 2,741 square feet of occupancy in the Luzerne County Courthouse for the following terms and rates:

- May 1, 2010 Thru December 31, 2010 \$4,382.34/mo.
- January 1, 2011 Thru April 30, 2012 \$4,382.34/mo.

The Lease Agreement includes two (2) additional 1-year optional renewals at the same terms and rates. The Lease will be subject to approval by the Luzerne County Solicitor.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

LC Community Development Office HVAC Replacement Project /Arris Engineering Group

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to award the design of the Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) HVAC Replacement Project to Arris Engineering Group, LTD, 67 Public Square, Suite 722, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 in the amount of \$20,000.000. This project is Activity No. 2 to be completed using 100% federal funding provided by the 2009 ARRA EECBG Program, through the United States Department of Energy.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

LC Courthouse Hydronic Baseboard System Replacement Project /Borton Lawson

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to award the design of the Luzerne County Courthouse Hydronic Baseboard System Replacement Project to Borton Lawson, 613 Baltimore Drive, Suite 300, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7903 in the amount of \$78,420.00. This project is Activity No. 3 to be completed using 100% federal funding provided by the 2009 ARRA EECBG Program, through the United States Department of Energy.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Termination of Request for Proposals for Risk Management Review Services

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to terminate the previous Request for Proposal and related process for Risk Management Review Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

RFP/Advertise for Safety/Workers' Compensation Loss Prevention and Control Services

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to advertise a request for proposals for Safety/Workers' Compensation Loss Prevention and Control Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Extend the Risk management Review Services contract with High Safety

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to extend the Risk Management Review Services contract with High Safety for a period of 90 days through August 31, 2010. Rates of the contract will remain the same at \$818 per month. Costs not included are mileage and travel related expenses, analytical and materials fees.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Memorandum of Understanding/Luzerne County & AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council 87

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Luzerne County Commissioners and AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council 87. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an alternative method of reimbursement of travel expenses called “Personal Vehicle Allowance” when Deputy Sheriffs are requested to use personal vehicles when serving required legal documents associated with “Civil/Real Estate Process”. The policy will be retroactive to January 1, 2010 with retroactive payments to Deputy Sheriffs who are owed “personal vehicle allowance” reimbursements. Subject to the Solicitor’s approval.

Commissioner Urban

I have a question for the Sheriff. What are you doing with the twenty vehicles you currently have?

Sheriff Gilligan

From what I understand, right now the newest vehicle we have is a 2006. Most of the vehicles we have have 150,000 to 200,000 miles on them. About six of the vehicles we have do not run at all. The others are used for transport.

Commissioner Urban

Joe are you aware of any vehicles not running?

Joe Gibbons

I’m not familiar with the day to day status of each vehicle.

Commissioner Urban

But you have two certified mechanics at the garage that have the ability to inspect vehicles and sign off on them.

Joe Gibbons

The vehicles that are in the county fleet are inspected by our mechanics who are licensed by the state to provide an inspection. We do not have the certification or equipment for the emissions testing.

Commissioner Urban

You are not aware of any unsafe vehicles being put on the road.

Joe Gibbons

I would never push our employees to pass a vehicle.

Commissioner Urban

The fact that some vehicles have high miles does not mean anything. I drive around in a car with 137,000 miles and it runs very good. Vehicles are now built to last 200,000 miles and a lot of it sometimes is just the care by the operator. So to me the miles don’t mean anything. It’s whether it’s being properly maintained. I’m reluctant to do anything that is going to add extra pay to someone. I’d like to meet with you and discuss some concerns I have. I look at a department that has twenty vehicles and you are saying six of them aren’t road worthy. At this time I am not going to vote for this change. I think that money can be put to the county coffers and used to buy new vehicles without saying you are going to get rid of 6 or 7 vehicles here and not get them replaced. Instead you keep the fleet that you have and now have our people use personal vehicles and keep the 200,000 plus dollars that would normally go to the general fund but let the employees take it and the county still puts out additional dollars to buy these vehicles. I don’t have the answers to these questions so I can’t support this policy.

Commissioner Cooney

Vito have you run this program past our insurance carrier?

Vito DeLuca

Yes

Commissioner Cooney

And they are comfortable with the program?

Vito DeLuca

They have covered us for years and they will continue to cover us. They have given us some guidance on how to prevent fraud and excessive claims.

Commissioner Cooney

This program is an alternative. It's offering the Sheriff an either/or situation. They can direct a county vehicle to be used or they can request that a personal vehicle be used.

Vito DeLuca

That is correct. The Sheriff has the discretion to make that decision.

Commissioner Cooney

So we have both alternatives being offered to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is a Row Office. Are they independent of the commissioners?

Vito DeLuca

Yes.

Commissioner Cooney

Thank you.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY "NAY" URBAN

MOTION

PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency Juvenile Probation Records Expungement Project

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to ratify the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the application for and receipt of award in regards to the PCCD Juvenile Probation Records Expungement Project.

The County's application, if awarded, will provide funding for the temporary clerical employees necessary to complete the Juvenile records expungement as ordered by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Val Mar Holdings

Request a Motion to Authorize the payment of delay damages award in the amount of \$29,789.18 to VAL-MAR Holdings, LLC as a result of the condemnation action filed by the County in action No. 586 of 2007."

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY "NAY" URBAN

MOTION

County / Municipal / School Tax Bill Preparation Fees

Request a Motion to set the fee charged to municipalities for preparation of the County/Municipal Tax bills at \$.68 per bill, and the fee charged to school districts for preparation of School Tax bills at \$.22 per bill.

This fee reflects the costs incurred by the Luzerne County IT (Information Technology) Department when providing this service. For County/Municipal Tax bills the cost components include labor, software licenses, software support, printing materials and postage. The fee for providing this service to the school districts includes the same cost components except postage.

For municipalities the indicated per bill fee applies to the total number of bills generated, which equals the number of "real estate" bills plus the number of "personal" bills (formerly referred to as per capita or occupational bills)."

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Tax Collectors

Request a Motion to Authorize Proper County Officials to execute a contract with RBA for the provision of Electronic Tax Collection Services Software and support and a one-time training session to all Luzerne County Tax Collectors. Said contract shall be subject to Solicitor review and approval and shall be for a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2010 at an annual cost to the County of \$95.00 per tax collector for the software and .06 for each tax bill that is scanned by the tax collector.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Settlement Agreement Foy v. Savokinas

Request a Motion to Authorize proper County officials to execute settlement agreement in the matter of Foy v. Savokinas, et al, case No. 3:08-cv-0055 subject to Solicitor review and approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Itinerant Archivist Program Grant Application

Request a Motion to submit an Itinerant Archivist Program Grant Application to the PA Historical Museum Commission. The Deadline for the application is June 30, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

END OF COMMUNICATIONS

TREASURER’S OFFICE – MICHAEL L. MORREALE

In the absence of Treasurer Michal Morreale, Commissioner Petrilla read the following motions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Request a motion to accept the following Treasurer’s Report:

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES
As of: June 07, 2010**

WACHOVIA BANK

Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	60,211.26
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund.....	1,928,875.39
9-1-1 Construction Fund.....	340,429.36
9-1-1 Wire Fund.....	3,287,288.82
9-1-1 Wireless Fund.....	1,487,496.10
Hotel Room Rental Tax.....	175,381.38

PNC BANK

General Fund	\$39,875,198.38
Schools (New Account)	411,577.27
Towns (New Account).....	16,804.33
Real Estate Tax Sale	1,508,167.85
Transportation Department	1,494,598.33
Office for the Aging	2,720,526.47
Children & Youth Services.....	2,871,136.01
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	5,430.12
Human Services.....	175,148.63
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	96,282.97
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.....	100,943.52
GWEIF Escrow Account.....	27,753.34
Juvenile Probation JCJC Grant-in-Aid.....	312,106.69
Juvenile Court Restitution.....	34,311.98
Act 44 Bridge Account.....	311,782.26
AID System to Roads & Bridges.....	0.00
2009 ARRA US DOE Entitlement.....	9,523.64
Coroner VSIA Act 2004-122 Account.....	70,646.42
PEMA Hazard Mitigation.....	0.00
Convention & Visitors Bureau.....	2,541.50
Series 2008 A Project Fund.....	20,929,232.70
Early Intervention.....	48.24
District Attorney Gun Buyback Program.....	2.33
HAVA Account.....	333,555.83
License Fee Account.....	1,100.40
Levee Account.....	16,599.87
Recorder of Deeds Restitution.....	6,249.09
Sheriff Real Estate Escrow.....	1,684,488.74
Sheriff Writs of Execution.....	37,779.24
Sheriff Old Writ of Execution Escrow.....	8,663.00
Sheriff DCED Grant.....	0.00
2009 Government Study Commission.....	53,850.43
District Attorney Federal ICAC Grant.....	117,634.82
Sheriff K-9 Donations.....	674.33
Cash in lieu of Performance Bond.....	31,299.50
FY 2009 Recovery Act JAG Program.....	0.00

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$424,522.38
Bridge Fund.....	794.98
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	155,278.13
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	58,115.01

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$125,809.81
Agencies Account.....	1,003,319.37
Solid Waste Recycling/Landfill Administration	355,392.00
Department of Probation (CPCMS System).....	319,614.73
Flood Protection Authority.....	3,120,673.81

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Grant Account	\$65,827.29
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study.....	2,553.79
Series 2002 A&B Capital Projects.....	49,027.96
Series 2003 A&B Capital Projects.....	175,502.81
Series 2003 D Capital Projects.....	171,986.85
Series 2008 B Sinking Fund.....	770,080.09
Flood Protection Project Impact.....	4,393.76

M & T BANK

Adult Probation Drug & Alcohol RIP Program.....	\$59,780.39
District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Fund.....	5,096.39
Riverfront-GG2.....	977,619.50
Nesbitt Park-DCNR.....	351,166.27
RACP Redevelopment Assistance.....	5,179.00
Sheriff's Old Real Estate Account.....	17,609.94
2008 LCIDA Bond Fund.....	474,782.50
2008 LCIDA Debt Service Reserve.....	6,100,000.00
2008 Series A Courthouse Fund.....	12,594,433.39
2008 Series B LCCC Project Fund.....	14,188,648.65
2009 LCIDA Bond Fund.....	36,521.25
Hicks/Abrahams Creek.....	33,032.32

COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

2008 Series A Project Fund.....	\$2,445,973.64
2008 Series A Sinking Fund.....	19.05

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT & OTHER INVESTMENTS

(Principal Values only)

As of: June 07, 2010

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$835,000.00
9-1-1 Construction Fund	\$300,000.00
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	\$1,200,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$160,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$900,000.00
Agencies Account	\$2,725,000.00
MH/MR Program	\$8,472,000.00
Human Services	\$400,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$450,000.00
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Total:	\$15,442,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Controller Walter Griffith requested that his report be accepted as listed.

CONTROLLERS REPORT- WALTER GRIFFITH

CONTROLLER’S REPORT

1. Request a motion to authorize the Controller to make the following payments under the Luzerne County Community Development Program for various services and projects:

\$ 277,568.77 Community Development Block Grant Program
\$ 9,462.46 Business Development Loan Program
\$ 466,497.06 HOME Investment Partnership Program
2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of \$16,141.67 to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of June 2010.
3. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of \$514,166.66 to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of June 2010.

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** on item #3 stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Community College.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, URBAN “ABSTAIN” COONEY

4. Request a motion to ratify and confirm pre-payment of the following vouchers:

Transportation Department: Voucher No. 537707 to 537894 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 595,237.39
Bureau for the Aging: Voucher No. 732267 to 732972 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,614,407.15
Children and Youth: Voucher No. 755457 to 756635 inclusive	in the amount of \$2,449,577.69
Mental Health / Mental Retardation: Voucher No. 747830 to 748054 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,720,766.34
Human Services: Voucher No. 751451 to 751484 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,127,954.21
Drug and Alcohol: Voucher No. 761904 to 761942 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 368,147.41
Domestic Relations IV-D: Voucher No. 400273 to 400276 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 391,648.40
Adult Probation Special: Voucher 400366 inclusive 400367	in the amount of \$ 190,900.00
Adult Probation D&A RIP: Voucher 1070 inclusive 1071	in the amount of \$ 13,433.67
Juvenile Court Restitution: Voucher 1036 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 200.00
Recorder of Deeds Archive, Housing Trust Fund: Voucher No. 401051 to 401055 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 59.18 in the amount of \$ 22,366.77
9-1-1 Construction: Voucher No. 400555 to 400556 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 1,893.69
9-1-1 Wire: Voucher No. 1567 to 1603 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 55,192.48
9-1-1 Wireless: Voucher No. 1045 to 1048 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 22,639.14
EMA Radiation Emergency Fund: Voucher No. 400152 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 1,521.96
Hazardous Material Emergency Fund: Voucher No. 400240 to 400241 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 1,606.36
Solid Waste Recycling: Voucher No. 400910 to 400922 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 7,466.63
Schools: Voucher No. 405402 to 405415 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 1,762,405.32
Towns: Voucher No. 407933 to 408008 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 201,706.87

Hotel Rental Tax: Voucher No. 468 to 470 inclusive	in the amount of \$	173,711.05
License Fee: Voucher No. 6054 to 6056 & ACH 000001 – 000005 inclusive	in the amount of \$	36,420.90
Tourist Promotion: Voucher No. 404112 to 404169 inclusive	in the amount of \$	65,555.08
Convention & Visitor's Bureau: Voucher No. 1033 to 1035 inclusive	in the amount of \$	38,355.50
Sheriff Real Estate Escrow: Voucher No. 3616 to 3929 inclusive	in the amount of \$	516,180.99
Sheriff Writ of Execution Escrow: Voucher No. 1628 inclusive	in the amount of \$	118.00
Flood Protection Authority: Voucher No. 1153 to 1163 inclusive	in the amount of \$	21,315.69
Act 44 Bridge: Voucher No. 1006 inclusive	in the amount of \$	434.17
Aid to Road & Bridge: Voucher No. 1011 inclusive	in the amount of \$	59,200.12
Levees: Voucher No. 1332 to 1395 inclusive	in the amount of \$	60,755.33
2009 Recovery Act JAG: Voucher No. 1008 to 1010 inclusive	in the amount of \$	31,691.00
2009 Government Study Commission: Voucher No. 1029 to 1032 inclusive	in the amount of \$	3,814.00

All other motions were approved as follows:

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

HUMAN SERVICES – JOSEPH DEVIZIA, DIRECTOR

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVIDERS, SERVICES, TERMS, AND RATES SPECIFIED:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>			
North Penn Legal Services, Inc.	Ombudsman	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$49,000.00/year (Program Funded)

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Artemis Media Group	Broadcast Media Advertising(Public Relations)	7/1/10-6/30/11		\$25,000.00
Avanco International, Inc.	CAPS/ASPAgreement	“	“	\$44,750.00
Avanco International, Inc.	Program Expansions	“	“	\$40,000.00
Behavioral Health Services	Court Appearance \$70.00 first 2 hrs,after 2 Hrs.\$50.00/hr.	“	“	\$5,000.00
Catholic Social Services-Hazleton	Parenting Education Court Appearene \$50.00 This contract only applies to Non-MA Eligible Serv.	“	“	\$150.00/person \$10,000.00 CAP
Catholic Social Services-Hazleton	Anger Management This contract only applies to Non-MA Eligible Serv.	“	“	\$150.00/session \$10,000.00 CAP
Catholic Social Services-Hazleton	Community Based Prevention Services	“	“	\$48,400.00
Catholic Social Services	Runaway Youth SAAU-W-B SAAU-Hazleton Life Skills Supervised Ind. Living	“	“	\$108,832.00 \$214,813.00 \$59,649.00 \$130,980.00 \$76,444.00
Catholic Social Services	Urinalysis & \$75.00/hr for Court Appearance	“	“	\$100,000.00
Cornerstone Counseling & Consulting Specialists	Court Appearance	“	“	\$80.00/hour \$2,500.00
Family Serv. Assoc Of Wyoming Valley	Help Line	“	“	\$48,307.00
Family Serv Assoc Of Wyoming Valley	Time-Limited Family Reunification	“	“	\$280,000.00
Family Serv. Assoc. Of Wyoming Valley	Anger Management Batters This contract only applies To Non-MA Eligible Services	“	“	\$150.00/session 25.00/session \$10,000.00 CAP
Geneva Worldwide	In Person Interpretation Arabic,Bosnian,Cambodian, Chinese, French, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese All other languages Telephonic Interpretation (all languages) American Sign Language	“	“	\$58.67/hour \$69.83/hour \$1.19/minute \$99.75/hour

	2 hour minimum plus \$.50/mile		
Guyette Communication	Maint. Agreement For Aspire Telephone System with voice mail	2/1/10-6/30/10	\$687.00/month \$3,435.00
Hands of Hope	Prevention Community Based Services	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$37,142.00
Integra	Server Service Agreement Printer Hardware Service Agreement Includes Labor & parts	“ “	\$2,633.00 \$2,061.00
LHF Development	Comprehensive Family Assessments, Consultation To staff, Court Testimony	“ “	\$65.00/hour \$80,000.00CAP
McGlynn Learning Center	Community Based Prevention Program	“ “	\$54,965.00
North Penn Legal Services	Guardian Ad Litem	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$39.63/hr. \$185,000.00
REACH, Inc.	Crisis Intervention	“ “	\$37,142.00
Serento Gardens	Urinalysis \$25.00/test, \$75.00/hr. Court Appearance	“ “	\$15,000.00
Valley Counseling	Court Appearance	“ “	\$60.00/hour
Victims Resource Center	Community Based Prevention Services	“ “	\$30,000.00
Volunteers of America	Intensive Family Support Parenting Program for 70 families	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$1,171.14/family \$81,301.00
Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug	Court Appearance	“ “	\$40.00/hour
Wilkes-Bare Hospital Co. LLC D/B/A Pennant Laboratory Services		“ “	\$37.00/panel screen \$20.00/confirmation \$15.00/breath alcohol \$25.00/confirmation \$85.80/test \$95.00/test

CHILDREN & YOUTH AND JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES:

Diakon	Traditional Foster Care Specialized Foster Care	6/8/10-6/30/10	\$53.96/day 73.39/day
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties MH/MR	Functional Family Therapy	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$20.13/qtr. Hour \$40,000.00 CAP
Family Serv Assoc. Of Wyoming Valley	High Risk Re-Entry Program	“ “	\$75,105.00
Family Serv. Assoc Of Wyoming Valley	Family Group Decision Making	“ “	\$174,000.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

A Better Today (Luzerne County)	Outpatient	7/1/10 – 6/30/11	Individual 73.00/Unit Group 31.00/Unit IOP 35.00/Unit \$30,000.00 Cap
A Better Today (Wyoming County)	Outpatient	“	Individual 73.00/Unit Group 31.00/Unit IOP 35.00/Unit \$133,548.00 Cap
	Partial Hospitalization		100.00/Unit \$10,000.00 Cap
Catholic Social Services	Intervention	“	50.00/Unit \$20,000.00 Cap
	Outpatient		Individual 73.00/Unit Group 31.00/Unit \$142,000.00 Cap
Choices	Partial Hospitalization	“	100.00/Unit \$15,000.00 Cap
	Outpatient		Individual 73.00/Unit IOP 35.00/Unit \$2,500.00 Cap
	Methadone		Dosage 7.50/Unit Individual 52.20/Unit Group 10.44/Unit \$60,000.00 Cap
Family Services Association	Information and Referral/ Crisis Intervention	“	\$8,750.00 Cap
New Directions	Methadone Maintenance	“	Dosage 7.50/Unit Individual 52.20/Unit Group 10.44/Unit \$8,000.00 Cap
Serento Gardens	Prevention	7/1/10 – 6/30/11	Comm-54.00/Unit School-54.00/Unit \$86,105.00 Cap
	Intervention		SAP Inter 50.00/Unit \$24,287.00 Cap
	Partial Hospitalization		100.00/Unit \$31,940.00 Cap
	Outpatient		Individual 73.00/Unit Group 31.00/Unit \$163,601.00 Cap
	Case Management		SAP Assessment 50.00/Unit \$14,350.00 Cap

Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services	Prevention	“	Comm - 65.00/Unit School – 36.00/Unit \$235,682.00 Cap
	Intervention		SAP Inter 50.00/Unit \$18,501.00 Cap
	Partial Hospitalization		100.00/Unit \$78,000.00 Cap
	Outpatient		Individual 73.00/Unit Group 31.00 /Unit IOP 35.00/Unit \$212,417.00 Cap
	Case Management		SAP Assessment 50.00/Unit \$9,550.00
Snyder & Clement	Auditing		\$16,500.00 Cap
Luzerne County Office of Human Services	Shared Personnel Services	7/1/10 – 6/30/11	\$60,000.00 Cap
Wyoming Valley Professional Ambulance	Ambulance Transportation	“	Ambulance One Way Transport \$120.00 \$2.00 per mile loaded Ambulette One Way Transport \$70.00 Round Trip \$120.00 \$ 2.00 per mile loaded Wheel Chair Van One Way Transport \$30.00 Round Trip \$45.00 \$ 2.00 per mile loaded
Pyramid Healthcare (Altoona/Duncansville)	Inpatient Detox	“	\$219.00/day
Pyramid Healthcare (Pine Ridge)	Inpatient Halfway House	7/1/09 – 6/30/10	\$92.00/day
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>			
Four Winds Community	Residential	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$62,000
Tommy’s Team, Inc.	Housing Support	“ “	\$20,000
Northeast Counseling Srvs.	Comm. SAP Intensive Casemgt. Outpatient Day Treatment	7/1/10-6/30/11 “ “ “ “ “ “	\$123,000 \$75,000 \$82,000 \$200,000

	Crisis Intervention	“	“	\$110,000
	Soc. Rehab.	“	“	\$150,000
	Res. Coord.	“	“	\$22,000
	Adm. Mangmt.	“	“	\$1,865,000
	Emergency	“	“	\$300,000
	Psychiatric Rehab.	“	“	\$50,000
Children’s Srv. Center	Community Srvs.	7/1/10 – 6/30/11		\$85,000
	Intensive Casemgt.	“	“	\$12,000
	Outpatient	“	“	\$15,000
	Outpatient FFT	“	“	\$90,000
	Crisis Intervention	“	“	\$5,000
	Family Based	“	“	\$50,000
	Res. Coord.	“	“	\$12,000
	Adm. Mangmt.	“	“	\$800,000
	Emergency	“	“	\$60,000
Institute for Human Res.	Residential	“	“	\$258,800
Catholic Social Srvs.	Community Srvs.	“	“	\$5,000
Luz-Wyo. Cty. Bureau for the Aging	Admin. Mangmt. Srvs.	“	“	\$8,000
W-B Behav. Hospital Co. D/B/A Comm. Counseling Srvs.	Community Srvs.	“	“	\$60,000
	Intensive Casemgt.	“	“	\$100,000
	Outpatient	“	“	\$125,000
	Outpatient-Prison	“	“	\$190,000
	Day Treatment	“	“	\$200,000
	Crisis Intervention	“	“	\$170,000
	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$120,000
	Transportation	“	“	\$18,259
	Comm. Employ.	“	“	\$130,000
	Soc. Rehab.	“	“	\$2,500
	Residential	“	“	\$488,000
	Res. Coord.	“	“	\$35,000
	Adm. Mangmt.	“	“	\$1,325,000
	Emergency	“	“	\$750,000
	Psychiatric Rehab.	“	“	\$50,000
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Residential	“	“	\$2,040,000
	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$11,700
	Employmt. Srvs.			\$55,000
	Housing Support	“	“	\$148,000
	Home & Comm. Srvs.	“	“	\$114,140
Luz-Wyo. Transp. Dept.	Transport Srvs.	7/1/10- 6/30/11		\$283,311
Anzalone Forensic Psychology, LLC	MH Court Coord.	“	“	\$78,000
Hazleton Public Transit	Transport Srvs.	“	“	\$2,500
Gary Smith	Delegate	“	“	\$30,000
Goodwill Ind. of NE PA	Employmt. Srvs.	“	“	\$23,400
Hazleton General Hospital	Outpatient Srvs.	“	“	\$1,000
<u>Rates based on Medical Asst. program fee schedules.</u>				
Rajendra Gajula, M.D.	Emergency	“	“	\$7,000

Wyoming County Juvenile Court Svcs.	Admin. Mangmt.	“	“	\$12,000
Luzerne County Dept. Probation Services	Admin. Managmt	“	“	\$45,000
Luz. Cty. District Attorney	Admin. Mangmt.	“	“	\$22,000
Luz. Cty. Courthouse	Admin. Mangmt.	“	“	\$4,473
Mercy Hospital of Nanticoke	Oupatient Svcs.	“	“	\$1,000
<u>Rates based on Medical Asst. program fee schedules.</u>				
Concern	Family Support Svcs.	“	“	\$6,000
Luz. Cty. Transportation Authority	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$3.00/trip \$8,500
Family Care for Children and Youth	Family Support Svcs.	“	“	\$6,000
Salisbury Behavioral Health	Residential	“	“	\$3,476.50/mth \$41,718
Luzerne-Wyoming Cty. Drug & Alcohol Program	MPP Project	“	“	\$15,000
W-B Behav. Hospital	Inpatient Svcs.	“	“	\$300,000
D/B/A First Hospital	Physician Rounds	7/1/10 – 6/30/11		\$2,000
W-B Hospital Co., LLC	Outpatient Svcs.	“	“	\$25,000
<u>Rates based on Medical Asst. program fee schedules.</u>				
Jennifer Menichini	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$12,500
D/B/A Keystone ADC	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$10,000
Ronald J. Minnick, Jr. D/B/A RM Transports	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$2,500
Impact Systems, Inc.	Home & Comm. Svcs.	“	“	\$238,000
	Residential	“	“	\$247,364
Creating Unlimited Poss.	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$65,000
	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$4,000
Susan Gratalo D/B/A Castle Transp.	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$45,200
United Rehab. Svcs.	Employmt. Svcs.	“	“	\$189,623
	Voc. Rehab. Svcs.	“	“	\$120,000
	Pre-Voc. Svcs.	“	“	\$620,899
Posten Taxi	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$15,874
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm.	“	“	\$45,000
	Employmt. Svcs.	“	“	\$6,710
Nat'l Mentor Healthcare	Home & Comm.	“	“	\$91,747
	Residential Svcs.	“	“	\$54,494
	Respite Svcs.	“	“	\$8,800

ReDCo Group	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$70,320
	Transport Srvs.	“	“	\$6,960
ACT	Employmt. Srvs.	“	“	\$3,000
Senior Care Centers	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$12,000
Allied Health Services	Pre-Voc. Srvs.	“	“	\$4,634
Glen & Gwen Transp.	Transport Srvs.	7/1/10 – 6/30/11		\$8,000
D/B/A A J Taxi				
Four Winds Community	Residential	“	“	\$62,000
Tommy’s Team, Inc.	Housing Support	“	“	\$20,000
Snyder & Clemente	Auditing Srvs.	“	“	\$52,000
Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC	Auditing Srvs.	10/1/10-6/30/11		\$42,540

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Volunteers of America	Transitional Housing (Manna House)	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$57,000
Commission on Economic Opportunity	Case Management	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$97,524
“	Rental Assistance	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$629,470
Domestic Violence	Bridge Housing	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$159,584

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
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TRANSPORTATION:

Country Coach, Inc.	Summer Camp Transportation Services	6-1-10-8-31-10	\$50.00 per hour, per vehicle with a minimum of one hr each time a vehicle leaves the garage any time after that will be calculated every 15 minutes. ** If awarded more than last year’s two runs \$45.00 per hr.
Children’s Service Center	Summer Camp Transportation Services	6-1-10-8-31-10	\$20.65 per passenger for trip of five (5) air miles or less.

\$23.65 per passenger for trip of more than five (5) air miles.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
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TRANSPORTATION:

Posten Taxi, Inc	Summer Camp Transportation Services	6-1-10-8-31-10	\$9.95 trips under 5 air miles* over 5 air miles \$9.95 for first 5 miles + \$2.80 per mile over 5 miles.
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* Transportation of an aide is also considered a trip and is billable.

Rate for out of County Medical Trips:
These rates are for pickups within 5 miles of Center City Wilkes-Barre
Posten charges a wait time fee of \$24.00 per hour for every hour the cab must wait at a location.

Danville	\$170.25
Scranton	\$35.85
Philadelphia	\$327.05
Hershey	\$282.25
Harrisburg	\$296.25
Lehigh Valley	\$198.25

Posten Taxi, Inc	Sub-Contractors Transportation Service	7-1-09-6-30-10	\$9.95 trips under 5 air miles over 5 air miles \$9.95 for first 5 miles + \$2.80 per mile over 5 miles
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<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
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TRANSPORTATION:

Volunteers of America	Sub-Contractors Transportation Service	7-1-10 -6-30-11	\$12.25 per trip
Keyser Van and Ambulance, Inc.	Sub-Contractors Transportation Service	7-1-10 -6-30-11	\$22.50 one way transport: first 10 mi
		Waiting Time: \$20.00 per hour, this applies to “Out of Town “ Trips. Out of town Trips are described As any out of town trip Over 40 miles from clients Home, where the driver Must wait to return the Client point of origin. Turnpike and Parking: All fees apply as billable Entity of the trip. All rates Listed above are on a One Way basis.	+ \$6.50 will be Charges in increments of 5 miles over the base rate
At Your Service	Sub-contractors Transportation Service	7-1-10 -6-30-11	\$20.00 Per Hr \$.50 per mile

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS
FOR THE PROVIDERS, SERVICES, TERMS, AND RATES SPECIFIED:**

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>				
Allied Services	DSWI	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$1,600	\$2,159.20
Associated Family Care Services, Inc.	Personal Care	“ “	\$200,000	\$206,000
Caregivers America	Environmental Mods	“ “	\$60,000	\$125,000
Caregivers America	PERS	“ “	\$4,000	\$6,000

CEO	Environmental Mods	“	“	\$140,000	\$200,000
CEO	Home Del. Meals	“	“	\$1,700,000	\$1,900,000
Comfort Keepers	Personal Care	“	“	\$60,000	\$63,000
Helpmates, Inc.	Personal Care	“	“	\$130,000	\$133,000
Northeast Center For Ind. Living	Attendant Care	“	“	\$20,000	\$25,000
Target Marketing	Advertising	“	“	\$10,000	\$32,000
Valued Relationships, Inc.	PERS	“	“	\$15,000	\$17,000
Wilkes-Barre Home Care Svcs. (VNA)	Personal Care	“	“	\$340,000	\$353,000
Lifestation, Inc.	PERS	7/1/10-6/30/11		To add second contract rate: \$20.00/client/month (without smoke detector)	

CHILDREN & YOUTH and JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES:

Family Link	Foster Care	4/1/10-6/30/10		\$21.42/day	\$38.59/day
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DRUG & ALCOHOL:

A Better Today (Wyoming County)	Outpatient	7/1/09 – 6/30/10		\$148,548.00	\$195,548.00
Catholic Social Services	Intervention	“		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 23,500.00
Choices	Partial Hospitalization	“		\$15,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
	Outpatient			\$7,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
	Methadone			\$55,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
New Directions	Outpatient	“		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Serento Gardens	Intervention	“		\$ 38,637.00	\$ 42,137.00

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Suncom Industries, Inc.	Employmt. Svcs. Home & Comm., Pre-Voc. Svcs., & Transport Svcs.	7/1/08-6/30/09		\$48,257	\$49,493
Jennifer Menichini D/B/A Keystone ADC	Comm. Hab. & Transport Svcs.	7/1/09-6/30/10		\$27,400	\$29,900
AVP Transport, Inc.	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$1,002	\$1,100
Impact Systems, Inc.	Home & Comm. Respite & Residential Svcs.	“	“	\$533,364	\$538,564

Creating Unlimited Poss.	Comm. Hab. & Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$113,107	\$119,107
Luz-Wyo. Cty. Transp. Dept.	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$285,311	\$287,311
Susan Gratalo D/B/A Castle Transp.	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$38,082	\$45,200
United Rehab. Svcs.	Comm. Habilit., Employment. & Pre-Voc. Svcs.	“	“	\$949,194	\$1,005,522
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm. Employment. & Respite	“	“	\$111,710	\$114,210
Luz. Cty. Transportation	Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$7,500	\$8,000
Wilkes-Barre Beh. Hospital	Comm. Svcs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., CE, Soc. Rehab., Crisis, Res., RC, Adm. Mangmt., Emergency, Psych. Rehab., Comm. Hab. & Transport	“	“	\$3,677,267	\$3,723,267
Emily Yeager	Early Intervention	“	“	\$22,000	\$23,000
Support Svcs. for Infants and Toddlers	Early Intervention	“	“	\$170,000	\$190,000
Children’s Service Center	Comm. Svcs., ICM, OP, Crisis, RC, FB, Adm. Mangmt. & Emergency	“	“	\$1,189,700	\$1,195,200
Dianne Fitze, Esq.	Legal Svcs.	“	“	\$7,500	\$7,500
<u>(No change to final total – add categorical services)</u>					

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
Yellowbook Wilkes-Barre/Dallas	Advertising phone numbers & addresses for Aging’s Main Offices & Senior Centers	2010-2011	\$4,290

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Request a Motion to Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute a lease amendment with Mercy Hospital, Nanticoke to include a grant awarded to the Area Agency on Aging by the Department of Aging in the amount of \$104,833 to construct an addition to the Rose Tucker Senior Center.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Request a Motion to approve a business agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW), Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) and the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program for the purpose of locally administering and participating in the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waivers for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES FOR:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Luzerne County Commissioners to sign a contract with the County of Erie to authorize the allocation of \$15,000 to Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program for the implementation of the Consolidated Community Reporting (CCR) Enterprise Initiative.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING GRANT RENEWAL:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

PCCD – Mental Health Court Grant Renewal

Request a Motion of the Board of Commissioners authorizing the continuation application of Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Mental Health Court Grant #19067 effective June 16, 2010, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the continuation application for renewal of Mental Health Court Grant funds. The required matching funds will be provided by the MH/MR Program.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS OR SUBMISSIONS FOR:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Request a Motion to Ratify the submission of a Project Modification Request (PMR) to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD), as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the receipt of PCCD funding in regards to the Mental Health Court funds. The County's PMR is requesting a change to the length of the project period.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS OR SUBMISSIONS FOR:

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Request a Motion to approve a one year renewal option on Grant SAP#DC09-405318 with Coordinated Child Care for the subsidized child care program, in the amount of \$10,296,158, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Request a Motion to Authorize the submission of an application for the Homeless Assistance Program funding in the amount of \$938,178 for fiscal year 2010-2011, as well as, authorization for the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents required for submission.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to advertise for Design Build Services to complete the Wilkes-Barre/Wyoming Valley Airport Generic Visual Glide Slope Indicators project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Ratify the award the HVAC Repair Agreement to the following low responder:

- Luzerne County West Side Annex Compressor Replacement, to Yenason Mechanical, Inc., 132 Darling Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, in the amount of \$3,935.00.
- Luzerne County HVAC Water Treatment (Courthouse, DRO & Annex), to Nalco Company, PO Box 640863, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-0863 in the amount of \$4,640.00

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to decrease the encumbrance of Liquid Fuels Tax Funds for the following Luzerne County Projects:

- Project No. 07-40-000-01 Revision No. 3 (\$173,325.07)

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Amend Agreement No. 048652 (Amendment A) with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of County Bridge No. 26304 in Kingston Twp., South Main Street, to increase ROW acquisition and utility relocation phase funding. The agreement also adds construction phase funding. The cost share for the project is 80% Federal/20% State (Act 26 Funding).

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Amend agreement no. 048653 (Amendment B) with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of County Bridge No. 26306 in Kingston Twp., County Road No. 16, Hillside Road, to increase ROW acquisition and utility relocation phase funding. The agreement also adds construction phase funding. The cost share for the project is 80% Federal/20% State (Act 26 Funding).

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Amend agreement no. 048649 (Amendment B) with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of County Bridge No. 57307 in Sugarloaf Twp., North Main Street, to add construction phase funding. The cost share for the project is 80% Federal/20% State (Act 26 Funding).

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Reject the bid and rescind the Award the Procurement of Structural and Miscellaneous Steel for County Bridge #54706 with Anvil Craft Corporation, 1005 Aspen Street, Easton, PA 18042 in the amount of \$23,476.00. The vendor did not meet the contract execution requirements of Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Award the Procurement of Structural and Miscellaneous Steel for County Bridge #54706 to McGregor Industries, 46 Line Street, Dunmore, PA 18512 in the amount of \$23,500.00. The vendor is identified as the second lowest responsible bidder for the materials.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Amend the Walp Road Emergency Bridge Repair Contract (County Bridge No. 57312) with Bi-State Construction Co., Inc., 1500 Uhler Road, Easton, PA 18040 in the amount of \$550.00. The change order is for additional welding work for a tear discovered in another vertical member of the truss.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to rescind approval the following County Bridge Construction Contracts:

- PW 2924, County Bridge No. 17416, Reese Road, Union Twp., to Adams Enterprises, 235 Bardwell Road, Factoryville, PA 18419 in the amount of \$173,506.69.
- PW 2931, County Bridge No. 17006, Old State Road, Ross Twp., to Adams Enterprises, 235 Bardwell Road, Factoryville, PA 18419 in the amount of \$175,270.41.

The rescintion is necessary due to the delay in FEMA approval of the scope of the replacement bridge designs. the contractor has secured substantial work during the delay and cannot perform the reconstruction within the performance period or offer of reasonable extension .

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Road & Bridge Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, URBAN “ABSTAINED” COONEY

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to re-advertise the following County Bridge Construction Contracts:

- PW 2924, County Bridge No. 17416, Reese Road, Union Twp.
- PW 2931, County Bridge No. 17006, Old State Road, Ross Twp.

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Road & Bridge Department

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, URBAN “ABSTAINED” COONEY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR

MOTION

Request a Motion approving the following activities through the County’s Economic Development Program(s):

DATA MAKES THE DIFFERENCE, LLC – \$30,000 loan to assist a start-up software company located in the Innovation Center, Wilkes-Barre City. Funding will be provided through the County’s Innovation Program and utilized for working capital and professional/financial fees.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Request a Motion ratifying the execution of a subordination agreement among the Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation and the County for 27-29 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre City, for the subordination of the County’s mortgage securing Business Development Loans BDS-04-B01 & BDS-04-H01.

Commissioner Cooney

Can you clarify why we are doing this?

Andy Reilly

We are doing it because the chamber has submitted an application for EDDA funding and in order to receive that funding EDA requires they take first lien position and any other lien holders be subordinate to them. So rather than stand in the way of a potential several million dollars investment in the city we will take second lien position on the property.

Commissioner Urban

Is the chamber behind on any loans?

Andy Reilly

No

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

PURCHASING DEPT. - FRANK PUGLIESE, JR., DIRECTOR (Appendix Page 50)

MOTION

Request a Motion to advertise for bids:

COURT HOUSE:

Window Cleaning
Pest Control
60-Neo Post Toner Cartridges (Magistrates)

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

Photo Copier

COMMISSIONERS:

Photo Copier

CONTROLLERS:

Photo Copier

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to approve purchasing the following items from the low bidders listed:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Gun Permits:

Iris LTD, Inc. 901 Park Road Fleetwood, Pa 19522	Total Bid	\$6,195.00
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Software Reporting System for 16 Senior Centers:

Information Age Technologies 220 Bessemer Road Mt. Pleasant, Pa 15666	Total Bid	\$80,000.00
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Unsuccessful Bidder:

MJM Innovations	Total Bid	\$88,415.00
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ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Sprinkler Inspection:

Simplex Grinell LLP 630 Hedgewood Drive Allentown, Pa 18106	Total Bid	\$7,500.00
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Unsuccessful Bidders:

Kistler O'Brian Fire Protection	Total Bid	\$8,930.00
Capie Sprinkler Inspection		\$8,300.00

Fire Extinguisher Inspection:

Kistler O'Brian Fire Protection 2210 City Line Road Bethlehem, Pa 18017	Total Bid	\$845.00
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Unsuccessful Bidders:

Simplex Grinell	Total Bid	\$1,014.00
Cintas		\$939.64

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Request a Motion to ratify the purchase of Kitchen Equipment for the Area Agency on Aging:

MOTION

Request a Motion to ratify advertising bids for the following:

Area Agency on Aging: 20 Optiplex 380 Mini Tower
Children & Youth: Furniture
MH/MR: Digital Copier

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Request a Motion to award Citrix Systems Inc. the yearly maintenance agreement for the advanced presentation server.

Contract price: \$3,150.00

Contract period 07-1-2010 to 07-1-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

COUNTY BUSINESS:

Request a Motion to approve to payment to Llewellyn & McCain \$27,290.00 for services rendered to the Office of the Luzerne County Sheriff with respect to the printing of posters and books for Luzerne County Sheriff sales of real estate.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the Office of Purchasing to prepare and publish a Request for Proposals for title search services with respect to Luzerne County Sheriff sales of real estate.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

CLERK OF COURTS:

Request a Motion to award Hillman Time Systems the monthly maintenance agreement for time clocks.

Contract price: \$246.00

Contract period: 06-01-2010 to 05-31-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

ORPHAN'S COURT:

Request a Motion to award Guyette Communication Industries the yearly maintenance agreement for the recording system.

Contract price: \$55.00 per hour and \$45.00 traveling time

Contract period: 03-01-2010 to 02-28-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

Request a Motion to award Business Office Systems the yearly maintenance agreement for the TRC transcriber.

Contract price: \$82.00

Contract period: 05-09-2010 to 05-08-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to award Business Office Systems the yearly maintenance agreement for 2 Sanyo Transcribers.

Contract price: \$150.00

Contract period: 05-05-2010 to 05-04-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

GIS/MAPPING DEPARTMENT:

Request a Motion to award ESRI the yearly maintenance agreement for software.

Contract price: \$33,800.00

Contract period: 07-01-2010 to 06-30-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to award Jay's Business Systems the yearly maintenance agreement for Copy/Scanner.

Contract price: \$195.00

Contract period: 07-01-2010 to 06-30-2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

LUZERNE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVIDERS, SERVICES, TERMS, AND RATES SPECIFIED:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
Luzerne County Intermediate Unit #18	Youth Remedial Program	5-31-2010 – 6-30-2010	\$10,000.00
Luzerne County Intermediate Unit #18	Business/Finance Career Development Summer Camp	6-21-2010 – 6-30-2010	\$22,990.84
Luzerne County Intermediate Unit #18	Youth Services & Special Skills	7-1-2009 – 6-30-2010	Increase from \$16,700 to \$24,700 to account for the METS Program (7/1/2009 through 6/30/2010)
Hanover Area School District	Health Science Educational/Career Development Summer Camp	6-21-2010 – 6-30-2010	\$13,165.50
Luzerne County Area Agency on Aging	Older Individuals Employment & Training	7-1-2009 – 6-30-2010	Increase from \$5,000 to \$7,000 (due to increased customer flow)
Luzerne County Intermediate Unit #18	M.E.T.S. (Mall Education Training Site)	7-1-2009 – 6-30-2010	Increase from \$16,700 to \$24,700 (due to increased customer flow.)

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Intermediate Unit.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, URBAN “ABSTAINED” COONEY

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

June 16, 2010

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

AGING:

Laura Dorshefski, Hunlock Creek, as a Part Time Senior Center Manager 1, at an hourly rate of \$12.18, effective June 14, 2010.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Diana Matrone, Hazleton, as a Social Services Aide 3, at an annual salary of \$24,252, effective May 28, 2010.

TRANSPORTATION:

Philip Belisle, White Haven, as a Part Time Driver, at an hourly rate of \$8, effective May 18, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROMOTION AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Danielle Vanderhoff to Legal Assistant 1, at an annual salary of \$25,169, effective June 11, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for the following Caseworker 2's:
Marion Hilleary, at an annual salary \$31,869, effective October 30, 2009.
Amy Thomas, at an annual salary of \$32,795, effective April 30, 2010.
Christine Porzucek, at an annual salary of \$32,795, effective April 30, 2010

TRANSPORTATION:

Willie Starnes, Part Time Driver, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective May 17,2010
Ben Prutzman, Part Time Driver, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective May 31, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS AT:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

A Correction in the Annual Salary for Linda Kopcho, Clerk 2, salary on agenda of October 21, 2009 was \$22,107, should have been \$22,017, effective October 23, 2009.

TAX CLAIM:

A Correction to the Furlough Status of Mary Gaffney, Bookkeeper, to Retirement Status, effective May 4, 2010.

TRANSPORTATION:

A Correction in the effective dates of the 3 day suspension for Heather Dourand, Driver, effective May 12, through May 14, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FURLOUGHS AT:

LC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Furloughed Employees effective June 30, 2010 as follows:

Larry Alexander	Economic Development Officer
Richard Ammon	LCWIDA Executive Director
Pamela Anderson	Employment Counselor
Jessica Barrouk	LCWIDA Programs Manager
Marie Bellizia	Employment Counselor
Sarah Benedetti	OJT Contract Specialist
Paula Bianchino	OJTContract Specialist
Diane Blazure	EARN Technician
Joseph Boyle	O.J.T.Contract Specialist
Jennifer Brizgint	Intake Specialist/Youth Administrative
Nicholas Cave	Employment Counselor
Steven Clabia	Welfare Programs Manager
Maura Conklin	Employment Counselor
Rose Craig	Customer Support Specialist
Charles Falcone	Employment Counselor
Tracey Gasper	Employment Counselor
Margaret Gudaitis	Fiscal Technician
Marie Kay	OJT Contract Specialist
Charles Koflanovick	Training Referral Specialists
Raymond Kownacki	Program Accountant
Devoratt Martinez	Customer Support Specialist
Roxanne McDaniels	Fiscal Technician
Susan Miedaner	Intake Specialist
Joanne Miller	Intake Specialist/Exit Analyst
Frank Mussoline	Employment Counselor
Janitza Pedraza	Customer Support Specialist
Carl Pollard	I T Administrator
Chris Romanelli	Employment Counselor
Angelo Salvatore	Employment Counselor
Barbara Sankar	O.J.T.Contract Specialist
Vincent Seiwell	Fiscal Technician
Marion Shannon	Intake Specialist/Exit Analyst
Candace Skaff	Admin Asst.Sprv. of Communications
Janine Spagnola	Intake Specialist/Exit Analyst
Ellen Stefanski	Employment Counselor
Amanda Suda	Intake Specialist
Robert Sullivan	Training/Assessment Coordinator
Kristen Topolski	EARN Technician
Steven Tredinnick	Accounting Manager
Cinthia Vecchio	Work Experience Technician
Jennifer Zapko	Employment Counselor

Commissioner Cooney

I'd like to speak on the Workforce Investment. As many of you know the Commissioners did not vote for the RFP's nor did we vote to award a contract to the new contractors. We've been told the Workforce Investment Board has complete autonomy and we as the Commissioners must rely on their judgment. While

I disagree personally with their decision, I also recognize that those decisions were made with good faith, and they believe they were made with the best interest of the programs participants. I'm most interested however in what is happening to the employees, and I would request the Workforce Investment Board provide us with a list, by next month, of the individuals and their placements and a list of those who have not yet secured positions. I would also like to know their salaries past and present.

Commissioner Urban

I'd also like to comment. We were told last year that the Workforce Investment Office could be the fiscal agent and a document was sent over appointing Lucyann Vierling as the fiscal agent. I'd like to take a formal vote on that sometime in the future to put a time limit on how long the fiscal agent is going to last. I think their needs to be controls and standards put on that office. It is my understanding that these 3 contractors that have been awarded only consume about half of the money that is available to the Workforce Investment to keep people in the community in need of jobs and training. I'd like to know where the other half goes. I don't buy the issue that we as commissioners have no control over any of this. We were told that we were responsible for the money if something happened to the money. If the law needs to be strengthened to give us more oversight than so be it. We need to talk to our legislatures to get that law strengthened. I'm not happy with the process. I'm not happy having to lay people off. Tentatively the list I looked at, people that have been offered positions almost none of them are going to be employed. Maybe not even a handful so far. The bigger question I have is what it will do to the clients being served by the people in that office. Is there going to be a continuity of service between the office and the new companies and the people receiving the services? Are they going to go out and hire new people that don't know anything about the clients that are being served? Typically I've seen in the Federal Government where one contractor lost a contract and another one picked it up, the first thing they do is try and go out hire as many people as they can because those people have the knowledge and are in the best position to provide the services and continuation of services without disruption. I don't see that at this point in time. So I think I still have a wait and see with this. With that being said, I'm going to reluctantly vote for this because we have to. We have no way to keep these people on the county payroll. I would like the county to seriously consider if positions become vacant in the county that they be given first consideration because there are a lot of good people on this list.

Commissioner Petrilla

We did review the list that was provided to us from the agencies. The employees were given the first opportunity to apply for the jobs. From what I saw in the excel spreadsheet that was given to me yesterday, more than half of the people have been offered or accepted positions, however a lot of people didn't even bother to apply. I was happy with the fact that they were given first preference for the jobs before they went out and advertised for those jobs externally.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

AGING:

Elaine Zambetti, Distributed Systems Specialist 2, effective June 18, 2010.

ASSESSORS:

Gerald Kane, Real Property Field Investigator, effective May 21, 2010.

COMMISSIONERS:

Salvatore Mantione, Jr. Executive Administrative Assistant, effective June 4, 2010.

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Jason Bridge, Telecommunicator, effective May 24, 2010.

Stephanie Lutz , Telecommunicator, effective May 21, 2010.

TRANSPORTATION:

Raymond Majeski, Part Time Driver, effective May 21, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TERMINATION AT:

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Carl Cumberland, Mechanic, effective May 17, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE OF ABSENCE AT:

AGING:

A Leave of Absence for Mary Ann Kosmach, Part Time Senior Center Manager 1, effective April 22, 2010.

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Elaine Zambetti, Distributed Systems Specialist 2, effective May 21, 2010.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Corinne Griffith, Caseworker 2, effective May 12, 2010.

A One Day Leave Without Pay for Tara Schultz, Caseworker 2, effective April 23, 2010.

SECURITY:

A Leave of Absence Without Pay for Marlene Prebish, Security Guard, effective June 8, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS FOR:

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

Doug Pape	Leadership	Wilkes-Barre	2011	\$1900
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Stephen Bekanich	Mandatory State	Lancaster	09/11/10 - 09/15/10	\$750 (total)
Lucille Morgan	Emergency Management		09/13/10 - 09/15/10	
Loretta Presto	Conference		09/11/10 - 09/12/10	

The state will absorb most of the cost for attendance with the remainder being requested through reimbursement from the County. Estimated cost is approx. \$750 total.

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

John Ankenbrand Fred J. Rosencrans Damien Matysczak Jeff Beisel Frank Lasiewicki James Ostrowski *Alternates: Mike Belewicz William Tomolaitis	911 CAD Committee for Fact finding	Florida	Pending	No cost to the county
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6 to Attend from the 911 CAD Committee for fact finding, live demonstrations of Tiburon Computer Aided Dispatch system. Location of visits are Brevard County, FL 911 and Volusia County, FL 911. Date pending on approval from Commissioners and there will be no cost to the County. Names of attendees will be: John Ankenbrand, Fred J. Rosencrans, Damien Matysczak, Jeff Beisel, Frank Lasiewicki, James Ostrowski. Alternates will be Mike Belewicz and William Tomolaitis.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Linda Casey Angelo Grasso Deborah Switzer	Ombudsman Tier Two Training	Harrisburg	6/22/10-6/24/10	\$1,300
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

10 NAMI-PA Members	National Alliance on Mental Illness of Pennsylvania (NAMI-PA) Annual Conference	Harrisburg	7/22/10 - 7/25/10	\$3,012
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It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT/ APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION AND BOARDS:

WYOMING VALLEY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD:

RE-APPOINT:
Richard Nardone

APPOINT:
Craig Yarrish
Michael Kravitsky, IV
3 Year Terms effective June 16, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” COONEY, URBAN “ABSTAIN” PETRILLA

RE-APPOINT:

Alan Kluger, Esq.
James Panzitta
Richard Disque

Two (2) Year Terms effective June 16, 2010 to June 30, 2012:

Forty Fort Borough, Wyoming Borough and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to appoint individuals annually.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban. Seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

LUZERNE COUNTY CHILDREN & YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

RE-APPOINT:

Virginia Crossin, Kingston
Bob Dourand, Mountaintop
Kim Martin-Koehl, Wilkes-Barre
Dan Neilan, Kingston
John Serafin, Dallas

Three (3) year term, effective April 1, 2010 through April 1, 2013

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

RE-APPOINT:

Ken Smith, Wilke-Barre
Denise Miscavage, Dallas

Three (3) year term, effective October 18, 2009 through October 18, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Commissioner Urban

Madam Chair I would like to make a few comments. Joe, Mr. Concert who came here today, is his children in the system?

Joe DeVizia

No

Commissioner Urban

I want the public to know that his children are not in the system. I believe they are in their 20's at this point in time. (Inaudible) No. I'm tired of being attacked over this issue. I'm not going to say anything on the status of his children. His children are not in the system. He has come to me in the past and asked for help and I referred him over to Children & Youth and he continues to come and badger. He can do that all he wants but I'm not going to sit here and be a punching bag because he sees something in the paper and it sets him off. If he wants to file a lawsuit against me and the county let him do it. I'll be glad to discuss the issues in court. The children were put into the system long before I became a commissioner and they are not in the system anymore. That's all I have to say and I would like that on the record.

The second issue is home rule. Two of the commissioners sitting here tonight voted for the home rule study commission to look at adopting home rule and making changes to county government. There is a perception in this county that all the corruption is the cause of the commissioners. The corruption began in the courts with two judges closing a juvenile detention center and what we could see taking \$2.8 million in bribes, and putting kids in detention by court orders, which we have no control over. That's where the corruption began. Also the corruption in the Court Administrator's Office with \$70,000 allegedly being taken by the Court

Administrator. A branch of government that is separate and distinct from the commissioners, but again we become the punching bags. The people take it out on us. There is nothing in the home rule charter that changes anything in the courts, the cause of the corruption in this county. Nothing! So when people tell you this is going to change the way government works in Luzerne County, it is not. We voted for them to look at it. The form of government I see being established now is one branch of government. I was under the impression they would come up with an elected manager or elected mayor, which we have in other parts of the country. And also an elected council where there would be checks and balances on each branch of government. I do not see that in this form of government. I see a part time council which I refer to as a school board. Where they meet once or twice a month and that is it. They put the power of running the county into the hands of an unelected individual who is responsible to no one but the council people. That's the form of government I see and that's the form of government I do not approve of. The form of government in this county that taxes the people the most, that takes about two thirds of our taxes, is the school boards in the county. Something that definitely needs to be reformed not only in this county but across the state. Yet the people who are looking at home rule choose to adopt a similar form of government to a school board.

I've been a commissioner, this is my 11th year, and I serve as the Chairman to the Flood Protection Authority so you can blame me for the fee that was put in. I'm one of the four who voted for it. That fee is being used to maintain the pumps, pay for electricity, and pay for insurance. It is not being used to cut the grass. The fees are also being maintained for future repairs to the levee system. That levee system is here to protect the people of this valley. I think it worked twice during 2 previous high water events we had. It protected us, it didn't go over the hill and we went back to our homes and families. So if you want to blame someone for that, blame me. As far as the use of the levee, the levee is there for everyone to use. The people of the entire county and I want to reiterate that, the entire county, are paying for the bonds that are paying for the levee. Not just the people her in the communities that are being protected. I have to pay that fee for my home in South Wilkes Barre. I wrote a check out. Do I like it? No. Is it necessary? Yes. Does it help me lower my flood insurance? Yes. So I think its necessary and its providing a valuable service. I think they are doing a good job. It's automated, the pumps work. It's not like New Orleans where everything just fell apart. We have a system that is being maintained now. Prior to the levee system being upgraded, half of the pumps didn't work. Every pump was overhauled. Why? Because those pumps were being maintained by the individual communities. Now there is a central control for the pumps. There is one responsible agency and that is the Flood Protection Authority.

Those were the two issues I wanted to talk to you about tonight. I don't usually say anything at the end of the meeting. Sometimes people come in here and I don't want to start arguments with them. I wish they had stayed. But I think the facts have to be said. I believe I've been a straight talking individual and I'll continue to give you the straight story. Thank you for your time.

Request a motion to adjourn.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary

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