

LUZERNE COUNTY HOME RULE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

November 16, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Luzerne County Courthouse
Jury Room, Second Floor
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (agenda items)
4. Approval of Minutes (if any)
5. Revote on weighing of approved factors in County Manager ranking sheet.
6. Solicitor Report
 - a. Discussion regarding Section 2.04 Prohibitions of Charter (See Attachment A)
7. General Updates and Important Considerations for New County Council
 - a. Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABC) – Applicant advertisement, dates by which certain appointments must be made, other openings, if known, and other considerations in filling in vacancies.
 - b. Ethics Code – Overview of Provisions, Ethics Commission, and Complaint Process
 - c. Personnel Code – Overview of Provisions, hiring process, and penalties for infractions.
 - d. Administrative Code – Overview of Provisions and approved portions
 - e. Budget Process - Overview of current budget process and timelines associated with the proposed 2012 budget from Commissioners and transition members.
 - i. Setup of meeting with council elect and Commissioners to review proposed 2012 budget and where it currently stands.
8. Old/New Business
9. Public Comment
10. Executive Session regarding personnel recommendations /appointments for Permanent and/or Interim County Manager and Clerk of County Council pursuant to Charter §12.14(E)(2)
11. Closing Remarks of Committee Members
12. Adjournment

Attachment A

Section 2.04—Prohibitions.

- A. During his/her term of office, no member of County Council shall hold any other elective public office, serve as a County employee, serve as a member of any County authority, board, or commission except as may be provided for in this Charter or applicable law, be employed or compensated by any individual or business serving as a contractor to the County or any County authority, board, or commission, or serve as a paid consultant for the County or any County authority, board, or commission.

- B. For a period of one year after leaving office, no member of County Council may be appointed to any County authority, board, or commission except as may specifically be provided for in this Charter or applicable law, serve as a County employee, be employed or compensated by any individual or business that served as a contractor to the County or any County authority, board, or commission during the time he/she served as a member of County Council, or serve as a paid consultant for the County or any County authority, board, or commission.

Section 11.04: Definitions and Rules of Construction

J. Elected or elective County office and elected or elective County official shall mean the members of Luzerne County Council, the Controller, and the District Attorney, and, until they vacate office or their terms expire, the Luzerne County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Coroner, Jury Commissioners, Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, Sheriff, and Treasurer.

K. Elected or elective public office and elected or elective public official shall mean any federal, state, county, municipal, or school district position that is elective.