

February 21, 2008

On the above date at 6:00 P.M., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened their regularly scheduled meeting with the following present: Maryanne Petrilla, Chairman; Gregory Skrepenak, Commissioner; Stephen Urban, Commissioner; William G. Brace, Deputy Chief Clerk; James Blaum, County Solicitor; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance; Michael Morreale, Treasurer; Anthony J. Martinelli, Acting Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Director of Community Development; Gregory Hunsinger, Director of Purchasing; Joe Gibbons, Engineer; Adrian Merolli, Director of Planning, Phyllis Mantione, Probation Services

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS..... William G. Brace
Deputy Chief Clerk**

No Announcements

BID OPENINGS

No Bid Openings.

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

- 1. Resolution: American Heart Association: Go Red for Women
Julanne Hogan, Lori Chase, Rebecca Grohowski**
- 2. Resolution: American Heart Association: Congenital Heart Defects
Ann Lengel**
- 3. Resolution: Be Positive Do Something Positive Day
Harold Cameron**
- 4. Resolution: American Red Cross
Wayne Wolfe, Michael Zimmerman**
- 5. Resolution: V-Day
Alan Waclawski, Jolene Casciani, Patrick Rushton,
Christine E. Rock, Gerry DuBoice, Ryann Grochowski,
Sharon Murray, Suzanne Youngblood**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Griffith from Wilkes Barre began by stating "Do Something Positive". Mr. Griffith requested that the meeting agenda be available on the county's web site so the people can be more aware and informed. Commissioner Petrilla stated that she agreed with Mr. Griffith however the agenda for today's meeting was still being worked on at 2PM today and it may not show on the county's web site until a few hours before the meeting. Commissioner Petrilla stated that the work session agenda is very close to the agenda for the commissioners meeting. Mr. Griffith applauded Commissioner Petrilla for the work session being more audible to the public. Mr. Griffith stated that currently in the newspapers there were stories about a Wilkes Barre Township and St. Aloysius employee being prosecuted for stealing. Mr. Griffith stated that it should be no different here at the county. He stated that the county is sending the message that they are

allowing this to happen. Mr. Griffith requested that Commissioner Urban make a motion to go off of the agenda and ask for the resignation of those people involved with the debit cards. Commissioner Urban replied that that he is waiting for a new chief clerk to be named so he can sit down with them in an executive session and review the issue. Mr. Urban stated that he currently did not have the vote to make the motion. Commissioner Petrilla commented that she was confident with the investigation being done by the secret service and she would wait for the outcome before making a decision. Mr. Griffith stated that Commissioner Urban didn't know that he didn't have the vote until just now. He thanked Commissioner Urban for his honesty.

Tim Grier of Wilkes Barre began by thanking the commissioners for their time. He stated first on page twenty four of the agenda there is a motion to appoint a pay adjustment for Leonard Piazza of the Bureau of Elections. He stated that Mr. Piazza bought alcohol with county funds, He asked that everyone vote no on this motion.

The next issue was on page four, which was a motion for the 2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue, referenced on pages thirty one through thirty three. Mr. Grier stated that the county is intending to take funds from bonds of 2003 and use them to purchase things listed on page thirty three of the agenda such as annual software maintenance, reassessment, and office renovations. Mr. Grier stated that these things were not listed in the 2003 Capital Bond. He stated that this was exactly the problem we had with the bonds in November. Mr. Grier stated that the county was now spending money that was borrowed five years ago and would not have a life for the term we're going to pay back the money. Mr. Grier then went back to the bond issue in November stating the county was contacted by his attorney this past week offering to satisfy and settle the issue. Mr. Grier questioned the commissioners if they paid attention to the request to settle the matter. Commissioner Petrilla stated that she had read the documentation. Mr. Grier went on to request that the county provide cost estimates and what they plan to spend the money on, which is exactly what the law asks for. Mr. Grier stated that he alleges the DCED is allowing the county to borrow the money without following the law. Mr. Grier stated that he didn't understand why the county didn't want to settle the matter or negotiate in good faith. Mr. Grier questioned the commissioners why no one responded to his attorney. Commissioner Petrilla stated that Attorney Moses was handling the bond issue. County Solicitor, Jim Blaum responded that a copy had been forwarded to his office and he would be responding. Mr. Grier stated that he appreciated Commissioner Urban responding to Walter Griffith and that he also would like to see all those involved with the debit cards to hit the road as was recommended two meetings ago by Commissioner Urban. Mr. Grier stated that Commissioner Urban communicated that he did not have the votes and Commissioner Petrilla stated she wanted to see accountability. Mr. Grier stated to Commissioner Urban that he felt he did have the votes. Commissioner Petrilla commented that she stated the secret service is investigating the matter and she would wait for their response. Mr. Grier commented that the secret service was not state jurisdiction but federal. Commissioner Petrilla stated that they couldn't go any higher than that. Mr. Grier responded that it wasn't a matter of one higher than the other. It was lateral. Commissioner Petrilla stated that she wasn't going to get into an argument with Mr. Grier on this matter. Mr. Grier replied that he didn't get the impression that Commissioner Petrilla was looking for accountability in county government.

Sam Diaz, Budget & Finance Director stated that he wanted to clarify for the record that the DCED had approved the county bond issue. He stated that the complaint filed in the commonwealth court is against DCED, not the county. Mr. Diaz stated that the county was not in the position to negotiate the settlement of a lawsuit by the commonwealth court when the suit is not filed against the county. Mr. Diaz stated he wanted to go on record and make sure that everyone understood that.

Tim Grier responded that the matter may be between him and the DCED however he offered to withdraw his issue with the DCED, which would allow the county to go through with its borrowing plans, as long as the county would just say what it was going to spend the money on. He stated that tonight's agenda was a perfect example of borrowing money in 2003 and spending it on items that didn't have a life span for as long as the residents of the county are paying it back. He stated the issue may be between him and the state however the county was certainly in a position to negotiate.

County Solicitor, Jim Blaum commented that the former Luzerne County District Attorney, David Lupas, had referred the debit card issue to the State Attorney General. Once the Secret Service got involved the State Attorney General's Office stated that they would not be conducting an investigation.

Tim Grier replied that was a former District Attorney and former Board of Commissioners. He stated that there now was a new District Attorney and new Board of Commissioners who stated that they wanted to start fresh and take the county in a more positive direction. Mr. Grier stated "Be Positive Day", go back to

the new District Attorney and the Attorney General and ask them to investigate the debit card scandal. Mr. Grier then commented that he hoped Commissioner Skrepenak would resign today.

Commissioner Skrepenak replied that was not going to happen. Commissioner Skrepenak stated for the record that he encourages people to come and participate and that a lot has been learned over the years by sharing thoughts and ideas. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that he found it puzzling that because some individuals don't get what they want and consider themselves to be right, when they are not the elected official. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that he was contacted by Attorney Moses and it was not presented to him that Mr. Grier would drop his complaint if the county provided to him a list of what was going on in the county. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that prior to this happening, before DCED made its ruling on this issue, Mr. Grier sat down with Chief Clerk, Sam Guesto, and members of the media, outlining everything we were going to do with the bond. Commissioner Skrepenak stated it was very clear in the minds of the DCED what the bond monies purpose was as well. Commissioner Skrepenak commented that they agreed with the county and approved the financing. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that just because you don't like the answer, does it mean we are wrong? I don't think so, and while all due consideration is given to those who comment here, just because individuals don't like the answer or response doesn't mean we are wrong. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that he always encourages people to come and speak their mind, he agrees with that. Commissioner Skrepenak stated the issue with the debit cards is constantly being presented as a criminal issue. Commissioner Skrepenak commented that never once had the secret service said anything to him in regard to an investigation. It has been a question and answer period. Commissioner Skrepenak commented that it was his indication that there has not been a book opened on any single person that has used the debit card. He stated there was a mistake made with the policy, people came forward, it was amended and we moved forward. He stated that the people held accountable paid back what they had to pay back and we moved forward. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that he encouraged people to come forward however at the same time we're not wrong because you think we are wrong or because we disagree on a subject. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that the financing he thought and believed to be sound financial financing. He stated because of this disagreement we have lost our credit rating. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that was Wall Street talking, no political favors. He stated that after four years of good fiscal responsibility and management from a zero credit rating to AAA credit rating that has now fallen backwards because someone disagrees with us. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that the state agreed with the county and now we move forward. Commissioner Skrepenak stated to be positive we need to move forward and be part of the solution. He stated that we keep bringing up the past, we certainly need to learn from the past and mistakes but we need to move forward. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that a lot of people had paid a great price from what he saw to be a mistake. A mistake that each and every one of us could make at anytime. He stated that they have been criticized and have been called criminals, and that's truly unfair. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that unfortunately because some people don't get what they want they continue to be harassed and in my opinion wrongfully accused of what I don't believe to be criminal.

Mr. Grier replied that it was not a matter of he didn't like what the county was doing, he stated that he alleged the county was not complying with the law. Mr. Grier stated that he would supply the press with copies of his letter. He stated that if the county was complying with the law, then show it to him. He commented that a press release with a list of projects was not in compliance with the law.

Commissioner Skrepenak replied that the DCED approval was complying with the law.

Mr. Grier replied that he felt they were not enforcing it. He stated that it was not that the county was doing something he didn't like; it was that they were not complying with the law.

Commissioner Skrepenak replied that Mr. Grier had stated at several meeting that he did not like the financing.

Mr. Grier replied that was true, however, his letter stated very clearly that if the county can show what they would spend the money on along with cost estimates necessary to claim it needs the money he would turn around and the county can move forward. Mr. Grier stated you are the one holding this up.

Ed Chesnovitch stated that he agreed totally with Walter Griffith and Mr. Grier. He stated the credit card scandal, which doesn't take rocket science, that there has been a newspaper article about the misuse of debit cards at a local college, in which the person no longer works there and criminal charges have been filed. Mr. Chesnovitch asked what the secret service was going to look at, when you spend on booze and internet, which translates to me when used at a hotel, you didn't state it was a porn movie but all these things were used with our money. Mr. Chesnovitch stated that you think this is going to go away. As far

as Mr. Grier said all the monies came up and he didn't get what he wanted, if you Mr. Skrepenak had made it available and did your quarterly budget reports as required, this deficit would not have sneaked up on you. Mr. Chesnovitch stated that if the people knew this before the election Mr. Skrepenak would not be sitting there, and now you are putting Mr. Grier down saying he didn't get what he wanted.

Commissioner Skrepenak responded that he was not putting Mr. Grier down.

Ed Chesnovitch replied that it seems like he didn't get what he wanted, he stated that he wants you to abide by the law. He further stated that you just put out a press release and say this is what we are going to do.

Commissioner Skrepenak replied you are assuming I did not abide by the law and you are insinuating that someone bought something on the internet, which they did not, with you insinuating that, its slander. Mr. Chesnovitch replied that it was not slander. He did not mention anyone's name. Commissioner Skrepenak replied, no, you did not, but it is slander sir. Mr. Chesnovitch again replied that it was not slander. He stated he did not name anyone with the statement. Commissioner Skrepenak replied, you are insinuating people who used the debit card. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that he hasn't even been called by the secret service to come in, he had to contact them. Mr. Chesnovitch replied that the wheels of justice are slow but two months, over two months, and they still didn't get to you over the misuse. Mr. Chesnovitch stated, well I used the wrong card. I didn't know it wasn't my credit card. When I use my card they ask me credit or debit. I used the wrong color, these excuses are lame, you said they made a mistake and gave the money back. When a guy robs a bank and they catch him outside the door, he says heres your money back. Commissioner Skrepenak replied that if Mr. Chesnovitch was talking about criminal intent, he was talking about something totally different.

Commissioner Petrilla interrupted the exchange between Mr. Chesnovitch and Commissioner Skrepenak and asked Mr. Chesnovitch if he had anything else to add before moving on. Mr. Chesnovitch replied to go right ahead and move on. Mr. Chesnovitch asked Commissioner Urban to make a motion, go off of the agenda, and see where the votes are and see the transparency in government. Mr. Chesnovitch stated that these people think this is going to go away, it's our money that they knowingly spent, big deal, they steal the money and then give it back. Mr. Chesnovitch stated for Steve to make the motion. The worst that can happen is you won't get a second then we'll know where you stand.

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COMMUNICATIONS – WILLIAM G. BRACE, DEPUTY CHIEF CLERK

Year-End 2007 Financial Review

Budget Director, Sam Diaz, presented the 2007 year end financial review.

Minutes

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting held on October 17, 2007, December 21, 2007, December 28, 2007, January 7, 2008, January 17, 2008, January 23, 2008.

**It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

Vouchers

MOTION

Request a motion to ratify and confirm payment of the following vouchers:

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 459124GF - 460253GF
County General Fund for 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

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PNC Bank, Vouchers 502247LF - 502334LF
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400305WC - 400307WC
Worker's Compensation for 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
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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: February 13, 2008 and February 20, 2008.

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: February 13, 2008 and February 20, 2008.

Luzerne County State of Emergency –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 February 18, 2008, February 25, 2008, March 3, 2008, March 10, 2008, and March 17, 2008.

Luzerne County State of Emergency – 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 February 18, 2008, February 25, 2008, March 3, 2008, March 10, 2008, and March 17, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Advertise – Bureau of Elections

Request a motion to advertise for Deputy Director position for Bureau of Elections.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Re-Assessment Appeal Sites

Request a motion to enter into Lease Agreements for two (2) approximate sites and terminate an existing lease:

A: North Location
350 Second Street, Plains PA
5,000 square feet
Start Date March 1, 2008

And

B: South Location
If available County Annex – 27W-31W Broad Street, Hazleton, PA

Or

Third Floor Office Space at 8 West Broad Street, Suite 320 (Markle Building), Hazleton, PA
3,635 square feet
Start Date March 1, 2008

C: Terminate the lease on the Third Floor of Courthouse Towers

Lease Agreement will be for a ten month period. Sites will be used to hear informal and formal assessment appeals.

Commissioner Petrilla questioned what still needed to be done on the building. Joe Gibbons replied that the boiler and fire extinguishers needed to be inspected. He also stated that there was a roof leak on one side of the building.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

County Tax Homestead Exclusion

Request a motion to implement a Homestead Exclusion of \$10,000 for all properties that have been approved for the Homestead Exclusion Roll established under PA Act 50 of 1998. This exclusion shall become effective for tax year 2009.

Commissioner Petrilla asked if someone was already set up if they applied through the school district. Tony Alu responded yes, they would. Mr. Alu stated that they had a response of 84,000 for the homestead roll. Mr. Alu stated that anyone who was accepted for the school district would be accepted. Mr. Alu stressed that this was for county taxes only. Commissioner Skrepenak asked if there was still time to enroll. Mr. Alu stated you can enroll until March 1, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

2008 Mineral Valuation

Request a motion to approve a one (1) year contract with Resource Technologies Corporation of P.O. Box 242, State College, PA 16804 for \$28,000 to value minerals for re-assessment.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Re-Assessment Office Fit Out

Request a motion authorizing the Board of Assessment Appeals to expend up to \$100,000 per location for lease and or purchase of phones, computers, chairs, desks, dividers, office equipment including but not limited to (copiers/scanners/printers). These items will be secured via county procurement policy.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak

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MOTION

L.C. Industrial Development Authority /Mia Bella’s and Carla Bella Enterprises LLC

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA, DESIGNATING THE CHAIRMAN, THE VICE CHAIRMAN OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY, AS THE PERSON TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AS THE "APPLICABLE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE FINANCING BY THE LUZERNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF MIA BELLA’S, LLC AND CARLA BELLA ENTERPRISES, LLC; AUTHORIZING SUCH PERSONS TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AS SUCH "APPLICABLE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE"; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak

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MOTION

Budget Transfer

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE A 2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$1,620 FROM THE CENTRAL COURT/DISTRICT JUSTICE - PER DIEM LINE ITEM TO THE PROBATION SERVICES – PER DIEM LINE ITEM.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

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MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-28 (Appendix Page 31 thru 33)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,107,587.68 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES D FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003D-28.

Commissioner Urban stated that he didn’t support items seven and thirteen of this motion. All other motions were approved unanimously by the following vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

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MOTION

Resolution – Rename and Rededicate Water Street Bridge

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF PITTSTON AND THE BOROUGH OF WEST PITTSTON TO RENAME AND REDEDICATE THE WATER STREET BRIDGE, AS THE FIREFIGHTER’S MEMORIAL BRIDGE. TO HONOR TWO FIREMEN CAPTAIN JOHN J, LOMBARDO AND ASSISTANT FOREMAN LEONARD INSALACO II, WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON MARCH 15, 1993.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

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MOTION

District Attorney’s/ Grant Application

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 as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for and receipt of an award in the amount of \$35,000.00 The County’s application, if awarded, will allow the District Attorney’s Office to provide assistance in combating gang related violent firearms crime and juvenile violent crimes.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

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MOTION

Citizen Corps Grant – EMA

Request a motion to apply for the 2007 Citizen Corps Grant Application. The Citizens Corps grant provides funding for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

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MOTION

911 – RFP Green Mountain/Foster Twp. Tower Site

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify release an RFP for an upgrade to the Green Mountain/Foster Twp. Tower site.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

911 – RFP CML 1000 Phone Switch

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify release and RFP for a service contract on a CML 1000 Phone Switch.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak

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MOTION

Employee Dental Insurance

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to accept the proposal for Employee Dental Insurance coverage with Benefits One and Delta Dental. The agreement is for three years with a two year rate guarantee.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Grandview Drive TIF Plan

Request a motion to adopt a resolution accepting the Grandview Drive TIF Plan for Pittston Township in an amount not to exceed \$4 Million Dollars. Proceeds of TIF funds are for public infrastructure improvements including utilities, streets, lighting and other required improvements. The TIF will assist in the development of a 24 acre tract of land that has been impacted by strip mining, a former water impounding area, steep slopes and an abandoned railroad bed.

Commissioner Urban stated that he had concerns that they were subsidizing the rich. Alan Belles reviewed in detail how the TIF Plan would work.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK
“NAY” URBAN

MOTION

Scrap Tire Contract for 2008

Request a motion to approve the use of the state contract #9985-23-Scrap Tire Contract for our 2008 Tire Recycling Collection.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

RFQ – Media Consulting Services

Request a motion for permission to develop and advertise an RFQ for Media Consulting Services for Luzerne County.

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

END OF COMMUNICATIONS

TREASURER'S OFFICE – MICHAEL L. MORREALE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Request a motion to accept the following Financial Statement:

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES

As of: February 08, 2008

WACHOVIA BANK

General Fund.....	\$6,798,255.13
School, Road & Institution District.....	819,397.58
Real Estate Tax Sale Account.....	1,637,149.64
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	64,666.67
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund.....	376,222.52
Patients' Personal Fund Account.....	7,551.89
911 Construction Fund.....	267,168.38
911 Operational Fund.....	23,037.46

PNC BANK

Transportation Department.....	\$234,106.41
Office for the Aging.....	1,824,179.83
Children & Youth Services.....	1,401,882.18
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	15,552.74
Office of Human Services.....	86,909.32
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	14,189.79
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.....	217,250.78
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,584.43
Juvenile Probation JCJC Grant-in-Aid.....	318,481.79

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account.....	\$250,413.42
Luzerne County Bridges.....	96,653.83
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account.....	47,716.14
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	51,034.12

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau.....	\$15,230.52
Luzerne County Agencies Account.....	1,223,380.13
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account.....	211,030.51
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection.....	21,645.39

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$34,521.69
Offenders Supervision Fund.....	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study.....	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 A & B Capital Projects.....	48,802.15
Luzerne County 2003 A & B Capital Projects.....	174,703.41
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects.....	253,960.38

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

(Principal Values only)

As of: February 08, 2008

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$1,200,000.00
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	\$1,985,000.00
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$11,900,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$200,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$485,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$1,750,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$160,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$700,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	<u>\$2,275,000.00</u>
Total:	\$20,655,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

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CONTROLLERS REPORT- ACTING CONTROLLER, ANTHONY J. MARTINELLI

Request a motion to ratify and confirm payment of the following vouchers:

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:

\$559,137.15 Community Development Block Grant Program
\$58,099.21 Emergency Shelter Grant Program
\$21,414.60 HOME Investment Partnership Program
\$474,861.94 Business Development Loan Program

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$15,595.00** to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of February 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

3. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$526,665.00** to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County’s February 2008 appropriation.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 533633 to 533701 inclusive in the amount of \$175,865.97

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 716584 to 717093 inclusive in the amount of \$1,104,555.24

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 730133 to 730981 inclusive in the amount of \$2,260,757.25

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 742737 to 742919 inclusive in the amount of \$17,714,100.55

Human Services:

Voucher No. 750525 to 750565 inclusive in the amount of \$1,967,497.21

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 760836 to 760880 inclusive in the amount of \$1,468,337.27

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, 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>
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Lamar Advertising Company	Billboard Advertising for Nursing Home Transition Program	3/1/08-6/30/08	\$15,300
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CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Families United Network	Emergency Shelter	11/1/07-6/30/08	\$170.16/day
Catholic Social Services-Hazleton	Swan Service fees	1/1/08-6/30/08	
	Child Profile		\$2,000.00
	Child Prep		\$2,000.00
	Family Profile		\$2,500.00
	Finalization		\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment		\$3,000.00
Calzola, Anita M.	Transcribing the Master’s	9/14/07-6/30/08	\$4.00/page

Commissioners Meeting February 21, 2008 Recording Secretary, Jennifer Thomas

Coll, Daniel
 Colleran, Marcia K.
 Harrison, Cynthia
 Hearity, Kimberly
 Pens, Patty
 Rachilla, Cynthia I.
 Radginski, Kris Ann
 Ross, Allison M.
 Sallerni, Angela
 Schwalm, Rosemary
 Toronzi, John
 Tratthen, Lisa
 Wasiluk, Ruth
 Yaros, Christine

Recommendations from
 Dependency Hearings

Institute for Human Resources	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00
KidsPeace Nat'l Centers	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE / CONTRACT/CAP</u>
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CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Continued)

St. Joseph's Center	Swan Service fees	1/1/08-6/30/08	
	Child Profile		\$2,000.00
	Child Prep		\$2,000.00
	Family Profile		\$2,500.00
	Finalization		\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment		\$3,000.00
Children's Aid Society	Swan Service fees	"	"
	Child Profile		\$2,000.00
	Child Prep		\$2,000.00
	Family Profile		\$2,500.00
	Finalization		\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment		\$3,000.00
Families Caring for Children & Youth	Swan Service fees	"	"
	Child Profile		\$2,000.00
	Child Prep		\$2,000.00
	Family Profile		\$2,500.00
	Finalization		\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment		\$3,000.00
Family Care for Children & Youth	Swan Service fees	"	"
	Child Profile		\$2,000.00
	Child Prep		\$2,000.00
	Family Profile		\$2,500.00
	Finalization		\$3,500.00

	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00
Children's Service Center	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00
Concern	Swan Service fees	1/1/08-6/30/08		
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00
Jewish Family Services	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00
Rejoice	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE / CONTRACT CAP</u>
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CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Continued)

Families United Network	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00
Bethany Christian Services	Swan Service fees	"	"	
	Child Profile			\$2,000.00
	Child Prep			\$2,000.00
	Family Profile			\$2,500.00
	Finalization			\$3,500.00
	Child Specific Recruitment			\$3,000.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

Catholic Social Services	Intervention (Luzerne County)	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$50/hr. \$4,000
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

AWC Business Services	ISO Agency Admin.	1/1/08-6/30/08	\$55,000/half yr \$55,000
	ISO Agency Program	" "	\$400,000/half yr \$400,000

Dayspring Homes, Inc.	Respite – 24 Hours	2/1/08-6/30/08	\$161.85/day
	Respite – 15 Minutes	“ “	\$2.04/qtr hr
			\$6,000

TRANSPORTATION:

Northeast Foster Care	Transportation Services	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$9.65/trip less than 5 miles; \$11.85/trip 5 miles or greater
Children & Youth	Transportation Services	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$9.65/trip less than 5 miles; \$11.85/trip 5 miles or greater

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, 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>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Helpmates	Personal Care	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$70,000	\$105,000
Maxim Healthcare	Personal Care	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$4,000	\$8,500

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Community Counseling Services	MH Comm. Svcs. ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., CE, Soc. Rehab., Crisis Res., RC, Adm. Mangmt., Emergency, MR Comm. Habilitation & P/FDS Wv.	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$6,243,940	\$6,029,369
Children’s Service Ctr.	Comm. Svcs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., Crisis, CE, Soc. Rehab., RC, Adm. Mangmt. & Emergency	“ “	\$1,396,713	\$1,383,028
Keystone Adult Day Care	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$467,375	\$459,690
Luz. Cty. Recreation Department	Home & Comm. Svcs.	“ “	\$98,000	\$100,845
Creating Unlimited Poss.	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Svcs.	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$571,301	\$583,265
Cori’s Place,	Comm. Habilit.	“ “	\$186,445	\$191,079

Inc.

Children's Mobile Team	Crisis Intervention	"	"	\$55,000	\$68,159
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm. Svcs.	"	"	\$58,800	\$46,640
ReDCo Group	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Svcs.	"	"	\$529,389	\$562,080
ARC of of Wyoming County	Residential	"	"	\$1,016,130	\$952,419
Institute for Human Resources	Residential	"	"	\$4,270,615,	\$4,258,811

PROVIDER **SERVICE** **TERM** **FROM** **TO**

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION: (Continued)

Goodwill Industries	Employmt. Svcs. & Residential	"	"	\$1,722,891	\$1,846,278
Impact Systems, Inc.	Residential & Employmt. Svcs.	"	"	\$3,647,444	\$3,676,957
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Residential, Comm. Habilit., Employmt. Srv. & Housing Support	"	"	\$6,833,677	\$6,853,437
Nat'l Mentore Healthcare	Residential Svcs.	"	"	\$1,351,561	\$1,193,371
United Rehabilitation Services	Comm. Habilit. Employmt. Srv. & Pre-Voc. Svcs.	7/1/06-6/30/07		\$2,645,000	\$3,149,674
Luz-Wyo. Cty. Transp. Department	Transport Svcs.	7/1/07-6/30/08		\$607,000	\$675,500
Sheila Mooney	Specialized Support	"	"	\$12,900	\$14,400
Interim Home Health	Respite In-Home	"	"	\$218,000	\$221,600
Community Counseling Services	MH Comm. Svcs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., CE, Soc. Rehab., Crisis, Res., RC, Adm. Mangm Emergency, MR Comm. Habilit. & P/FDS Wv.	"	"	\$5,079,058	\$5,216,757
Keystone Adult Day Care	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Svcs.	"	"	\$476,723	\$501,244

Creating Unlimited Possibilities	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$594,750	\$598,750
Cori’s Place, Inc.	Comm. Habilit.	“	“	\$212,425	\$220,965
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm. Srv.	7/1/07-6/30/08		\$59,976	\$61,176
ReDCo Group	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Svcs.	“	“	\$539,977	\$563,459
Valley Crest Nursing, Inc.	Comm. Habilit. & Respite Svcs.	“	“	\$233,821	\$240,149
Kathleen Pohlman	Early Intervention	“	“	\$54,000	\$64,000

PROVIDER SERVICE TERM FROM TO

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION: (Continued)

United Rehabilitation Services	Comm. Habilit., Employmt. & Pre-Voc. Svcs.	“	“	\$2,645,000	\$2,761,487
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DRUG & ALCOHOL:

Catholic Social Services	Outpatient (Luzerne County)	7/1/07-6/30/08		\$264,093.00	\$160,093.00
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OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Commission on Economic Opportunity	CHORE	7/1/06-6/30/07		\$93,000	\$116,272
	Home Delivered Meals			\$58,000	\$93,793
	Homemaker			\$78,000	\$79,209
Catholic Social Services	Homeless Emergency Shelter	"	"	\$20,000	\$35,228
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Transportation Dept.	Transportation	"	"	\$100,000	\$110,000

TRANSPORTATION:

United Children’s Home	Transportation Services	7/1/07-6/30/08		\$9.65/trip	\$11.20/trip
				\$11.85/trip	\$13.40/trip
Luzerne County Workforce Investment	Transportation Services	"	"	\$9.65/trip	\$11.20/trip
				\$11.85/trip	\$13.40/trip
Wyoming County Children & Youth	Transportation Services	"	"	\$9.65/trip	\$11.20/trip
				\$11.85/trip	\$13.40/trip
Luzerne County Transportation Services	Transportation	"	"	\$9.65/trip	\$11.20/trip
				\$11.85/trip	\$13.40/trip

Authority

PA Dept. of Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational Rehab.	Transportation Services	"	"	\$9.65/trip \$11.85/trip	\$11.20/trip \$13.40/trip
Luzerne County Office of Human Services	Transportation Services	"	"	\$9.65/trip \$11.85/trip	\$11.20/trip \$13.40/trip

Commissioner Urban noted to “ABSTAIN” from voting on the United Children’s Home contract. All other motions were approved unanimously by the following vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

The Information & Referral services for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties (Help Line), Lackawanna, Monroe, and Pike Counties, with participants from Luzerne County Office of Human Services and Lackawanna County Office of Human Services, as well as the seven United Ways in their service areas have moved to a point of a collaborative coverage network. Under the agreements, the organizations would be available to aid and assist each other during times of high volume calls, and systems interruptions, toward the end of improved 24/7 coverage for the region. This collaborative is intended to provide a pilot region for implementation of a statewide 211 system that is built on regional networks of local Informal & Referral resources that are capable of understanding the needs, capacities, and resources of the local community.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

ENGINEER’S OFFICE – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an agreement to authorize the proper officials to access PennDOT Systems electronically as a business partner for Bureau of Aviation Projects.

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

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to adopt a resolution for supplemental Reimbursement agreement no. 048848-A in addition to existing agreement no. 048848 with PennDOT for the reimbursement of costs incurred by Luzerne County to repair damages to County Road No. 16, Hillside Road, Jackson Twp., PA from the June 2006 Flood. The supplemental agreement revises the funding breakdown from 80% Federal/20% Local to 100% Federal.

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

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to adopt a resolution for supplemental Reimbursement agreement No. 048649-A in addition to existing agreement No. 048649 with PennDOT for the reimbursement of costs incurred by Luzerne County to replace County Bridge No. 57307. The supplemental agreement assigns the responsibility to acquire all necessary Right-of-Way for the project to Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to amend the Agreement with Pasonick Engineering in the amount of \$6,000.00 for additional construction engineering phase services for the Toby Creek Impoundment Basin Sediment Removal Project.

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

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to execute all documents necessary for County Roadway and Bridge Projects under or proposed for agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the County Manager/Chief Clerk of Luzerne County to attest all documents necessary for County Roadway and Bridge Projects under or proposed for agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to ratify the authorization of the Chairman of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to execute all documents necessary for the 911 Tower Subdivision Project in Fairview Township.

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

MOTION

Request a motion for permission to advertise for RFP's for Photogrammetric Services for field investigation and bid document preparation for the Courthouse Exterior Renovations Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to advertise for the construction of the emergency bridge replacement of Marchikitus Road (T-706, County Bridge #16501) in Lehman Township and Moss Road (T-636, Unknown Owner) in Fairmount Township. These structures were destroyed as a result of the June 2006 Flood.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT-GREGORY HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

LUZERNE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU: LUZERNE COUNTY VISITORS GUIDE 2008-2009.

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS: DELIVERY AND RE-DELIVERY VOTING MACHINES FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION.

IT DEPARTMENT: PURCHASE OR LEASE OF 60 DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR THE REASSESSMENT APPEALS OFFICE. EXPECTED RENTAL TERM IS 8 MONTHS.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO REJECT THE BID FROM GOHN MANUFACTURING FOR FLAG HOLDERS FOR VETERAN AFFAIRS FOR FAILURE TO MEET BID SPECIFICATIONS.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO PURCHASE FLAG HOLDERS OFF THE OPEN MARKET.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR

MOTION

Request a motion approving the following activity through the County’s Non-Profit Rehabilitation Program:

WYOMING VALLEY CHILDREN’S ASSOCIATION - \$50,000 forgivable loan to assist with the installation of a new elevator assembly in order to make the facility at 1133 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, handicapped accessible.

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

Request a motion approving the following demolition grants under the Municipal Spot Slum and Blight Clearance Program:

RR #1, Box 191, Exeter Township

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

Request a motion approving the following activities through the County’s Economic Development Programs:

CAN DO, INC. - \$500,000 loan to assist in financing a \$4.1 million project to extend utilities and develop infrastructure in Humboldt Industrial Park Northwest in Hazle Township. County funds will be utilized for construction costs and professional/financial fess.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

Request a motion ratifying the execution of a subordination agreement among the Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation and the County for property commonly referred to as Public Square Commons, 2 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre City, for the subordination of the County’s mortgage securing Business Development Loans BDS-91-D04 , BDS -92-C04 and ICAP 92-473-0853. Said subordination is requested to allow EDA to have a shared first lien position with Wachovia Bank. The County will assume a shared third position.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

Request a motion ratifying the execution of a subordination agreement among Can Do, Inc., and the County for property commonly referred to Humboldt Industrial Park Northwest, for the subordination of the County’s mortgage securing Business Development Loans BDS-01-J01-D and BDLP-06-F01-Z. Said subordination will allow Can Do to secure PIDA financing for infrastructure improvements. The County will assume a second lien position.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

LUZERNE COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES – PHYLLIS MATIONE

MOTION

BEKIDS Property Management LLC

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the submission of an application to BEKIDS Property Management LLC for a term of 12 months commencing Jan.1, 2008 to Dec.31, 2008., 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 BEKIDS Property Management LLC. The County’s application, if awarded, will allow Luzerne County Department of Probations Services to continue its daily operations located at 123 Warren St., West Hazleton, PA.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak

“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

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>
BERKS COUNTY YOUTH CENTER	Juvenile Detention	01/01/08-12/31/08	\$307.38/Day
DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	Kanner Center	07/01/07-06/30/08	
	CABD (Residential)		\$184.00/Day
	CABD (R. & B. Only)		\$ 77.00/Day
	Carriage Place I (Residential)		\$389.00/Day
	Carriage Place I (R. & B. Only)		\$ 77.00/Day
	Beneto Center		
	Brandywine (Residential)		\$395.00/Day
	Stone & Gables (Residential)		\$395.00/Day
	Mapleton (Residential)		\$395.00/Day
	Kanner Center		
	Ann Villa		\$311.00/Day
	Family Based		\$188.00/Day
	Laura Villa		\$214.00/Day
	Brumer Villa		\$168.00/Day
	Reed House		\$194.00/Day
	Greenway		\$255.00/Day
	Jackson Villa		\$186.00/Day
	Transitional Living		\$184.00/Day
	Allowance		\$ 2.00/Day
PERSEUS HOUSE	Intensive Treatment Program	07/01/07-06/30/08	\$254.39/Day
	Shelter Services/ Male & Female		\$187.06/Day
	Intensive Treatment Unit		\$220.52/Day
	Pregnant or Parenting Clients		\$234.35/Day

For Babies	\$ 38.00/Day
Mother/Baby	\$272.35/Day
Perseus House Enhanced Male RTF	\$580.67/Day
Perseus House Male RTF	\$217.31/Day
Andromeda House Female RTF	\$217.70/Day
Brighter Horizons (Effective 08/13/07)	\$237.63/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
PYRAMID HEALTHCARE INC.	Skyline Lodge (Group Home/Shelter)	07/01/07-06/30/08	\$169.00/Day
	Winterhaven Lodge (Group Home/Shelter)		\$169.00/Day
	Green Tree Village (Group Home Shelter)		\$169.00/Day
	Green Tree Village (Sexually Reactive You)		\$182.00/Day
	Ridgeview Adolescent D. & A.		
	Adolescent Inpatient D. & A. Rehab.		
	Short Term		\$214.00/Day
	Medium Term		\$199.00/Day
	Long Term		\$194.00/Day
	Quakertown Adolescent D. & A.		
Adolescent Inpatient D. & A. Rehab.			
Short Term		\$207.00/Day	
Medium Term		\$207.00/Day	
Long Term		\$207.00/Day	
LEHIGH COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	Juvenile Detention	01/01/08-06/30/08	\$295.00/Day
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA	Hartman Home Residential	07/01/07-06/30/08	
	Medical Assistance		\$190.53/Day
	JPO – Room & Board		\$ 44.31/Day
	Total Per Diem		\$234.84/Day

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION PLANS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 AT:

Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
Luzerne County Children & Youth Services
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

AGING:

The Appointment of Marianne Malinosky, Wyoming, as a Clerk 2, at an annual salary of \$ 20,041, effective February 25, 2008

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Appointment of the following Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$29,824:

Peter Kost, Kingston, effective February 25, 2008
Mark Grohowski, Ashley, effective February 25, 2008
Erin Howley, Pittston, effective February 29, 2008

MOON LAKE:

Mary Ann Kohnevich, Plymouth, Clerk Typist 1 to fill a vacancy at \$18,500.00 per annum, effective February 21, 2008.

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Joseph Lynch, Forty Fort, as 911 Supervisor to fill a vacancy at an annual salary of \$33,990, effective February 21, 2008.

Kevin Tarapchak, Drums, as 911 Telecommunicator to fill a vacancy at an annual salary of \$24,000, effective February 21, 2008.

Nathan Spagnuolo, Harveys Lake, as 911 Telecommunicator to fill a vacancy at an annual salary of \$24,000, effective February 21, 2008.

Louis Trapane, Mocanaqua, as 911 Telecommunicator to fill a vacancy at an annual salary of \$24,000, effective February 21, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

Joan Pusateri, Sugarloaf, Deputy Chief of Budget & Finance at an annual salary of \$45,619, effective February 21, 2008 to fill a vacancy.

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS:

John Michael Zimmiski, Luzerne, as Environmental Control/Risk Tech. to fill a vacancy at an annual salary of \$24,500, effective January 31, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROMOTION AT:

Edward Casaldi, Deputy Coordinator EMA to Deputy Director 911 to fill a vacancy at an annual salary of \$54,636.00, effective February 21, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECLASSIFICATIONS AT:

VETERAN AFFAIRS:

Michael Meehan to Clerk Typist II at an annual salary of \$29,132 effective February 21, 2008.

AGING:

Sandra Acornley to Senior Center Manager 2 at an annual salary of \$23,956 effective February 25, 2008.

Dorraine Andes to Clerk 3, at an annual salary of \$24,696 effective February 25, 2008.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Diana Matrone to Social Services Aide 2 at an annual salary of \$20,286 effective August 27, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN STATUS AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

A Change in Status from Part Time Driver to Full Time Driver, at an annual salary of \$19,240 effective February 11, 2008, for:

Jeff Murphy, Wyoming
Emil Johnson, Larksville
Heather Dourand, Larksville

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Dave Macekura, 911 Supervisor, from \$33,601.to \$33,990, effective February, 21, 2008.

Scott Neff, 911 Supervisor, from \$29,705.20 to \$33,990, effective February, 21, 2008.

Brian Black, 911 Supervisor, from \$33,601.30 to \$33,990, effective February, 21, 2008.

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

Leonard Piazza, Director, from \$54,108 to \$56,812.93, effective February 21, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

Jeanne Kislavage, Executive Secretary, from \$31,415 to \$32,986.72, effective February 21, 2008.

Marilynn Allabaugh, Executive Secretary, from \$31,415 to \$32,986.72, effective February 21, 2008.

Jay Zupa, Benefits Coordinator, from \$33,949 to \$35,646.46, effective February 21, 2008.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for Kelly Horning, Caseworker 2, at an annual salary of \$32,213 effective February 23, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

A Pay Adjustment for the following Part Time Drivers:

- Joseph Man, at an hourly rate of \$8.25 effective January 25, 2008
- David Bogaczyk, at an hourly rate of \$8.75 effective January 25, 2008
- Ronald Skrosky, at an hourly rate of \$8.75 effective January 25, 2008
- Dennis LaCoste, at an hourly rate of \$8.25 effective February 8, 2008
- Marlene Bartosiewicz, at an hourly rate of \$8.25 effective February 8, 2008

Commissioner Urban stated he approved all pay adjustments with the exception of Leonard Piazza from the Bureau of Elections. All other motions were approved unanimously by the following vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepnak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

Patricia Llewellyn, Deputy Chief of Budget & Finance effective February 21, 2008.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

April Oatridge, Clerk 2, effective January 28, 2008.
Amy Kozar, Fiscal Technician, effective January 25, 2008.

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

Kevin Whelley, D&A Case Management Specialist, effective January 23, 2008.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Stacey Williams, Caseworker 2, effective February 29, 2008.

TRANSPORTATION:

John Kelley, Part Time Driver, effective January 1, 2008.
Edward Doknovitch, Part Time Driver, effective January 14, 2008.
Robert Shoemaker, Part Time Driver, effective February 8, 2008.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Andress L. Derby, Shickshinny, Truck Driver, effective September 27, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TERMINATION AT:

AGING:

Florence Belenski, Senior Center Manager 1, effective February 25, 2008.

TRANSPORTATION:

Frank Storm, Part Time Driver, effective February 1, 2008.

Bruce Bartuska, Driver, effective February 22, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE OF ABSENCE AT:

AGING:

An FMLA for Mary Ruth, Clerk Typist 2, effective February 13, 2008.

An FMLA for Jacquelyn Vivian, Aging Care Manager 2, effective February 22, 2008.

An FMLA for Mary Roselle, Administrative Officer 3, effective March 7, 2008.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

An FMLA for Jennifer Yarnal, Caseworker 2, effective January 23, 2008.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

An FMLA for Mary Jean Baird-Stanislow, Caseworker 2, effective February 1, 2008.

An FMLA for Surana Henry, Caseworker 2, effective January 22, 2008.

TRANSPORTATION:

An FMLA for Paul Stolarski, Full Time Driver, effective January 24, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepnak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

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

<u>APPROX.</u> <u>ATTENDEE</u> <u>COST</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>LUZERNE COUNTY 911:</u>			
Two people \$572 to attend	Logisys Cad System Administration training for both	Missoula, Montana	3/10-3/14/08
			at GSA rates

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Frank Castano \$1,163	PCYA Quarterly Meeting	State College	1/26-1/28/08
Gerard Muth			

Peggy O'Connor \$334	SWAN II, Winter Statewide Meeting 2008	State College	1/29-1/30/08
Judith Omerza \$97	Strategies to Empower Families Experiencing Domestic Violence	Montgomery Cty.	1/22-1/23/08
Sandra Moosic \$159	Positive Parenting with a Plan	Wilkes-Barre	1/29/08

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN:

Dawn Seidel \$1,400	NACW National Business Meeting & Convention	Albuquerque, NM	7/16-7/19/08
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Judy Kresky \$615	Monthly Regional	Harrisburg	2/15, 3/14,
Marilee McDonough	Early Intervention Leadership Meetings		5/18, 5/16, 6/20/08
Antoinette Cisowski \$122	Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Public Psychiatry Leadership Committee Meeting	Harrisburg	3/4/08

<u>ATTENDEE</u> <u>COST</u>	<u>APPROX.</u> <u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Antoinette Cisowski \$108	Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services - Peer Supports Older Adult Training Workgroup Meeting	Harrisburg	3/5/08

Antoinette Cisowski \$108	Office of Mental Health Substance Abuse Services - Quality Management Committee Meeting	Harrisburg	3/19/08
Richard Burns \$119 James Davis	Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services - Housing Meeting	Harrisburg	3/19/08

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

William Anzalone, Jr. \$108	Mental Health Court Symposium	Harrisburg	2/21/08
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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Elizabeth Parsons \$1200	Relocation & Acquisition In HUD Programs	Washington, DC	2/19-2/21/08
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COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

William G. Brace \$1500	NACO Legislative Conference	Washington, DC	3/1-3/5/08
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It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

LUZERNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

RE-APPOINT:

Carl R. Urbanski, Farmer Director
73 Second Avenue
Kingston, PA 18704
Effective January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011

Thomas J. Connolly, Jr., Public Director
15 Connolly Drive
Kingston, Pa 18704
Effective January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
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LUZERNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

APPOINT:

Commissioner Gregory A. Skrepenak, Director
325 West Center Hill Road
Dallas, PA 18612
Effective February 21, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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

**LUZERNE-WYOMING COUNTIES DRUG AND ALCOHOL EXECUTIVE
COMMISSION**

APPOINT:

Darcy Brodmerkel – Shavertown
Stanley Jackson – Wilkes-Barre
For a three-year term beginning February 25, 2008 to January 24, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
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LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RE-APPOINT:

Richard G. Oravic, 141 West Hartford Street, Ashley
Angelo C. Terrana, Jr., Esquire, 18 Birch Avenue, Plains,
Andrew P. Shiner, 15 Sydney Way, Sugarloaf,
For a four-year term effective May 20, 2008 to May 20, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“**AYES**” **PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS AUXILIARY
BOARDS**

APPOINT:

Thomas Brogan, Hazleton City
Anthony Kidish, Foster Township
James Mullin, Ashley Borough
Toni Rogan, Rice Township
Martin Meyer, Esquire, Kingston Borough
Frank Sherman, Luzerne Borough
Kevin Lamont, Sugarloaf Township,
Anthony Dalessandro, Pittston
Tony Draus, Dupont Borough
Dick Traugh, Salem Township
Russell Arnone, Jenkins Township
Virginia Augello, Pittston City

ALTERNATE TO AUXILIARY:

Robert Leshko, Foster Township
Michael Nemchick, Foster Township
Leonard Rossi, Jr., Butler Township
Daniel Frascella, Wright Township
David Alberola, Huntington
Jolinda Becker, Nescopeck Township
Diane Hullick, Fairview Township
Eugene Chromey, Duryea Borough

For a term of one year effective February 21, 2008 to February 21, 2009

Note: Rate; For days worked (\$100 per day plus \$20 per day travel/expenses). Auxiliary Board requires three (3) members be present in order to hold hearings thus, there is a need for alternate auxiliary board members.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

.Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Thomas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary