

MAY 29, 2009

On the above date at 9:30 A.M., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened a special meeting with the following present: Maryanne Petrilla, Chairman; Gregory Skrepenak, Commissioner; Stephen Urban, Commissioner; Douglas Pape, Chief Clerk/County Manager; Stephen Menn, County Solicitor; Tom Pribula, Chief of Budget and Finance; Doug Richards, 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

None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Attorney Bob Cohen stated he was there on behalf of property owners located 89 North Washington and 135 North Washington Streets requesting that the county be their agreed sponsor for a KOZ status extension. Mr. Cohen questioned the process of having this item on the agenda for the next commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Petrilla responded that she met with Thom Greco this week about the project and informed him that he needed to meet with the other commissioners.

Mr. Cohen stated that they would be asking the Wilkes Barre School District at the June 1st meeting to sign off and approve this status. Mr. Cohen questioned if there was any possibility that he can give them a comfort level or something in writing stating Luzerne County would be sponsoring this.

Commissioner Petrilla responded that she felt that would be premature.

Commissioner Urban stated that he would like to see more information on the project. Commissioner Urban stated that he would agree to have them come to the work session on June 15th to present the information to the commissioners.

Commissioner Petrilla recommended that Mr. Cohen contact Lee Namey at the Redevelopment Authority on this matter.

Mayor Tom Leighton reviewed the parcels proposed for substitution in the City of Wilkes Barre.

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CLERK**

MOTION

Crestwood Extension Keystone Opportunity Zone Program

Request a motion adopting a Resolution/Ordinance extending the term of real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in Luzerne County designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone or Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon certain terms and conditions.

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

MOTION

WB Decertification Keystone Opportunity Zone Program

Request a motion adopting a resolution removing exemptions from real estate property tax, earned income tax, net profits tax, mercantile and business privilege within a specific geographic area in the City of Wilkes Barre currently designated as part of the Luzerne/Lackawanna Keystone Opportunity Zone.

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

MOTION

WB Substitution Keystone Opportunity Zone Program

Request a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing real property, earned income tax, net profits mercantile, and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic area in the City of Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County designated as a proposed Keystone Opportunity Zone, in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within the designated areas of Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon certain terms and conditions

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

END OF COMMUNICATIONS

Request a motion to adjourn:

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

Respectively submitted,



Jennifer Thomas