

On the above date at 10:00 A.M., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened their regularly scheduled meeting with the following present: Gregory A. Skrepenak, Chairman; Todd A. Vonderheid and Stephen A. Urban, Commissioners; Samuel T. Guesto, County Manager for Legislation/Chief Clerk; James Blaum, County Solicitor; Michael L. Morreale, Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; James Brozena, County Engineer; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andy Reilly, Deputy Director of Community Development; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.

Commissioner Gregory Skrepenak called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of Silent Prayer. It is noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Commissioner Skrepenak announced bids will be opened in the Treasurers’ Office.

Commissioner Skrepenak reviewed the protocol for Public Comment and directed Mr. Samuel Guesto, Chief Clerk, to ensure the five-minute time limit is adhered to.

Commissioner Skrepenak introduced Kathy Bozinski and Samuel Guesto for the presentation of the Proclamations.

Commissioner Skrepenak reminded everyone that if you wish to address the Commissioners to see Ms. Bozinski and sign in.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:..... Samuel T. Guesto, Jr.
County Manager /Chief Clerk**

The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session at 1:30 P.M. on January 9, 2006 to discuss personnel issues.

**RECOGNITIONS:..... Kathy Bozinski
Public Information Officer**

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Minutes and Vouchers

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s Meeting held on November 30, 2005.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 427437GF – 429126GF
County General Fund for December, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

PNC Bank, Vouchers 500742LF – 500848LF
Liquid Fuels for December, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400177WC - 400188WC
Worker’s Compensation for 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 429127GF – 429129GF
County General Fund for 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

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 December 28, 2005; January 4, 2006 and January 11, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

VA Federal Credit Union/ PILOT Agreement (Appendix Page 21 thru 26)

Request a Motion to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with the Wilkes-Barre VA Employees Federal Credit Union with a place of business at 111 East End Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre City PIN: 73-H10-00A-003. This agreement states that the Credit Union will pay to the county \$ 5,000 for past taxes due and \$ 1,000 per year for future payments. This agreement shall run until December 31, 2011. The County and City agree that this building is not subject to taxation.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Documents –Transfer of the Valley Crest Nursing Home

Request a motion to ratify and approve the following documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Valley Crest Nursing Home to Valley Crest Nursing, L.P.:

- a.) Operations Transfer Agreement
- b.) Lease Agreement
- c.) Assignment and Assumption Agreement
- d.) Bill of Sale

all to be effective January 1, 2006.

Samuel T. Guesto, Jr, County Manager/Chief Clerk provided an overview of the documents.

Commissioner Urban, citing the following could not vote to support this motion: 1) the Lease Term of \$10 per year does not equal the Fair Market Value of the property; 2) \$1.3 million payment of Valley Crest employees health care costs was not discussed; and 3) the facility should be place on the tax rolls.

Commissioner Skrepenak, addressed Commissioner Urban’s concerns citing the successful transfer of the facility and \$3 million savings to the taxpayers of Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN

MOTION

Refund of Taxes – Assessor’s Office (Appendix Page 27)

Request a Motion to approve the refund through the Assessor’s Office in the amount of \$ 82.86 for ROSE AND ROSALIE, ZUBA.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP)

Request a motion to approve a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) in the amount of \$4,377.00. This grant is from DOT and is distributed through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and will be used to purchase Hazmat & Terrorism Emergency Response Guidebooks that will be distributed to County Police Departments.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Renewal of the annual maintenance agreements for the Nortel Meridian Option 61C telephone system

"Request a motion to approve the renewal of the annual maintenance agreement for the Nortel Meridian Option 61C telephone system installed at the Courthouse in the amount of \$16,789.92.

Commonwealth Communications is the sole source for this service, based on the County's requirements for the vendor to employ a sufficient number of technicians who are capable of maintaining the telephone system, and correcting problems that may arise, in a timely manner."

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepentak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Contract with Onesource Staffing Solutions

Request a motion to contract with Onesource staffing solutions, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, PA for payroll services for certain life transition plan participants, effective January 1, 2006; and, to authorize the chairman to execute said contract and all other documents necessary to effectuate said contract for 119% of wage cost for clerical employees and 130% of wage cost for road maintenance employees.

Mr. Guesto provided an overview of the Contract noting several staffing agencies were faxed proposals and OneSource Staffing Solutions submitted the most cost advantageous bid for the county. He added the employees will fill essential vacancies until replacements can be hired and some also may stay on to train their successors.

Commissioner Urban questioned whether the contract may violate the county's purchasing policy, which requires any work costing more than \$7,500 to be advertised. Commissioner Urban also commented taxpayer funds are being used to pay the contract with OneSource Staffing Solutions and the names should be released. Commissioner Urban said he could not support this motion due to these questions and concerns.

Commissioner Skrepentak requested Chief Solicitor Jim Blaum to research whether the County would violate any laws by releasing the names of the employees brought back to ensure the county would not be exposed to a potential lawsuit by releasing the names.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepentak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN

MOTION

Franklin Township – “Crown Hill Village” (Appendix Page 28 thru 31)

Request a motion to approve the conveyance of real estate to Franklin Township by way of the Deed of Dedication. This conveyance grants to Franklin Township title to the following roadways in the “Crown Hill Village” Development situated wholly in Franklin Township: Farmview Drive, Hill Drive and Crown Drive; and, to authorize the Chairman to execute said Deed of Dedication and all other documents necessary to effectuate this conveyance to Franklin Township.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request for Proposal (RFP) Consulting Firm

Request a motion to authorize request for proposals (RFP) for Consulting Firm to provide Cost Allocation Plan for Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request for Proposal (RFP) Consulting Services

Request a motion to authorize requests for proposals (RFP) for consulting services pertaining to the consolidation and realignment of voting districts in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Contract - Mid Atlantic Youth Services /Western PA Child Care

Request a motion to approve the contract with Mid-Atlantic Youth Services Corp. for placement services at the Western PA Child Care Secure Treatment Facility for the period of January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

West Nile Virus Grant

Request a Motion to approve the 2006 West Nile Virus Control Grant award of \$175,342.5 for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, pending State budget approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

END OF COMMUNICATIONS

**TREASURER’S OFFICE – MICHAEL L. MORREALE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Request a motion to accept the following Financial Statement:

WACHOVIA BANK

General Fund.....	\$2,995,327.91
School, Road & Institution District.....	530,601.27
Real Estate Tax Sale Account	984,684.89
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	37,126.29
Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	822,949.28
Patients’ Personal Fund Account	116,716.69
911 Construction Fund.....	825,934.93
911 Operational Fund.....	11,866.12

PNC BANK, NORTHEAST, PA.

Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:

Office for the Aging	\$621,572.77
Children & Youth Department.....	933,260.34
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	81,206.83
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	126,611.13
Office of Human Services.....	5,741.15
Human Services Agencies/Transportation Department.....	30,123.02
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	64,981.89
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,383.90

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$1,096,643.76
Luzerne County Bridges.....	11,290.32
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	86,386.86
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	33,717.68

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$56,799.84
Luzerne County Agencies Account	1,514,422.05
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account	135,193.48
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection	172,028.00

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$17,350.03
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects.....	645,939.73
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects.....	65,271.09
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects	423.13

**MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer**

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

General Fund	\$2,500,000.00
School, Road & Institution District	\$180,000.00
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund	\$365,000.00
Domestic Relations IV D Fund	\$1,500,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,050,000.00
Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:	
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$4,200,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$285,000.00
Transportation Department	\$882,300.00
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$900,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$1,000,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	200,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$450,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	\$1,315,000.00
Total	\$14,827,300.00

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

CONTROLLERS REPORT- MARYANNE PETRILLA

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:

\$15,421.18 Business Development Loan Program
\$1,610,128.43 Community Development Block Grant Program
\$165,505.39 HOME Investment Partnership Program
\$22,625.87 Emergency Shelter Grant Program

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Bids Opened on December 28, 2005:

Luzerne County Environmental Special Projects:

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Bids Opened on January 11, 2006:

Luzerne County Court House & Agencies:

Polaroid Instant Film NO BIDS

Request a motion to accept all remaining bids for tabulation subject to final review by the county solicitor:

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 531022TR to 531094TR inclusive in the amount of \$15,165,741.31

Patients' Personal Fund:

Voucher No. 500331PP to 500350PP inclusive in the amount of \$ 12,206.80

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 515785AG to 516141AG inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,133,878.00

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 528058CY to 528713CY inclusive in the amount of \$ 2,363,516.10

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 542418MM to 54516MM inclusive in the amount of \$ 2,794,481.77

January 11, 2006

Human Services:

Voucher No. 550465HS to 550490HS inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,460,492.96

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 560560DA to 560586DA inclusive in the amount of \$ 528,866.71

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Maryanne Petrilla, Controller

END OF CONTROLLERS REPORT

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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OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program	Inpatient Non-Hospital	1/1/06-6/30/06	\$24,000
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It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, 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>

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Catholic Social Services	Homeless Emergency Shelter	7/1/05-6/30/06	\$17,800	\$20,000
Child Development Council of NE PA	"Unconditional" Child Care	" "	\$17,800	\$20,000
Commission on Economic Opportunity	Housing	" "	\$97,989	\$110,100
	Homemaker	" "	\$66,750	\$75,000
	CHORE	" "	\$80,100	\$90,000
	Home Delivered Meals	" "	\$51,638	\$58,020
Creating Unlimited Possibilities (UCP)	In Home Life Skills	" "	\$26,950	\$30,281
Family Service Assoc.	Information & Referral	" "	\$138,901	\$156,068
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Transportation Department	Transportation	" "	\$77,972	\$101,816
Project Remain	High-Rise Outreach	" "	\$24,920	\$28,000
Reach, Inc.	Family Advocacy	" "	\$16,465	\$18,500
Victims Resource Ctr.	Court Related Services	" "	\$24,030	\$27,000

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

TRANSPORTATION:

A Resolution approving the submission of a Community Transportation/5320 Capital Equipment Grant Application and authorizing the Chairman of the Luzerne County Commissioners to sign all documents related to the grant application and the Luzerne County Manager/Chief Clerk to attest to the signature.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

ENGINEER’S OFFICE – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute an amendment to the agreement with Michael J. Pasonick, Jr., Inc. in the amount of \$2,262.00 for additional services on the Moon Lake Sewer and Water Rehabilitation Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute an amendment to the agreement with Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$2,014.91 for additional services on the Wyoming Valley Airport Runway 7/25 Profile Repair Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute an agreement with SA Architects in the amount of \$266,700.00 for professional design services for the Penn Place Expansion Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – SAM DIAZ – INTERIM DIRECTOR

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICE SPECIFIED:

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS – LARVICIDING -

VALLEY PEST CONTROL MANAGEMENT TOTAL BID: \$15,000.00
PO BOX 1755
PLAINS, PA 18705

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER:

CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO TOTAL BID: \$27,645.00
MANAGEMENT, INC.

COURTHOUSE & AGENCIES – BOTTLED DRINKING WATER

TULPEHOCKEN SPRING WATER INC., TOTAL BID: \$9,000.00
1127 REMINGTON AVE.,
SCRANTON, PA 18501

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:

MONROE BOTTLING CO. ,INC. TOTAL BID: \$14,000.00
BEZDECKI FAMILY LLC/DBA SUTTON SPRINGS TOTAL BID: \$11,000.00
PINE VALLEY WATER CO. TOTAL BID: \$12,000.00
INADEQUATE BID BOND

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

COURTHOUSE:
COPY PAPER
LASER PAPER

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ANDY REILLY, DEPUTY (Appendix Page 32 thru 33)

MOTION

Request a motion authorizing the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne, approving the Luzerne County Community Development Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006, and authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents relative to the application for and receipt of Community Development Block Grant (\$5,316,937), HOME (\$1,028,829) and Emergency Shelter Grant (\$220,370) Funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion approving an amendment to the Community Development Program for Fiscal Years 2000, 2003-2005, and submission of such to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the following:

- Carry-out a float loan in the amount of \$3,940,000 in support of a project involving County redevelopment activities in the City of Wilkes-Barre, specifically the acquisition of Market Street Square (Parcels #3 and #4) by the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, for use as a County public facility.
- Transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,110 from Dallas Township Planning to Dallas Township Flood Protection for FY 2005.
- Increase of \$72,000 from Unprogrammed Funds to Luzerne County Tourism Center Planning project for FY 2005.
- Deobligation and transfer of \$6,000 to Unprogrammed Funds from the Greater Hazleton Civic Partnership Planning project for FY 2004.
- Transfer of \$8,500 from Nuangola Borough Planning to Unprogrammed Funds for FY 2003.
- Deobligate and transfer of \$1,000,000 to Acquisition from County Road Projects for FY 2000.
- Deobligate and transfer \$2,940,000 of Public Facility and Improvement projects to Acquisition for FY 2005.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion approving funding for the acquisition of Market Street Square, Wilkes-Barre City (Parcel #5) to the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, using Miscellaneous Revenue in the amount of \$1,860,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion approving the following demolition grant under the Luzerne County Scattered Site Demolition of a Senior Citizens Center owned jointly by the municipalities of Freeland Borough, Jeddo Borough and Foster Township. The address is 701 Chestnut Street, Freeland.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

OFF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Release of Mortgage – 11 Acres Parcel of Land

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

LUZERNE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Tamara Ann Bearde, 10 Marcy Court, Ashley, Administrative Secretary to WIDA Director & Supervisor of Communications Component at \$ 27,500.00 effective January 13, 2006, to fill vacancy.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Martin Behm, Mountaintop, Golf instructor and Andrew Mammary, Wilkes-Barre, Golf Instructor, Amount not to exceed \$600.00 for a time period beginning March 1, 2006 thru April 30, 2006.

Eleanore Grant, Kingston, Program Manager for MH/MR Programs at \$10.00 per hour not to exceed 400 hours effective January 12, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Yurii Gilby-Safka to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$37,719 effective January 13, 2006.

Nancy O’Kane to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$48,401 effective January 13, 2006.

David Gaugler to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$34,496 effective January 13, 2006.

Theresa Birth to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$52,459 effective January 13, 2006.

Marilyn Wilkinson to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$53,973 effective January 13, 2006.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Marilee McDonough to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$45,981 effective February 3, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS AT: CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Joseph DeVizia, Human Services Director as Acting Executive Director of Children and Youth Services effective January 3, 2006.

Marcia Barnes. Casework Manager 2 as Children and Youth Assistant Administrator 1, effective January 11, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Correction in Start Date for Angelique Morris, Caseworker 2 effective December 28, 2005.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

A Correction in Start Date for Miriam Krautheim, Caseworker 2 effective January 17, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RESCIND THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Rebekkah McCawley, Caseworker 2 effective December 27, 2005.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to accept the resignation of the following employees, under the terms of the Life Transition Plan, effective 12/31/05:

Adams, Eleanor	Griffiths, Robert	Nugent, Eugene
Alba, Joseph	Grodzki, Walter	O'Donnell, Joseph
Argo, Samuel	Habib, Michael	Oliver, Rosemary
Augello, M. Virginia	Halftown, Alberta	Onuschak, Maryellen
Baggs, Janet	Harowicz, Sandra Jean	Otway, Russell
Barber, Frank	Harris, Denise	Parri, Harry
Bardar, Albert	Hatchko, Charles	Perluke, Keith
Barletta, Gloria	Healey, Helen	Perry, Stanley
Barna, Michael	Hopkins, Carol Ann	Pizano, Dominic
Beckley, Karen	Horoshko, Leslie	Popson, Michael
Belak, Michael	Hreha, Rosalie	Potichko, Andrea
Benczkowski, Helen	Hullick, Diane	Price, Victoria
Birosik, Joseph	Hurst, Nancy	Radtke, Ronald
Booth, Rosalie	Infantino, Marianne	Rafferty, Martin
Bott, Lewis	Jones, Harold	Rajkiewicz, John
Boyle, Martha	Kachurak, David	Reed, Ann
Brown, Ralph	Keating, Karen	Reimiller, Howard
Brussock, George	Kelly, LeDonne	Reiss, Paul
Budrewicz, Mary	Kocher, Brenda	Rondinella, Linda
Burke, William	Kolaski, John	Rugletic, Ronald
Bush, Nancy	Kolojejchick, Alberta	Ruotolo, Orestes
Butcher, Gayle	Kosakowski, Paul	Russell, Sandra
Cannon, Miriam	Kosenak, Marlene	Rutherford, Joyce
Caprio, Eugene	Kosloski, Albert	Saporito, Margaret
Charnichko, Michael	Kowalski, Cynthia	Sauchak, Francis
Chromey, Eugene	Kruczek, Patricia	Savitski, Linda
Coffay, Shirley	Krufka, Leonard	Schrode, Mark
Cometa, Catherine	Krushin, Kenneth	Shedlock, James
Constantio, Michelle	Kukosky, Richard	Sherin, Stephen
Cooper, Susanne	Kwarcinski, Lewis	Silverstein, David
Costantino, Saverio	Kwashnik, Diane	Silvi, Nancy
Craig, Theresa	Lamoreaux, Charles	Silviano, Kathleen
Creazzo, Patricia	Latinski, W.Edward	Sklanka, Patricia
Cresci, Thomas	Lavan, Anna Mae	Smith, Kenneth
Culver, Joyce	Lavan, John	Soltis, Patricia
Cybulski, Amy	Lechleitner, Donald	Sunday, Robert
Dankovitch, Robert	Lewis, Elaine	Spiccioli, Elizabeth
Davis Brown, Catherine	Loftus-Vergari, Joseph	Stec, Antoinette
DeAngelo, Ellen	Lorah, JoAnn	Stefanoski, David
Dotzel, Joan	Lowe, Gary	Stefanowicz, Elaine
Dovin, Sarah	Lucas, Mark	Stolinas, Raymond
Drahus, Lovey	Macarevich, Barbara	Sudol, Patricia
Dutko, Irene	Mahalick, Florence	Swaditch Jr., George
Evans, Gertrude	Malkemes, Marian	Thomas, Charlene
Evans, Roland	Manarski, Edward	Tossi, Alfred
Farinella, Carol	Martin, Michael	Unvarsky, Rosemarie
Farinella, Salvatore	Matus, Patricia	Volpicelli, Joyce
Felch, Bonnie	Mawson, Teresa	Walski, Barbara
Feldman, William	McGinley, Robert	Walters (Clemm), Fay
Flaherty, Carol	McHugh, Rachel	Webb, Dawn
Flint, George	Metzo, Raymond	White, Evangeline
Gabel, Theodore	Mondulick, Barbara	Williams, Judith
Galli, Ruth Ann	Moranski, Frank	Williams, Robert
Gavin, Bernadette	Morrissey, Thomas	Wojcik, Paula
George, Nancy	Motzki, Madeline	Woytas, Agnes
Giebus, William	Moyer, Janice	Yacuboski, Barbara
Gill, Deborah	Murphy, Joseph	Yanik, Carol
Gorham, Anthony	Murray, Ann Marie	Zachary, Samuel
Graboske, Bonita	Nardone, Joanne	Zalinski, Teofill
Grabosky, Richard	Noss Jr., William	Zapotocki, Joan Ann
Grevera, Patricia	Noyalis, James	Zoltewicz, Anne

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:
CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

Mary Kenney, Caseworker 2 effective December 23, 2005.

Karyn Wayne-Stevenson, Caseworker 2 effective January 12, 2006.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Kenley Hoats, Casework Supervisor effective January 20, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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MOTION

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Return from FMLA With Pay for Georgine Meyers, Fiscal Technician effective December 27, 2005.

A Return from FMLA Without Pay for Joseph Kloss, Caseworker 2 effective December 12, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION:

A One Day FMLA Without Pay for Rose Capristo, Scheduler effective December 16, 2005.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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MOTION

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS FOR
A TOTAL COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,605:**

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH:</u>				
Gerard Muth	PCYA	Harrisburg	1/1-1/20/06	\$475
Donna Vrhel	Powerful Team-Building Monitoring & Coaching Skills	Wilkes-Barre	2/7/06	\$179
Elaine Altoe	Dealing with Resistance, Hostility, Excuses & Avoidance	Allentown	2/13/06	\$364

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

James Gallagher	MH/MR Adm. Assoc.	Hershey	1/25-1/27/06	\$1,130
Joseph Petrizzi	Winter Conference			

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

LUZERNE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS:

William Schabener, Executive Director
Luzerne County Assistance Office
205 South Washington St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-3298
Effective January 11, 2005 to December 31, 2009

William Dunn, Site Administrator
PA CareerLinks (Luzerne County)
32 East Union Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0651
January 11, 2006/On-going

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS:

Stephen M. Barrouk, President/CEO
Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce
2 Public Square – P.O. Box 5340
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-5340
Effective January 11, 2006 to December 31, 2009

Nick Cohen, President
College Recruiting.Com
1622 Main Street
Dickson City, PA 18447
Effective January 11, 2006 to December 31, 2009

Frank Nardone, Director Adult Literacy
Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18
368 Tioga Avenue
Kingston, PA 18704
Effective January 11, 2006 to December 31, 2009

Phillip Semenza, Director Elderly Training/Employment
Area Agency on Aging – Title V
93 North State Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-3105
Effective January 11, 2006 to December 31, 2009

Ross P. Valenti, Business/Community Liaison

Keystone Job Corps
Box #37, Foothills Drive
Drums, PA 18222-0037
Effective January 11, 2006 to December 31, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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LUZERNECOUNTY FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD
REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT:

Todd A. Vonderheid, Commissioner
101 West River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA
For a five year term
Effective December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2010.

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

A Motion was entertained to adjourn the Commissioners’ Meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.
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Respectfully,



Patricia Wilk, Recording Secretary