

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; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.; Michael Morreale; Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Director of Community Development; and Gregory Hunsinger, Director of Purchasing.

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 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 reminded everyone that if you wish to address the Commissioners to sign in.

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

Mr. Guesto announced there was an Executive Session held on January 8, 2007 at 10:00 AM to discuss legal issues.

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

There were no recognitions.

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Minutes

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting held on November 30th, 2006.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Vouchers

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 443130GF - 443850GF
County General Fund for December, 2006

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “ABSTAIN” URBAN

PNC Bank, Vouchers 501456LF - 501502LF
Liquid Fuels for December, 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400230WC- 400231WC
Worker's Compensation for December, 2006

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “ABSTAIN” URBAN

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 443851GF - 443872GF
County General Fund for 2007

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “ABSTAIN” URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400232WC- 400232WC
Worker's Compensation for 2007

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “ABSTAIN” 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 27, 2006; JANUARY 3, 2007, JANUARY 10, 2007 AND JANUARY 17, 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Quitclaim Deed – Belles

Request a motion to convey by Quitclaim Deed the County’s interests, if any, in real estate situated at 264 Temperance Hill, Plymouth, Pennsylvania to Mildred Belles for a consideration of \$1.00. There exists no evidence that the County maintains a titled interest to this property. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Chief Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Quitclaim Deed and to affix the seal of the County of Luzerne thereto.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Quitclaim Deed - Lehman

Request a motion to convey by Quitclaim Deed the County’s interests, if any, in real estate situated at 840 Winters Avenue, Hazle Township, Pennsylvania to Gertrude R. Lehman, widow, for consideration of \$1.00. The county of Luzerne maintains no titled interest to this property, it having been the subject of a flawed tax sale in 1953. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the Chief Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Quitclaim Deed and to affix the seal of the County of Luzerne thereto.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency – Flash Flooding & 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 Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22 & Jan 29th of 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency - Tornado/Heavy Rain

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from December 1ST, 2006 Tornado/Heavy Rain.

This motion is for the weeks of Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22 & Jan 29th of 2007

Commissioner Urban commented that Luzerne County does have an Emergency Radio Station/TV banners running on local TV stations. When the power goes out, in some states that typically have storms like this; they encourage people to buy radios with batteries in them. Commissioner Urban also questioned if the Emergency sirens that were put in place throughout the county and the state still work.

Steve Bekanich, Emergency Management, stated that the EMA encourages battery operated or crane operated radios. Mr. Bekanich stated that the siren systems that were implemented in the 1950s & 1960s are no longer working. Many municipalities have abandoned those sirens because of the inability to find parts and maintenance issues. The only Siren system we currently have is the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station; which covers a small percentage of municipalities in the county. The EMA is looking to alternate funding for another system or to at least supplement what is already in place.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

PEMA – Hazardous Materials Emergency Exercise

Request a motion that the Luzerne County Commissioners sign and approve a grant between the County and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$9,341.00 for the sole purpose of conducting a Hazardous Materials Emergency Exercise.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

RFP – Digital Voice Recorder - 911

Request a motion to release an RFP for a Digital Voice Recorder for 9-1-1.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Tax Refunds – Board of Assessment Appeals

Request a Motion to approve the following refunds through the Assessors Office:

Elestan Realty Co.(Billboard)	Hazle Twp.	\$241.04
Beckley Ross & Maureen	Hanover Twp.	\$141.65
Connell Aleta	Fairview Twp.	\$529.91
Gallacher Steven J & Sandra	Fairview Twp.	\$345.77
	Total Refunds:	\$1,258.37

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Application (Appendix Page 21)

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, effective January 17, 2007, 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 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds. The County’s application, in the amount of \$500,000, is for costs related to the upgrade of the WVIA Public Broadcasting Studios.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

FEMA Application

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), effective January 17, 2007, 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 FEMA funds. This application will be requesting assistance to prepare a Bi-County Multi-Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-15 (Appendix Page 22 thru 24)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$135,024.08 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES D FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003D-14.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Resolution - Eminent Domain Proceedings

Request a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the exercise of authority under the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Act, as amended, to commence condemnation proceedings against real estate situated at 49 South Main Street, Ashley Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Vonderheid commented that this is the Huber Breaker property. This action is being taken to assure this property remains intact, in its current state, until such time as this community is able to find the means and the partners necessary to make it the true asset that we all believe it can be. We will use the Eminent Domain process to ensure that Mr. Roman is paid a fair and equitable price for his real estate. A board will set that standard and that price. We will work in tandem with Mr. Roman and other partners to bring this project to fruition.

Commissioner Urban commented that he is whole heartily supporting this resolution. Many of our families, including his Grandfather, were Coalminers. This structure does have valid public interest and the means are there through the Huber Breaker Preservation Society that will preserve and rehabilitate this building into a historical monument for the residents of this county, who deserves nothing less than preserving their pieces of history.

Commissioner Skrepenak commented that preserving the Huber Breaker is not only to pay homage to the workers who made this county what it is, but also for future generations to enjoy and to see exactly what made our county what it is. It is important to remember those people who paved the way for our county, and the state, and in ways the country. But also for our children to understand the trials, tribulation, and the struggles that their ancestors went through to give them the opportunity they have now. We certainly want to be fair and equitable in the price as we move forward. All of us think that this is the best move that we can make at this particular time.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Appointment Aciukewicz for Special Counsel

Request a motion to appoint Attorney John C. Aciukewicz, 120 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA as Special Counsel to the County Commissioners for legal services deemed necessary by the County Solicitor in the condemnations of real estate situated in Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and Ashley Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and, to ratify a letter of engagement with Attorney Aciukewicz dated January 11, 2007 setting forth compensation for his professional services at a rate of \$150.00 /plus reimbursement of necessary and reasonable costs incurred; and, to authorize the County Solicitor to request the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas to approve the appointment of Attorney Aciukewicz as Special Counsel.

County Solicitor Jim Blaum stated the motion should read \$150.00 per hour.

Commissioner Urban stated, for the record, his objection to the condemnation of real estate in Hazleton.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County Department of Health Study

Request a motion to authorize a study into the feasibility of creation of a Luzerne County Department of Health; and, to authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications to perform said study on behalf of Luzerne County.

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.....	\$9,484,278.35
School, Road & Institution District.....	383,179.13
Real Estate Tax Sale Account	1,056,839.89
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	97,123.86
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	213,057.36
Patients' Personal Fund Account	7,460.57
911 Construction Fund.....	216,214.69
911 Operational Fund.....	14,098.02

PNC BANK

Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:

Office for the Aging.....	\$1,301,927.43
Children & Youth Services.....	3,202,334.11
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	111,999.27
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	45,697.37
Office of Human Services.....	14,937.21
Transportation Department.....	54,890.88
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.....	122,466.20
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account	27,479.90

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$220,167.81
Luzerne County Bridges.....	112,894.32
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account.....	66,303.98
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	33,386.26

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$19,213.37
Luzerne County Agencies Account	1,130,720.18
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account	250,913.68
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection	134,621.51

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$32,490.59
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects.....	68,435.34
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects	174,230.25
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects	1,892.32

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$1,200,000.00
Domestic Relations IV D Fund	\$1,800,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,650,000.00
Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:	
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$3,950,000.00
Office for the Aging	\$1,000,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$365,000.00
Drug & Alcohol	\$200,000.00
Transportation Department	\$750,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$2,250,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$185,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$455,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	\$2,250,000.00
Total	\$16,055,000.00

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

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

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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:

\$151,974.65 Community Development Block Grant Program
\$22,973.50 Emergency Shelter Grant Program
\$150,333.92 HOME Investment Partnership Program
\$570,159.35 Business Development Loan Program

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

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2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$14,885.00** to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of January 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

3. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$518,335.00** to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County’s January 2007 appropriation.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Bids to be opened on January 17, 2007:

Veterans Affairs:

Government Pre-Cast Bases

Request a motion to table Bids to be opened to the next Commissioners Meeting on January 31, 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department: Voucher No. 532201 to 532287 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,699,295.86
Bureau for the Aging: Voucher No. 615659 to 710056 inclusive	in the amount of \$3,567,773.69
Children and Youth: Voucher No. 628641 to 720090 inclusive	in the amount of \$5,591,674.17
Mental Health / Mental Retardation: Voucher No. 642297 to 740046 inclusive	in the amount of \$5,767,448.27
Human Services: Voucher No. 650483 to 750008 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,981,205.33
Drug and Alcohol: Voucher No. 660511 to 760012 inclusive	in the amount of \$630,924.43

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“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>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>			
David Dymond	Lease Agreement for Wyoming Cty. Senior Center	7/1/06-6/30/08	\$2,625.00/mo. (\$5.83/sq. ft.)

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

IGT Funding Allocation

Catholic Social Services (Luzerne County)	Outpatient Services	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$13,000.00
Catholic Social Services (Wyoming County)	Outpatient Services	" "	\$8,000.00
Choices	Partial Hospitalization	" "	\$5,000.00
Serento Gardens	Partial Hospitalization Outpatient Services	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$10,500.00 \$8,000.00
Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services	Partial Hospitalization Outpatient Services	" "	\$13,500.00 \$13,000.00

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

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>				
Community Counseling Services	Adult Day Care	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$4,500.00	\$9,500.00
Allied	Attendant Care Consumer Model Agency Model	" "	\$14.84/hr. \$17.80/hr.	\$15.12/hr. \$18.16/hr.

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING (Continued):</u>				
Northeast Center for Independent Living	Attendant Care Consumer Model Agency Model	11/1/06-6/30/07	\$14.84/hr. \$17.80/hr.	\$15.12/hr. \$18.16/hr.
<u>Luzerne County:</u>				
Rural Health Corp.	Tobacco-Community Based Tobacco-Chronic Disease	7/1/06-6/30//07	\$28,624.00 \$2,788.00	\$15,472.00 \$8,288.00
<u>Wyoming County:</u>				
Wyoming County District Attorney's Office	Tobacco Enforcement	" "	\$15,094.00	\$13,513.00

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Community Counseling Services	MH Comm Srvs., 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	\$4,542,128	\$5,412,115
Northeast Counseling Services	Comm. Srvs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., Crisis, CE, Soc. Rehab., RC, Adm. Mangmt. & Emergency	" "	\$2,267,748	\$2,267,748

(Funding Source Change – no change to total contract)

Children's Service Center	Comm. Srvs., ICM, OP, Day Treatment, Crisis, RC, FB, Adm. Mgmt., & Emergency	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$1,166,479	\$1,166,479
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(Funding Source Change – no change to total contract)

Keystone Adult Day Care	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Srvs.	" "	\$430,503	\$460,000
Institute for Human Res.	Residential	" "	\$4,130,349	\$4,139,761
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Residential, Employ. Srvs. & Housing Support	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$6,567,208	\$6,599,674
Associated Family Care Services, Inc.	Respite In-Home	" "	\$4,000	\$5,000
Creating Unlimited Poss.	Comm. Habilit.	" "	\$576,300	\$570,000
Cori's Place, Inc.	Comm. Habilit.	" "	\$163,901	\$164,000
ReDCo Group	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Srvs.	" "	\$528,488	\$525,000

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>		<u>FROM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION (Continued):</u>						
Support Svcs. for Infants and Toddlers	Early Intervention Srv	“	“	\$60,000	\$110,000	
Erwine’s Private Duty Health Care, Inc.	Respite In-Home & Nursing Svcs.	“	“	\$9,750	\$19,750	
Home Sweet Home Personal Care, Inc.	Respite In-Home & Nursing Svcs.	“	“	\$28,000	\$28,000	
<u>(Funding Source Change – no change to total contract)</u>						
Valley Crest Nursing, LP	Comm. Habilit. & Respite Svcs.	“	“	\$170,837	\$202,000	
Impact Systems, Inc.	Employ. Svcs. & Residential	7/1/05-6/30/06		\$3,449,241	\$3,522,911	
Step-by-Step, Inc.	Employ. Svcs. Housing Support & Residential	7/1/05-6/30/06		\$6,099,735	\$6,468,606	
Goodwill Industries	Employ Svcs. & Residential	7/1/05-6/30/06		\$1,657,369	\$1,692,879	

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION SUBMSSION AT:

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

The Luzerne County Commissioners authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the submission of an application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women for the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program continuation grant, effective January 17, 2007.

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

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – GREGORY HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR

REQUEST A MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS: LARVICIDING OF CATCH BASINS

CHILDREN & YOUTH: CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEMS SOFTWARE

CHILDREN & YOUTH: FIVE (5) COPIERS

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

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

LUZERNE COUNTY MH/MR: 1-IBM X346 RACK MOUNT SERVER

STRATEGIC COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC. TOTAL BID \$12,819.00
220 PENN AVENUE
THIRD FLOOR
SCRANTON, PA 18503

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER:

GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES \$13,526.00

LUZERNE COUNTY MH/MR: SOFTWARE

GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES TOTAL BID \$12,619.00
163 CHURCH STREET
KINGSTON, PA 18704

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER:

STRATEGIC COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC. \$12,994.00

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

MOTION

Request a motion to reject the bid of American Legion Post 558 for the sale of two (2) salvage vehicles for the Transportation Department due to lack of bid security.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF TWO (2) SALVAGE VEHICLES FOR THE LUZERNE/WYOMING COUNTIES TRANSPORTTION DEPARTMENT.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR

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 2007, 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, HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant Funds.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

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

JOHN HEINZ INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION - \$750,000 loan to assist in financing \$1,597,205 project for construction costs and payment of professional/financial fees related to rehabilitation of a portion of an existing facility to provide skilled nursing beds at 150 Mundy Street, Wilkes-Barre Township.

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

Request a motion to enter into an agreement with CDS Creative for the purpose of designing a web page for the Office of Community Development at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

JANUARY 17, 2007

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:
TRANSPORTATION:**

The Appointment of the following Part Time Driver at an hourly rate of \$8 effective January 2, 2007:

Jeff Murphy, Wyoming

The Appointment of Arlo Sprauge, Wilkes-Barre as a Part Time Child Care Aide at an hourly rate of \$6.50 effective January 2, 2007.

The Appointment of April Kelly, Wilkes-Barre as a Scheduler at an annual salary of \$19,096 effective January 26, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS AT:

911:

Nathaniel Altmiller, Hazleton, from Telecommunicator at \$25,000 to PSAP Supervisor at an annual salary of \$33,000 effective January 19, 2007.

Jennifer Miers, Dallas, from Telecommunicator at \$26,046 to PSAP Supervisor at an annual salary of \$33,000, effective January 19, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF STATUS AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

A Change of Status for Rebecca Dennis from Substitute Full Time Driver to Full Time Driver at an annual salary of \$18,720 effective January 26, 2007.

A Change of Status for Nancy McNeil from Part Time Driver to Scheduler at an annual salary of \$19,096 effective January 26, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RETIREMENTS AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

John Sipper, Manager of Administration, effective December 29, 2006.

Patricia Duffy, Scheduler, effective January 16, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SEPARATIONS AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

Raymond Mustapich, Part Time Driver, effective January 17, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUSPENSION AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Svetlana Martise, Caseworker, 2 day suspension Without Pay effective January 18th through January 19th, 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Ellen Cuevas, Telecommunicator, Effective December 28, 2006.
Caroline Phillips, PSAP Supervisor, Effective January 5, 2007.

PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE:

Shelly Centini, Assistant Public Defender, effective January 8, 2007.

VETERAN AFFAIRS:

Vito V. Malacari, Veteran Benefits Specialist, effective January 12, 2007

ASSESSORS OFFICE:

Michelle Cannon, Clerk I, effective December 5, 2006

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Andrea Gagliardi, Caseworker 2 effective January 12, 2007.

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

An FMLA for Lisa Wall, Caseworker 2 effective January 8, 2007.

An FMLA for Victor Drosey, Attorney 2, effective January 12, 2007.

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

FMLA without pay for Telecommunicator Patricia Gavin effective February 5, 2007 thru March 6, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS FOR:

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH:</u>				
Tony Lumbis Donna Barnes	PCYA Quarterly Meetng - Solicitor Section	Harrisburg	1/18/07	\$200
<u>DRUG & ALCOHOL:</u>				
Michael Donahue	PACDAA Quarterly Meeting	Hershey	1/10-1/12/07	\$300
Michael Donahue Steven Ross	Security & Trans- action Standards, Code Sets & Identifiers (TCI) Standards under HIPAA	Myerstown	1/23-1/25/07	\$340
Ralph Gayoski Martha Dempsey	Confidentiality and Privacy Issues Under HIPAA	Myerstown	2/6-2/8/07	\$510
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>				
Jean Noss	MH/MR Adm. Winter Meeting	Hershey	1/25-1/26/07	\$345
Cheryl Farkaly	First Aid Training	Pittston	2/5/07	\$35

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<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
<u>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:</u>				
Elizabeth Denardi	Pennsylvania Recycling Professional Certification	State College	2/21-2/22/07	\$99
<u>LUZERNE COUNTY 911</u>				
Phillip Veet	9 th Crime Mapping Research Conference	Pittsburg	3/28-3/31/07	\$500

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

Joseph J. Gibbons, Assistant County Engineer
19 Jay Street
Swoyersville, PA 18704
For a five year term
Effective January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
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Tony Mussari, producer of Windsor Park Stories, stated for the record that this is a wonderful moment in Luzerne County and congratulated the Commissioners for the historic steps taken to restore the Huber Breaker property in Ashley.

Request a motion to adjourn.

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



Nancy Kelly, Recording Secretary