

On the above date at 10:00 AM., 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; James Miller, Valley Crest; Michael L. Morreale, Treasurer; Stephen L. Flood, Controller, Controller; James J. Brozena, County Engineer; Adrian F. Merolli, Director of Planning; Sandra J. Russell, Director of Community Development; Salvatore 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 were received will be open today in the Treasurers' Office and will be reviewed by the Controller later in the agenda.

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 2:30 P.M. on November 7, 2005 to discuss personnel issues.

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

- 1. Resolution: Alzheimers Awareness Month
Estella Parker-Killian, Alzheimers Assoc. of NEPA
- 2. Resolution: Adoption Awareness Month
Marijo Sullivan, Luzerne Co. Children and Youth
- 3. Presentation: S.O.B.E.R. Awareness Month
Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol

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Minutes and Vouchers

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s Meeting held on September 28th, 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 425997GF – 426968GF
County General Fund for 2005

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

PNC Bank, Vouchers 500649LF – 500723LF
Liquid Fuels for 2005

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400170WC - 400174WC
Worker’s Compensation for 2005

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 OCTOBER 26, 2005; NOVEMBER 2, 2005 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2005.

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

MOTION

Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Luzerne County – Ice Storm

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONTINUING A DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO EFFECTS OF THE ICE STORM, FOR LUZERNE COUNTY DATED AND OCTOBER 26, 2005, NOVEMBER 2, 2005 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2005.

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

MOTION

Keystone State Games

A MOTION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO SPONSOR THE KEYSTONE STATE GAMES STATEWIDE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT FOR \$5,000.00. THIS EVENT WILL BRING OVER 1000 HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO LUZERNE COUNTY ON DECEMBER 16-17, 2005.

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

MOTION

Lease Agreement between Kingston Township & Luzerne County for Magistrate’s Office

Request a motion for Authorization to renew the lease agreement between Kingston Township and Luzerne County Magistrate’s Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville in accordance with the following monthly lease payment schedule. 2006 - \$1,825/month, 2007 - \$1,950/month, 2008 - \$2,075/month effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

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

MOTION

Renewal of Lease/District Judge’s Office Space

Request a motion for Authorization to renew the lease agreement between Andrew Shiner and Luzerne County for District Judge’s Office Space in Sugarloaf in the amount of \$1,914.00/month for five years. Effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2010.

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

MOTION

Request For Proposal (RFP) Luzerne County Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note

Request a motion to advertise a request for proposal for Luzerne County Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note on borrowing for the year 2006 in the amount of \$10,000,000.

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

MOTION

Lease Agreement between Wright Township & Luzerne County for Magistrate's Office

Request a motion for Authorization to renew the lease agreement between Wright Township and Luzerne County for Office Space for District Judge in Wright Township in the amount of \$1,500/month from January 1, 2006 to January 1, 2007.

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

MOTION

Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance Program Grant (Appendix Page 21)

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED), effective November 9, 2005, 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 PA DCED funding in regards to the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program. The County's Single Application for Assistance in regards to the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program Application is in the amount of \$65,000.

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

MOTION

Resolution Authorizing Elected Representative Approval (Appendix Pages 22 thru 26)

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 CHRISTOPHER PLACE NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION D\B\A CHRISTOPHER PLACE; 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 Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Agreement - Dom Forte Enterprises, Inc. (Appendix Pages 27 thru 33)

Request a motion to enter into an Assignment of Agreement on behalf of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Domestic Relations Section with Dom Forte Enterprises, Inc.

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

MOTION

WindPark Lease Amendment (Appendix Pages 34 thru 36)

Request a motion to acknowledge and agree to the proposed 1st Amendment to the WindPark Lease Agreement between Theta Corporation and Energy Unlimited, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman to execute all documents required to effectuate said amendment.

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

MOTION

Letter of Engagement of Public Financial Management, Inc.(The PFM Group)

Request a motion to accept the letter of engagement of Public Financial Management, Inc. (THE PFM GROUP) as Financial Advisor to the County of Luzerne pursuant to the grant award of June 1, 2005 from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Early Intervention Program, which grant totaled \$100,000. with a County match of \$45,000.

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

MOTION

Tax Forgiveness - Assessor’s Office

Request a Motion to forgive Luzerne Conservation District’s 2002 County real estate tax due on their property at Robinson Circle, Hanover Township, PIN: J9S1-001-50A, plate # 25-C-2-D5-B-1-R3-D4-2-D54 The Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals has granted exempt status on this property for the year 2003 and forward.

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

MOTION

Contract /Assistant District Attorneys & Assistant Public Defenders

REQUEST A MOTION TO RATIFY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUZERNE COUNTY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 401, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009.

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

MOTION

2002 Capital Projects Bond Issue Series B – 2002-44 (Appendix Pages 37 thru 40)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$215,117.91 FROM THE 2002 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2002-44.

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

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue Series A – 2003A-31 (Appendix Pages 41 thru 43)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$12,388.62 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES A FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003A-31.

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

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue Series B – 2003B-26 (Appendix Pages 44 thru 46)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$173,627.78 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES B FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003B-26..

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

MOTION

Drug and Alcohol Transitional Living Facility Policy (Appendix Page 47)

Request a motion to adopt the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Programs Transitional Living Facility Policy contingent upon approval by the County Solicitor and appropriate State officials.

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

MOTION

Design of a new Luzerne County Correctional Facility

Request a motion of the Luzerne county Board of Commissioners authorizing the design of a new horizontal replacement county correctional facility on a "green" site with a bed capacity of 1040.

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

MOTION

Appointment of a professional design firm for the new Luzerne County Correctional Facility

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to appoint L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Architects and Engineers, Inc. of Ebensburg, PA, with offices in Luzerne County to be the Architect of Record for this facility subject to contract negotiations.

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

END OF COMMUNICATIONS

Request a Motion to go off the Agenda.

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

Sam Gesto, Chief Clerk, reviewed the following Off the Agenda items:

- 1) Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement between Complete Healthcare Resources and Luzerne County.
- 2) Valley Crest Corporate Integrity Agreement
- 3) Life Transition Plan Extension

There was no Public Comment.

Request a motion to approve and enter into the Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement between Complete Healthcare Resources and Luzerne County in regards to negotiations of the proposed transfer by the County to Complete Healthcare Resources of the operations of Valley Crest Nursing Home (detailed in attached agreement).

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

Request a motion to authorize representatives of Complete Healthcare Resources to speak with the Office of Inspector General concerning the Corporate Integrity Agreement between the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services and Valley Crest Nursing Home. The effective date of the Corporate Integrity Agreement was April 4, 2001.

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

Request a motion to extend the Life Transition Plan to 11/23/05 to allow Actuary to complete report assumptions.

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

**TREASURER’S OFFICE – DOMINIC DEPOLO, DEPUTY TREASURER
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Request a motion to accept the following Financial Statement:

November 1, 2005

WACHOVIA BANK

General Fund.....	\$2,415,702.30
School, Road & Institution District.....	1,566,522.56
Real Estate Tax Sale Account	920,788.58
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	75,669.51
Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	449,839.83
Patients’ Personal Fund Account	62,940.95
911 Construction Fund.....	92,824.53
911 Operational Fund.....	17,185.62

PNC BANK, NORTHEAST, PA.

Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:

Office for the Aging	\$437,933.67
Children & Youth Department.....	2,614,704.92
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	118,117.26
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	50,303.51
Office of Human Services.....	8,093.21
Human Services Agencies/Transportation Department.....	13,177.40
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	9,210.68
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,360.02

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$74,675.31
Luzerne County Bridges.....	37,692.41
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	86,027.60
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	33,534.99

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$43,933.33
Luzerne County Agencies Account	1,071,150.54
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account	149,060.36
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection	49,131.29

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$20,106.93
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund	72,317.61
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects.....	873,495.32
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects.....	65,075.58
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects	289.40

**MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer**

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

November 1, 2005

General Fund	\$18,500,000.00
School, Road & Institution District	\$1,000,000.00
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund	\$775,000.00
Domestic Relations IV D Fund	\$1,500,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,400,000.00
Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:	
Office for the Aging	\$500,000.00
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$10,440,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$390,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$250,000.00
Transportation Department	\$937,000.00
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$600,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$2,000,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	200,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$450,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	\$1,650,000.00
Total	\$40,592,000.00

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

Request a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

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

CONTROLLERS REPORT- STEPHEN L. FLOOD

CONTROLLERS REPORT

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:

\$15,271.25 Business Development Loan Program
\$1,303,173.57 Community Development Block Grant Program
\$28,292.60 Emergency Shelter Grants Program
\$60,892.57 HOME Investment Partnership Program

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

2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$14,133.58** to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of November.

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

Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$490,000.00** to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County’s November 2005 appropriation.

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

Bids Opened on October 26, 2005:

Valley Crest Nursing Home:

Central Supplies
Convection Steamer

Bids Opened on November 2, 2005:

Luzerne County Engineers Office:

Court House Annex Renovations

November 9, 2005 Bid Opening:

Luzerne County Court House & Agencies:

Bottled Drinking Water

Valley Crest Nursing Home:

Linen & Clothing Supplies

Luzerne County Court House:

Toner Cartridges (Remanufactured & New Lexmark Toners)
Stationary

Office of Veterans Affairs:

Flags

Prothonotary's Office:

Folders

Office of Human Services:

Janitorial Services

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. 530824TR to 530906TR inclusive in the amount of \$1,568,021.83

Patients' Personal Fund:

Voucher No. 500275PP to 500292PP inclusive in the amount of \$ 10,996.86

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 514777AG to 515160AG inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,416,175.35

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 526538CY to 527229CY inclusive in the amount of \$ 2,920,163.45

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 542000MM to 542121MM inclusive in the amount of \$ 14,783,828.12

Human Services:

Voucher No. 550384HS to 550414HS inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,491,043.22

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 560456DA to 560491DA inclusive in the amount of \$ 736,220.28

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Stephen L. Flood, Controller

END OF CONTROLLERS REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**HUMAN SERVICES – SAMUEL T. GUESTO, JR., INTERIM 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:

Dr. Alan Boonin	Medical Consultant	7/1/05-6/30/06	\$1,500
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CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Hoffman Homes	MA 50 RTF Billed to County	7/1/05-6/30/06	\$321.26/day 0
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Hazleton Public Transit	Transport Svcs.	10/1/05-6/30/06	\$2.00/trip (< 5 miles) \$4.00/trip (> 5 miles) \$2,340
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Chiverella Inc.	Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$8.00/trip \$8,640
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Marie Aguirre-Gomez	Spanish Interpreter	11/1/05 to 6/30/06	\$6.25/qtr hr \$2,000
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Impact Systems, Inc.	Residential & Comm. Skills	7/1/05 to 6/30/06	\$3,348,858	\$3,376,293
ARC of Wyoming Cty.	Res. Family Lvg. Res. Eligible Wv. Res. Ineligible Wv.	“ “ “ “ “ “	\$64.39/day \$146.61/day \$27.15/day	\$63.86/day \$154.58/day \$27.86/day
Goodwill Industries	Comm. Employ. & Residential	“ “	\$1,648,529	\$1,624,374
Nat'l Mentor Healthcare	Res. & Respite	“ “	\$1,267,794	\$1,256,244
Family Care Consortium	Residential	“ “	\$101,421	\$149,990
Institute for Human Res.	Residential	“ “	\$3,811,936	\$3,843,034
Sheila Mooney	Special Therapy	“ “	\$5,000	\$10,000

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

ENGINEER'S OFFICE – JIM BROZENA

MOTION

AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GIS CONSORTIUM IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00 TO COMPILE DIGITAL MAPPING OF THE HICKS/ABRAHAMS CREEK WATERSHEDS.

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

MOTION

AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GIS CONSORTIUM IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES.

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

MOTION

AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER E-2 WITH T. J. CANNON, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,912.00 FOR WORK ON THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACT AT THE MINIMAL OFFENDERS PROJECT.

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

MOTION

AUTHORIZE THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER G-4 WITH THE APOLLO GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,631.00 FOR WORK ON THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AT THE MINIMAL OFFENDERS PROJECT.

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

MOTION

Request permission to advertise for the demolition of county property located at 92-94 Coal Street, Glen Lyon.

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

Request permission to advertise for Engineering Consultant

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

**LUZERNE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – JAMES BROZENA (on behalf of
WILLIAM P. BURKE)**

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RESCIND BID FOR VALLEY CREST :

CENTRAL SUPPLIES
CONVECTION STEAMER

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

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FILE CABINETS FOR THE
COURTHOUSE AND AGENCIES.

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

LUZERNE COUNTY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- SANDY RUSSELL

MOTION

Request a motion authorizing the following budgetary increases, due to costs exceeding available funds:

Forty Fort Borough Street Improvements: \$36,360 increase
West Pittston Borough Street Improvements: \$31,700 increase
Shickshinny Borough Street Improvements: \$54,400 increase
Commission on Economic Opportunity Community Center:
\$54,000 increase, plus transfer of \$20,010 from Community Kitchen Equipment
budget to Community Center budget

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

MOTION

Request a motion authorizing the execution of a subordination agreement among Citizens Bank of PA, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation, the South Main Street Redevelopment, LLC, and the County for property commonly known as the South Main Street Redevelopment Project, Wilkes-Barre, for the subordination of the County’s mortgage securing Business Development Loan BDS-04-H01. Said subordination will provide Citizens Bank with the first lien position, in accordance with the terms of the original loan agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:
AT VALLEY CREST NURSING HOME:**

Amanda Turner 421 Pine Street Warrior Run, Penna.	LPN 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$30,008.00
Jess Miller 303 Horton Street, Floor 2 Wilkes-Barre, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00
Rose Sell 8 Pittston Avenue Pittston, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00
Angel Turner 545 W. State Street Larksville, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00
Deborah Kowalczyk 36 S. Sherman Street Wilkes-Barre, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00
Dawn Smith 150 Park Street Nanticoke, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00
Melissa Delaney R 825 Summit Street Wilkes-Barre Township, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00
Jennifer Kazokas 35 E. Washington Street Nanticoke, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/17/05 \$16,268.00

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

The Appointment of Danielle Vanderhoff, Dallas as a Clerk 2 at an annual salary of \$18,708 effective November 21, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Appointment of Nancy McNeil, Exeter, as a Part Time Driver at an hourly rate of \$8 effective October 11, 2005.

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES

Joseph DeVizia, 156 East State Street, Larksville, Director at an annual salary of \$82,603.00 effective December 11, 2005.

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

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

The Promotion of Pamela Coveleski to Clerk 3 at an annual salary of \$21,437 effective November 10, 2005.

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

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**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:
VALLEY CREST:**

Terry Fischi 155 Jason Drive Plains, Penna.	RNAC	Effective 10/29/05
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Richard Rinker 4 Winter Street Inkerman, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 11/17/05
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Carolyn Weaver 747 Mill Street Plymouth, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/27/05
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Jess Miller 303 Horton Street Floor 2 Wilkes-Barre, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/19/05
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Jennifer Kazokas 35 E. Washington Street Nanticoke, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/19/05
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Dawn Smith 150 Park Street Nanticoke, Penna.	Auxiliary Aide 3-11	Effective 10/19/05
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Julieta Tripode 323 Shonk Street Plymouth, Penna.	CNA 3-11	Effective 10/18/05
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CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Ann Marie Shultz, Casework Supervisor effective October 28, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION:

Karen Esposito, Part Time Scheduler effective October 20, 2005.

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

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**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE
OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY AT:**

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Approval of unpaid family medical leave for Michele Sparich, Hazleton, commencing on December 28, 2005 and concluding on February 20, 2006.

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

AGING:

An FMLA for Kathleen Warren, Aging Care Manager 2 effective September 22, 2005 through October 7, 2005.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

An FMLA for Donna Vrhel, Casework Supervisor effective September 17, through November 15, 2005.

An FMLA for Peggy Peterson, Casework Supervisor effective October 3, through October 14, 2005.

An FMLA Without Pay for Yurii Gibly-Safka, Caseworker 2 effective October 10, 2005.

An Intermittent FMLA Without Pay for Brenda Kocher, Caseworker 2 effective October 25 through October 28 and November 1, 2005.

An FMLA for Georgine Meyers, Fiscal Technician November 15, 2005.

An Intermittent FMLA for Florence Ciulla, Clerk 3 effective November 15, 2005.

A Return from FMLA Without Pay for Jamie Harden, Caseworker 2 effective October 24, 2005.

A Return from FMLA for Lauren O'Brien, Caseworker 2 effective October 24, 2005.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

An FMLA for Lisa Elgonitis, Caseworker 2 effective October 6, 2005.

An FMLA for Lou Ellen Zekas, Clerk 3 effective October 18 through October 28, 2005.

A Return from FMLA Without Pay for Michelle Sowga, Caseworker 2 effective October 24, 2005.

A Return from FMLA Without Pay for Heidi Seeherman, effective November 3, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION:

A One Day FMLA Leave Without Pay for Rose Caprtiso, Scheduler effective September 28, 2005.

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

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

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS</u>				
Ronald J Rugletic, Director	PVCA seminar	State College	11-16, 18-2005	\$503.56 including travel

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Ron Smith LEPC Police Rep. Joseph Perugino, LEPC Chairman/ Medical Rep.	U.S. EPA Region III Emergency Preparedness and Prevention and Hazmat Spills Conference.	Inner Harbor, Maryland	12-4, 12-7-2005	\$1600.00
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Luzerne County is required by law to have a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Mr. Smith and Mr. Perugino will serve as representatives of the Committee at this training. The Act 165/Hazardous Materials Response Fund will be used to pay for this training as it is an eligible expense under Act 165 guidelines.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Terry Joyce Melissa Boettger	Protective Services Basic Training	Harrisburg	11/1-11/3/05	\$188
Anne Rappaport	Senior Corp. of PA	State College	11/1-11/3/05	\$226
Carole Lewis	PDA/P4A Quarterly Meetings	Harrisburg	11/14-11/16/05	\$270

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Gloria Migatulski June Smith Sandra Moosic Susan Martin Theresa Birth	Effective Techniques for Sensory Integration in Early Intervention	Dunmore	11/9/05	\$822
Mark Malkemes	Relational Aggression- Mean Girls	Columbia, MD	12/2/05	\$147

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

Steven Ross	SCA Fiscal Officers Conference	State College	11/9-11/10/05	\$196
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Antoinette Cisowski	Annual National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA (NAMI-PA Conference)	Camp Hill	10/28-10/29/05	\$302
Jim Gallagher Tom Kokura Gina Galli Nick Moranski	United Rehabilitation Services (URS) Annual Dinner	Wilkes-Barre	10/17/05	\$120
Gina Galli Grace Bradshaw Gail Stredny	PA Assoc. of Resources for People with Mental Retardation Annual Conf.	Grantville	11/15-11/17/05	\$1482
Jacque Hunter	Excel Training	Wilkes-Barre	11/10/05	\$99
Judy Kresky Gail Stredny	PATTAN Conference	Grantville	11/29-11/30/05	\$336

Luke Reynolds Sexual Violence & Scranton 11/7/05 \$60
Tami Kester Disabilities
Suzanne Kwiatkowski

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Carlie Wetzel Sexual Violence & Scranton 11/7/05 \$20
Disabilities

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

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT:

Anthony Sobeski, 311 York Avenue, West Pittston, PA
For a Five Year Term
Effective November 2, 2005 expiration date of November 1, 2010

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPOINT:

Toni Valenti, 316 Damon Street, West Pittston, PA
For a five year term
Effective November 1, 2005 expiration date of October 31, 2010

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

LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING HEARING BOARD

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT:

Frank Kratz, 102 Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre,
For a three year term
Effective December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2008

Lawrence Newman, 228 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre,
Effective January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006

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

A Motion was entertained to adjourn the Commissioners’ Meeting.

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

Respectfully,



Patricia Wilk, Recording Secretary