

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; Salvatore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.; Dominic DePolo, Deputy Treasurer; Stephen L. Flood, Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; James J. Brozena, County Engineer; Sandra J. Russell, Director of Community Development; William P. Burke, Director of Purchasing and Adrian Merolli, Director of Planning Commission.

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 opened earlier today 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.

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

Check Presentation: Luzerne County Library System

Check Presentation: United Way of Wyoming Valley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Timothy Green, requesting to discuss issues concerning the Election Board, was asked to attend the next Election Board meeting, immediately following this meeting, where his concerns would be better addressed.

Tom Dombroski, Kingston Township, requested clarification on what he believed is an additional shortfall citing his figure is only \$7 million. He also noted the additional cost of the Juvenile Detention Center's addition of twelve beds at a \$1.7 million dollar increase. Mr. Dombroski requested clarification on why the savings for the hiring of additional prison guards was not realized. Commissioner Vonderheid responded the guards were not hired all at the same time citing training requirements and personnel turnover resulting in an overage of overtime. He recommended the Board ensure the County performs and documents an assessment on the Juvenile Detention Center building to protect the County from future damage claims. Commissioner Urban agreed and believed the same procedure should be performed on the Valley Crest Facility. Mr. Dombroski questioned if a title policy is place for the Wind Farm. Commissioner Vonderheid responded there would be a title policy in place prior to the closing because that is a legal requirement. Mr. Dombroski questioned why operators at the 911 Center do not identify themselves by name. Allan Pugh, Director, responded all operators are required to identify themselves by a unique operator number, adding the system in place can also identify who the operator was at the time the call was placed as all calls are recorded and logged by the system. Mr. Dombroski noted his concerns over who will oversee the Office of Community Development. Finally, Mr. Dombroski again urged the Board to find a way to broadcast at some, if not all, the Commissioners Meetings.

Mike Nardone and Dr. Tim Rushton, Village of Laurel Lakes, appealed to the Commissioners for consideration of funding from the Growing Greener II funds fro Watershed Protection and shore line restoration. Commissioner Vonderheid responded that the initiative is for \$1.75

million over a five year period. He added, to date, 25 organizations have responded with requests totaling over \$15 million. All allocations have to be reviewed. Mr. Guesto, Chief Clerk, added, he has been in touch with Mike Dziak, Earth Conservancy, for possible solutions. Commissioner Urban added the Conservation District will also look for possible solutions.

Steve Flood, Controller, noting this is his last meeting as Controller, thank the Board and the Taxpayers of Luzerne County for their support and vowed to continue his commitment to Luzerne County including the Juvenile Detention Center Lease and the Pension Lawsuit. Commissioner Skrepenak, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thanked Mr. Flood for his service to the taxpayers of Luzerne County and wished him and his family the best.

Mary Kamp, agreeing with Mr. Dombroski, requested that commissioner meetings be televised. Kathy Bozinski, Public Information Office, said she's still reviewing costs and other concerns, such as how meetings would be edited to meet broadcasting time limits. She also noted that while some would support the move, others have contacted her saying they think it would be a waste of money.

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Minutes

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s Meetings held on October 19th, 2005 and November 9, 2005.

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

Vouchers

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 427438GF – 428446GF
County General Fund for 2005

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

PNC Bank, Vouchers 500742LF – 500796LF
Liquid Fuels for 2005

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400178WC - 400196WC
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 DECEMBER 7, 2005; DECEMBER 14, 2005 AND DECEMBER 21, 2005.

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

MOTION

VA Federal Credit Union/PILOT Agreement

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.

Commissioner Urban recommended the motion be tabled citing the current language and his concern regarding how the motion, as stated above, would be applied after reassessment. Commissioner Urban added he did not understand how the City would receive a higher rate than the County citing the many County services including Human Services, Road and Bridge, etc. and not agreeing that the City had more responsibility of services.

Request a motion to table the VA Federal Credit Union/Pilot Agreement until the first meeting in January 2006, at which time Anthony Alu, Director, and Atty. David Schwagger, Solicitor, both of the Assesment Office, present more information regarding this motion.

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

MOTION

2002 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2002-45 (Appendix Pages 17-20)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$520,371.51 FROM THE 2002 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISTION 2002-45.

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

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003a-32 (Appendix Pages 21 thru 23)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$62,587.64 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES A FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISTION 2003A-32.

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

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003B-27 (Appendix Pages 24 thru 26)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$149,412.76 FROM THE 2002 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES B FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISTION 2003B-27.

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

MOTION

Resignation – Luzerne County Municipal Cooperation Commission

Request a motion to accept the resignation of Marge Stola, Nescopeck Borough Council President as a member of the Luzerne County Municipal Cooperation Commission effective October 17, 2005.

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

MOTION

Contract between Hartford Steam Boiler and Luzerne County

Request a motion to accept the contract between Hartford Steam Boiler and Luzerne County for Boiler and Machinery in the amount of \$17,447 effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

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

MOTION

Contract between Scottsdale Insurance Company and Luzerne County

December 21, 2005

Request a motion to accept the contract between Scottsdale Insurance Company and Luzerne County for Public Officials Liability in the amount of \$129,055 effective December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

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

MOTION

Contract between Midwest Employers Casualty Company and Luzerne County

Request a motion to accept the contract between Midwest Employers Casualty Company and Luzerne County for Excess Workers Compensation in the amount of \$99,103 effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

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

MOTION

Excalibur Insurance – Worker’s Compensation

Request a motion to approve Excalibur Insurance as Workers Compensation Insurance provider and third party administrator for a total of \$98,000 effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 with county optional 2 years renewal based on yearly percentage increase. Subject to Solicitor’s review and approval.

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

MOTION

Insurance Policies Renewal

Request a motion to approve the following Insurance Renewal Policies effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 through Joseph J. Joyce Associates, Inc. with optional 2 years renewal based on yearly percentage increase. All are subject to Solicitor’s review and approval.

Insurance Company:	Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange
Property:	\$ 186,499
Inland Marine	35,231
General Liability:	206,064
Automobile:	162,789
Crime:	1,575
Faithful Performance Bond:	702

*Note above policy premiums exclude Terrorism coverage

Mr. Moran provided overview of coverage and noting that a line item for Terrorism, estimated at \$19,000 is not included, citing, at present, that is covered under the Federal Terrorism Relief Act of 2001.

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

MOTION

Amendment 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (Appendix Page 27)

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2, LUZERNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

It was noted two responses were received and both will present to employees shortly after the first of 2006.

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

MOTION

Retain Medical Stop Loss Carrier

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL STOP LOSS CARRIER, ORIEN RISK, EFFECTIVE 1-01-06 TO 12-31-06.

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

MOTION

Resolution No. 122105A - COMCARE

Request a motion to adopt Resolution No. 122105A authorizing the undertaking of an advancement of \$696,000 from COMCARE to provide funds for working capital and authorizing and directing the proper officials of Luzerne County to do all things necessary to carry out this Resolution, and repealing all inconsistent Resolutions.

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

MOTION

Resolution No. 122105B - COMCARE

Request a motion to authorize the incurring of nonelectoral debt through issuance of General Obligation Note of Luzerne County in principal amount of \$125,000 for purpose of providing funds to purchase certain equipment and authorizing and directing the proper officers of County to do all things necessary to carry out the Resolution and to repeal all inconsistent Resolutions.

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

MOTION

2006 General Fund Budget – See Resolution

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2006 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

Commissioner Urban noted he will not support the 2006 Budget citing the plan contains a \$9.25 million shortfall that must be borrowed if savings don't materialize. Commissioner Greg Skrepenak said he and Commissioner Todd Vonderheid agreed while they don't like the \$9.25 million gap, services must be provided and they will continue to see methods to shrink the shortfall.

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

MOTION

2006 Liquid Fuels Budget – See Resolution

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2006 LIQUID FUELS BUDGET.

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

MOTION

Resolution No. 122105E – Tax Anticipation Note (Appendix Page 28 thru 36)

Request a motion to adopt Resolution No. 122105E authorizing the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note, series of 2006 in an aggregate principal amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000); providing for the dated date, interest rate, maturity date, payment and place of payment respect of the note; accepting the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “B” from the financial institution or entity name therein for the purchase of the note; naming a sinking fund depository/paying agent; authorizing the proper officers of the County to execute and deliver the note and certain other documents and certificates in connection therewith; designating the note as a “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation” under Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; authorizing and directing the preparation, certification and filing of the necessary documents with the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

END OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Request a motion to accept the following Financial Statement:

WACHOVIA BANK

General Fund.....	\$4,570,815.06
School, Road & Institution District.....	910,895.74
Real Estate Tax Sale Account	990,161.61
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	33,891.97
Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	726,523.28
Patients’ Personal Fund Account	76,062.76
911 Construction Fund.....	465,829.55
911 Operational Fund.....	21,248.92

PNC BANK, NORTHEAST, PA.

Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:

Office for the Aging	\$1,488,846.55
Children & Youth Department.....	444,097.57
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	209,457.87
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	179,255.36
Office of Human Services.....	4,852.83
Human Services Agencies/Transportation Department.....	9,427.98
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	73,098.61
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,367.89

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$136,636.52
Luzerne County Bridges.....	11,109.48
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	86,580.68
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	33,576.72

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$92,141.18
Luzerne County Agencies Account	1,126,090.41
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account.....	140,461.40
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection	72,962.78

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$20,113.87
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects.....	642,618.93
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects.....	65,230.80
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects	392.16

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER’S OFFICE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

November 17, 2005

General Fund	\$9,000,000.00
School, Road & Institution District	\$340,000.00
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund	\$685,000.00
Domestic Relations IV D Fund	\$1,500,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,400,000.00
Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:	
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$5,765,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$250,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$295,000.00
Transportation Department	\$1,080,300.00
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$950,000.00
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	\$25,565,300.00

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

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

CONTROLLERS REPORT- STEPHEN L. FLOOD

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:

- \$162,359.28 Business Development Loan Program
- \$853,870.94 Community Development Block Grant Program
- \$70,915.70 HOME Investment Partnership Program
- \$25,424.04 Emergency Shelter Grant Program

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, 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 December.

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 to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County’s December 2005 appropriation.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Bids Opened on December 14, 2005:

Luzerne County Bureau of Elections:

Disability Access Equipment

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

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. 530984TR to 531021TR inclusive in the amount of \$1,717,620.98

Patients’ Personal Fund:

Voucher No. 500308PP to 500330PP inclusive in the amount of \$ 12,433.07

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 515558AG to 515784AG inclusive in the amount of \$2,208,011.94

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 527817CY to 528057CY inclusive in the amount of \$2,355,192.85

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 542258MM to 542417MM inclusive in the amount of \$5,763,087.57

Human Services:

Voucher No. 550439HS to 550464HS inclusive in the amount of \$1,215,967.06

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 560527DA to 560559DA inclusive in the amount of \$ 559,888.54

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 – JOSEPH DEVIZIA, EXECUTIVE 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</u>
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH:</u>			
Artemis Media Group	Develop, Produce, and Place Radio & Television Commercials for recruitment of foster and adoptive homes	December 21, 2005 to June 30, 2006	\$25,000
Integra One	Computer Citrix Services Maintenance, set up and configuration of six server Citrix network including PCs, Workstations and network Printers	July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006	\$105.00 per hour not to exceed \$200,000.00
Golden Business Machines	Computer Access Programming Services Program existing Drug and Alcohol Access Data Base. Setting up additional services for Mental Health Services.	July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006	\$65.00 per hour not to exceed \$48,000.00
Golden Business Machines	General Computer Services Repair and Maintenance of Stand alone computers and printers	July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006	\$65.00 per hour not to exceed \$75,000.00

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

ENGINEER’S OFFICE – JIM BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute an amendment to the agreement with the GIS Consortium in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000 to provide consulting services for the management of the design, implementation, administration and maintenance of the County’s enterprise wide Geographic Information Systems.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT - JIM BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER

MOTION

Request permission to advertise for the sale of surplus equipment.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – ADRIAN MEROLLI (Appendix Page 37)

MOTION

Request a motion to adopt a Resolution committing Luzerne County to preparing a Bi-County Comprehensive Plan with Lackawanna County. This commitment will be in the form of local share funding as required by State grant procedures, and the necessary planning commission staff time and resources for the preparation and implementation of the plan, and signatory authorization for the Planning Director.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

**LUZERNE COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – WILLIAM P. BURKE,
DIRECTOR**

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

COURTHOUSE – FILE CABINETS:

ONE POINT INC. TOTAL BID: \$33,963.05
251 WYOMING AVE.
KINGSTON, PA 18704

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

PHILLIPS SUPPLY CO. TOTAL BID: \$37,058.90

PENN PLACE OFFICE BUILDING – SOUND SYSTEM:

GUYETTE COMMUNICATION IND. TOTAL BID: \$14,698.00
90 NARROWS ROAD
PLYMOUTH, PA 18651

ENGINEERS OFFICE – COLOR COPIER AND WIDE FORMAT COPIER:

COPYFAX TOTAL BID: \$20,803.00
54 PUBLIC SQUARE
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS – DISABILITY ACCESS EQUIPMENT:

INCLUSION SOLUTIONS TOTAL BID: \$40,084.30
6909 N. WESTERN AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60695

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

COURTHOUSE – FILM
VETERANS AFFAIRS – ALUMINUM FLAG HOLDERS
VETERANS AFFAIRS – GOVERNMENT PRE-CAST BASES

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

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:
OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:**

The Appointment of Doug Pape to the position of Contracts Manager at a salary of \$45,000 effective December 21, 2005.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

The Appointment of the following Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$27,585:

Jeanette Rosenau, Hudson, effective December 16, 2005
Melissa Elliot, Dallas, effective December 27, 2005
Rebekkah McCawley, Moosic effective December 27, 2005
Jennifer Tinner, Dallas effective December 27, 2005
Svetlana Martise, Long Pond effective December 27, 2005
Celeste Kucinski, Hazleton effective December 27, 2005
Angleique Morris, Swoyersville effective December 27, 2005
Marla Hunter, Wilkes-Barre effective December 27, 2005
Jason Stachokus, Plains effective December 27, 2005
Kristin Rasmus, Hunlock Creek effective December 29, 2005

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Appointment of the following Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$27,830:

Stacy Williams, Edwardsville effective December 12, 2005
Kimberly Hillard, Plymouth effective December 19, 2005
Holly Hess, Noxen effective December 27, 2005
Eleanor Nixon, Hazleton effective December 27, 2005
Miriam Krautheim, Mocanaqua effective January 16, 2006
Heather Lenahan, Warrior Run effective January 9, 2006

TRANSPORTATION:

The Appointment of the following Part Time Drivers at an hourly rate of \$8:

Willard Yale, Edwardsville effective November 29, 2005
Harry Gulich, Dallas effective December 5, 2005
Anthony Gober, Wilkes-Barre effective December 5, 2005
James Fink, Askam effective December 12, 2005

CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**MOTION TO APPOINT ALAN PUGH TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY
AT A SALARY OF \$75,000 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 21, 2005.**

Mr. Guesto clarified this position is intended to streamline Public Safety by combining the positions of the director of 911 and the director of Emergency Management.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

**REQUEST A MOTION TO CORRECT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT DATE AT:
TRANSPORTATION:**

Lawrence DeFluri, Hazleton as Scheduler effective December 5, 2005.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

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

Randi Setta to Caseworker 2 at an annual salary of \$27,585 effective December 27, 2005.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENT AT:
MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

A Correction in Salary for Gail Stredny, Caseworker Manager 1 at an annual salary of \$44,102.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

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

The Resignation of Amy Allardyce, Caseworker 2 effective December 7, 2005.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Michelle Sowga, Caseworker 2 effective January 6, 2006

TRANSPORTATION:

James Fink, Part Time Driver effective December 12, 2005.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

FMLA WITH PAY for Donna Domiano, Caseworker 2 effective October 31, 2005.

FMLA WITHOUT PAY for Joseph Kloss, Caseworker 2 effective November 29, 2005.

A RETURN from FMLA WITHOUT PAY for Yurii Gibly-Safka effective December 5, 2005.

A RETURN from FMLA WITHOUR PAY for Karen Wayne-Stevenson, Caseworker 2 effective December 23, 2005.

HUMAN SERVICES:

A RETURN from FMLA WITH PAY for Earl Nulton, Ditributed Systems Specialist 1 effective December 6, 2005.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

FMLA WITH PAY for Denyse Duaime, Caseworker 2 effective December 6, 2005

Intermittent FMLA WITH PAY for Frances Stanishefski, Fiscal Technician effective November 2, 2005.

A RETURN from FMLA WITHOUT PAY for Lisa Elgonitis, Caseworker 2 effective December 20, 2005.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING
TRAININGS/SEMINARS AT:
OFFICE OF BUDGET & FINANCE**

<u>ATTENDEE(S)</u>	<u>TRAINING SEMINAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
Anthony Alu	Assessors Assoc. Winter Meeting	Harrisburg, PA	1/12/05 & 1/13/06	\$25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
LUZERNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD**

RE-APPOINT:

Risa Stevens Andrews, 1044 Valley of the Lakes, Hazleton, PA – Conservation District Public Director – Effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2010.

APPOINT:

Thomas Venesky, 450 West County Road, Wapwallopen, PA – District Farmer Director – Effective January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2010.

LUZERNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL COOPERATION COMMISSION

Marie Manganiello, 58 Fulton Street, Pittston, PA as a member of the Luzerne County Municipal Cooperation Commission effective December 21, 2005.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Commissioner Skrepenak, on behalf of the Board, thanked employees who will be retiring and gave special praise Community Development Director Sandy Russell and Purchasing Director Bill Burke, who will also be retiring under the Life Transition Plan.

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