

On the above date at 5:00 P.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; Bill Brace, Deputy Chief Clerk; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.; Doug Richards, Human Resources; Michael Morreale; Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Director of Community Development; Adrian F. Merolli, Director of Planning, 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 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

There were no announcements.

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

**1. Check Presentation: Mountain Council of Governments
Dan Gydish**

BID OPENINGS

There are no bid openings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Hayden, Jr., Hazleton, provided comment on the Broad Street Corridor Project stating that it is vital to our area. It will bring more people downtown; it will bring more people throughout Hazleton and through our community and of course, Luzerne County. But, again, as a taxpayer, as a building owner, as a business owner, I would like to continue making this process moving as quickly as possible so we can continue our good growth for Hazleton.

Thomas Yurick, West Hazleton, delivered a petition with 2, 201 signatures against the Broad Street Corridor Project. This isn't just resurfacing; it is a major undertaking that is literally gutting the community. Changes being made will be irreversible. The families are going to be effected. People who are involved with this don't live here, they are insensitive to the issue. The majority of the people who own business in West Hazleton are saying 'no'. The Commissioners should follow the instructions of the people and that's what this petition signifies.

Bill Spear, Hazleton, voiced his support for the Broad Street Corridor Project. He provided comment on the safety issues including; pedestrian lights, traffic lights, turn only lanes, lighting, uprooted trees, and sidewalks. This project gives us a once in a lifetime opportunity. Other cities have done it and Hazleton deserves to do it too.

Jason Misto, Bottleneck Saloon and Eatery in West Hazleton voiced his support of the Broad Street Corridor Project, stating that there are more businesses than residences. His family has spent \$30,000 on improvements on their building along with just about everybody on the street. He would like the rest of Broad Street updated and to stay with the times.

Don Elko, Covenant Abstract in West Hazleton, stated he is strongly in favor of this. He is in favor of any project that will better West Hazleton. All of Broad Street desperately needs this.

Jim Christman, West Hazleton, provided comment on the Broad Street Corridor Project stating that he is a 50 year resident and his family are life long residents of Hazleton. This project is long over due, this is a good second step. The first step of work on Broad Street and Diamond Avenue resulted in better and safer traffic flow. Mr. Christman asked that these worthwhile projects move forward. He left eight letters of support from businesses on Broad Street and read from some of them.

Carol Kay, Hazleton Senior Center, thanked the Commissioners for having meetings in Hazlton and provided comment on support for the Broad Street Corridor Project; stating that the new lights, street lights will be wonderful and she will not have to worry about the seniors when they go on the streets.

James Flame, West Hazleton, represents a group of West Hazleton residents that support the Broad Street Corridor Project. He stated that business will be better after the project is completed. He asked that this project move forward as planned.

Bill Bauer, Hazleton, CEO for Hazleton General Hospital, strongly supports the Broad Street Corridor Project stating safety issues are a main concern.

Gary Damish, Hazleton, provided comment on traveling through West Hazleton and the safety issues. The Broad Street Corridor Project is already paid for and will unite two communities, so we can all be very proud of Southern Luzerne County.

Ann Marie Shelby, Hazle Township provided comment on the dredge, fly ash and air quality in Luzerne County. She also provided comment that the traffic lights be controlled instead of widening Broad Street.

Susan Bartholomew-Palmer, Wilkes-Barre, provided comment and questioned legal issues regarding guardianship of her brother. She also believes that many people in Luzerne County are being held in the system against their will for the sole purpose of individuals within county government to extort their assets from them. After explanation and discussion, Ms. Bartholomew-Palmer was instructed that she would need to go to the Court System to pursue this matter.

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COMMUNICATIONS – SAMUEL T. GUESTO, JR.

Minutes

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting held on
January 31, 2007

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Vouchers

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 445211GF - 445372GF
County General Fund for 2007

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “ABSTAIN” URBAN

PNC Bank, Vouchers 501589LF - 501614LF
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2007

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400243WC - 400242WC
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
February 28, 2007, March 7, 2007 and March 14, 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency –Flooding

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from June 26th, 2006 due to flash flooding and flooding from the Susquehanna River. This motion is for the weeks of March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, & April 16th 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency – Flash 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 March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, & April 16th 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepentak.

“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 March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, & April 16th 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency – Snow Storm

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve and ratify continuing the State of Emergency that resulted from the heavy snow of February 14th thru the 16th, 2007. This motion is for the weeks of Feb21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11, & Apr 18th 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Internal Revenue Code

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the attached resolution approving, in accordance with Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a plan of finance by the Geisinger Authority, effective March 14, 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 funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Health, Safety & Welfare

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the attached resolution declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Luzerne County for the Geisinger Authority to undertake a project involving the issuance of Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 (Geisinger Health System) and to undertake other projects involving Geisinger Health System Foundation and its affiliates serving the people of Luzerne County, effective March 14, 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 funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Tax Refund- Board of Assessment Appeals

Request a motion to approve the following refunds through the Assessment Board of Appeals:

Sabatini’s Pizza (Billboard refund)	West Wyoming Boro.	\$146.02
	Total Refund:	\$146.02

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Second Amendment/ 21st Century Appraisals

Request a motion to adopt and approve a Second Amendment to the September 17, 2003 Luzerne County Reassessment and Related Services Agreement with 21st Century Appraisals, Inc., said second amendment to be effective March 30, 2007.

Commissioner Skrepenak introduced Dr. Robert Barr, President, 21st Century Appraisals, Inc., and asked him to explain his recommendations.

Mr. Barr provided an explanation of his recommendations and highlighted points on the recommendation letter dated March 13, 2007. There was a discussion between Dr. Barr and the Commissioners regarding cost, right to appeal, property values and details of the contract and it was noted that the county has above and beyond what is needed to pay for Reassessment.

Commissioner Urban stated for the record that he did not vote to put this off. He concurs that this should go forward.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “NAYES” URBAN

MOTION

Public Safety Technology Strategic Plan

Request a motion to accept the proposal from Total Computer Group to complete a study and develop a Public Safety Technology Strategic Plan which includes a county wide Records Management System to enhance the ability of our municipal law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system to more effectively share information, communicate and promote cooperation between departments. This motion authorizes the Chief Clerk, Samuel T. Guesto Jr. and his management team to negotiate with Total Computer Group. Once a contract has been agreed to in principle it will be sent to Attorney James Blaum for his review prior to being presented to the Commissioners for formal approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Telephone Services Contract Renewal

Request a motion to approve the three (3) year contract renewal with CTSI to provide telephone services to Luzerne County government. The total monthly cost of the contract as negotiated is \$2,085.08 less per month than the monthly cost of the five (5) year contract that expires this month. An analysis of the rates for equivalent services provided by other competitive local exchange carriers in Northeastern Pennsylvania showed that CTSI's services are the lowest cost.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, “ABSTAIN” URBAN

MOTION

RFP/ 911

Request a motion to release an RFP for Dispatch Consoles and Chairs for 9-1-1.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

RFP/911

Request a motion to release an RFP for ACOM Radio Dispatch System and Installation for 9-1-1.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-17 (Appendix 22 thru 24)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$39,463.95 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES D FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003D-17.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Tax Collection - Lake-Lehman School District

Request a motion to approve the request of Lake-Lehman School District to have the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau process and collect Lake-Lehman School District’s delinquent real estate taxes commencing with Tax Year 2006 at a commission rate of 5% of collections.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Skrepentak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Resolution

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, effective March 14, 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 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources funding in regards to the Community Conservation Partnerships Program. The County’s application is seeking \$25,000 in funding to update the Master Plan for the Seven Tubs Natural Area.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Application/PA Department of Environmental Protection

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), effective March 14, 2007, as well as authorization for the Executive Director of the Luzerne County Planning Commission execute any and all documents necessary for the application for and receipt of Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Grant funds.

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.....	\$3,752,116.97
School, Road & Institution District.....	95,374.74
Real Estate Tax Sale Account	895,935.52
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	2,123.31
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	232,420.15
Patients' Personal Fund Account	7,477.79
911 Construction Fund.....	107,715.83
911 Operational Fund.....	11,274.91

PNC BANK

Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:

Office for the Aging	\$349,243.49
Children & Youth Services.....	707,662.07
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	52,666.10
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	36,161.99
Office of Human Services.....	5,698.11
Transportation Department.....	12,588.64
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	109,906.49
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account	27,496.24

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$186,312.30
Luzerne County Bridges.....	113,474.38
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	64,494.91
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	31,630.27

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$43,251.30
Luzerne County Agencies Account	1,057,292.51
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account	270,918.60
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection	278,286.98

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$35,789.06
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects	41,259.64
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects.....	174,304.25
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects	252,238.40

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$900,000.00
Domestic Relations IV D Fund	\$2,035,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,650,000.00
Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:	
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$11,050,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$375,000.00
Drug & Alcohol	\$600,000.00
Transportation Department	\$760,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$2,250,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$185,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$500,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	\$2,175,000.00
Total	\$22,480,000.00

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

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:

- \$122,600.50 Community Development Block Grant Program
- \$ 19,232.94 Emergency Shelter Grant Program
- \$167,529.16 HOME Investment Partnership Program

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 March 2007.

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 March 2007 appropriation.

Bids opened on March 7, 2007:

Convention & Visitors Bureau:

Spring/Summer Visitors Guides

Bureau of Elections:

Delivery & Re-Delivery of Voting Machines

Bids opened on March 14, 2007:

Solid Waste Management:

Electronics Recycling Collection

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

Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department:
Voucher No. 532492 to 632408 inclusive in the amount of \$2,751,523.07

Bureau for the Aging:
Voucher No. 710671 to 711009 inclusive in the amount of \$1,510,006.04

Children and Youth:
Voucher No. 720900 to 721594 inclusive in the amount of \$1,059,275.87

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:
Voucher No. 740296 to 740391 inclusive in the amount of \$5,373,119.53

Human Services:
Voucher No. 750068 to 750096 inclusive in the amount of \$2,078,693.95

Drug and Alcohol:
Voucher No. 760061 to 760099 inclusive in the amount of \$2,182,472.72

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 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>				
Aaron North	Personal Care	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$10,000	\$25,000
Comfort Keepers	Personal Care	" "	\$ 25,000	\$36,000
Home Sweet Home	Bridge/Waiver Personal Care	" "	\$4,000	\$6,500
Independent Life Services	Personal Care	" "	\$10,000	\$22,000
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>				
Institute for Human Res.	Residential	7/1/05-6/30/06	\$3,968,784	\$4,054,537
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Employ. Srvs., Housing Support & Residential	" "	\$6,468,606	\$6,470,917
ARC of Wyoming County	Residential	" "	\$935,391	\$972,640
Family Care Consortium	Residential	" "	\$170,673	\$172,053
United Rehab. Srvs.	MR Comm. abilit. Employ. & MH/MR Pre-Voc & Srvs.	" "	\$2,334,784	\$2,513,490
Keystone Adult Day Care	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Srvs.	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$460,000	\$469,006
Institute for Human Res.	Residential	" "	\$4,139,761	\$4,147,695
Suncom Industries, Inc.	Comm. Habilit., Employ. Srvs., Pre-Voc. & Transport	" "	\$23,000	\$38,002
Luzerne-Wyoming Cty. Transportation Dept.	Transport Srvs.	" "	\$546,000	\$604,000
Cori's Place, Inc.	Comm. Habilit.	" "	\$164,000	\$180,000
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm Srv.	" "	\$58,800	\$58,800
<u>(Funding Source Change – no change to total contract)</u>				

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>				
Goodwill Industries	Employ. Srvs. & Residential	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$1,657,145	\$1,658,751
Sheila Mooney	Special Therapy	“ ”	\$10,000	\$11,400
Comfort Keepers (Hazleton)	Respite In-Home	“ ”	\$8,000	\$11,000

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Request a motion to approve Joyce Insurance Group, as general, professional and employee benefits liability insurance provider for a total of \$95,927, effective March 15, 2007 to March 15, 2008 with optional 2 years renewal based on yearly percentage increase. This would be subject to the solicitor’s review and approval.

Commissioner Urban questioned if this was advertised and if this is the liability insurance for Children & Youth. Mr. DiVizia answered yes to both.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR:

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

The Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PDDC) 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 award in regards to the STOP Violence Against Women grant 2007/2008.

Commissioner Skrepenak commented that there are very big issues with women and addiction and asked that Mr. DiVizia work with Mike Donahue and the other providers to focus on women’s programs.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak..

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT FOR:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the agreement between the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program for the administration of the Infants, Toddlers and Families Medicaid Waiver for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, which agreement may be slightly revised prior to execution to meet certain requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare subject to Solicitor review and confirmation that such changes are not of a material nature.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE FOLLOWING FOR:

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

Submission of the Luzerne County 2006/2007 Medical Assistance Service Plan and Assurance of Compliance to the PA Department of Public Welfare, Office of Social Programs.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

ENGINEERS’S OFFICE – JAMES BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute a Public Disaster Assistance Application and Agreement for Financial Assistance with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the November 2006 Flood Event.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Request permission to advertise for Debris Removal from the Toby Creek Impounding Basin as part of the June 2006 flood event.

Commissioner Urban questioned what happened to the bridge repairs. Mr. Brozena answered there are 3 different bids that they are putting into one package so all will be rebid to finish in this year.

Commissioner Skrepenak commented on Coalbrook and that Wilkes-Barre will be meeting with FEMA to remove filler. Mr. Brozena stated they will be meeting to discuss mitigation type products along with the removal of filler. Commissioner Skrepenak asked Mr. Brozena to keep the Commissioners informed on where the city is on that issue.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT-GREGORY HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR

REQUEST A MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

LUZERNE COUNTY COURT HOUSE: COPY PAPER

LUZERNE COUNTY COURT HOUSE: LASER PAPER

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: SIX (6) DESKTOP COMPUTERS
SEVEN (7) MOBILE PRINTERS
FIVE (5) GPS RECEIVERS AND SOFTWARE

PROBATION SERVICES: 150 BULLET PROOF VESTS

DOMESTIC RELATION SERVICES: REUPHOLSTER 89 OFFICE CHAIRS

BUREAU OF AGING: REMODELING OF PLAINS SENIOR CENTER

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES: 20 MICRO-TOWERS

GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES TOTAL BID \$14,980.00
163-165 CHURCH STREET
KINGSTON, PA 18704

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:

INTELLACOM TOTAL BID \$20,160.00
INTEGRA \$16,740.40
COMPUTER VISIONARIES (REMOVED THEMSELVES FROM \$12,160.40
BID-DID NOT INCLUDE MONITORS)

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES: 20 NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS

INTEGRA TOTAL BID \$19,660.00
7248 TILGHMAN STREET
SUITE 120
ALLENTOWN, PA 18106

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:

COMPUTER VISIONARIES TOTAL BID \$26,900.00
INTELLACOM \$24,100.00
GOLDEN BUSINESS MACHINES \$23,840.00

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES:

CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEMS
SOFTWARE

AVANCO INTL
1751 PINNACLE DRIVE
SUITE 425
McLEAN, VA 22102

TOTAL BID \$80,000.00

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE:

FLAGS

FLAGZONE
313 CIRCLE OF PROGRESS
POTTSTOWN, PA 19464

1,173 GROSS @\$.43 EACH

TOTAL BID \$72,632.16

LUZERNE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU:

VISITORS GUIDES (SPRING/SUMMER VERSION)

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

DELIVERY AND RE-DELIVERY OF VOTING MACHINES

Commissioner Urban questioned if the purchase of the flags for Veterans Affairs is under the Multi County Agreement or separate. Mr. Richard Wren, Director of Veterans Affairs answered yes and that by going this route we will be saving \$4,200.00 by doing this.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

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Opened for Public Comment concerning the following bid information not listed above.
Mr. Hunsinger named the winning bidders as follows:

LUZERNE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU:

VISITORS GUIDES (SPRING/SUMMER VERSION)

CORCORAN PRINTING
WILKES-BARRE

TOTAL BID \$24,830.00

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

DELIVERY AND RE-DELIVERY OF VOTING MACHINES

MATHESON TRANSFER COMPANY
FORTY-FORT

TOTAL BID \$27,000.00

With there being no public comment a motion was requested to approve the following contracts for the Providers for service specified.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

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PLANNING COMMISSION – ADRIAN MEROLLI

MOTION

1. Request a motion to approve the Surveying Consultant Agreement between the County of Luzerne and JTB Surveying and Engineering for 2007 to provide surveying services for the County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program. The cost will be limited to a maximum of \$ 7,000 per survey and we will do 3 surveys this year. The total cost of this Agreement will be reimbursed by the State and therefore have no budgetary effect upon the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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MOTION

2. Request a motion to approve a letter agreement between the County of Luzerne and Van Fleet Appraisal Service to provide appraisal services for the County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program for 2007 at a total cost of \$ 1,200 per appraisal with a limit of three (3) appraisals for the year. The cost of this agreement is reimbursable by the State at the 100% level.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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MOTION

3. Request a motion to approve a letter agreement between the County of Luzerne and Lawyers Land Abstract Inc. to provide title insurance services for the County's Agricultural Land Preservation Program for 2007 using the Pennsylvania established rates. The cost of this agreement is reimbursable by the State at the 100% level.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

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MOTION

4. Request a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the filing and execution of a Transportation Planning Grant application with PaDOT to fund the annual transportation planning activities for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

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MOTION

5. Request a motion to adopt a resolution to close out the PaDCNR Grant that funded the Bi-County Open Space Plan and the Back Mt. COG's Open Space Plan and allow for the final request for reimbursement to be submitted.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

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MOTION

6. Request a motion to accept the proposal from Borton-Lawson Engineering to provide consultant services and prepare a Countywide Phase 1 Stormwater Management Plan and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Luzerne County Commissioners to execute the consultant agreement. The proposal is for \$ 9,455 and is funded by a 75% state grant.

Commissioner Urban asked for the completion date.

Mr. Merolli stated the completion will be in 4 to 5 months.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

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MOTION

7. Request a motion to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Luzerne and the County of Lackawanna to formalize the cost sharing arrangement regarding the preparation of a Bi-County Comprehensive Plan, Long Range Transportation Plan, and Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. This joint project will cost \$ 1,178,056, with Lackawanna County’s share being \$ 571,928. The cost will be reimbursed at varying rates as it is being funded by four (4) different grants.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

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LUZERNE COUNTY PROBATION SERVICES

MOTION

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an agreement to Catholic Social Services for:

JUVENILE PROBATION/EDUCATION INITIATIVE 2005/2006
JUVENILE PROBATION/EDUCATION INITIATIVE 2006/2007
ADULT PROBATION COMMUNITY SERVICE 2007
ADULT PROBATION POST TRIAL 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT FOR PROVIDER, SERVICES, TERM AND RATES SPECIFIED:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>
NHS YOUTH SERVICES		07/01/06-06/30/07	
NORTHWESTERN ACADEMY			
BOOT CAMP			\$141.00/DAY
CREST			\$272.00/DAY
INTENSIVE SECURE			\$241.00/DAY
INTERMEDIATE SECURE			\$226.00/DAY
INTERMEDIATE OPEN			\$226.00/DAY
COMMUNITY BASED RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM			\$226.00/DAY
SHELTER CARE			\$226.00DAY
SEXUAL OFFENDERS GROUP TREATMENT			\$258.00/DAY
BUILDING BRIDGES GIRLS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM			\$230.00DAY

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderhied seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

MARCH 14, 2007

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

MOON LAKE PARK:

Anthony Kowalczyk, Marina Attendant at \$6.50/per hour effective March 30, 2007.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Diane Finnegan, Hanover Twp., as a Clerk 2 at an annual salary of \$19,552 effective March 16, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Appointment of the following Part Time Drivers at an hourly rate of \$8.00 effective March 13, 2007:

John Carey, Wilkes-Barre
John Stair, Dallas
Frank Pollock, Hazleton
Donald Daniels, Wilkes-Barre

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Graig Hartley, White Haven, as a 911 Telecommunicator at an annual salary of \$23,500 effective March 16, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

Richard Machey, Conyngham, as 911 Telecommunicator at an annual salary of \$23,500 effective March 16, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

John T. Klein, Hazleton, as a 911 Telecommunicator at an annual salary of \$23,500 effective March 16, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Donald B. Fetterman, Wapwallopen, to the position of truck driver at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 effective March 5, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

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Andress L. Derby, Shickshinny, to the position of Truck Driver at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 effective March 5, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

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James P. Ambrose, Pringle, to the position of Truck Driver at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 effective March 5, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

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Stanley F. Goliembeski, Hanover Twp., to the position of Truck Driver at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 effective March 5, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

VETERAN AFFAIRS:

James Spagnola, Wilkes-Barre, as Veteran Benefits Specialist at an annual salary of \$32,500 effective March 12, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

SECURITY:

Bruce Silveri, West Pittston, Security Guard at an annual salary of \$18,300 effective March 16, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO RESCIND THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Bernard Magagna, Caseworker 2, effective March 9, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

A Change in Start Date for April Kelley, Scheduler, effective January 31, 2007.

A Change from Part Time Driver to Full Time Driver for Joseph Urevitch at an annual salary of \$18,720 effective March 23, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION AT:

IT (INFORMATION TECH) DEPARTMENT:

Wendy Wickham, Mailroom Clerk I at an annual salary of \$18,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A \$250 Certification Pay Adjustment for Lana Waichulis, Social Services Aide 3, at an annual salary of \$23,157 effective December 15, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

AGING:

George J. Farris, Part Time Senior Center Manager effective April 27, 2007.

911:

Sarah Draus, Telecommunicator, effective February 15, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

Jason Gibbs, Part Time Driver effective February 20, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Urban.

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

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

Pamela O’Hearn, FMLA with Pay effective February 26, 2007 through May 7, 2007.

AGING:

An Intermittent FMLA for Sandra Longo, Aging Case Aide 2, effective February 20, 2007.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A FMLA for Tara Schultz, Caseworker 2 effective February 23, 2007.

A FMLA for Joseph Kloss, Caseworker 2 effective January 5, 2007 through January 16, 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>BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS:</u>				
Anthony Alu, Director of Assessment	Assessors Association Spring Board Conference	Champion, PA	5/1 -5/4/07	\$1,050.00
Assessors Office/ 3 Office Personnel	Clean & Green Seminar	Harrisburg	4/20/07	\$250.00

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Gerry Chickeletti Mary DiLiberto Theresa Graham Brenda Lispi Debbie Milz Millie Passeri	Waiver & Case Management Enrichment Symposium	Camp Hill	3/26-3/28/07	\$930
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CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Ann Marie Black Marcia Barnes	Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for Panic Disorder	Scranton	3/14/07	\$75
Donna Barnes Nicole Bednarek Victor Drosey Anthony Lumbis	Child Welfare Law 2007	State College	3/29/07	\$1,270

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Judy Kresky Marilee McDonough Gail Stredny	Early Intervention Leadership Meeting	State College	3/6-3/8/07	\$434
Rich Burns	2007 HealthChoices Retreat	State College	3/15-3/16/07	\$96
Gail Matushek Malinda Hunter	How to Become a Better Communicator	Bloomsburg	5/23/07	\$298

PARKS/RECREATION:

Andy Gegarlis, Chief of Environment & Recreation	Governor's Outdoor Conference	State College	3/18-3/20/07	\$600.00
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It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid seconded by Commissioner Skrepentak.

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END OF PERSONNEL

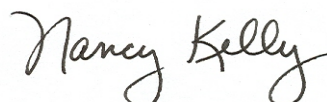
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Request a motion to adjourn.

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

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Respectfully,



Nancy Kelly, Recording Secretary

APPENDIX SHEET

2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE – 2003D-1.....22 - 24

March 14, 2007

On the above date immediately following the regularly scheduled Luzerne County Board of Commissioners meeting the Salary Board convened their 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; Joe DiVizia, Director, Human Services; Toni Cisowski, Director MH/MR; Michael L. Morreale, Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; James J. Brozena, County Engineer; Gregory Hunsinger, Director of Property and Supply,; Adrian F. Merolli, Director of Planning; 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

No announcements.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SALARY BOARD ACTION FOR:

MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION:

Create: One (1) Mental Health Court Forensic Coordinator with a salary range of \$38,000 - \$48,000 effective March 14, 2007.

Commissioner Skrepenak requested Toni Cisowski to explain this position and the need for this position.

Toni Cisowski, Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrator provided comment on this position and the urgent need to help the MH/MR population.

Commissioner Urban stated his strong support for the Mental Health Court.

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

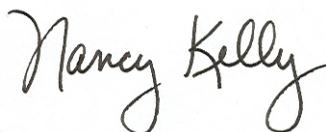
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN, PETRILLA

A Motion was entertained to adjourn the Salary Board Meeting.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN, PETRILLA

Respectfully,



Nancy Kelly, Recording Secretary