
From: Lawton, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: Checks to wrong address

Madam Chair:

Thank you for sharing with me the email below.

As you know, assisting Council in its duties is one of my work's great pleasures.

Do please advise Council Member Brominski that I shall address during the Manager's Report section of the next Council meeting any inquiries below which do not violate Charter or statute.

Best regards,
Bob Lawton
County Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 10:47 PM
To: Lawton, Robert
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Checks to wrong address

Mr. Lawton:

Please see the question below from Mr. Brominski.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

-----Original Message-----

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Mon 1/19/2015 10:34 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky

Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Checks to wrong address

Madam Chair:

Could we get a response from the executive branch to this question?

What was the reason for the check for the Selinski defense being sent to the wrong person? What assurances do we have that it will not happen again and that it has not happened in the past? What corrective action is being taken to prevent further errors such as this , who is being held responsible for this error and what punishment will be meted out? I would like a response to these questions by end of the work day Thursday 1/22/2015.

Thank you .. Edd Brominski

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: response

Madam Chair:

Would it be safe for me to presume that I will not get any answers to my questions regarding the fiscal error made with regards to the check sent to the wrong person in the Sellnski case??

Edd Brominski

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 2:32 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Tax Collectors Order

Attachments: image003.jpg; ECOPLY-WB_Exchange_03-18-2014_17-17-31.pdf



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Settlement agreement.

LUZERNE COUNTY TAX
COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, by
MILDRED LUBA, LEONARD KOZICK
and JACQUELINE LATOSEK,
Trustees ad Litem, MILDRED LUBA,
LEONARD KOZICK, JACQUELINE
LATOSEK, JEAN MUDLOCK,
DOMINIC PANETTA, RUSSELL DAVIS,
MICHAEL MAZUR, and JEFFERY
LEWIS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LUZERNE COUNTY,

Defendant.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL ACTION

No. 2013-3042

2014 MAR 18 PM 2:44
CLERK OF COURT
LUZERNE COUNTY

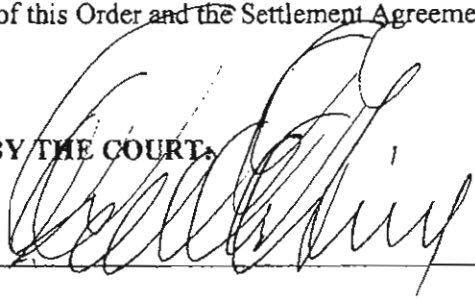
ORDER

AND NOW, this 11 day of *March*, 2014, upon consideration of the attached Settlement Agreement and the Notice of Appeal of Plaintiffs, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DIRECTED** as follows:

1. That the Settlement Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby **APPROVED** and shall be entered as an Order of Court with the same force and effect thereof.
2. The Notice of Appeal filed by Plaintiffs in this matter on November 26, 2013, is hereby **WITHDRAWN** and **DISCONTINUED**.

3. The Court retains jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter to ensure compliance with the terms of this Order and the Settlement Agreement.

BY THE COURT,



A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized and cursive, appearing to read 'J. J. [unclear]'. The signature is positioned to the right of the text 'BY THE COURT,'.

J.

EASTBURN & GRAY, PC
 Michael J. Savona, Esquire
 Pa ID# 78076
 Michael E. Peters, Esquire
 Pa ID# 314266
 60 E. Court Street
 Doylestown, PA 18901
 215-345-7000

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

LUZERNE COUNTY TAX	:	COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
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CLERK OF COURT
 LUZERNE COUNTY

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement is made by and among Luzerne County Tax Collectors Association, *et al.* ("Plaintiffs"), and Luzerne County ("County") (collectively "the Parties").

BACKGROUND

A. On March 8, 2013, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint requesting a declaratory judgment, preliminary injunction and permanent injunction that Luzerne County Ordinance

2013-2 be vacated and Luzerne County be enjoined from undertaking any effort to implement Ordinance 2013-2, and to commence direct collection of county real estate taxes.

B. The within matter was litigated before the Court by way of a Joint Stipulation of Facts, entered September 9, 2013, and a briefing schedule.

C. On October 28, 2013, this Court entered an Order denying Plaintiff's request for injunctive relief, finding Ordinance 2013-2 was valid and enforceable.

D. Plaintiffs filed a Notice of Appeal of this Court's Order to Commonwealth Court on November 26, 2013.

E. Further, Plaintiffs have filed an Application for Stay Pending Disposition of Appeal, seeking to enjoin the implementation of Ordinance 2013-2 during the pendency of their appeal. A hearing on the Application for Stay is pending.

F. In order to avoid continued litigation and additional expense, the Parties have agreed to resolve the outstanding legal and factual issues presented in this matter, and have agreed to enter into a Settlement Agreement which will resolve all matters raised in the above captioned case, to be approved by the Court and entered as a Final Order.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

In consideration of the recitals set forth in the Background section of this Agreement and the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the Parties and the subject matter of this action.
2. This Settlement Agreement is contingent upon approval by the Court, and if not approved shall be null and void and of no further force and effect.

3. If this Settlement Agreement is approved and entered as a Court Order, the approval and Order shall not be appealable by any party and the Parties waive and relinquish any rights of appeal in connection with the approval of this Settlement Agreement and its entry as a Court Order.

4. Ordinance 2013-2 is hereby declared null, void, and of no further force or effect.

5. The elected real estate tax collectors who collected county real estate taxes in 2013 will continue to do so for the four year term of office spanning 2014 through 2017.

6. The County will compensate the elected collectors for the duration of the 2014-2017 term of office in accordance with the following schedule:

a. 2014	\$2.00 per collected bill
b. 2015	\$2.00 per collected bill
c. 2016	\$2.50 per collected bill
d. 2017	\$2.50 per collected bill

7. All monies collected must be presented to the Luzerne County Treasurer's Office on or before the 10th day of the month following the month in which the money is collected. (Example - all funds collected in March will be in house with the Treasurer's Office by April 10). Failure to abide by this condition will subject the offending collector to a penalty of \$1.00 per parcel that is collected but not remitted.

8. All real estate tax abatements collected by a tax collector must be processed and returned to the Luzerne County Treasurer's Office within 60 days of issuance by the Luzerne County Assessor's Office. Failure to adhere to this provision will subject the offending collector to a penalty of \$25.00.

9. No individual tax collector will be paid more than \$25,000.00 by the County in any calendar year.

10. All tax collectors shall provide a copy of their bond to the County on or before February 15 of each year. The County will pay 1/3 of the cost of the bond as provided under past practice.

11. The Luzerne County 'Tax Collectors' Association and its officers will cooperate with County administration to establish a forum to address public issues and concerns regarding tax collection and tax collectors.

12. Each Plaintiff hereby waives and releases any and all claims against Luzerne County regarding compensation.

13. The terms of this Agreement shall be confined to settlement of the matters raised in the instant action and shall not be deemed a binding precedent in any similar future matter.

14. The County hereby imposes a service fee of \$2.00 per certification upon tax certifications provided by tax collectors to third parties, which same fees the Plaintiff tax collectors agree to collect and remit to the County during 2014 and 2015 .

15. All service fees collected for tax certifications will be presented to the County Treasurer's Office on or before the 10th day of the month following the month in which the money is collected. (Example - all funds collected in March will be in house with the Treasurer's Office by April 10). The aforementioned service fees are imposed in addition to, and not in place of, any and all other certification fees currently collected per tax certification by any tax collector, and shall be paid by the third parties requesting such certifications. Each tax collector shall agree to provide verification of collection and remittance of service fees to the County on a bi-monthly basis.

16. The County hereby imposes a service fee of \$2.00 per duplicate bill upon duplicate County tax bills provided by tax collectors to third parties, which same fees the Plaintiff tax collectors agree to collect and remit to the County during 2014 and 2015.

17. All service fees collected for duplicate County tax bills will be presented to the County Treasurer's Office on or before the 10th day of the month following the month in which the money is collected. (Example - all funds collected in March will be in house with the Treasurer's Office by April 10). The aforementioned service fees are imposed in addition to, and not in place of, any and all other duplicate bill fees currently collected by any tax collector, and shall be paid by the third parties requesting such duplicate bills. Each tax collector shall agree to provide verification of collection and remittance of service fees to the County on a bi-monthly basis.

18. Plaintiff tax collectors agree to notify the County in the event that a third party fails or refuses to pay the service fees imposed by the County under paragraphs 14 and 16 of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require Plaintiffs to undertake legal action to collect fees due to the County which any third party may refuse to pay.

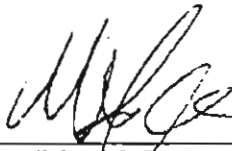
19. The Plaintiff tax collectors shall submit to audit by the County as required by law.

20. The parties agree to the entry of the foregoing terms as a final and binding Court Order and as settlement of the litigation at the above captioned number and term, including any claims raised on appeal or in any application for stay.

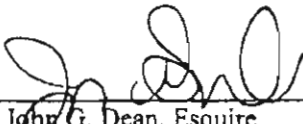
21. Counsel certify that they have the full authority of their respective clients to enter into this Settlement of behalf of their respective clients and to present this Settlement Agreement for approval and entry as an Order of Court.

22. In January 2014, the Luzerne County Council passed a Resolution approving Settlement of this matter.

23. This Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction over the Parties and the subject matter hereto to ensure compliance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Court Order.

By: 

Michael J. Savona, Esquire
Attorney for Plaintiffs

By: 

John G. Dean, Esquire
Attorney for the County of Luzerne

From: Urban, Stephen J
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 10:10 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Re: Payroll Error

So yet another payroll mistake/error, another embarrassment and "black eye" for the County. When does it end and when are some of my colleagues going to start seeing the incompetence coming out of the management from the Executive side? Who's going to pay for the fees and expenses for this mistake? Maybe one of us needs to draft up a budget ordinance for a new expense line item for Management Errors and Associated Fees. Something as minute as evenly breaking out payroll deductions for a year cannot be done? When is enough enough? And some want the County to do additional tax collection work for other municipalities? Luzerne County's house isn't even in order!

Tired of basic core management functions not being able to be completed on time and done correctly! One word, pathetic!

Sincerely,

**Stephen J. Urban
Member of County Council
Luzerne County, PA**

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 10:22 PM
To: Ed Brominski
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: Advisory Board

Thank you for the information.

Linda Houck

-----Original Message-----
From: Ed Brominski [mailto:ed.brominski@luzerne-county.org]
Sent: Thu 1/22/2015 12:34 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Fw: Advisory Board

Madam chair:

Here are the answers to your questions. The issue about an elected official seems to be a matter of interpretation by the council. We do, after all, select members.

Ead Brominski

From: Mary Roselle

Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2015 12:07 PM

To:

Subject: Advisory Board

Mr. Brominski,

Attached are 2 files including the portion of the by-laws that discusses appointing the members and also a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Adams stating that his term expired on 12/2014. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thanks.

Mary Roselle

Director of Administrative Services

570-822-1158 x2314

From: Urban, Stephen J
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 11:26 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Checks

All,

I was in Courthouse this morning and I was able to pick up our checks at around 11AM . I've placed each of them in a white envelope and they are in your respective mailboxes. The door from the Council office to the Council meeting room is locked.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Urban
Member of County Council
Luzerne County, PA

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Did you see this?

Mdam Chair:

Were you or any of council aware of this? If so , when was it discussed? I do not recall any discussion on this. Correct me if I am wrong.

Edd Brominski

http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/departments_agencies/office_of_community_development/2013_Annual_Assesment.pdf

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 1:18 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: contract for steve menn

Attachments: Office of Law-Stephen Menn, Esq.pdf



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v-Stephen Menn, E

Madam Chair:

Could you please get an explanation of this contract? I thought Atty. Menn was a solicitor for the county now? What is this about, and do we not have to be informed about this rather than find it on line???

Edd Brominski

Subject: contract for steve menn

call me

Walter

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 5:46 PM
To: Brominski, Edward
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: Did you see this?

This is the first time I have seen this document.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

----- Original message -----

From: "Brominski, Edward" <eabrominski@luzernecounty.org>
Date: 01/23/2015 12:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <lmhouck@luzernecounty.org>
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members <LCCM@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: Did you see this?

Mdam Chair:

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Edd Brominski

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From: Kathy Dobash [mailto:kdobash@luzernecounty.org]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 8:45 PM
To: Urban, Stephen J; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Re: Payroll Error

Councilman Stephen J. Urban,

I am in complete agreement. What is even more disturbing, is the fact some are considering giving the Executive Branch more money to mismanage.

These errors are becoming too common. I am concerned there are more errors still undiscovered. What are the consequences placed on the Manager and Executive Division Head of Budget and Finance? Answer: There are no consequences.

Kathy Dobash

On Thursday, January 22, 2015 10:09 PM, "Urban, Stephen J" <sjurban@luzernecounty.org> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Stephen J. Urban
Member of County Council
Luzerne County, PA

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: . The job is classified as hourly - -Exempt

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The job is posted as exempt when it is non exempt....

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Clerk to Council

Luzerne County -

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LUZERNE COUNTY
 CLERK OF COUNTY COUNCIL

Job Description: Clerk of County Council

Employment Status: Regular Full Time, Non Union, Exempt

Reports to: County Council Chair or Designee

Salary: \$35,000 - \$45,000 / plus benefits

Hours: In addition to maintaining Clerk of council office hours, the Clerk shall be expected to work hours outside of the normal work day to attend meetings and other functions as directed.

Summary: The Clerk of County council directs all staff support services personnel for the County Council. The full time position is responsible for facilitating the legislative process for Council members, individually and collectively, and ensuring that appropriate protocol is followed. Support for the management Team is accomplished through working with executive staff and administrative staff. Clerk of County Council is the position responsible for recording and filing the proceedings and papers of County Council, attesting to all official actions of County Council, and possessing related powers and duties. The position is responsible for administrative direction and working with confidential and controversial information. The Clerk shall be highly motivated, exceptionally organized and attentive to detail. The Clerk will be responsible for performing research on county related issues and preparing memoranda summarizing findings and outlining various options for council when necessary.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: The Clerk of County Council shall record and file the proceedings and paper of County Council, attest to all its official actions, and retain the statutory duties of the Chief Clerk as they relate to legislative functions to the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions, spirit, and purpose of the Charter. The Clerk of County Council shall perform and carry out any and all other duties and responsibilities assigned by the Charter, by the Administrative Code, by any other ordinance, resolution, or motion of County Council, by the Chair of county Council, or by applicable law. The Chair of County Council or his/her designee shall supervise the Office of Clerk of County Council.

Duties shall include, but not be limited to:

- Finalizing County Council meeting agendas: After the County Manager and Council Chair have agreed upon the agenda, the Clerk of county Council shall finalize the agenda, publicize it, communicate it and relevant documents to Council Members, and prepare copies for expected attendance at meetings.
- Recording meetings of County Council, and make recordings available for review.
- Preparing action minutes of meetings and promptly disseminating draft copy to Council for review.
- Attending other meetings: The Clerk will attend appropriate meetings as a representative for Council as directed, and provide a summary of each meeting for Council review.
- Communicating: Any communications to the Clerk of county Council Office will be disseminated promptly to the appropriate party(ies).
- Maintaining current Calendar: The Clerk shall maintain a current calendar of meetings, events, etc. on the county website.
- Preparing resolutions and written documents: The clerk shall be responsible for preparing all written documents as directed by the appropriate County Council member.
- Maintaining Authorities, Boards and Commissions information: The Clerk shall be responsible for updating and maintaining complete information for each Authority, Board or Commission under the County operations or serving the County. The information may include member information, articles and/or by-laws, meeting minutes, and any other necessary information. The Clerk shall receive and maintain applications from individuals interested in serving on Authorities, Boards and Committees to which the Council makes appointments and shall promptly provide information about new applications to the Council liaison on an ongoing basis.
- Preparing Ceremonial documents/proclamations: The Clerk shall be responsible for writing, preparing and printing all ceremonial documents/proclamations for presentations.
- Issuing meeting notifications: The Clerk shall notify all Council members of meeting dates, times and locations prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Providing support services to County council.
- Performing all other duties as assigned.

Minimum Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required (Education/Experience):

Preferred: Bachelor's degree in related field. Minimum three (3) years or more administrative experience. Appropriate experience

may be substituted for education.

Education in public administration may be substituted for up to one year of experience. Also accepted for application are those with an equivalent combination of acceptable training and experience which has provided the knowledge, skills and abilities cited above.

Skills/Abilities:

The successful candidate shall demonstrate:

- Proven skills in administration and innovative problem solving techniques, effective customer service and strong interpersonal skills.
- Ability to express ideas and communicate on technical and/or administrative subjects, both orally and in writing.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office software or other appropriate software to include word processing skills, spreadsheet and database creation and facility, presentation programs, Outlook and other software programs appropriate to the nature to the position.
- Internet research skills and familiarity with databases and remote accessing of information.
- Flexibility, adaptability, and the ability to work with and develop skills in current and future technology.

Qualified candidates who meet or exceed the above criteria should forward a cover letter, resume, salary requirement, and three (3) references no later than Friday, January 23rd, 2015 to:

send hard copy to:

Human Resources Department

Luzerne County Courthouse

200 North River Street

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-1001

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Zurek, Sandy

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Haas, Harry; Dobash, Kathy; Sorokas, Eileen; Morelli, Rick; Bobeck, Jim
Subject: Fwd: CCAP 911 Legislation Conference Call
Attachments: CCAP 911 Legislation Conference Call

----- Original message -----

From: Kathy Dobash |
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:52 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky; Haas, Harry; Dobash, Kathy; Sorokas, Eileen; Morelli, Rick; Bobeck, Jim
Subject: Re: Fwd: CCAP 911 Legislation Conference Call

I received this from CCAP. The conference call is at 3 pm. I will be at work. I cannot participate.
Kathy Dobash

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 12:36 PM PST Houck, Linda McClosky wrote:

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>Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone
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>----- Original message -----

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From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Dobash, Kathy; Sorokas, Eileen; Morelli, Rick; Bobeck, Jim
Cc: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: 911 documents

Committee:

The link below takes you to the 911 Op Services discussion from 8/5/14, 2009 Street Addressing Project, and 2007 Kimball report.

http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/county_council_2014/Luzerne%20County%20911%20issues-%20committee%20discussion.pdf

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:37 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: CHANGING HOME RULE CHARTER

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Madam Chair:

I would like the following be placed on the work session agenda for Feb. 10, 2015 for discussion.

Thank you Edd Brominski

CHANGING THE HOME RULE CHARTER

Request council discuss enacting an ordinance to form an elected Charter Study Commission to analyze the existing charter, recommend changes, additions or a return to the Commonwealth or PA County Code form of government.

BACKGROUND

On January 01, 2009, Pittston resident P.J. Best approached the Luzerne County Commissioners to seek the placement of a county home rule question on the spring primary ballot to begin studying the possibility of changing government to home rule. On January 2, 2012, a little over three year later, Home Rule became effective.

It began with an unprecedented unanimous vote by the three commissioners to move forward with a Government Study Commission to determine if Luzerne County government could be strengthened and made more responsible, accountable, economical, and efficient under a changed form of government.

After three years test driving the home rule charter I believe most would agree, improvements are needed to help clarify ambiguities, strengthen exiting provisions and include additional provisions not considered by the original Government Study Commission. Now is the ideal time to begin the process.

The HOME RULE CHARTER OPTIONAL PLAN Law, Para 929 states; *"The voters of any municipality which has adopted a home rule charter or an optional plan of government pursuant to this subpart may not vote on the question of changing the form of government until five years after the home rule charter or optional plan became effective."*

However, the law does not prohibit proactively establishing a Charter Study Commission to pursue improvements and changes to the existing charter prior to five years in preparation for a ballot question in 2017

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 10:34 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Gun permits

Madam Chair:

Why are we utilizing the magistrates office in Hazleton for gun permit issuance when we have a county facility to use? Are we paying the magistrate for the use of his office office space?

Edd Brominski

From: Kathy Dobash
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 5:00 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: from Jackie FW: Re: Tax collectors agreement

Council,
Please read this correspondence sent to me today.
Kathy Dobash

----Forwarded message----

From:
To:
Sent: Tue, Jan 27, 2015 1:13 PM PST
Subject: Re: Tax collectors agreement

Luzerne County Council Members:

The letter you received from Newport Township Supervisor, Zika is not completely true. Sandy Walp, tax collector from Conyngham Township sent a letter to Newport Township two weeks ago offering to collect Newport Township's Taxes. Of course, she would be paid the same amount that Mr. Angradi was to be paid. I believe that Newport Township council meeting is this week and that appointment could be made at that time. Ms. Walp collects at the Conyngham Township Building which is adjacent to Newport Township. This would be a great convenience to the residents of Newport Township.

Please consider these facts when voting on whether or not the taxes should be collected at the County Treasurers Office, which is already overburden.

Also, regarding Nanticoke City's taxes if offered to collect their taxes. I spoke with Debra McNulty two weeks ago regarding this matter. Again, taking Nanticoke's Taxes out of the treasurers office would free the personnel in the office for other work.

Thank you for your time.

Jacqueline Latosek, Tax Collector Jackson Township

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Dobash <

Sent: Tue, Jan 27, 2015 12:44 pm

Subject: Fw: FW: Tax collectors agreement

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015 10:24 AM, Kathy Dobash
< > wrote:

Yes, thank you.

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 1:49 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: FLSA Case for Legislative Clerk

Madam Chair:

This decision took two years to discover? All the discussions could have been resolved earlier with some serious in depth research.

Why did it take so long for you to get an answer you posed almost 3 years ago??

Edd Brominski

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 5:47 PM
To: Brominski, Edward; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: FLSA Case for Legislative Clerk

Mr. Brominski,

Regarding the research:

A search of information on the DOL website and other related sites lists and explains several reasons for exempt status, but "legislative exemption" is not one of them.

Additionally, two weeks ago I spoke personally regarding this position with an individual who investigates FLSA claims for the DOL, and she did not mention that exemption as a possibility either.

Based on the information that was readily accessible, it did not appear to some of us that an exemption existed. But the question of FLSA status of the Clerk came up early in 2012 and has been questioned since then, and it is good to finally have a court decision in our hands to support the status going forward.

Thanks-

Linda Houck

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 1:54 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Meetings

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From: Bobeck, Jim
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 4:54 AM
To: Brominski, Edward; Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: Meetings

Just as a quick note, we have a legislative committee established for these things.

I know it's been forgotten, but it was formed in October 2014 for this.

Also, Ms. Chair, I would want revive the idea of a Landbank Authority for the County....it's been talked, forgotten, and we need to bring it back again. In my waning chair days, Brittany started research on it, and I know Mr. Brominski is interested.

Can we add this for a latter Febraruy meeting. (not first one due to constraints on agenda currently).

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Linda Houck

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 8:12 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Fwd: REDACTED APPLICATIONS FOR CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
Importance: High
Attachments: REDACTED APPLICATIONS FOR CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
Council:

Please review the attached applications for Clerk and rank them using the attached ranking sheet.

Please send your ranking sheet back to me by noon on Monday, Feb 2, so that we can move forward in this process.

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Subject: RE: replys from chair

Mr. Brominski,

I have not designated anyone to respond on my behalf.

However, when all of Council is copied on an email, I cannot prevent any Council member from responding.

Thanks-

Linda Houck

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Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 2:39 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: CC to Council on Exeter Boro Flood Protection System
Attachments: SKMBT_C35315013014540.pdf

[FYI – Copy of correspondence CC to Council.](#)

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January 16, 2015

Robert Lawton
Luzerne County
200 N. River Street
Wilkes Barre, PA 18711-1001

RE: Exeter Borough Flood Protection System

Dear Mr. Lawton:

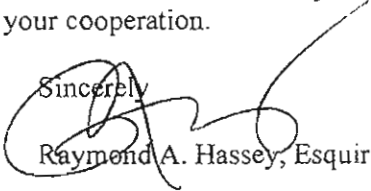
Please be advised that I am the Solicitor for the Borough of Exeter. Council has asked that I correspond directly with you and with Luzerne County Council, as communication attempts with other County employees have not yielded a satisfactory result..

There is a very serious condition which exists at the flood levee system pumping station at Hicks Creek in Exeter, which requires your immediate attention. In particular, the 48" diameter concrete outfall pipe, located at levee station 259+75 has become blocked with sediment and debris. County employees have neglected to clean the pipe out, after having been notified of this dangerous condition, which compromises the integrity of the flood protection system.

I enclose an email from Harold Ash, the Borough's engineer, dated November 25, 2014, which was the Borough's most recent attempt at communication, which addresses the problem. I am writing to advise you of this situation, and to request that you direct the appropriate County employees to address this dangerous situation, before environmental conditions result in an unnecessary contribution to a pending disaster which could have been easily addressed.

Please feel free to contact Harold Ash, whose contact information is contained on the email enclosed. Your prompt and immediate attention to this matter are anticipated and appreciated. Kindly present this letter to Luzerne County Council so that they likewise have notice of this. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely


Raymond A. Hassey, Esquire

Enclosure

Cc: Exeter Borough Council
Harold Ash, Penn Eastern Engineers
Luzerne County Council

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Lawrence, Sharon; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: CC to Council on Exeter Boro Flood Protection System

Members:

It is my understanding that this pump station is the responsibility of Exeter Borough. Neither the FPA or the county has any maintenance responsibility.

Edd Brominski

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Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:23 PM

To: Luzerne County Council Members

Subject: Fw: REDACTED APPLICATIONS FOR CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Council Members should be sent all applications with resumes.

On Friday, January 30, 2015 11:21 PM, Kathy Dobash <kathydobash@yahoo.com> wrote:

Interesting screening of applications for Clerk to Council position.

On Friday, January 30, 2015 6:24 PM, "Houck, Linda McClosky" <lmhouck@luzernecounty.org> wrote:

The process that was approved by Council on January 6, 2015 provides preliminary screening for minimum qualifications by HR.

At this stage, we are to identify 10 or more candidates, based on resume review, for KSA testing.

The KSA test results will then be sent to Council for scoring and identification of top candidates for interview.

Please note that the process included redacting names as a way of evaluating the resumes on their merits rather than on a personal identification of a name, and human error in a process does not invalidate the process.

However, there is an expectation that we will cooperate with the process. The point of redacting names is not that it might provide a puzzle to be solved in attempting to divine the names of the applicants; it is to allow the focus in the preliminary stage of the process to remain on the resume itself.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

From: Bobeck, Jim
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: Council w-2's

I received mine today.
Many thanks,
Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Fri 1/30/2015 6:27 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Council w-2's

FYI.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

-----Original Message-----

From: Swetz, Brian
Sent: Fri 1/30/2015 12:32 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: RE: Council w-2's

All of Council w-2's have been mailed.

Thanks

Brian Swetz

Division Head of Budget and Financial Services Luzerne County 200 N. River
Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Office: 570-825-1545

Fax: 570-820-6362

From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 7:08 AM
To: Bobeck, Jim; Dobash, Kathy; Morelli, Rick; Sorokas, Eileen
Subject: FW: 911 Committee

Attachments: 911Comm



911Comm (37 KB)

Committee,

View attachment for comments from Mr. Bomboy.

**Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman**

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Tue 1/27/2015 9:51 AM
To: Haas, Harry
Subject: 911 Committee

Harry,

Here is the document I brought to the meeting. Keep in mind it is in very rough draft and I will be happy to discuss each item in detail.

From: Urban, Stephen J
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 7:37 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: York County Salaries - E911 Clarification

Attachments: York County - Salary.pdf



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Luzerne County, PA**

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From: Urban, Stephen J
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Lackawanna County 911 Salaries

Attached is Lackawanna County Emergency Services Salaries.

I have salary info for all the other third class counties except for Lehigh, awaiting them to fulfill my RTK Request. Not waiting around for our own salary study because at first glance we seem to pay very well to more than adequate in many areas, especially detectives, prison and probation.

Sincerely,

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LACKAWANNA COUNTY 911 SALARIES

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	Last Name	First Name	Position Title	Hire Date	Hours	Annual Salary
13,777	NOCERA	DAVID	911 SYSTEMS SUPPORT SPECIALIST	03/19/1986	80	34,212.00
	LEWIS	JOHN	DEPUTY DIR. 911 & TRAINING OFFICER	04/17/1996	80	50,996.00
14,772	KLAPATCH	JOSEPH	SUPERVISOR	04/17/1996	80	40,574.00
14,774	KEARNEY	ALLEN	QUALITY ASSURANCE & ACCRED. MGR	04/17/1996	80	45,632.00
15,844	GRZENDA	NANCY	DISPATCHER	11/13/1996	80	34,212.00
15,020	MUNLEY	KEVIN	SUPERVISOR	03/04/1998	80	40,574.00
15,024	WILDMAN	JOHN	SUPERVISOR	03/04/1998	80	40,574.00
	KEARNEY	ANNA	SUPERVISOR	02/16/2000	80	40,574.00
15,269	KELECHOWA	MICHAEL	SUPERVISOR	02/16/2000	80	40,574.00
15,306	BEILMAN	GERARD	SUPERVISOR	02/16/2000	80	40,574.00
	MURPHY	HAROLD	SUPERVISOR	10/10/2001	80	40,574.00
15,742	TAGLIATERRA	MARK	SUPERVISOR	05/21/2003	80	40,574.00
15,918	TAYLOR	THOMAS	SUPERVISOR	10/06/2004	80	40,574.00
	BOLAND	LORI	DISPATCHER	07/12/2006	80	30,710.00
15,916	LUCAS	RUSSELL	DISPATCHER	10/18/2006	80	30,710.00
	PETRIE	MATTHEW	DISPATCHER	10/18/2006	80	30,710.00
16,320	WOLFE	MELISSA	DISPATCHER	07/25/2007	80	29,945.00
16,333	DANIELS	LISA	DISPATCHER	08/08/2007	80	29,945.00
16,166	GILLOTT	PATRICK	SUPERVISOR	09/05/2007	80	40,574.00
16,431	BAUER	CATRINA	SUPERVISOR	12/26/2007	80	40,574.00
	VERRASTRO	RYAN A.	DISPATCHER	02/03/2010	80	27,581.00
	HAHN	DAVID M.	DIRECTOR ES/DEP. DIR EMERG OPERATIONS	06/09/2012	80	65,000.00
	STREIN	LINDA	PT DISPATCHER	09/10/2012		10.00
	LINDSAY	NICOLE S.	DISPATCHER	12/12/2012	80	26,510.00
	SCANLON	SAVANNAH	DISPATCHER	12/13/2012	80	26,510.00
	CHICKSON	DOUGLAS	DISPATCHER	12/17/2012	80	26,510.00
	KUGLER	BARBARA	DISPATCHER	01/09/2013	80	26,510.00
	WHEELER	KEVIN	DISPATCHER	01/10/2013	80	26,510.00
	SALERNO	VICTORIA L.	SUPERVISOR	10/23/2013	80	40,574.00
	KONOSKY	JILL	PT DISPATCHER	11/06/2013		10.00
	SCHUMAKER	JESSICA	PT DISPATCHER	11/06/2013		10.00
	SHIFFER	LISA	PT DISPATCHER	11/06/2013		10.00
	ACCULTO	STACEY	DISPATCHER	02/27/2014	80	25,990.00
	CIERKOWSKI	LORIANN	PT DISPATCHER	08/25/2014		10.00
	DELAWARENCE	CYNTHIA	PT DISPATCHER	08/25/2014		10.00
	OPSHINSKY	GRACE	PT DISPATCHER	08/25/2014		10.00
	MURRAY	CASEY	PT DISPATCHER	08/25/2014		10.00
	FINEGAN	BRYAN	PT DISPATCHER	08/25/2014		10.00
	BECKER	CATHERINE	DISPATCHER	08/30/2014	80	25,990.00
	SKUTNICK	BRIAN	DISPATCHER	10/22/2014	80	25,990.00
	HOANZL	ROSE	DISPATCHER	10/29/2014	80	25,990.00
	YOUNG	SHANE	DISPATCHER	11/13/2014	80	25,990.00
	MELVIN	THOMAS	DISPATCHER	11/14/2014	80	25,990.00
	BROWN	REBEKAH	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	CZYZYK	KRISTEN	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00

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	HICKEY	SHARI L.	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	KARASEVICH	MICHAEL	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	MALLICK	STEPHANIE	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	TOKASH	NICOLE	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	GRIFFITHS	STEPHEN	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	PORT	JANINE	PT DISPATCHER	11/17/2014		10.00
	SORENSEN	DANE F.	DISPATCHER	01/08/2015	80	25,990.00
	vacancy	vacancy	pt dispatcher			10.00
	vacancy	vacancy	pt dispatcher			10.00
	vacancy	vacancy	pt dispatcher			12.36
	vacancy	vacancy	pt dispatcher			10.00
	vacancy	vacancy	supervisor			40,574.00

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vacancy	vacancy	dispatcher	25,990.00
vacancy	vacancy	gis mapping supervisor	38,998.00
vacancy	vacancy	911 systems manager - part-time	20.67
VACANCY	VACANCY	RADIO TECH/IT MANAGER	45,000.00

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Mr. Brominski,

The item regarding an RFP for financial advisement is already on the agenda, per Ms. Dobash's request.

I will add the item regarding terminating PFM to the voting meeting per your request.

Additionally, since Mr. Dellegrotto declined his appointment to the Zoning Board, would you like me to add an item regarding an appointment to the Zoning Board for Feb 10?

Thanks -

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From: Sorokas, Eileen
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:06 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Dept. 4550 Funding Moon Lake

Linda,

There is \$41,538 in THE FY2015 Budget - Div.50 Dept.4550 LINE ITEMS 510(\$16,500),520(\$1,824),530(\$8,384),540(\$1,550),550(\$13,280) for Moon Lake. I would like to see these funds go into our Reserve Fund. However, I am not sure how much will be spent until the final transfer or other Budgeted Funds that are spent on the 1747 acres. We could discuss this at our work session and have Mr. Lawton gives his opinion on this item. Thank you, Eileen

From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 7:01 AM
To: Urban, Stephen J; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: York County Salaries - E911 Clarification

Thank you, Steve.

York's telecom 1 at \$28,246 corresponds with Luzerne's TeleCommunicator position at \$25,500.

At the inquiry meeting the director suggested adding a TC 2 and TC 3 designation that would show increasing responsibilities commensurate with salary increases. I'm assuming that's why York County has 5. LC 911's current CBA ties salary to seniority and doesn't give staff motivation to improve skills in the position.

Harry

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This will be added to the Feb 24 work session agenda.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

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Subject: Mocanaqua Fire

Madam Chair:

Who is the Atty. representing the county in the fatal fire in Mocanaqua ?

Edd Brominski

From: Urban, Stephen J
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:23 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Lackawanna County 911 Salaries

Attachments: Lackawanna County E911 Salaries.xlsx



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ounty E911 Salarie

With attachment, thanks Harry.

From: Lawrence, Sharon
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 9:07 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: NACo Testifies on "Waters of the U.S." at Congressional Hearing

FYI

Sharon Lawrence
Temporary Clerk to County Council
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
Phone (570) 825-1634

From: NACo [mailto:naco@naco.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 5:30 PM
To: Ward, Brittany
Subject: NACo Testifies on "Waters of the U.S." at Congressional Hearing

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NACo Testifies Before Rare Joint Senate and House Hearing on "Waters of the U.S." Proposed Rule and the Impacts on State and Local Governments



Pictured here (L to R): E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General, State of Okla.; Adam H. Putnam, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Sallie Clark, Commissioner, El Paso County, Colo., on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Timothy Mauck, Commissioner, Clear Creek County, Colo.; and Lemeul M. Srolovic, Bureau Chief, Environmental Protection Bureau, Office of New York State Attorney General T. Schneiderman



Click above to view Commissioner Clark's testimony before the joint committee.



Click above to hear Commissioner Clark discuss counties' concerns with the proposed rule.

On Feb. 4, El Paso County, Colo. Commissioner and NACo's First Vice President Sallie Clark, testified on behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo) before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW) and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) at a hearing, "Impacts of the Proposed Waters of the United States Rule on State and Local Governments." Clark's [testimony](#) focused on the importance of the local, state and federal partnership in crafting practical rules to ensure clean water without impeding counties' fundamental infrastructure and public safety functions.

The rare bicameral joint hearing was led by Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) who said that he expected all 79 House T&I and Senate EPW Committee members—20 EPW and 59 T&I committee members—to attend. The hearing focused on the impact the proposed rule would have on states, local governments, their communities, businesses and industries.

In April 2014, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jointly released a new proposed rule that would amend the definition of "waters of the U.S." within the Clean Water Act and dramatically expand the range of public safety infrastructure that falls under federal permitting authority.

Gina McCarthy, Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) testified on the first panel. For three hours, McCarthy and Darcy were questioned by members of Congress on the proposed rule. McCarthy indicated the proposed rule was in

response to stakeholder requests for a rulemaking and, in fact, will make it easier to determine what waters fall under federal jurisdiction. Darcy stressed the rule was based on science and would give regulators in the regional offices greater clarity on jurisdictional waters.

Clark was joined on the second panel by E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General, State of Okla.; Adam H. Putnam, Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Timothy Mauck, Commissioner, Clear Creek County, Colo.; and Lemeul M. Srolovic, Bureau Chief, Environmental Protection Bureau, Office of New York State Attorney General T. Schneiderman.

At the hearing, Clark discussed the main reasons that contributed to NACo's decision to call for withdrawal of the rule, including the proposal's impacts on counties; an inadequate consultation process with state and local governments; ambiguous and inconsistent terminology; and ongoing delays with the current permitting process. After working closely with county technical experts — county engineers, legal staff, public works directors and stormwater managers — who implement federal and state programs on the ground every day, NACo this past November [called for the proposed rule to be withdrawn](#) until further analysis and more in-depth consultation with state and local officials could be completed.

"NACo supports common-sense environmental protection. Expanded federal oversight and the proposal's vague language would create more uncertainty and delays in critical work without any proven environmental benefit," said Clark. "Let me be clear, counties support clean water. Our goal is to ensure public safety and economic vitality while safeguarding water quality. The current proposal falls short of this goal."

"This issue is so important to counties because we build, own and maintain a significant portion of public safety infrastructure. The proposed rule would have direct and extensive implications," Clark said.

Local governments own nearly 80 percent of all public road miles and half of the nation's bridges. Counties also own water quality systems and other infrastructure like roadside ditches, stormwater systems, green infrastructure and drinking water facilities.

Clark emphasized the importance of the all levels of government working together to craft workable rules and implementing Clean Water Act programs on the ground. "Counties are not just stakeholders in this discussion — we are key partners in the federal-state-local intergovernmental system," she said.

"This is an opportunity to reset the clock and work together. NACo looks forward to working with Congress and federal agencies to craft a clear, concise, workable definition of "waters of the U.S." to achieve our common goal: to protect water quality without inhibiting the public safety and economic vitality of our communities."

Clark concluded, "In the eyes of county governments, this is not a political issue. It is an issue of practicality and partnership."

The public comment period for "waters of the U.S." closed on November 14, 2014. The agencies are currently reviewing over one million comments and plan to release a final rule by late spring of 2015.

Since the proposal was unveiled in April, NACo has advocated for greater clarity and launched an [online resource hub and action center](#).

- To read Clark's full testimony on behalf of NACo, [click here](#).
- To read NACo's press release on Clark's testimony, [click here](#).
- To view a recorded webcast of the hearing, [click here](#).

- For more information on the proposed "waters of the U.S." rule, click [here](#).



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From: Lawrence, Sharon
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 2:55 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: McGinley Goals for Council Meeting
Attachments: SKMBT_C35315020615190.pdf

FYI ..back page was missing from original scanned packet.
Thank you.

Sharon Lawrence
Temporary Clerk to County Council
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
Phone (570) 825-1634

Goals for the Year 2015

1. The completion of the Non-Represented Employee Compensation Plan by March 31, 2015. It is requested that this plan include a recommendation with regard to compensation for each non-represented position with justification and that this plan is presented to Council and made available to the public.
2. The completion of a formal personnel evaluation policy with all necessary procedures and policies. It is requested that each non-represented employee receives a formal evaluation prior to October 15, 2015.
3. The completion of a comprehensive review of all property leases that Luzerne County has under contract. It is requested that County Administration provide options to the County Council for the County Council's consideration in an effort to reduce property costs.
4. A final disposition is reached regarding the Valley Crest property.
5. The completion of all procedures on behalf of Luzerne County necessary to dissolve the TIF for the Coal St. project and distribution of the remaining funds to the appropriate entities (particularly Luzerne County). County Administration shall present to County Council a status report on this project prior to July 1, 2015.
6. A final disposition is reached regarding the Vehicle Registration fee.
7. The audit for FY 2013 is completed by March 31, 2015.
8. The audit for FY 2014 is completed by June 30, 2015.
9. A proposed budget shall be submitted to the County Council for FY 2016 by October 15, 2015 which complies with all requirements as set forth by the Luzerne County Charter and the Luzerne County Administrative Code.
10. A financial status report of the 2015 FY budget shall be submitted to Council each month. This status report shall state and track any areas of concern such as overtime, budget overruns in departments, surplus revenues received, etc. At the end of each quarter, a report shall be submitted to County Council which clearly identifies any unusual positive or negative financial event.
11. It is requested that a monthly newsletter be posted on the county website. The newsletter might contain articles regarding upcoming events such as the

electronic recycling, sheriff activities, programs to be held in the rotunda, etc. The newsletter with a monthly calendar could be posted in public common areas such as the lunch room, bulletin boards, etc.

12. The completion of a review and potential reorganization of the Office of Community Development, Tourism Bureau, and Zoning/Planning Office to form a cohesive group dedicated to economic revitalization in the County.
13. It is requested that County Administration shall continually provide information to the public and media regarding ongoing projects and new initiatives implemented.
14. All Budget and Finance positions approved by the County Council in the FY 2015 budget shall be posted in a timely manner in accordance with the Luzerne County Charter and the Luzerne County Personnel Code with the intention that these positions be filled as soon as possible in order to complete the aforementioned budget and finance objective
15. All standing committees of the Luzerne County Council – Authority, Boards & Commissions, Budget & Finance, and Legislative – become fully active. Members must be assigned and meetings must commence ASAP. Reports back to the entire Council on a quarterly basis.
16. All appointments to the Luzerne County Authorities, Boards and Commissions will be advertised semi-annually. At the time of appointment, each opening or vacancy will be listed along with a list of the candidates that have completed the application process and interview. This information will be available to all members of the council and the public.

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Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 3:17 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Petitions

Madam Chair:

I received a rather disturbing call today regarding petitions for election to an office.

The caller indicated that they would only be entitled to two petition forms for this primary, and if more were needed they could make copies of the petitions and use them for circulation. The potential exists that copied petitions could be rejected.

Please advise me if in fact this is true. Help me understand how this could have been an error by either the citizen or the election office in making an erroneous statement. Surely an error was made by one party and I hope the potential candidate misunderstood the response to getting more petitions.

I would hope this would be cleared up at the meeting on Tuesday as I wish to make it public, what ever the case may be, in the event other potential candidates misunderstood also.

Thank you..

Edd Brominski

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 5:35 PM
To: Brominski, Edward; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Fwd: Petitions
Attachments: FW: Petitions

See below regarding petition concern.

Thanks-

Linda Houck

Madam Chair:

Thank you for sharing with me the attached email from Council Member Brominski regarding distribution of blank candidate petitions.

Assisting Members of Council in discharging their legislative duties is a source of great pleasure.

Directly below, please find a preliminary reply from Director of Elections Crispell.

Please share this with your colleagues. I do hope that Mr. Brominski finds this responsive to his request.

Best regards,
Robert C. Lawton
County Manager

From: Crispell, Marisa
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Lawton, Robert; i
Subject: Re: Petitions

Good Afternoon Bob,

We distribute enough petitions to candidates that allow them to acquire twice the amount of signatures required for filing. This has historically been the distribution procedure of the department.

Petitions can also be copied by the candidate. They can be copied from original stock from our office, or printed from a personal computer by accessing the Bureau webpage and downloading a PDF file.

Atty. Butera and I will meet and form an official response for Mr. Brominski immediately Monday morning.

Thank you and have a great weekend.
Marisa

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Edd Brominski

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:03 AM
To: Lawton, Robert
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Question concerning County policy on County vehicle use

Mr. Lawton,

Please see the email below containing citizen questions about use of county vehicles.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

-----Original Message-----

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Sun 2/8/2015 7:19 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Question concerning County policy on County vehicle use

Madam Chair:

I am sure the writer of this letter would appreciate some visible response to this issue. It is not the first complaint I have had regarding use of county vehicles, however it is the first email.

Thank you..

Edd Brominski

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Sat 2/7/2015 7:15 PM
To: Brominski, Edward

Subject: Question concerning County policy on County vehicle use

Mr. Brominski,

There is a county Road & Bridge supervisor who has just started taking a county vehicle home everyday and on weekends. It is my understanding that no Road & Bridge employees are permitted to take vehicles home. I am told the reason this individual takes one home is because he said his personal vehicle does run well in cold temps. If this is permitted for one employee why is it not permitted for all. One other issue I would like to make you aware of is the Road & Bridge employee who oversees the prisoners on a daily basis and allows them to smoke in the county trucks.

I would hope you would consider looking into these issues but I would appreciate you keeping my identity confidential.

Thank you

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Question concerning County policy on County vehicle use

Madam Chair:

The Luzerne County Legislature, in conjunction with the Manager, is responsible for developing the policies contributing to improved management and enhanced performance of motor vehicle fleets operated by County Departments. Please provide the latest motor vehicle policy and procedure for my review.

Thank you.

Edd Brominski

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From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 5:35 PM
To: Bobeck, Jim
Subject: RE: Favorites

Worksession discussion on 10th.
Possible special meeting on 17 th
Definitely on 24th if not 17th

----- Original message -----

From: "Bobeck, Jim" <jbobeck@luzernecounty.org>
Date: 02/08/2015 5:22 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <lmhouck@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: RE: Favorites

Linda, I assume the Tas rate for 2015 debate had been pushed to another meeting? Just let me know so I can reschedule them unless I missed so something.

Thanks for the prompt response. I am forwarding this to Mr. Brominski and all Council via this email.

Linda Houck

-----Original Message-----

From: Lawton, Robert

Sent: Mon 2/9/2015 5:43 PM

To: Houck, Linda McClosky

Subject: Luzerne County Vehicle Use Policy

Chair Houck:

Pursuant to Council Member Brominski's request, attached please find a PDF containing the Luzerne County Vehicle Policy.

May I ask that you share this with Council Member Brominski and his Council colleagues?

Thank you,

Bob Lawton

10.11 USE OF COUNTY VEHICLES

- A. It is the policy of Luzerne County that all vehicles owned by the county are solely the property of Luzerne County. As such, those vehicles are to be used for the exclusive purpose of conducting county government business and operated in the safest manner possible to ensure the well being of its employees and other sharing the roadway.
- B. The following rules govern the appropriate use of the Luzerne County fleet of automobiles:

1. PROPERTY:

- a. All county vehicles will be appropriately and universally marked with the County seal, municipal license plate, numbered and labeled for identification and to indicate county ownership and business.
- b. As deemed necessary, selected vehicles will be designated as “departmental vehicles” and based relative to the location of the department (i.e. Human Services, 111 North Pennsylvania Ave.; Solid Waste Management, 77 Water St., etc.).
- c. Surplus vehicles as they are or become available in any department must be reassigned before any purchase of new vehicles occurs.

2. OPERATION

- a. All county personnel are required to provide their own transportation to and from work, but will have access to the use of a county vehicle for official county business and limited to regular business hours (9:00am to 5:00pm) or the specific hours related to the position.
- b. Any employee who is determined operating a county vehicle for personal use is subject to disciplinary action as described in Section 10
- c. All potential operators of county vehicles are required to maintain a valid driver’s license and participate in the driver education and training program described in Section 9.7. Should a county vehicle be required for county business between 5:00pm and 9:00am, weekends or holidays, a written request, explanation and justification must be presented to the “Fleet Manager”, as defined in Section 9.7, for record-keeping, vehicle rotation and maintenance purposes.
- d. Department Managers, in conjunction with the Fleet Manager are responsible to ensure compliance with driver’s license and

education requirements. A written record shall be maintained of all employees who may be required to operate County Vehicles as part of their position responsibilities. Such record will include a copy of the Drivers' License, date of last verification and completion date and proof of Driver Education and Training. Quarterly audits to verify validity of Driver's License are to be conducted with records kept of such verification. Spot verifications may be conducted at any time determined by the Department or Fleet Manager.

- e. Necessary exceptions to this policy are limited to the following positions requiring 24-hour/7 day availability:

EMA Director; EMA Initial Response (rotation), Road and Bridge Director, Building and Grounds, 9-1-1, Sheriff, Prison, Engineers, and any other Department Head as may be needed depending upon the severity and nature of the emergency.

3. FLEET MANAGER:

- a. The County Manager or designee, will function as the "Fleet Manager".
- b. The Fleet Manager is responsible for maintaining the fleet of county vehicles in an efficient and safe working condition at all times and monitoring their operation during other than regular business hours including, but not limited to, keeping records regarding department, driver, vehicle identification, purpose, mileage, condition, and time in/out.
- c. The Fleet Manager, in consultation with the County Manager, or designee, will review all written requests for the off-hours use of a county vehicle and make a final determination regarding appropriateness.

4. VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT FUEL CARD POLICY

a. GENERAL POLICY

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to provide guidelines for the issue, control and use of Fuel Cards to/by County employees in County-owned and operated vehicles/equipment with fuel dispersed from County-owned fuel depots.

b. DEFINITIONS

Program Administrator (PA)

The Program Administrator designated in the Road and Bridge Department to oversee compliance with Fuel Card Policy & Procedure to include:

- Issue and cancellation of fuel cards
- Serve as the principal contact and administrator of processes/procedures including disputed purchases, credits and/or billing errors.
- Act as liaison between Department Heads, County Manager, Controller and Chief of Budget & Finance on all matters relating to fuel cards.

County-Owned Equipment

Any fuel-powered tools and equipment purchased and maintained exclusively by the County.

County-Owned Vehicles

Any Motor Vehicle which is titled, licensed and/or leased by the County for the exclusive purpose and use of transporting employees, prisoners, residents under approved Human Services programs and any other authorized purpose under official County business.

Fuel Card

The current official authorized card issued specifically to a County-owned Vehicle and/or piece of equipment or to a Department for use restricted to only that specific vehicle, equipment or Department.

Fuel Usage & Vehicle Log Sheet

The only document recognized as the official record of all fuel dispensed to, record of mileage for and employee operating a specific County-owned Vehicle/Equipment. A Fuel Usage and Log Sheet are assigned to each vehicle and/or piece of equipment and must remain in the assigned vehicle at all times. Under no circumstances shall it be transferred to another vehicle.

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:16 AM
To: Brominski, Edward
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: RFP

This is added to the Feb 24 work session.

What compensation is Service Electric receiving? I am not aware of any compensation from the County being paid to Service Electric for the broadcasts.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

-----Original Message-----

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Wed 2/11/2015 3:19 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RFP

Madam Chair:

I would like a discussion at the next work session to involve seeking and RFP for the right to televise the council meetings. Presently the Service provider receives compensation to broadcast and the county is net reimbursed for use of it's power usage or space.

Thank you..

Edd Brominski

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:44 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: County Council seats on Community Boards

Council:

Hazleton Can-Do Board has a seat for a County Council member, with a term from July 1 to June 30. Mr. Stephen A. Urban presently represents us on that Board. Please let me know if anyone is interested in that seat for the term beginning July 1.

Luzerne County Library System Board has a seat for a County Council member. Please let me know if you are interested in representing Council on this Board.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

From: Ricks email
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 9:08 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Re: County Council seats on Community Boards

Linda,

I am already on the board. Not sure if that counts?

Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 12, 2015, at 7:43 AM, Houck, Linda McClosky <lmhouck@luzernecountv.org> wrote:

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Linda Houck

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:01 PM
To: Bobeck, Jim; Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: RE: ABC items

I did not. Thank you..

-----Original Message-----

From: Bobeck, Jim
Sent: Thu 2/12/2015 2:01 PM
To: Brominski, Edward; Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: RE: ABC items

Linda and Edd,
I just sent an email earlier only with Edd on it.
there was an application for Darren Snyder on Tourism that I delivered.
I am not sure if you saw it.

THanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Thu 2/12/2015 11:50 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: ABC items

Madam Chair:

I will reiterate some facts to you since I inadvertently did not CC the whole of Council.

First I do not have a resumes' for Mr. Balliet.

With regards to the Tourism Board, I specifically informed Mr. Mackin that Rebecca Brominski, married to my nephew, would be in conflict of interests and her appointment would pose a possible ethics violation, because he stated to me her appointment would enhance the chances that tourist promotion activities could be directed to the LCCC. Rebecca is an employee of the LCCC

and I told him her appointment would be a conflict. I immediately after the meeting called Mrs. Brominski to inform her of that fact. She said she "understood" but wanted to try anyway. I think the director of the tourist agency showed his complete lack of leadership by allowing her name to be placed in consideration for appointment by vote of their board. In the same vein, after a mental review and consultation with others on council, I believe that Mr. Gennetti is also in conflict of interests. Being on the Tourist Board could afford him the opportunity to vote to direct tourist activities to our area, and possibly to use his Hotel as a venue for such activities. People coming to our area could use his establishment as a place for lodging and respite. I feel that would be a conflict for him to participate as a voting member of the board helping to get tourists to realize the touring opportunities we have to offer.

With regards to the LCTA, Mr. Chepalonis sat on the LCTA Board throughout all the problems they experienced over the last few years, and steadfastly made no comments regarding the abuses or offered any help to rectify them or prevent any future occurrences. In addition, as Manager with The Martz Bus Co. , government funds come through the LCTA to Martz, and he is involved not only in approval of those disbursements but their receipt and distribution. Those funds are tied to senior ridership totals.

Consideration of Mr. Harris for Zoning should absolutely be denied as he is part and parcel to a lawsuit involving a zoning issue between Wilkes Barre and the county as we all know well.

Advertising for any all all these positions definitely should be done again , as you said at a public meeting.

As chair, I ask you to forward to the parties listed the reasons I have presented for not accepting them as a board member to those boards named. Should that not be done I will at a public meeting ask for them not to accept any appointments, and certainly chastise those who would not rescind their names for consideration.

We had George Hayden remove himself from the LCCC Board for a perceived conflict of interest, and we would not accept the appointment of James Reino to a board because he worked for UGI who does business with the county. I think the bar has been set and now we must maintain our integrity and refuse to accept any of the named individuals.

As Chair of Council, I offer to you that since my presentation to Mr. Mackin was not accepted that you reiterate it to him. I do not relish a public display over these appointments, nor will I shy away from doing so.

I look forward to your favorable response to this letter.

-----Original Message-----

From: Houck, Linda McClosky

Sent: Thu 2/12/2015 7:28 AM

To: Brominski, Edward

Subject: ABC items

1. Agricultural Board: Nancy Snee says she forwarded you an application for reappointment from Matthew Balliet several weeks ago. We do not have any documents in the Clerk office on that application. If you have it, please get a copy to Sharon as soon as convenient.

On that Board, Robert Houck (no relation to me), Mr. Balliet, and Ted Dymond are all farmer members whose terms expired in December 2014. They would like to be reappointed. I understand Mr. Dymond's application is on its way.

We also have 2 vacant spots on that board that have specific requirements: one is a local elected official, who has to be an elected official in a borough or township; the other is for a developer - industrial, commercial, or residential.

Perhaps you can make an appeal for applicants for those two seats at the next Council meeting.

2. Tourism: Janet says that applications were sent in by Kelly Novakowski and a gentleman named Fults. We don't have any paperwork on those applications in the Clerk office. If you have them, please get them to Sharon as soon as convenient.

Gus Genetti, Rebecca Brominski, and Brian Sipe were elected by the membership of the Tourism Agency. In their bylaws there are 4 members appointed by Council and 3 elected from the membership.

I have asked Mr. Pedri to make sure those bylaws are congruent with the Charter and also to investigate whether Brian Sipe has a conflict of interest as the GM of the Arena.

3. LCTA: Mr. Chepalonis applied for reappointment. I have asked Mr. Pedri to give an opinion on whether there is a conflict of interest for him as well.

4. Zoning: If Mr. Harris has a conflict of interest, we have no applicants left on the eligibility list for that board. A public appeal at the next Council meeting might help this as well.

Thanks -

Linda