



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
VOTING SESSION  
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS  
January 26, 2021  
6:01PM**

**5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING 1 (BALLOT ITEM TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII SECTION 8:04)**

**5:45 PM PUBLIC HEARING 2 (BALLOT ITEM TO AMEND ARTICLE VI SECTION 6:04 A)**

**6:01 PM VOTING SESSION CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**RECOGNITIONS & CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS**

**RETIREMENTS:**

Christine Weldon, Management Tech, MHDS

Cheryl M Yardchik, Administrative Assistant 1, Aging

William Youngblood, IT Specialist, Aging

Cathy F Zachar, Caseworker 2, MHDS

Cynthia Howe, Aging Care Management Supervisor, Aging

**ADDITIONS TO/DELETIONS FROM VOTING SESSION AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF VOTING SESSION AGENDA**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND BYLAWS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT A MAJORITY OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE MEETING.**

**MOTION TO SUSPEND BYLAWS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CURRENT FORMAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERM OF THE STATE'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON VOTING SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

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**AGENDA ITEMS-CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Motion to approve minutes of the January 12, 2021 Voting Session ..... pages 1-6

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEMS-COUNTY MANAGER**

- 1. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone One Parcel of Property totaling 1.54 acres in Ross Township from B-1, Neighborhood Business District Zone to A-1, Agriculture District Zone.....pages 7-9

**AGENDA ITEMS-COUNTY COUNCIL**

- 2. Motion to approve Agreement to Participate in the Unemployment Compensation Program of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Trust.....pages 10-34
- 3. Motion to appoint Council Members to a joint committee between Luzerne and Lackawanna counties with regard to the consolidation of LCTA and COLTS.....pages 35-36
- 4. Motion to adopt resolution Setting Compensation Rates for Elected Tax Collectors and Home Rule Municipalities for the Billing and Collecting of Luzerne County Taxes Effective January 1, 2022.....pages 37-38
- 5. Motion to adopt resolution providing Tax Exemption for New Construction in Deteriorated Areas under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ..... pages 39-46
- 6. Motion to adopt ordinance placing a question on the May 18, 2021 primary ballot to amend Article VIII Section 8:04 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter ..... pages 47-53
- 7. Motion to adopt ordinance placing a question on the May 18, 2021 primary ballot to amend Article VI Section 6:04 A of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter ..... pages 54-56
- 8. Motion to amend the Rules and Procedures of Operation for the Luzerne County Council, last amended on May 12, 2020.....pages 57-59
- 9. Motion to adopt resolution Amending the Appointment of a Council Member to the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services Program Advisory Board.....page 60
- 10. Council Member Nominations and Appointments to:
  - a. Greater Hazleton CAN DO Board of Directors.....page 61
  - b. Wilkes-Barre Riverfront Parks Committee.....page 62

- 11. ABC Eligibility List.....pages 63-65
- 12. Nominations and Appointments to Authorities:
  - a. Luzerne County Convention Center Authority.....page 66  
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  - b. Luzern County Flood Protection Authority.....page 67  
(1) term ending 12/31/2025
  - c. Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority.....pages 68-69  
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  - d. Luzerne County Transportation Authority.....page 70  
(2) terms ending 12/31/2025
  - e. Northeastern Pennsylvania Health & Higher Education Authority.....page 71  
(1) term ending 12/31/2025
- 13. Nominations and Appointments to Boards and Commissions:
  - a. Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors.....page 72  
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  - b. Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board.....page 73  
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  - c. Luzerne County Community College Board of Directors.....page 74  
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  - d. Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.....page 75  
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  - e. Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board.....page 76  
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  - g. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board.....page 78  
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  - i. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services  
Program Advisory Board.....page 80  
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(1) term ending 12/31/2023 Religion  
(1) term ending 12/31/2023 Education

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE VOTING SESSION  
(REGARDING PERSONNEL)**