



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

March 10, 2020
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

5:45PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE Creating the County Cares Commission.

Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address the Agenda item. Each speaker is asked to submit a Speaker Card before the first speaker is called and to limit individual comments to three (3) minutes. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE

No. 2020-____

***An Ordinance of the County of Luzerne
Creating the County Cares Commission***

WHEREAS, Section 8.01 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County (“Charter”) states that there shall be such authorities, boards, and commissions as may be established from time to time by the Home Rule Charter, the Administrative Code, County Council, or applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.01 of the Home Rule Charter also states that any new board or commission established by County Council shall be by ordinance;

WHEREAS, Section 2.10.F. of the Luzerne County Administrative Code states that County Council shall create or abolish Boards and Commissions as it deems necessary, within the provisions of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to assist Luzerne County’s Human Services Departments and local non-profit organizations in the promotion of the importance of drug and substance abuse advocacy and the reduction of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the goals of County Cares Commission will be to work with the legislative committee to identify grant opportunities and secure such grants, work with the Human Services Departments to host public education forums, and work with local non-profit organizations to collaborate in reducing the stigma of substance abuse, highlight rehabilitation success stories and provide community outreach programs to help Luzerne County citizens in need.

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council wishes to create the County Cares Commission to achieve the aforesaid and similarly related goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL, as follows:

The County Cares Commission shall hereby be created subject to the terms of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code, policies and procedures adopted by Luzerne County Council related to authorities, boards and commissions, applicable Pennsylvania law, and the by-laws to be drafted and adopted by the newly created County Cares Commission.

Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the fifteenth (15th) day following its enactment.

Enacted by County Council the ____ day of _____, 2020.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Sharon Lawrence,
Clerk to County Council

Tim McGinley, Chair

Chris Perry, Vice-Chair