



**Committees
of
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Council Meeting Room, County Courthouse

Judicial Services/Justice Committee: chaired by Stephen A. Urban
5:30pm

1. Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the April 1, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Draft letter to Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) regarding the funding of the Magisterial District Courts
5. Probation fees:
 - a. List of outstanding fees
 - b. Collections
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment

Correctional Services Committee: chaired by Stephen A. Urban

1. Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the April 1, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Future topics for discussion
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

Administrative Committee: chaired by Jim Bobeck

1. Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the April 1, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Updates regarding the Administrative Services Division
5. Future topics for discussion
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment

Operational Services Committee: chaired by Rick Williams

1. Call to Order followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the April 1, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Informational Presentation by Williams Pipeline regarding placement of underground pipeline in Luzerne County
5. Update regarding the River Commons Fountain
6. Consideration of a resolution requesting that the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority soon form an ad hoc committee to explore with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority the possibility of Luzerne County joining that Authority. The committee would be asked to identify the issues, benefits, risks, and costs of merging the operations of the Luzerne County Rail Corporation with the regional rail authority.
7. Discussion of ideas about actions that the council might take now or in the next few months that will affect the quality of life in Luzerne County in 2015, 2020 and 2050
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

28 April 2014

To: Luzerne County Council Operations Committee Members

cc: County Council, Clerk to Council and County Solicitor

From: Rick Williams, Operations Committee Chair

Re: Agenda Item for May 6, 2014 Operations Committee Meeting

The following draft resolution is intended for discussion at the May 6 Operations Service Committee meeting....

Whereas, Luzerne County Council understands that passenger rail service connecting Luzerne County with other cities throughout North American will improve the quality of life of Luzerne County residents, encourage visitors to Northeastern Pennsylvania, and reduce vehicular congestion on highways; and

Whereas, Luzerne County Council understands the interconnected relationships among economic development of Northeastern Pennsylvania, tourism, and a well-built railroad infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority operates rail operations in Monroe and Lackawanna Counties and is currently planning for passenger rail service between Hoboken, New Jersey and Scranton, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, the Luzerne County Rail Corporation, which owns and operates on 67 miles of rail line in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, is owned by the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Luzerne County Council requests that the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority soon form an ad hoc committee to explore with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority the possibility of Luzerne County joining that Authority and that that ad hoc committee identify the issues, benefits, risks, and costs of merging the operations of the Luzerne County Rail Corporation with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts about this possible resolution.

