



COUNTY of LUZERNE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
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**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM  
April 06, 2022  
6:00PM**

**6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**DELETIONS FROM AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discussion regarding the Reserve Fund utilizing unencumbered monthly department payroll and benefits.
2. Discussion regarding County Recycling and Cleanup Events
3. Discussion regarding Community Development Block Grant utilization
4. Discussion regarding Forty Fort Airport renovations

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on any agenda or non-agenda item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address the Committee. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.*

*Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.*

*Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**From:** [Wolovich Jr, Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Lawrence, Sharon](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Strategic Initiatives Agenda Item  
**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022 2:55:12 PM

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Hey Sharon,

Would you be able to add the contents of the email from Bobby Hughes to the agenda as well?

**From:** Bobby Hughes [REDACTED]  
**Date:** March 28, 2022 at 11:23:27 AM EDT  
**To:** Greg [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Michael Moses [REDACTED]

**Subject: Re: WilkesBarre Litter cleanup..**

I have one possible solution to offer to the County Council.

Could the County seek bids from a number of the surrounding dumpster companies in the County to get a single price on a number of various sized dumpsters (10 cubic yarder, 20, 30, 40) that could be utilized for various coordinated cleanups around the County led by volunteer groups or community groups, even the local citizenry in various neighborhoods where the illegal dumping has been a problem either streamside, roadside, or on abandoned and blighted lands? Dumpsters could then be strategically placed based on future coordinated cleanups targeted by community leaders with support from the County to get the dumpsters in place. Any tire recycling from these locations

could be stockpiled for the County Tire Recycling efforts that happen one or two times a year. I doubt that the price per ton at the landfill will change, in terms of once the dumpsters get there, however, it would be nice to not have to constantly be trying to secure grants to pay for the costs of the rental of the dumpsters and hauling of the trash that is picked up by community volunteers all across the County. This seems to be a reasonable expense and will help to clean up and protect and conserve our environment, waterways, streets, storm drains, and watersheds. The trash, masks, and everything else that many of us have picked up over the years is a public health and safety issue. It should be even considered as a part of the MS4 Public Outreach and Education plan that the County should ask for credit for in the case of the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, here in the Wyoming Valley.

Do you know that the value of each volunteer that provides in-kind services of their time to conduct these types of cleanups could be used as matching funds, if necessary? Their worth as an individual for one hour of their time is **\$26.67/hr**. See the attached document from the Independent Sector website. Volunteers all across the County are saving the local municipalities and County government if we look at the value, in terms of dollars, that the hundreds of volunteers continue to give throughout the year at these various cleanups.

Here is a website link to Keep PA Beautiful and some of the programs that they offer that the County could become involved with if they aren't already. [Keep PA Programs](#)

What ever happened to the 2019 Anti-Littering Enforcement and Programs that were available through PA DOT, the PA Environmental Council, and the Luzerne County Tourism Promotion Agency that had been involved with the larger regional "Pick Up the Poconos" campaign that was led by the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau?

Respectfully,

Bobby

**Bobby Hughes**

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**Executive Director**

**Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR)**

**101 S. Main Street**

**Ashley, PA 18706**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>US Total</b>	<b>\$28.54</b>	<b>\$27.20</b>	<b>\$25.43</b>	<b>\$24.69</b>	<b>\$24.14</b>	<b>\$23.56</b>	<b>\$23.07</b>	<b>\$22.55</b>	<b>\$22.14</b>	<b>\$21.79</b>	<b>\$21.36</b>	<b>\$20.85</b>	<b>\$20.25</b>	<b>\$19.51</b>	<b>\$18.77</b>	<b>\$18.04</b>	<b>\$17.55</b>	<b>\$17.19</b>	<b>\$16.74</b>	<b>\$16.27</b>
Alabama	\$ 25.25	\$23.52	\$22.65	\$21.92	\$22.28	\$21.22	\$20.84	\$20.50	\$20.47	\$18.26	\$18.06	\$17.70	\$16.84	\$16.10	\$15.71	\$15.15	\$14.71	\$14.47	\$13.98	\$12.95
Alaska	\$ 30.30	\$28.19	\$27.88	\$27.45	\$27.80	\$27.51	\$26.59	\$26.50	\$25.49	\$21.96	\$21.69	\$21.38	\$20.11	\$18.92	\$17.94	\$17.28	\$16.90	\$16.74	\$16.46	\$15.22
Arizona	\$ 26.94	\$25.67	\$24.83	\$24.51	\$23.57	\$22.83	\$22.37	\$22.52	\$22.25	\$20.08	\$19.71	\$19.48	\$18.70	\$18.05	\$17.48	\$16.79	\$16.22	\$15.86	\$15.41	\$14.75
Arkansas	\$ 22.87	\$21.57	\$20.49	\$20.01	\$19.66	\$19.14	\$19.31	\$18.93	\$18.23	\$16.77	\$16.48	\$16.24	\$15.38	\$14.84	\$14.08	\$13.71	\$13.35	\$13.07	\$12.69	\$11.82
California	\$ 33.61	\$31.51	\$29.95	\$29.09	\$28.46	\$27.59	\$26.87	\$26.34	\$26.01	\$24.75	\$24.18	\$23.42	\$22.62	\$21.96	\$21.14	\$20.36	\$19.74	\$19.19	\$18.67	\$18.72
Colorado	\$ 30.31	\$29.50	\$28.02	\$26.78	\$25.97	\$25.96	\$25.10	\$24.23	\$22.43	\$22.03	\$21.62	\$20.85	\$20.08	\$19.32	\$18.53	\$18.02	\$17.84	\$17.41	\$17.07	\$17.07
Connecticut	\$ 33.28	\$32.07	\$31.05	\$30.24	\$29.29	\$27.77	\$26.79	\$26.43	\$26.92	\$28.26	\$27.77	\$26.98	\$26.49	\$26.03	\$24.77	\$23.90	\$23.14	\$22.44	\$21.70	\$20.92
Delaware	\$ 28.02	\$26.17	\$25.38	\$25.45	\$23.20	\$21.37	\$20.22	\$20.29	\$20.44	\$23.02	\$22.34	\$21.88	\$21.13	\$20.77	\$20.47	\$19.87	\$18.97	\$18.74	\$18.08	\$16.71
District of Columbia	\$ 48.67	\$44.14	\$41.72	\$39.45	\$39.17	\$38.77	\$39.86	\$38.69	\$37.11	\$34.04	\$33.61	\$32.79	\$31.80	\$30.40	\$28.96	\$27.44	\$26.52	\$25.70	\$24.75	\$22.67
Florida	\$ 26.32	\$24.93	\$24.04	\$23.33	\$22.70	\$22.08	\$21.61	\$21.24	\$20.86	\$18.85	\$18.66	\$18.40	\$17.68	\$17.13	\$16.72	\$16.07	\$15.43	\$15.09	\$14.58	\$13.64
Georgia	\$ 26.77	\$25.86	\$25.78	\$25.15	\$24.39	\$23.80	\$23.26	\$22.25	\$21.42	\$20.77	\$20.38	\$19.94	\$19.18	\$18.78	\$18.06	\$17.60	\$17.15	\$16.91	\$16.48	\$15.74
Hawaii	\$ 30.55	\$27.98	\$26.87	\$25.40	\$23.80	\$23.33	\$23.14	\$22.16	\$21.67	\$18.14	\$18.08	\$17.94	\$17.16	\$16.47	\$15.89	\$15.40	\$15.06	\$14.66	\$14.17	\$13.26
Idaho	\$ 24.24	\$22.54	\$22.14	\$21.83	\$21.10	\$20.97	\$20.21	\$19.92	\$19.89	\$16.13	\$15.93	\$15.57	\$14.98	\$14.68	\$14.33	\$13.55	\$13.19	\$12.97	\$12.72	\$12.55
Illinois	\$ 29.37	\$27.98	\$26.89	\$26.02	\$25.95	\$25.34	\$24.74	\$24.08	\$23.73	\$23.19	\$22.77	\$22.34	\$21.85	\$21.11	\$20.29	\$19.52	\$18.97	\$18.60	\$18.20	\$17.40
Indiana	\$ 25.67	\$24.85	\$24.13	\$23.73	\$23.38	\$22.69	\$22.34	\$21.56	\$20.87	\$18.33	\$18.04	\$17.61	\$17.16	\$16.54	\$16.19	\$15.79	\$15.57	\$15.31	\$14.91	\$14.11
Iowa	\$ 25.16	\$24.03	\$23.41	\$22.73	\$22.95	\$22.25	\$21.75	\$20.93	\$20.14	\$17.55	\$17.22	\$16.77	\$16.21	\$15.51	\$15.00	\$14.54	\$14.19	\$13.85	\$13.36	\$12.50
Kansas	\$ 25.48	\$24.70	\$23.35	\$22.56	\$22.14	\$22.02	\$21.64	\$20.88	\$20.65	\$18.45	\$18.13	\$17.80	\$17.28	\$16.54	\$16.01	\$15.26	\$14.80	\$14.57	\$14.22	\$13.47
Kentucky	\$ 23.10	\$22.18	\$21.42	\$21.17	\$21.38	\$21.16	\$20.29	\$19.68	\$19.58	\$17.91	\$17.65	\$17.37	\$16.52	\$15.92	\$15.46	\$15.03	\$14.75	\$14.52	\$14.08	\$13.09
Louisiana	\$ 24.80	\$23.51	\$22.76	\$22.30	\$22.77	\$22.67	\$22.73	\$22.13	\$21.75	\$19.33	\$19.06	\$18.71	\$18.02	\$16.90	\$16.31	\$14.94	\$14.22	\$14.04	\$13.74	\$12.74
Maine	\$ 25.56	\$24.21	\$23.12	\$22.53	\$21.61	\$21.31	\$20.54	\$20.10	\$20.11	\$17.03	\$16.84	\$16.53	\$15.89	\$15.16	\$14.68	\$14.29	\$14.08	\$13.85	\$13.39	\$12.41
Maryland	\$ 31.29	\$29.51	\$28.65	\$27.50	\$26.79	\$26.64	\$25.43	\$24.82	\$23.05	\$22.77	\$22.32	\$21.20	\$20.42	\$19.69	\$19.06	\$18.39	\$17.96	\$17.34	\$16.07	\$15.07
Massachusetts	\$ 34.97	\$32.96	\$32.15	\$31.17	\$29.88	\$29.00	\$27.82	\$27.00	\$26.11	\$27.43	\$26.84	\$26.18	\$25.56	\$24.54	\$23.37	\$22.46	\$22.07	\$21.36	\$20.75	\$20.47
Michigan	\$ 26.93	\$25.79	\$24.85	\$23.91	\$23.67	\$23.54	\$22.96	\$22.13	\$21.59	\$20.63	\$20.07	\$19.79	\$19.55	\$18.98	\$18.56	\$18.32	\$18.11	\$18.10	\$17.48	\$16.92
Minnesota	\$ 30.98	\$29.44	\$28.15	\$27.58	\$26.40	\$25.20	\$24.83	\$24.31	\$23.59	\$21.91	\$21.62	\$20.90	\$20.55	\$19.65	\$18.72	\$18.25	\$18.18	\$17.74	\$17.20	\$16.14
Mississippi	\$ 21.83	\$20.95	\$19.70	\$19.81	\$19.85	\$19.51	\$19.60	\$19.35	\$18.86	\$15.58	\$15.43	\$15.28	\$14.66	\$13.93	\$13.55	\$13.01	\$12.56	\$12.45	\$12.05	\$11.27
Missouri	\$ 25.96	\$24.65	\$23.96	\$23.21	\$21.57	\$21.31	\$21.30	\$21.17	\$20.91	\$19.00	\$18.80	\$18.57	\$18.16	\$17.11	\$16.54	\$16.12	\$15.71	\$15.57	\$15.24	\$14.37
Montana	\$ 25.23	\$23.66	\$23.09	\$22.42	\$21.04	\$20.44	\$19.89	\$19.64	\$19.34	\$15.73	\$15.28	\$14.89	\$14.24	\$13.61	\$13.00	\$12.44	\$11.93	\$11.76	\$11.36	\$10.54
Nebraska	\$ 26.40	\$24.97	\$24.01	\$23.40	\$22.25	\$21.51	\$20.62	\$20.13	\$20.04	\$17.10	\$16.86	\$16.67	\$15.96	\$15.35	\$14.79	\$14.24	\$13.91	\$13.71	\$13.31	\$12.48
Nevada	\$ 25.46	\$23.82	\$22.61	\$21.85	\$21.51	\$20.98	\$19.81	\$19.05	\$18.97	\$18.82	\$19.00	\$18.65	\$18.11	\$17.30	\$16.86	\$16.17	\$15.74	\$15.12	\$14.28	\$13.28
New Hampshire	\$ 28.84	\$26.23	\$25.76	\$25.52	\$24.90	\$23.79	\$22.98	\$22.86	\$22.07	\$21.70	\$21.29	\$20.85	\$20.20	\$19.51	\$19.02	\$18.27	\$17.71	\$17.29	\$16.77	\$16.03
New Jersey	\$ 31.41	\$29.49	\$28.82	\$28.32	\$27.46	\$26.70	\$25.68	\$25.33	\$25.00	\$25.91	\$25.64	\$25.20	\$24.49	\$23.58	\$22.73	\$21.88	\$21.35	\$21.08	\$20.55	\$19.86
New Mexico	\$ 23.34	\$22.31	\$21.20	\$20.58	\$19.77	\$19.91	\$20.13	\$19.77	\$19.41	\$17.62	\$17.44	\$17.10	\$16.35	\$15.48	\$14.77	\$13.96	\$13.49	\$13.28	\$12.91	\$12.05
New York	\$ 33.17	\$31.29	\$30.18	\$29.19	\$28.06	\$27.59	\$26.86	\$26.45	\$26.00	\$28.73	\$28.32	\$27.17	\$27.70	\$27.01	\$25.19	\$23.60	\$22.77	\$21.96	\$21.53	\$20.78
North Carolina	\$ 25.98	\$24.72	\$24.19	\$23.41	\$22.99	\$21.88	\$21.47	\$21.04	\$21.07	\$19.09	\$18.80	\$18.18	\$17.58	\$16.99	\$16.49	\$15.93	\$15.52	\$15.28	\$14.89	\$14.09
North Dakota	\$ 27.00	\$26.67	\$25.77	\$25.29	\$25.40	\$25.24	\$25.13	\$23.92	\$22.49	\$19.18	\$17.49	\$16.48	\$15.56	\$14.43	\$13.73	\$13.18	\$12.82	\$12.47	\$11.96	\$11.06
Ohio	\$ 25.47	\$24.60	\$24.05	\$23.33	\$22.99	\$22.06	\$21.46	\$21.40	\$21.12	\$19.23	\$18.87	\$18.54	\$17.93	\$17.34	\$16.86	\$16.40	\$16.10	\$15.88	\$15.43	\$14.63
Oklahoma	\$ 24.35	\$23.74	\$22.95	\$22.18	\$22.08	\$21.50	\$21.45	\$20.88	\$20.82	\$18.28	\$17.49	\$17.05	\$16.56	\$15.60	\$15.09	\$14.06	\$13.66	\$13.42	\$12.91	\$12.10
Oregon	\$ 28.22	\$26.39	\$25.40	\$24.89	\$24.15	\$22.75	\$21.99	\$21.35	\$21.14	\$19.33	\$18.85	\$18.47	\$17.84	\$17.25	\$16.68	\$16.14	\$15.71	\$15.50	\$15.15	\$14.77
Pennsylvania	\$ 26.67	\$25.41	\$24.94	\$24.35	\$23.89	\$23.40	\$22.63	\$21.94	\$21.13	\$21.25	\$20.86	\$20.51	\$19.67	\$18.89	\$18.15	\$17.48	\$17.06	\$16.74	\$16.15	\$15.27
Rhode Island	\$ 28.24	\$27.17	\$26.82	\$26.17	\$24.34	\$23.48	\$23.45	\$23.53	\$23.28	\$19.82	\$19.57	\$19.10	\$18.32	\$17.52	\$17.14	\$16.51	\$16.13	\$15.98	\$15.22	\$14.18
South Carolina	\$ 25.47	\$24.01	\$23.21	\$22.22	\$21.85	\$21.14	\$20.56	\$20.15	\$19.84	\$17.20	\$16.91	\$16.53	\$15.80	\$15.28	\$14.93	\$14.43	\$14.03	\$13.88	\$13.50	\$12.62
South Dakota	\$ 23.94	\$22.57	\$21.91	\$21.30	\$20.81	\$20.29	\$19.65	\$19.04	\$18.96	\$15.99	\$15.60	\$15.18	\$14.47	\$13.75	\$13.20	\$12.76	\$12.45	\$12.26	\$11.86	\$11.04
Tennessee	\$ 24.52	\$23.50	\$22.67	\$21.98	\$22.16	\$20.92	\$20.72	\$20.13	\$20.05	\$19.42	\$19.21	\$18.62	\$17.86	\$17.22	\$16.63	\$15.98	\$15.62	\$15.36	\$14.86	\$13.87
Texas	\$ 26.43	\$25.47	\$25.10	\$24.64	\$25.15	\$25.11	\$24.66	\$23.40	\$22.75	\$22.57	\$21.91	\$21.35	\$20.85	\$20.22	\$19.14	\$18.20	\$17.53	\$17.17	\$16.84	\$16.22
Utah	\$ 27.82	\$26.20	\$24.99	\$24.39	\$24.27	\$23.92	\$23.51	\$22.65	\$22.07	\$18.19	\$17.92	\$17.54	\$16.72	\$16.12	\$15.37	\$14.61	\$14.17	\$14.00	\$13.74	\$13.14
Vermont	\$ 26.85	\$25.18	\$24.60	\$23.71	\$23.29	\$22.79	\$21.91	\$21.65	\$21.67	\$18.00	\$17.77	\$17.54	\$16.77	\$15.99	\$15.46	\$14.98	\$14.66	\$14.47	\$14.03	\$13.05
Virginia	\$ 29.14	\$28.46	\$27.50	\$26.75	\$26.96	\$26.09	\$24.90	\$24.49	\$24.60	\$22.90	\$22.60	\$22.03	\$20.83	\$20.04	\$19.32	\$18.69	\$17.97	\$17.50	\$16.84	\$15.88
Washington	\$ 33.75	\$33.02	\$31.72	\$30.46	\$30.04	\$28.99	\$27.54	\$26.72	\$26.52	\$22.69	\$22.01	\$21.62	\$20.57	\$19.62	\$18.79	\$17.92	\$17.39	\$17.74	\$17.41	\$16.92
West Virginia	\$ 23.97	\$23.01	\$22.29	\$21.10	\$20.98	\$20.47	\$20.24	\$19.76	\$18.93	\$17.57	\$17.01	\$16.65	\$15.70	\$14.66	\$14.15	\$13.59	\$13.26	\$13.00	\$12.74	\$11.96
Wisconsin	\$ 26.96	\$25.66	\$25.12	\$24.00	\$23.06	\$22.48	\$22.24	\$21.78	\$21.09	\$18.50	\$18.20	\$17.85	\$17.28	\$16.58	\$16.12	\$15.63	\$15.41	\$15.14	\$14.72	\$13.78
Wyoming	\$ 26.05	\$25.53																		