



**Luzerne County Council  
Voting Session  
April 25, 2023  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Court House  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on April 25, 2023 at 6:04 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Carl Bienias (virtually)  
Kevin Lescavage  
John Lombardo  
Lee Ann McDermott  
Tim McGinley  
Matt Mitchell  
Chris Perry  
Kendra Radle  
Brian Thornton  
Stephen J. Urban  
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

**Also Present**

Harry Skene, Chief County Solicitor  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Absent**

Brian Swetz, Acting County Manager

**Attorney Skene commented on the Executive Session. He stated that Council had an Executive Session to discuss three litigation matters related to a prisoner case, a bill payment and a mass tort litigation opportunity.**

### **Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations**

Chair Radle read proclamations for:

National Workers Memorial Day

National Library Week

Mental Health Awareness Month

### **Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

**Mr. SJ Urban would like to remove Item 1 (Ordinance Imposing Restrictions as to the Weight of Vehicles Operated Upon County Roads; Providing for the Issuance of Permits and the Posting of Security for the Movement of Vehicles of a Weight in Excess of Restrictions; and Prescribing Penalties for Violations) from the Voting Agenda due to a no enforcement mechanism and no financial piece regarding fines.**

**Motion to Remove from Agenda by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Roll Call Vote:**

Four (4) Yes by Mr. Lescavage, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Thornton and Mr. SJ Urban

Seven (7) No by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle and Mr. Wolovich

**Motion Failed (4-7)**

### **Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Lombardo

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted**

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

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**Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented Verbally regarding the Honey Hole Ordinance, the Booth Contract and the Toney Property Sale.**

**Beth Hartman (Hanover Township) commented Verbally regarding the Booth Contract and an RFP.**

**TJ Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding Booth Management and the Honey Hole Weight Limit Ordinance.**

**Chris Blazic (Drums) commented Verbally regarding Honey Hole Road.**

**Jamie Walsh (Ross Township) commented Verbally regarding Honey Hole Road and the Booth Management Resolution.**

**AGENDA ITEMS – CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**Motion to approve minutes of the April 11, 2023 Voting Session**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

One (1) Abstention by Ms. Radle

**Motion Passed (9-1) with (1) Abstention**

**The April 11, 2023 Voting Session Minutes are Approved**

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Motion to adopt Ordinance Imposing Restrictions as to the Weight of Vehicles Operated Upon County Roads; Providing for the Issuance of Permits and the Posting of Security for the Movement of Vehicles of a Weight in Excess of Restrictions; and Prescribing Penalties for Violations**

**Motion by:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Mitchell

**Mr. McGinley would like to amend the ordinance regarding enforcement. He would like to list enforcement by the State Police and the Municipal Police Department and not the County.**

**Motion to Amend by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Roll Call Vote to Amend:**

Seven (7) Yes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Mr. Thornton, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

Four (4) No by Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Radle

**Motion Passed (7-4)**

**Ordinance is Amended**

**Roll Call Vote to Adopt:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Ordinance is Adopted**

**2. Motion to adopt Ordinance Amending the Capital Plan Budget for Luzerne County**

**Motion by:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Mr. McGinley would like to amend the ordinance and decrease the purchase amount/number of pieces of equipment from 47 to 40.**

**Motion to Amend by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Perry

**Roll Call Vote to Amend:**

Three (3) Yes by Mr. Lescavage, Mr. McGinley and Mr. Perry

Eight (8) No by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Radle,

Mr. Thornton, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

**Motion Failed (3-8)**

**Roll Call Vote to Adopt:**

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Radle, Mr. Thornton, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

Two (2) No by Mr. McGinley and Mr. Perry

**Motion Passed (9-2)**

**Ordinance is Adopted**

**3. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Enter into a Subsequent Contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC for ARPA Grant Management Services**

**Motion by:** Mr. Mitchell

**Second:** Mr. Lombardo

**Discussion took place between Council Members and Booth.**

**Chair Radle searched for signed Contract with Booth on the County Website.**

**Motion to Recess by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Vote:**

Unanimous

**Motion to Reconvene by:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Vote:**

Unanimous

**Chair Radle located the Contract and there was further discussion.**

**Motion to Table by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Mitchell

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Tabled**

**4. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County**

**Motion by:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Ordinance is Introduced**

**5. Motion to introduce ordinance Adopting a Parking Ordinance in Hanover Township**

**Motion by:** Mr. Wolovich

**Second:** Mr. Lombardo

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Ordinance is Introduced**

**6. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Financing by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Hospital and Education Authority of Certain Projects for the Benefit of King’s College, a Not-For-Profit Corporation; Declaring that it is Desirable for the Health, Safety and Welfare of the People of the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, and the Area Served by King’s College to Have the Projects Provided by and Financed Through the Authority; and Authorizing Other Necessary and Appropriate Action**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**7. Motion to approve Letter to Authorities (receiving ARPA money) regarding fees/rates**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Lombardo

**Mr. SJ Urban would like the signatures removed from the body of the letter and added to a separate signature page.**

**Motion to Amend by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Roll Call Vote to Amend:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Letter is Amended**

**Roll Call Vote to Approve:**  
Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Letter is Approved**

**8. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute the Sale of a Parcel of County-Owned Property in Wilkes-Barre City to Sally Toney**

**Motion by:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

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**Elizabeth Hartman (Hanover Township) commented Verbally regarding** C&Y Contracts, County Manager Applicants, Wellpath and drugs and Kronos Clock Use.

**Lisa Fischer (Duryea) commented Verbally regarding** Copart and passed out packets for Council.

**Dolores Voda (Duryea) commented Verbally regarding** McAlpine Street, loss of trees and air quality.

**James Schweitzer (West Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding** the Jaycee Drive Project.

**Henry Kreisl (West Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding** Jaycee Drive and storm water project.

**Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented Verbally regarding** applicants and the new County Manager, Sherman Hills and Kronos and auto pay.

**TJ Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding** Booth Management, an RFP, the Milk Contract, safety in Luzerne County, LCCF Staff, DA Staff and the new County Manger.

**Jamie Walsh (Ross Township) commented Verbally regarding** Kooth Mental Health Services.

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding** the Booth Contract, West Hazleton Jaycee Drive and Black Creek and the Election Board Meeting and uniform treatment.

**Joe McCabe (Lafin) commented Verbally regarding** the Booth Contract, an RFP, the DA Budget Amendment, the Election investigation, Rockin' the River and cost, the Election Board Meeting and bidding process.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of Council

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