



**Luzerne County Council  
Voting Session  
May 10, 2022  
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 May 10, 2022 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Attorney Skene commented on the Executive Session. He stated we had an Executive Session this evening before this meeting wherein we discussed litigation matters.**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Carl Bienias  
Kevin Lescavage  
Lee Ann McDermott  
Tim McGinley  
Chris Perry  
Kendra M. Radle  
Brian Thornton  
Stephen J. Urban  
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

**Absent**

John Lombardo

**Also Present**

Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq., Acting County Manager (virtually)  
Harry Skene, Acting County Solicitor  
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant Solicitor (virtually)  
Vito DeLuca, Esq., Assistant Solicitor (virtually)  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations**

Chair Radle read a proclamation congratulating PA 211 NE/Help Line in celebration of 50 years of service.

**Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

NONE

**Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

**Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

NONE

**Agenda Items**

**Motion to adopt minutes of the April 26, 2022 Voting Session**

**Motion by:** Mr. Thornton

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Vote:**

Eight (8) Ayes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (8-1)**

**The April 26, 2022 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted**

**1. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the 2022 Fiscal Year Budgets for Luzerne County (D&A)**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Ordinance is Introduced**

**2. Motion to adopt resolution Requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority**

**Motion by:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**3. Motion to adopt resolution Approving a Request for Proposals for Real Estate Broker Services Related to the Sale of 1200 Susquehanna Avenue, West Pittston**

**Motion by:** Mr. Lescavage

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**4. Motion to adopt resolution Supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250PA)**

**Motion by:** Mr. Wolovich

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**5. Motion to adopt resolution Supporting the 2022 Priorities of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania**

**Motion by:** Mr. Thornton

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Mr. SJ Urban noted that there was a highlighted blank in the resolution for the percentage of residents that do not have reliable service and asked if it should be filled in.**

**Chair Radle asked if that information was available.**

**Acting Manager Crocarno stated she will find out the number.**

**Mr. Thornton suggested Council pass it and fill in the blank prior to signing.**

**Attorney Skene agreed.**

**Chair Radle confirmed with Council that the resolution can be passed and the blank filled in prior to signing.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**6. Appointment to Boards and Commissions**

**6a. Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. SJ Urban nominated:** James Mangan

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Mr. Perry nominated:** Rick Nardone

**Second:** Mr. McGinley

**Motion to Close Nominations:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**

**Mr. Bienias:** Mangan

**Mr. Lescavage:** Mangan

**Ms. McDermott:** Nardone

**Mr. McGinley:** Nardone

**Mr. Perry:** Nardone

**Ms. Radle:** Nardone

**Mr. Thornton:** Mangan

**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** Mangan

**Mr. Wolovich:** Mangan

**Results:**  
**Mangan 5**  
**Nardone 4**

Since neither candidate received 6 votes, Chair Radle stated another Roll Call Vote will be taken.

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**  
**Mr. Bienias:** Mangan  
**Mr. Lescavage:** Mangan  
**Ms. McDermott:** Mangan  
**Mr. McGinley:** Mangan  
**Mr. Perry:** Mangan  
**Ms. Radle:** Mangan  
**Mr. Thornton:** Mangan  
**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** Mangan  
**Mr. Wolovich:** Mangan  
**Results:**  
**Mangan 9**  
**Nardone 0**

**Motion to adopt resolution Appointing James Mangan to the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration by: Mr. SJ Urban**

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

#### **6b. Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. McDermott**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Bienias nominated:** Todd Hastings

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Mr. SJ Urban nominated:** Marie Roke-Thomas

**Second:** NONE

**Motion Fails for Lack of a Second**

**Mr. Perry nominated:** Joseph Long

**Second:** Mr. McGinley

**Motion to Close Nominations:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**

**Mr. Bienias:** Hastings  
**Mr. Lescavage:** Hastings  
**Ms. McDermott:** Hastings  
**Mr. McGinley:** Long  
**Mr. Perry:** Long  
**Ms. Radle:** Long  
**Mr. Thornton:** Hastings  
**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** Hastings  
**Mr. Wolovich:** Hastings

**Results:**

**Hastings 6**

**Long 3**

**Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Todd Hastings to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees by: Mr. Thornton**

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**7. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the Administrative Code at Section 2.08 – County Council Investigations and Inquiries, Subsection A**

**Motion by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Lescavage

**Roll Call Vote:**

Six (6) Yes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Thornton, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

Three (3) No by Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry and Ms. Radle

**Motion Passed (6-3)**

**Ordinance is Introduced**

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

**WRITTEN** comments are submitted electronically via **EMAIL** or **ZOOM**. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda. **VERBAL** comments, in their entirety, can be heard by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

**Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) commented Verbally regarding** dues for the National Association of Counties, the budget, LCCF inmates and provided Council with a handout.

**James Mangan (Exeter) commented Verbally regarding** his appointment and thanked Council.

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding** the Board of Elections appointment, LCTA and Hazleton Public Transit matches and the Hazleton Public Transit Certification.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr. Thornton

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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