



**Luzerne County Council  
Voting Session  
June 27, 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 June 27, 2023 at 6:15 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Vough.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council  
Romilda Crocamo, Esq., County Manager  
Harry Skene, Chief County Solicitor

### **Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations**

Agudas Israel Congregation Synagogue

REMOVED

Chair Vough stated the recipients were unable to attend due to weather and flooded roadways.

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

**Motion to move Voting Session Agenda Item 7 (Motion to approve Letters to Schuylkill and Carbon Counties regarding Hazleton Public Transit Match) to the**

**Work Session by: Mr. McGinley**

**Second: Mr. Wolovich**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Voting Session Agenda Item 7 is moved to the Work Session agenda as Agenda Item 4.**

### **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**

**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 can be heard in their entirety by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding** the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant.

### **Motion to approve minutes of the June 13, 2023 Voting Session**

**Motion by: Mr. Wolovich**

**Second: Mr. McGinley**

**Vote:**

Ten (10) Ayes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Vough, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**The June 13, 2023 Voting Session Minutes are Approved**

### **Old Business**

None

**1. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute a Renewal Contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw Legal Research Software**

**Motion by:** Mr. Bienias

**Second:** Mr. Mitchell

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes-Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**2. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment/Extension with GEO Reentry Services**

**Motion by:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes-Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

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

**Motion by:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes-Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**4. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing an Application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program**

**Motion by:** Mr. Wolovich

**Second:** Mr. Mitchell

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes-Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**5. Motion to adopt resolution Depositing \$260,845.00 into the Reserve Fund**

**Motion by:** Mr. Bienias

**Second:** Mr. McGinley

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes-Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**6. Motion to adopt Resolution Awarding American Rescue Plan Act Grant Monies to the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce for a Small Business Sustainability Grant Program**

**Motion by:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Mr. Mitchell

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Vough, Mr. Thornton, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Lombardo

**Motion Passed (10-0) with (1) Abstention**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**7. Motion to approve Letters to Schuylkill and Carbon Counties regarding Hazleton Public Transit Match**

MOVED TO WORK SESSION

**Attorney Skene commented on the Executive Session. He stated there was an Executive Session today where litigation matters were discussed. One matter was to possibly resolve an employment matter and another one was to discuss and possibly resolve a matter with the Sheriffs and another case was a case where a possible resolution for a matter with the prison was discussed.**

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

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**Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) commented Verbally regarding ARP money and funding to the citizens.**

**Elizabeth Hartman (Hanover Township) commented Verbally regarding ARP money, CEO income guidelines and the Lackawanna County Children and Youth License.**

**Jamie Walsh (Ross Township) commented Verbally regarding money for Sweet Valley Road, completion of roads and scope of work.**

**Michele Mikitish (Jenkins Township) commented Verbally regarding the ARP funds for the Chamber and thanked Council.**

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding county employees, accountability, the LSA loan, the DOT grant application, the Hazleton Transit issue and Schuylkill and Carbon county routes.**

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of Council

\* Audio of this meeting can be found in its entirety on the County Council webpage  
<http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the  
Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to [sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org)