



**Luzerne County Council
Voting Session
June 28, 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 June 28, 2022 at 6:25 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

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

Also Present

Randy Robertson, County Manager
Harry Skene, Acting County Solicitor
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant Solicitor (virtually)
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Attorney Skene commented on the Executive Session. He stated prior to the meeting there was an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations

Chair Radle read a proclamation from the Luzerne County Council and County Manager recognizing June 23rd as the 50th anniversary of the historical tropical storm Agnes of 1972.

Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

NONE

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Ms. McDermott was having trouble with her audio and was not able to Vote.

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Items

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Harry Haas (Kingston) commented Verbally regarding Booth Management, Homestead, ARP funds, CCAP delegates and CCAP meetings.

Theodore John Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding Booth Management and ARP funds.

Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) commented Verbally regarding Booth Management and ARP funds.

Agenda Items

Motion to adopt minutes of the June 14, 2022 Voting Session

Motion by: Mr. Bienias

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Mr. McGinley noted that the motion to “place Mr. Robertson’s name wherever County Manager appears on documents” was incorrect in the June 14th minutes. The minutes indicate Mr. SJ Urban made the motion and the motion was made by Mr. Thornton. The minutes need to be amended to reflect “Motion by: Mr. Thornton”.

Motion to amend by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote to Amend:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The June 14, 2022 Voting Session minutes are Amended.

Vote to Adopt:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The June 14, 2022 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to adopt ordinance Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone Three Parcels of Property totaling 12.95 acres in Newport Township from MI, Mining District Zone to R-2, Two Family Residence District Zone

Motion by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Adopted

2. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Luzerne County and Teamsters Local Union 401 (Aging)

Motion by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

3. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Luzerne County and Teamsters Local Union 401 (C&Y)

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

4. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Luzerne County and Teamsters Local Union 401 (MHDS)

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

5. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Luzerne County and AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council 87 (Court Related Unit)

Motion by: Mr. Lescavage

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Luzerne County and AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council 87 (Residual Unit)

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7. Motions regarding resolution Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Enter into a Contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC

7a. Motion to Reconsider

Motion by: Ms. McDermott

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eight (8) Yes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lombardo, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle and Mr. Thornton

Three (3) No by Mr. Lescavage, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Wolovich

Motion Passed (8-3)

Resolution is Reconsidered

7b. Motion to Adopt

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. McGinley

Mr. McGinley requested an amendment to the Contract adding a statement regarding changes to the number of projects and adjustment of the cost of the contract and fees.

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Contract is Amended

Roll Call Vote to Adopt Resolution:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

8. Nominations and Appointments for CCAP Voting Delegates

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Perry

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Perry nominated: Brian Thornton

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. Thornton nominated: Carl Bienias

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Mr. Perry nominated: Kevin Lescavage

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. McGinley nominated: John Lombardo
Second: Mr. Thornton
Mr. Perry nominated: Stephen J Urban
Second: Mr. Wolovich
Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. McGinley
Second: Mr. Lombardo
Vote:
Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Brian Thornton as a CCAP Voting Delegate by: Mr. SJ Urban
Second: Mr. Lombardo
Roll Call Vote:
Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Carl Bienias as a CCAP Voting Delegate by: Mr. Wolovich
Second: Mr. SJ Urban
Roll Call Vote:
Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Kevin Lescavage as a CCAP Voting Delegate by: Mr. SJ Urban
Second: Mr. Bienias
Roll Call Vote:
Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing John Lombardo as a CCAP Voting Delegate by: Mr. Bienias
Second: Mr. SJ Urban
Roll Call Vote:
Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Stephen J Urban as a CCAP Voting

Delegate by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

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County Manager Robertson introduced the new Director of IT, Ray Kase. Mr. Kase spoke briefly about his new role and the IT Department.

Theodore James Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding Council comments on the ARP funds and the Meet and Greet Event for the County Manager.

Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) commented Verbally regarding the Booth contract and ARP funds.

Beth Hartman (Hanover Twp) commented Verbally regarding Union Contracts and Children & Youth.

Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented Verbally and spoke in Memory of Brian Shiner.

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding Brian Shiner, the State Budget, ARP funds and the General Fund.

**Chair Radle read Public Comment Email from:
Denise Williams**

Motion to adjourn: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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<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