



**Luzerne County Council**  
July 10, 2018  
Luzerne County Court House  
Council Meeting Room  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

**Minutes**  
**Voting Session**

**Call to Order**

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Edward A. Brominski (via phone)  
Harry Haas  
Linda McClosky Houck  
Eugene Kelleher  
Tim McGinley  
Sheila Saidman, Esq.  
Robert Schnee  
Matthew Vough  
Jane Walsh Waitkus

**Absent**

Chris Perry  
Stephen A. Urban

**Also Present**

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager  
Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq., Chief County Solicitor  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Mr. McGinley announced Mr. Brominski is calling in to the meeting.**  
**Mr. McGinley stated it is his fourth time calling in and will require a vote of Council to allow him to participate in the Meeting. Mr. Brominski is calling in due to a health issue.**

**Motion to allow Mr. Brominski to participate by phone**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eight (8) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (8-0)**

**Mr. Brominski is present and will participate in the meeting.**

**Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations**

None

**Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

None

**Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

**Motion to Adopt:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (9-0)**

**Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items**

**Brian Shiner (Kingston)** commented on the resolution regarding the auction of county owned properties. He suggested other options and felt that an auction should be a last attempt.

**Charles Griffith (Trucksville)** commented on the resolution regarding the Westlaw Contract. He suggested dollar amounts be added to the resolution and questioned the number of licenses. Mr. Griffith also commented on the resolution regarding the auction of county owned properties and suggested it contain more details such as requiring a public notice and minimum bids. Mr. Griffith thanked Ms. Houck for asking for the budget report.

**Joe McCabe (Exeter)** commented on the auction of county owned properties and agreed with Mr. Shiner that they should be sold for as much as possible.

**Charles Olah (Kingston)** commented on the Westlaw contract, Old Business questions regarding the Records Retention Building square footage and cost, and the auction of county owned properties.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Motion to adopt minutes of the June 26, 2018 Voting Meeting**

**Motion by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Eight (8) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

One (1) Nay by Mr. Brominski

**Motion Passed (8-1)**

**The June 26, 2018 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted**

**1. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the application for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Agency**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Mr. Kelleher

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes - Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (9-0)**

**2. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a Renewal Contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw Legal Research Software**

**Motion by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

Ms. Houck would like to move to amend the resolution to include the dollar amounts from the Westlaw contract.

**Motion to Amend by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Roll Call Vote on Amendment:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Resolution is Amended (9-0)**

**Roll Call Vote to Adopt Amended Resolution:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (9-0)**

**3. Motion to adopt resolution resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging and Susquehanna Properties Management for the Dallas Active Adult Center**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes - Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (9-0)**

**4. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute the sale of County-Owned Property by Auction**

**Motion by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Mr. Vough

Mr. Haas would like to amend the resolution to require a minimum bid of \$500.00

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

**Second:** None

**Motion fails for lack of a second.**

Ms. Houck would like to postpone until minimum bids are added for each property.

The minimum bid for each property will be dependent upon information obtained from the Assessors' Office.

**Motion to Postpone by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes \_ Unanimous

**Resolution is Postponed (9-0)**

**5. Motion to adopt resolution regarding monthly Budget Reports**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Vough

Mr. McGinley feels that this belongs in the Administrative Code and not in a resolution and would like to see it postponed.

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

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Six (6) Yes by Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Three (3) No by Mr. Brominski, Mr. Haas and Ms. Houck

**Resolution is Postponed (6-3)**

**6. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the Luzerne County Personnel Code**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes - Unanimous

**Ordinance is Introduced (9-0)**

**7. Council nominations and appointments to CCAP Voting Delegates**

**Mr. Kelleher nominated:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Mr. Vough nominated:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Mr. Haas nominated:** Mr. Vough

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Ms. Waitkus nominated:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Ms. Waitkus nominated:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Motion to approve the nominations of Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Vough and Mr. McGinley for CCAP Voting Delegates**

**Motion by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes - Unanimous

**Nominations are Approved (9-0)**

## **9. Authorities, Boards, & Commissions nominations and appointments to:**

### **9a. Children & Youth Advisory Board**

**Motion to open nominations by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Schnee nominated:** Ciro Cinti

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Mr. Kelleher nominated:** Eileen Song

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Mr. Vough nominated:** Lawrence Marchetti

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Ms. Saidman nominated:** Martin Dartoe

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Motion to close nominations by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Ciro Cinti to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a term of 1/1/18 to 12/31/2020**

**Motion by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (9-0)**

**Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Eileen Song to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a term of 1/1/18 to 12/31/2020**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (9-0)**

**Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Lawrence Marchetti to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a term of 1/1/18 to 12/31/2020**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Mr. Kelleher

**Roll Call Vote:**

Seven (7) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

Two (2) No by Mr. Brominski and Ms. Saidman

**Resolution is Adopted (7-2)**

**Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Martin Dartoe to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a term of 1/1/18 to 12/31/2020**

**Motion by:** Ms. Waitkus

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Seven (7) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

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

**Resolution is Adopted (7-2)**

**9b. Convention Center Authority**

**Motion to open nominations by:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Schnee nominated:** Neal DeAngelo

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Mr. Brominski nominated:** James Reino

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Ms. Saidman nominated:** Rodney Kaiser

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Motion to close nominations by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name) to complete a term expiring 12/31/2021:**

**Mr. Brominski:** Reino

**Mr. Haas:** Reino

**Ms. Houck:** Reino

**Mr. Kelleher:** Reino

**Mr. McGinley:** Reino

**Ms. Saidman:** Kaiser

**Mr. Schnee:** DeAngelo

**Mr. Vough:** DeAngelo

**Ms. Waitkus:** DeAngelo

**Results:**

Reino 5  
DeAngelo 3  
Kaiser 1

**Since one candidate did not receive 6 votes, a roll call vote will be taken between the 2 highest, Mr. Reino and Mr. DeAngelo.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Brominski:** Reino  
**Mr. Haas:** Reino  
**Ms. Houck:** Reino  
**Mr. Kelleher:** Reino  
**Mr. McGinley:** Reino  
**Ms. Saidman:** DeAngelo  
**Mr. Schnee:** DeAngelo  
**Mr. Vough:** DeAngelo  
**Ms. Waitkus:** DeAngelo

**Results:**

Reino 5  
DeAngelo 4

**Since one candidate did not receive 6 votes, another roll call vote will be taken.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Mr. Brominski:** Reino  
**Mr. Haas:** Reino  
**Ms. Houck:** Reino  
**Mr. Kelleher:** Reino  
**Mr. McGinley:** Reino  
**Ms. Saidman:** DeAngelo  
**Mr. Schnee:** DeAngelo  
**Mr. Vough:** DeAngelo  
**Ms. Waitkus:** DeAngelo

**Results:**

Reino 5  
DeAngelo 4

**Motion to Postpone by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes - Unanimous

**Resolution is Postponed (9-0)**

**9c. Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board**

No candidates

### **Public Comment**

**Joe McCabe (Exeter)** commented about the reassessment of a commercial property and questioned if Duryea is part of Luzerne County. Mr. McCabe stated the concrete work was done on the Water Street Bridge and asked when the lighting will be done. Mr. O'Neill responded. Mr. McCabe commended the Warden on a recent hire.

**Walter Griffith (Trucksville)** thanked Council for putting a dollar amount in the Westlaw resolution. Mr. Griffith was still concerned about the postponed resolution regarding the auction of county owned properties. He suggested in the future the Real Estate Committee work on the details before it is presented for a vote. Mr. Griffith spoke about his Ethics complaint that was dismissed and recourse. He stated committee meetings need to be recorded.

**Charles Olah (Kingston)** commented on New World and reports available to Council. Mr. Olah stated he had two questions (Old Business) regarding the contractor for the county owned roadway in the Hanover Industrial Park and the three (3) replaced/new Road & Bridge trucks.

**Brian Shiner (Kingston)** spoke about the sale of county owned properties, minimum bids, and the taxes on the assessed values following the sale.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr, Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 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)