



**Luzerne County Council  
Voting Session  
November 09, 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 November 09, 2022 at 6:01 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 (virtually)  
John Lombardo  
Lee Ann McDermott  
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, Chief County Solicitor  
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant Solicitor (virtually)  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations**

Chair Radle read a proclamation recognizing October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Luzerne County.

**Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

NONE

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

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Mr. SJ Urban called Point of Order and made a motion to add an Executive Session to the Agenda.**

**Motion by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Wolovich confirmed their motions to Adopt the Agenda.**

**Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

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

**Second:** Mr. Lombardo

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted**

**Motion to recess and go into an Executive Session by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Council recessed for an Executive Session at 6:05 PM**

**Motion to Reconvene Voting Session by:** Mr. Thornton

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Council reconvened Voting Session at 6:41**

**Motion to amend the Voting Session Agenda and move Work Session Item 3 (resolution Authorizing an Application for the 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program) to the Voting Session by: Mr. McGinley**

**Second:** Mr. Wolovich

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Work Session Item 3 is added to the Voting Session and will be Item 4.**

**Chair Radle confirmed the First and Second to adopt the Voting Session Agenda with the amendment.**

**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.

NONE

**Agenda Items**

**1. Motion to approve minutes of the October 25, 2022 Voting Session**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Bienias

**Vote:**

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

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**The October 25, 2022 Voting Session Minutes are Approved**

**2. Motion to approve minutes of the November 01, 2022 Voting Session**

**Motion by:** Mr. Wolovich

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Vote:**

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

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**The November 01, 2022 Voting Session Minutes are Approved**

**3. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the County Manager To Execute a Lease Agreement Between Luzerne County and Luzerne County Domestic Relations**

**Motion by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**ADDED ITEM:**

**4. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing an Application for the 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program**

**Motion by:** Mr. Lombardo

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**5. Motion to approve the Act 13 Grant Funding Amount for 2022-2023**

**Motion to approve \$100,000.00 for the 2022-2023 Act 13 Grants by:** Mr. Thornton

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Attorney Skene commented on the Executive Session. He stated the Executive Session concerned Personnel matters.**

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

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**Deb Jordan (Sugarloaf Township) commented Verbally regarding the polls and the election.**

**Jamie Walsh (Ross Township) commented Verbally regarding election issues.**

**Leeann Busch (Sugarloaf Township) commented Verbally regarding the election.**

**Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented Verbally regarding** the election process, resignation of the County Manager, job obstruction and an election investigation.

**Rob Fisher (Berwick) commented Verbally regarding** the election board and the election.

**Mary Cole (Berwick) commented Verbally regarding** election issues and lack of paper.

**TJ Fitzgerald (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding** election issues and solutions.

**Laura Pinero (Wyoming) commented Verbally regarding** roads and LSA funds.

**Joe Granteed (Luzerne) commented Verbally regarding** security issues with drop boxes.

**Alyssa Fusaro (Luzerne) commented Verbally regarding** election issues and resignation of the County Manager.

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding** election problems.

**William Ebert (Hazle Township) commented Verbally regarding** election problems.

**Bob McMillan (Hunlock Creek) commented Verbally regarding** election issues and an investigation.

**Brian Dwyer (Larksville) commented Verbally regarding** election issues.

**Vivian Lucina Kreidler (Nescopeck) commented Verbally regarding** the election.

**Mark Shaffer (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally regarding** the Election Board and Bureau of Elections.

**Rick Davis (Black Creek Township) commented Verbally regarding** the election.

**Chair Radle read Public Comment Emails from:**

**Linda McClosky Houck (Kingston)**

**Robyn & Walter Kochan (Dallas Township)**

**Cindy Brannan (Wright Township)**

**The Betz Family (Hollenback Township)**

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Thornton

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49 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  
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