

On the above date at 10:00 AM., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened their regularly scheduled meeting with the following present: Gregory A. Skrepenak, Chairman; Todd A. Vonderheid and Stephen A. Urban, Commissioners; Samuel T. Guesto, County Manager for Legislation/Chief Clerk; James Blaum, County Solicitor; Michael L. Morreale, Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; James J. Brozena, County Engineer; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.

Commissioner Skrepenak called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of Silent Prayer. It is noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Commissioner Skrepenak reviewed the protocol for Public Comment and directed Mr. Samuel Guesto, Chief Clerk, to ensure the five-minute time limit is adhered to.

Commissioner Skrepenak introduced Kathy Bozinski and Samuel Guesto for the presentation of the Proclamations.

Commissioner Skrepenak reminded everyone that if you wish to address the Commissioners to see Ms. Bozinski and sign in.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:..... Samuel T. Guesto, Jr.
County Manager /Chief Clerk**

Mr. Guesto announced the relocation of the Luzerne County Veteran’s Affairs Office from Forty-Fort Complex to 77 Water Street, Wilkes-Barre effective December 4th, 2006.

**RECOGNITIONS:..... Kathy Bozinski
Public Information Officer**

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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COMMUNICATIONS – SAMUEL T. GUESTO, JR.

MOTION

Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, or “LERTA” – 113006A

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to provide for temporary exemption from real property taxation under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, or “LERTA”, for specified time periods of ten (10) years for all increases in assessed valuation of the new construction and of improvements, including repairs, construction or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial, or business property in certain deteriorated and blighted areas in the Township of Jenkins and the Township of Pittston and which is in the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania and known as the “Mericle CenterPoint Lands” and prescribing the requirements and the procedures for securing such exemption as set forth in the related Resolution.

Robert Mericle and Lewis Sebia, Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services, provided an overview of the CenterPoint project.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County Road Dedication – 113006B

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to provide for the acceptance of the public dedication of all roads constructed, or to be constructed, within the CenterPoint Commerce and Trade Parks located in the Township of Jenkins and the Township of Pittston and which is in the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania as set forth in the related Resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN

MOTION

Proposed Budget 2007

Sam Diaz, Chief, Budget and Finance, provided a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the 2007 Budget. Copies of the Budget will be available for review in the Offices of the Commissioners, County Manager, Budget and Finance and the Hazleton Courthouse Annex. The budget will be presented for ratification at the December 21, 2006 meeting.

Commissioner Skrepenak, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Mr. Diaz, Sam Guesto, Jr, County Manager/Chief Clerk, senior staff, Row Officers and Department Heads for their efforts and contributions to this budget.

Request a motion to accept the first reading of the Proposed 2007 Budget.

Commissioner Urban noted he will not support the 2007 Proposed Budget citing the plan does not include enough cuts to offset the shortfalls and the additional funds that must be borrowed if savings don't materialize.

Request a Motion to adopt the following **RESOLUTION NO. 113006B:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed General Fund budget for the year 2007 be the same is hereby adopted as submitted, said budget indicating revenues in the amount of \$140,842,029 and disbursements in the amount of \$140,842,029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 21, 2006, be and the same is hereby set, as the date for the final adoption of the budget for the year 2007. The Chief Clerk is hereby directed to make the proposed budget available for public inspection in the Office of the Luzerne County Commissioners, the Hazleton Courthouse Annex, the Luzerne County Law Library at any time during regular business hours from this date until final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk be and is hereby directed and authorized to give such public notice as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be a tax levied on all real estate property and for the general County purpose, including the payment of interest and principal of the funded debt, in the total amount of 94.9 mills.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne on the 30th day of November, 2006
Samuel T. Guesto, County Manager/Chief Clerk

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN

Request a motion to accept the first reading of the Proposed 2007 Budget.

MOTION

Proposed 2007 Liquid Fuels Budget

Request a motion to accept the first reading of the Proposed 2007 Liquid Fuels Budget.

Request a Motion to adopt the following **RESOLUTION NO. 113006C:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed Liquid Fuels tentative budget for the year 2007 be the same is hereby adopted as submitted, said budget indicating revenues in the amount of \$1,081,600 and disbursements in the amount of \$1,081,600.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 21, 2006, be and the same is hereby set, as the date for the final adoption of the budget for the year 2007. The Chief Clerk is hereby directed to make the proposed budget available for public inspection in the Office of the Luzerne County Commissioners, the Hazleton Courthouse Annex, the Luzerne County Law Library at any time during regular business hours from this date until final adoption.

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A Motion was entertained to adjourn the Commissioners’ Meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Respectfully,



Patricia Wilk, Recording Secretary