

On the above date at 10:00 A.M., 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; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.; Michael Morreale; Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; James Brozena, County Engineer/Road & Bridge; Andrew Reilly, Director of Community Development; and Gregory Hunsinger, Director of Purchasing.

Commissioner Gregory 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 announced bids will be opened in the Treasurers' Office. 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**

NONE

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

1. Check Presentation: Leadership Hazleton  
Denise Corcoran
2. Resolution: National Family Week  
Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley  
Catholic Social Services  
Jewish Family Services
3. Resolution: Adopt-a-Pet Month  
Vince Sweeney, Luzerne County SPCA

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**COMMUNICATIONS – SAMUEL T. GUESTO, JR.**

**Minutes and Vouchers**

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s Meeting held on September 13, 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a motion to ratify and confirm payment of the following vouchers:

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 438813GF - 439503GF County General Fund for 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “ABSTAIN” URBAN**

PNC Bank, Vouchers 501290LF - 501328LF Liquid Fuels for 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400224WC - 400224WC Worker’s Compensation for 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “ABSTAIN” URBAN**

MOTION

**Hazleton and Hazle Township**

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONTINUING A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF HAZLETON AND HAZLE TOWNSHIP, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 4, 2006; OCTOBER 11, 2006 AND OCTOBER 18, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Cultural Council of Luzerne County**

Request a motion to support The Cultural Council of Luzerne County in their efforts to coordinate cultural activities throughout the county in the amount of \$50,000.

Shelley Pearce provided an overview of how this funding would be utilized.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Application to PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency/Purchase Surveillance Equipment**

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the application for and receipt of award in the amount of \$6,000. The County’s application, if awarded, will allow the District Attorney’s Office to purchase video and audio surveillance equipment which will be loaned to local police for investigation purposes.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Detectives’ Contract Agreement**

REQUEST A MOTION TO RATIFY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUZERNE COUNTY AND THE LUZERNE COUNTY DETECTIVES’ ASSOCIATION. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011.

Mr. Guesto provided an overview of the agreement summarizing that the Administration maintained its consistency to push for contributions to Health Care, wages at a fair level and the movement of all employees to the management plan and making the same contribution as the non-union employees to Health Care of 10 percent (10%).

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN**

MOTION

**Luzerne County Court Appointed Professional Agreement**

REQUEST A MOTION TO RATIFY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUZERNE COUNTY AND THE LUZERNE COUNTY COURT APPOINTED PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Mr. Guesto provided an overview of the agreement stating although the negotiations went to Arbitration after on meeting the administration maintained its consistency to push for contributions to Health Care, wages at a fair level and the movement of all employees to the management plan and making the same contribution as the non-union employees to Health Care of 10 percent (10%).

This agreement is by order of the Arbitration.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Memorandum of Agreement**

Request a motion to amend the terms of the Residual Collective Bargaining Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Luzerne County State of Emergency**

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 due to flash flooding and flooding from the Susquehanna River. This motion is for the weeks of Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13.

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

MOTION

**RFP – County Insurance**

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the County Manager/Chief Clerk to seek Requests for Proposals for the following County insurance policies that will expire at the end of this year: Boiler & Machinery; Public Officials Liability; Excess Workers Compensation; Public Employees Blanket Bond; Healthcare and Group Life.

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

MOTION

**Tax Refunds – Board of Assessment Appeals (Appendix Page 25 thru 27)**

Request a Motion to approve the following refunds through the Assessors Office:

Citizens Bank of Penna.	Kingston Borough	\$ 5,417.94
T.F.P. Limited	Wilkes-Barre Twp.	\$11,186.75
John Morris	Wyoming Borough	\$ 2,252.40
	Total Refunds	\$18,857.09

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

MOTION

**Defer the Implantation of Act 235 of 2004 until Reassessment**

Request a motion to defer the implantation of Act 235 of 2004 until reassessment. The Luzerne County Board of Commissioners, does hereby choose to affirm & continue the policy of valuing all Clean & Green base acres, including those classified as Agricultural Reserve and/or Forest Reserve according to their preferential assessment until such time as County-wide reassessment is implemented, and that such base acres shall be valued in accordance with the new base year market valuation, while the remaining land shall continue to receive preferential assessment as provided by law. Base acres classified as Agricultural use will continue to receive preferential assessment.

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

MOTION

**Tax Forgiveness – Board of Assessment Appeals**

Request a Motion to forgive Tree of Life Christian Fellowship’s 2006 County real estate taxes for property at 124 S Walnut Street Nanticoke, Pa. Pin # 42-J7NE4-008-008 and to abate their parsonage Pin # 42-J7NE4-008-008-001 to 10% of its assessed value for the year 2006 and forward.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Application - Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence**

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Governor’s Center for Local Government Services, effective October 18, 2006, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the application for and receipt of a Governor’s Award for Local Government Excellence. The County’s application for an award will focus on the Luzerne County Municipal Cooperation Commission and their efforts.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Luzerne County Bureau of Elections - State of Emergency**

A motion to ratify the emergency expenditure of the Luzerne County Board of Elections relating to the 2006 General Primary and the contract of Group Incorporated, a public relations firm hired by the Board of Elections for the purpose of completing the public education campaign relating to the introduction of the iVotronic Voting System in Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN**

MOTION

**Luzerne County Bureau of Elections -Contract/Group Inc.**

A motion to continue the contract of Group Incorporated, a public relations firm to reproduce the same or a similar public education campaign for the 2006 General Election as an extension of the May 2006 emergency expenditure of the Luzerne County Board of Elections in relation to the final roll out of the iVotronic Voting System in Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID “NAYES” URBAN**

MOTION

**Luzerne County Diversity Task Force Appointments**

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPOINT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON THE LUZERNE COUNTY DIVERSITY TASK FORCE COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 18, 2006 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2007.

Carmen Ambrosino

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

**Tax Incremental Finance Committee Appointment**

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPOINT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS THE LUZERNE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE WILKES-BARRE COMPLEX PROJECT.

William G. Brace

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

MOTION

**Professional Engagements**

Request a motion of the Board of Commissioners pursuant to 3.13.2 of the Luzerne County Purchasing Manual to determine the existence of special circumstances that necessitate the immediate engagement of the following professional services:

- 1. 1. SWAP Counsel
- 2. 2. Bond Counsel
- 3. 3. Underwriter
- 4. 4. Underwriter Counsel
- 5. 5. Paying Agent

and, in furtherance thereof, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Budget and Finance to submit to at least three (3) appropriate professional service providers for each category listed above Requests For Proposals for such professional services without the need for newspaper advertising.

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

MOTION

**2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-12 (Appendix Page 28 thru 31 )**

Request a motion to authorize the transfer of \$233,213.98 from the 2003 Capital Projects Bond issue Series D for items identified on Schedule “A” of Requisition 2003D-12.

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

MOTION

**Luzerne County PennVest Ordinance**

REQUEST A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF LEASE RENTAL DEBT BY THE COUNTY IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$794,650) PURSUANT TO A GUARANTY AGREEMENT SECURING A GUARANTEED SEWER REVENUE NOTE TO BE EXECUTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (THE "AUTHORITY") AND AWARDED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR (1) REMEDIATING, REDEVELOPING AND PLANNING, DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING AND FURNISHING OF A SEWER SYSTEM UPON A CERTAIN SITE LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, KNOWN AS ASHLEY YARDS, AND (2) PAYING THE COSTS OF FINANCING OF THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY TO TAKE ALL REQUIRED, NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE RELATED ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECT AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE GUARANTY AGREEMENT.

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

MOTION

**Leasing – District Court**

Request a motion to approve the leasing of 3500 square feet to be occupied by District Court 11-1-03 for the time period of December 1, 2005 thru November 30, 2008. The monthly fee of \$6,545.67 payments commence February 1, 2006.

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

**END OF COMMUNICATIONS**



**TREASURER’S OFFICE – MICHAEL L. MORREALE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Request a motion to accept the following Financial Statement:**

**WACHOVIA BANK**

General Fund.....	\$2,876,360.18
School, Road & Institution District.....	2,583,246.58
Real Estate Tax Sale Account .....	959,117.25
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund .....	6,558.13
Court of Common Pleas - Domestic Relations IV-D Fund .....	292,159.64
Patients’ Personal Fund Account .....	7,431.60
911 Construction Fund .....	307,678.91
911 Operational Fund.....	44,798.92

**PNC BANK, NORTHEAST, PA.**

**Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:**

Office for the Aging .....	\$347,433.65
Children & Youth Department.....	951,119.42
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	118,949.30
Drug & Alcohol Program .....	54,742.60
Office of Human Services.....	12,153.02
Human Services Agencies/Transportation Department.....	44,395.33
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund .....	1,127,589.59
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account .....	27,455.93

**CITIZENS BANK**

Adult Probation Special Account .....	\$175,286.30
Luzerne County Bridges.....	117,080.81
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account .....	52,055.16
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	109.57

**FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK**

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau .....	\$37,257.65
Luzerne County Agencies Account .....	1,128,257.43
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account .....	181,822.29
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection .....	10,472.95

**FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK**

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	32,902.89
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund .....	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study .....	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects .....	113,527.17
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects .....	174,121.70
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects .....	1,523.08

MICHAEL L. MORREALE  
Luzerne County Treasurer

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

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE  
**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

<b>Luzerne County General Fund</b>	<b>\$22,000,000.00</b>
<b>Domestic Relations IV D Fund</b>	<b>\$1,800,000.00</b>
<b>911 Construction Fund</b>	<b>\$1,800,000.00</b>
<b>Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:</b>	
<b>Mental Health/Mental Retardation</b>	<b>\$6,875,000.00</b>
<b>Office of Human Services</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>
<b>Drug &amp; Alcohol</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>
<b>Transportation Department</b>	<b>\$924,830.00</b>
<b>Adult Probation Special Account</b>	<b>\$2,250,000.00</b>
<b>Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account</b>	<b>\$185,000.00</b>
<b>Solid Waste Recycle Account</b>	<b>\$455,000.00</b>
<b>Luzerne County Agencies Account</b>	<b>\$2,270,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,109,830.00</b>

MICHAEL L. MORREALE  
Luzerne County Treasurer

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

**CONTROLLERS REPORT- MARYANNE PETRILLA**

Request a motion to ratify and confirm payment of the following vouchers:

1. Request a motion to authorize the Controller to make the following payments under the Luzerne County Community Development Program for various services and projects:

\$654,518.02 Business Development Loan Program \$340,140.36 Community Development Block Grant Program \$7,281.81 Emergency Shelter Grant Program \$33,030.00 HOME Investment Partnership Program

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$14,577.07** to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County's appropriation for the month of October.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

3. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$490,000.00** to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County's October 2006 appropriation.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepinak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

Bids Opened on October 4, 2006:

**Luzerne County Court House:**

Copy Paper  
Laser Paper  
Carpet Rentals

Bids Opened on October 11, 2006:

**Veterans Affairs:**

Aluminum Flag Holders  
Government Pre-Cast Bases

**Luzerne County Court House:**

Stationary  
Toner Cartridges

**Prothonotary:**

Folders

**Workforce Investment Office:**

50 Computers  
110 Office Chairs

Request a motion to accept all remaining bids for tabulation subject to final review by the county solicitor.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 531938 to 531994 inclusive in the amount of \$980,813.79

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 614408 to 614701 inclusive in the amount of \$977,098.77

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 626796 to 627005 inclusive in the amount of \$1,391,634.25

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 641790 to 641991 inclusive in the amount of \$4,530,962.29

Human Services:

Voucher No. 650356 to 650390 inclusive in the amount of \$1,776,824.31

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 660396 to 660422 inclusive in the amount of \$590,262.24

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

Maryanne Petrilla, Controller

END OF CONTROLLERS REPORT

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS****HUMAN SERVICES – JOSEPH DEVIZIA, DIRECTOR**

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVIDERS, SERVICES, TERMS AND RATES SPECIFIED:

<b><u>PROVIDER</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u></b>
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**AREA AGENCY ON AGING:**

ADSS Global	ACCPAC Support	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$2,975.00
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**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

Goldowski, Danielle	Transcription of the Order from C&Y	10/1/06-6/30/07	\$3.00/page
Reznick, Debra	Transcription of the Order from C&Y	“ “	\$3.00/page
Hakim, Esther A	Court Steno for Compelling Reason	“ “	\$100.00/day
Linde, Moya L.	Court Steno for Compelling Reason	“ “	\$100.00/day
Frank Vita	Comprehensive Family Assessment	“ “	\$90.00/hour \$3,000.00 Cap

**DRUG & ALCOHOL:**

Luzerne County Office of Human Services	Shared Personnel	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$55,000.00
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It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR THE PROVIDERS, SERVICES, TERMS, AND RATES SPECIFIED:**

<b><u>PROVIDER</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>RATE</u></b>	
			<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Gary F. Smith	Delegate	7/1/06 to 6/30/07	\$45.00/	\$50.00/
<b>(Rate Change)</b>			petition	petition
Christopher Puza	Delegate	“ “	\$45.00/	\$50.00/
<b>(Rate Change)</b>			petition	petition

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>		
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	
<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u></b>					
<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION: OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:</u></b>					
Institute for Human Res.	Residential	“	“	\$3,951,032	\$3,978,004
Impact Systems, Inc.	Employ. Srvs. & Residential	“	“	\$3,485,743	\$3,534,410
ARC of Wyoming County	Residential	“	“	\$955,182	\$955,222
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Employ. Srvs., Housing Support & Residential	“	“	\$6,569,146	\$6,567,208
Goodwill Industries	Employ. Srvs. & Residential	“	“	\$1,658,400	\$1,657,145
Nat'l Mentor Healthcare	Residential	“	“	\$1,243,997	\$1,325,053
Community Counseling Services	MH Comm. Srvs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., CE, Soc. Rehab., Crisis, Res., RC, Adm. Mangmt., Emergency, MR Comm, Habilitation & P/FDS Wv.	7/1/05 to 6/30/06		\$4,697,133	\$5,347,695
Northeast Counseling Services	MH Comm Srvs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., Crisis, CE, Soc. Rehab., RC, Adm. Mangmt. & Emergency	“	“	\$2,421,748	\$3,306,360
Children's Service Center	MH Comm. Srvs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., Crisis, RC, FB, Adm Mangmt. & Emergency	“	“	\$1,722,720	\$1,942,518
CCS-First Hospital	Inpatient Srvs.	“	“	\$350,000	\$525,539
Comm. Residential Unit	Housing Support	“	“	\$250,000	\$302,090
Michael A. Shucosky, Esq.	Legal Srvs.	“	“	\$36,000	\$39,707
The Advocacy Alliance	Comm. Srvs., & Family Support	“	“	\$105,000	\$98,084
Conyngnam Care Center	Housing Support	“	“	\$350,000	\$469,129
NE Comm. Crisis Unit	Crisis Srvs.	“	“	\$235,000	\$241,354
Children's Mobile Team	Crisis Srvs.	“	“	\$94,200	\$112,792

**CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (Continued):**

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<b><u>OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:</u></b>				
Commission on Economic Opportunity	Rental Assistance Case Management	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$668,419 \$104,610	\$682,812 \$106,702
Domestic Violence Service Center	Bridge Housing	" "	\$171,100	\$174,522

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:****DRUG & ALCOHOL:**

Authorizing the Luzerne County Commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a "Luzerne County Sobriety Checkpoint and Expanded DUI Enforcement Program" grant in the amount of \$32,262.00 to be directed by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program and subcontracted through Catholic Social Services. .

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT:****TRANSPORTATION:**

The execution of the Community Transportation Capital Equipment Grants under Section 1310 of Act 276 of 1991 as amended between PADOt Bureau of Public Transportation and the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Transportation Department in the amount of \$260,500 for the purpose of vehicle replacement.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**ENGINEER'S OFFICE – JAMES BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER**

MOTION

Ratify the award of the Tunnel Road (County Road 19) Flood Damage Restoration contract to Robert C. Young, Inc. in the amount of \$268,892.50.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute Change Order #1 with Bognet Inc. in the amount of \$3,982.73 for contract changes on the Valley Crest Sprinkler Project General Construction Contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute Change Order #1 with K&K Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$20,724.70 for contract changes on the Valley Crest Sprinkler Project Fire Protection Contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

Award the #2 Fuel Oil Contract to Montour Home Comfort Services with a differential and profit total of \$0.05.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

Ratify the request for permission to advertise for the Luzerne County Correctional Facility Security Fence Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JAMES BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER**

MOTION

Request permission to advertise for the resurfacing of County Road #1, Tavern Road and County Road #8, Lower Demunds Road.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**



MOTION

Request permission to purchase a Radial Arm Mower from State Contract.

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

MOTION

Request permission to purchase a Roller from State Contract.

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

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT – GREGORY HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR**

**REQUEST A MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:**

**LUZERNE COUNTY COURT HOUSE:** FILE CABINETS  
BOTTLED DRINKING WATER

**OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:** JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES

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

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICE SPECIFIED:**

**ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT: #2 FUEL OIL**

MONTOUR HOME COMFORT SERVICES TOTAL BID \$ 1.7164 PO BOX 128 (PER GALLON) 112 BROAD STREET MONTOURSVILLE, PA 17754

**LUZERNE COUNTY COURT HOUSE: CARPET RENTALS**

UNIFIRST CORPORATION TOTAL BID \$ 6,448.80

239 STEWART ROAD

HANOVER INDUSTRIAL PARK

WILKES BARRE, PA 18706

**UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:**

TRI STATE INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRIES \$ 9,480.24

ROYAL CARPET RENTALS \$ 6,492.00

**LASER PAPER:**

AUTOMATION AIDS INC. 8 ½" X 11" 200 CASES @ \$147.26

420 BABYLON ROAD TOTAL BID \$29,452.00

SUITE B

HORSHAM, PA 19044

**UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER:**

WHITEMAN TOWER \$31,070.00

**COPY PAPER:**

K&N DISTRIBUTORS 8 ½" X 11" 5,000 RMS @ \$3.00

97 AMHERST AVENUE \$15,000.00

WILKES BARRE, PA 18702 8 ½" X 14" 1,500 RMS @ \$3.70

\$ 5,550.00

TOTAL BID \$20,550.00

**UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER:**

WHITEMAN TOWER \$21,280.00

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**"AYES" SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY FOR 50 COMPUTERS DUE TO INCORRECT BID SPECIFICATIONS.

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

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY FOR 50 COMPUTERS.

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

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO REJECT THE BID FROM PHILLIPS SUPPLY CO, FOR 110 OFFICE CHAIRS FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY FOR FAILURE TO MEET BID SPECIFICATIONS.

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

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR 110 OFFICE CHAIRS FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY TO THE SECOND LOWEST BIDDER, CBI.

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR**

MOTION

Request a motion approving the following activities through the County’s Office of Community Development:

WEST PITTSTON BOROUGH – \$300,000 loan to assist in acquiring a blighted property for the purpose of redevelopment at 530 Exeter Avenue, West Pittston Borough.

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

Request a motion approving an amendment to the Community Development Program for Fiscal Years 2000, 2003-2005, and submission of such to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the following:

- Harvey’s Lake Borough Zoning Ordinance Update - \$13,000 (Transferred from FY 2004 Clearance activity).
- Dallas Borough Flood Facilities Project - \$50,000 (Transferred from FY 2004 Clearance activity).
- Sugar Notch Borough Street Improvement Project - \$20,173.00 (Transferred from FY 2004 Recreation activity).

- Dallas Township Street Improvement Project - \$38,209.00 (Transferred from FY 2005 Flood Facilities activity).
- Nuangola Borough Street Improvement Project - \$110,000 (New activity).

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

Request a motion approving the following activities through the County’s Economic Development Programs:

GREATER WILKES-BARRE DEVELOPMENT CORP. - \$384,000 loan to assist in the demolition of a property located at 14 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre City.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Urban.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

DECCO LOUNGE – \$30,000 loan funds to assist in the purchase of machinery and equipment for the purpose of opening a restaurant and cocktail lounge in Exeter Borough.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Vonderheid.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL**

**OCTOBER 18, 2006**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:**

**LUZERNE COUNTY 911:**

Sarah Draus- 505 Berwick Street, White Haven, Telecommunicator at an annual salary of \$23,000.00 Effective October 20, 2006. To fill Vacancy.

**RECREATION:**

Judy Granick, Kingston, Recreation Aide at \$8.50 per hour effective October 18, 2006.

**AGING:**

Kariann Balon, Hanover Twp., Aging Care Manager 2 at an annual salary of \$26,613 effective October 23, 2006.

Mary Beth Farrell, Lehman, AAA Administrator 3 at an annual salary of \$62,000 effective November 3, 2006.

Dorothy Evans, Wilkes-Barre, Part Time Senior Center Manager 1 at an hourly rate of \$10.92 effective October 23, 2006.

Sandra English, Laceyville, Food Service Worker 1 at an hourly rate of \$9.09 effective October 23, 2006.

The Appointment of the following Alternate Food Service Worker 1's at an hourly rate of \$9.09 effective October 23, 2006:

James Young, Warrior Run  
Nancy Restaino, Shavertown

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Patricia Shylkofski, Tunkhannock, Caseworker 2 at an annual salary of \$28,387 effective October 27, 2006.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

The following Part Time Drivers at an hourly rate of \$8 effective September 18, 2006:

Michael Dougherty, Shickshinny  
Heather Dourand, Larksville

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECLASSIFICATION AT:**

**PUBLIC DEFENDERS:**

Angelina Davis from Clerk Typist I at \$18,500 to Clerk Steno II at an annual salary of \$20,500 effective October 13, 2006 to fill a vacancy.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

Georgine Meyers to Administrative Assistant 1 at an annual salary of \$34,100 effective October 6, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:  
CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

A \$250 Masters Degree Pay Adjustment for Gina Bellanca, Caseworker 2, at an annual salary of \$29,870 effective May 20, 2005.

A \$750 Certification Pay Adjustment for Randi Setti, Caseworker 2, at an annual salary of \$30,024 effective August 25, 2006.

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for the following Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$30,377:

Celeste Kucinski effective August 11, 2006

Jennifer Tinner effective June 30, 2006

Jeanette Rosenau effective June 30, 2006

Angelique Morris effective May 5, 2006

Tabitha Powell effective May 19, 2006

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for Eladio Matos, Caseworker 2 at an annual salary of \$30,697 effective February 10, 2006.

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for Wayne Woznikatis, Caseworker 2 at an annual salary of \$28,898 effective May 6, 2005.

A \$500 Certification Pay Adjustment for David Gryczko, Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$37,480 effective April 9, 2004.

**DRUG & ALCOHOL:**

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for William Kimmel, D&A Case Management Specialist at an annual salary of \$28,925 effective September 15, 2006.

**LCWIDA:**

Charles Falcone, from \$26,500 to \$29,000 effective September 28, 2006.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:**

Ronald Miller, from \$22,550 to \$24,550 effective October 16, 2006

Adam Cooper, from \$22,550 to \$24,550 effective October 16, 2006

Joseph M. Rapach from \$24,100 to \$26,100 effective October 16, 2006

It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepnak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION AT:  
ROAD AND BRIDGE:**

Michael Manganelli, Equipment Operator at an annual salary of \$21,500 effective September 29, 2006.

Michael Pollock, Truck Driver at an annual salary of \$19,500 effective September 29, 2006.

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Kimberly Hillard, Caseworker 2 effective October 13, 2006.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

William Carson, Part Time Driver effective September 22, 2006.

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OFFICE:**

Paul O'Malia, Executive Director at an annual salary of \$59,225 effective September 30, 2006.  
Patricia Lenahan, Planner at an annual salary of \$47,210 effective September 30, 2006.

**LUZERNE COUNTY 911:**

Scott Baker, Telecommunicator, Effective October 21, 2006.

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

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SEPARATION AT:  
TRANSPORTATION:**

Frank Koslosky, Part Time Driver, effective October 18, 2006.

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

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE OF ABSENCE AT:  
AGING:**

A FMLA With Pay for Gerald Chiccheletti, Aging Care Management Supervisor, effective October 6, 2006.

A Return From Leave Without Pay for Anna Pocholonis, Senior Center Manager 1, effective October 10, 2006.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

An FMLA Without Pay for Denise Martin, Caseworker 2, effective September 8, 2006.

An FMLA With Pay for Nichole Lahart, Caseworker 2, effective September 22, 2006.

**MENTAL HEALHT/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

An FMLA With Pay for Nancy Welsh, MH Program Specialist 2 effective May 25, 2006 through June 1, 2006.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

A Correction in the Start Date for FMLA With Pay for Priscilla Coleman, Driver effective August 16, 2006.

An FMLA Without Pay for Charlotte Shinko, Driver effective October 5, 2006.

t was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.  
**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING  
TRAININGS FOR:  
APPROX.**

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>
<b><u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u></b>				
Ron Williams NCOA	Title V	Washington, DC	10/11/06-10/13/06	No Cost
Carol Davis Mildred Passeri	OBRA Panel Discussion	Bloomsburg	10/12/06	\$39
Ann Chester	Medicare - D	Wilkes-Barre	10/19/06	\$35
Lynne Cronauer Mary DiLiberto Theresa Graham Brenda Lispi Helene Mancuso Deborah Milz Mildred Passeri	Issues & Enrollment			
Linda Casey Sharon Moss	PDA/P4A Quarterly Meeting	Grantville 1	0/25/06	\$20
David Miller	Disaster Planning	Scranton	10/26/06	\$147

**DRUG & ALOCHOL:**

Michael Donahue	PACDAA Quarterly Meeting	Pittsburgh	10/18-10/20/06	\$801
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**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Gail Stredny	Early Intervention	State College	10/16-10/18/06	\$404
Marilee McDonough Judy Kresky	Leadership Meeting			
Judy Welch Thomas Kokura	Data Warehouse New-User Training	Harrisburg	10/18-10/19/06	\$171
Grace Bradshaw Gail Stredny	PA Assoc. of Resources (PAR) Annual Conf.	Lancaster	11/1/06	\$518

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

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS FOR THE  
FOLLOWING:**

**LUZERNE COUNTY 9-1-1:**

Request a motion to approve Stephen Bekanich to attend a Terrorism meeting Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in State College, PA with all expenses being covered by the East Central Terrorism Task Force.

Request a motion to approve Stephen Bekanich to attend PEMA Quarterly on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with lodging being covered by PEMA. Meals and transportation being covered by the County.

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



**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS;  
LUZERNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD APPOINT:**

Bruce Trumbower, 21 Bonham Road, Hunlock Creek, PA, Public Director – Effective October 18, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

Timothy Ference, P.O. Box 495, Conyngham, PA, Public Director – Effective October 18, 2006 to December 31, 2009.

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

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS  
FOR A THREE YEAR TERM: CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD APPOINT:**

Ken Smith, 44 Miner Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, effective October 18, 2006 to October 18, 2009.

Denise Miscavage, 9 Sutton Road, Dallas, PA, effective October 18, 2006 to October 18, 2009.

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

**OFF THE AGENDA**

MOTION

Commissioner Skrepentak requested a motion to go off the agenda.

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

**BOARD RESIGNATIONS**

MOTION

**REQUEST A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING BOARD  
RESIGNATIONS FOR:  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:**

Resa Andrews Maryanne Carlonas

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

**LUZERNE COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL**

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the creation of the Luzerne County Student Council to provide education on County Government and promote public service. The council will comprised of 2 Senior High School students from each school within the County and 2 college students from the Colleges located in Luzerne County.

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

A Motion was entertained to adjourn the Commissioners' Meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.

**“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN**

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Wilk", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Wilk, Recording Secretary