

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; Bill Brace, Deputy Chief Clerk; Salvadore Diaz, Chief of Budget and Finance.; Doug Richards, Human Resources; Michael Morreale; Treasurer; Maryanne Petrilla, Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Director of Community Development; Adrian Merolli, Director of Planning and Zoning, 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 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 reminded everyone that if you wish to address the Commissioners to sign in.

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

There were no announcements.

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

- 1. Plaque Presentation:** Jackson Township Supervisors
Jay Wilkes, Chairman
- 2. Check Presentation:** Cultural Council of Luzerne County
Shelley Pearce, Chairperson
- 3. Resolution:** Heart Disease Awareness Month
Kathleen Bird, American Heart Association
- 4. Resolution:** Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Month
Ann Lengel and Grandson Zachary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Bartholomew-Palmer, Wilkes-Barre, provided comment and requested information on the funding source for the LCCC Master Plan project. Commissioner Skrepenak provided an overview of the ongoing obligations to LCCC and stated funding for the LCCC Master Plan project results from Capital Funds that are currently set up in the county.

Ms. Bartholomew-Palmer also provided comment and questioned legal issues regarding guardianship of her brother and asked what interest Luzerne County would have in this child like soul. Mr. Joe DiVizia and Mr. Jim Blaum have been in touch with her and discussed her concerns. After explanation and discussion, Ms. Bartholomew-Palmer was instructed that she would need to go to the Court System to pursue this matter. Luzerne County Commissioners' only interest is to protect the privacy rights of the client. He is considered a client of Luzerne County, because he has received services under the MH/MR program.

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Minutes

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s Meeting held on December 21, 2006.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Vouchers

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 443873GF - 444551GF
County General Fund for 2007

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

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PNC Bank, Vouchers 501503LF - 501541LF
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2007

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400233WC - 400236WC
Worker’s Compensation for 2007

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

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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 JANUARY 24, 2007 AND JANUARY 31, 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency –Flooding

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from June 26th, 2006 due to flash flooding and flooding from the Susquehanna River. This motion is for the weeks of Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12, & Feb 19th.

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

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MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency – Flash Flooding

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from November 16TH, 2006 due to flash flooding. This motion is for the weeks of Feb 5, Feb 12, & Feb 19th.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County State of Emergency - Tornado/Heavy Rain

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify continuing the State of Emergency from December 1ST, 2006 Tornado/Heavy Rain. This motion is for the weeks of Feb 5, Feb 12, & Feb 19th.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Lease/Purchase (PA State Contact) from Highway Equipment

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the Lease/Purchase (PA State Contact) from Highway Equipment of a ToolCat utility vehicle with Forks, Bucket and V Plow for the Dept of Public Safety. Lease payment of \$866.75/month for 60 months with a \$1.00 buyout at the end.

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

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MOTION

Catholic Social Services - Tax Forgiveness

Request a Motion to forgive 2006 County real estate property tax on a building and lot owned by Catholic Social Services PIN: 73-H10SW1-20-5, Plate 73-5-5-5, located at 148 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. The property was purchased by Catholic Social Services in February 2006 and the Building had been razed. This property has been given tax exempt status by the Board of Assessment Appeals for the year 2007 and forward and 2006 real estate property taxes have been forgiven by the other taxing bodies.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Local Economic Development Assistance – “LEDA” Application (Appendix Page 22)

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 (PA DCED), effective January 31, 2007, 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 PA DCED funding in regards to the Local Economic Development Assistance (LEDA) Program. The LEDA Application is requesting assistance in the amount of \$102,202.

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

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MOTION

Property Assessment - City of Pittston

Request a Motion for the Board of Assessment Appeals to perform all duties concerning property assessment for the City of Pittston. The City of Pittston will pay the County \$5,000.00 annually to perform such duties.

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

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MOTION

Luzerne County Municipal Authority

Request a Motion to authorize the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, 53 Pa. C.S.A. §5601, et seq., as a first step toward the creation by Luzerne County of a municipal authority to be organized for all lawful purposes, including but not limited to the undertaking of an economic development project involving the planning, design, leasing, acquisition, construction and equipping of an inter-model air, rail and transportation facility.

Commissioner Skrepenak commented that this is not creating the authority, it is advertising for the authority. After the 30 day advertisement period, if there is an authority to be made, that action will be taken at the March, 2007 Commissioners’ Meeting.

Commissioner Urban recommended that this notice be sent to both Schuylkill and Carbon Counties. Projects such as this should be multi-county, regional projects.

Commissioner Vonderheid commented that there is a flaw in the PA Governmental Cooperation Law that doesn’t include Authorities. We can have an agreement with Schuylkill and Carbon Counties, but not joint authority between counties.

Commissioner Urban suggested an agreement, similar to the agreement with Lackawanna County for the Bi-County Airport in Avoca.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Luzerne County Community College

Request a motion authorizing the Chairman of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to issue a Letter of Commitment, on behalf of Luzerne County, to the Luzerne County Community College in which the County agrees to fund fifty percent (50%) of the estimated \$20 million dollar Annual Debt Service Payments, in an amount not to exceed \$10 million dollars, for the “Master Plan Financial Phase 1 Project” at the Community College.

The fifty percent (50%) is the required sponsor share and is contingent upon final approval from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, 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.....	\$1,408,518.19
School, Road & Institution District.....	574,280.59
Real Estate Tax Sale Account	908,160.48
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	72,913.03
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	813,807.26
Patients' Personal Fund Account	7,468.60
911 Construction Fund.....	169,826.93
911 Operational Fund.....	233,079.33

PNC BANK

Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:

Office for the Aging	\$67,474.16
Children & Youth Services	858,487.49
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	105,485.97
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	14,408.39
Office of Human Services.....	8,768.80
Transportation Department.....	9,274.56
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	83,985.27
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,488.07

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account	\$211,233.37
Luzerne County Bridges.....	113,190.63
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	73,215.08
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	33,456.93

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$82,519.34
Luzerne County Agencies Account	1,030,544.68
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account	250,393.41
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection	8,428.40

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$32,997.28
Adult Probation/Offenders Supervision Fund	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 Capital Projects	68,453.29
Luzerne County 2003 Capital Projects	174,264.86
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects	137,020.27

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

General Fund	\$4,000,000.00
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$1,200,000.00
Domestic Relations IV D Fund	\$1,700,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,650,000.00
Luzerne County Fiscal Agencies:	
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$3,025,000.00
Office for the Aging	\$1,800,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$335,000.00
Drug & Alcohol	\$200,000.00
Transportation Department	\$976,000.00
Children & Youth Services	\$750,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$2,250,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$185,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$455,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	\$2,250,000.00
Total	\$20,776,000.00

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

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

“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:

\$220,481.99 Community Development Block Grant Program
\$2,935.00 Emergency Shelter Grant Program
\$28,977.00 HOME Investment Partnership Program
\$585,832.76 Business Development Loan Program

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

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Bids opened on January 29, 2007:

Environmental Special Projects:

Larviciding of Catch Basins

Luzerne County Children & Youth:

Child Welfare Information Systems
Five (5) Copiers

Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Transportation Department:

Sale of Two (2) Salvage Vehicles

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 Skrepenak.

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Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 532288 to 532341 inclusive in the amount of \$800,717.34

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 710057 to 710411 inclusive in the amount of \$2,383,677.89

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 720091 to 720715 inclusive in the amount of \$2,472,663.27

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 740047 to 740137 inclusive in the amount of \$2,839,506.71

Human Services:

Voucher No. 750009 to 750031 inclusive in the amount of \$912,673.58

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 760013 to 760036 inclusive in the amount of \$750,946.36

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

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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:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>	
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>				
Adele Kasenbaugh	Spanish Language Interpreter	1/15/07-6/30/07		\$1,000
James E. Miller	Lease Agreement	3/1/06-2/28/10	Year 1	\$4,235.42/mo.
Francis Anne Miller	for Kingston			(\$9.50/per sq. ft.)
Paul R. Mancia	Senior Center		Year 2-4	\$4,402.60/mo.
Bonnie Mancia				(\$9.88/per sq. ft.)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Keystone Community Resources	Group Home	1/16/07-6/30/07		\$151.00/day
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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:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>				
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm Srv.	7/1/06-6/30/07	\$38,000	\$58,800
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Residential, Employ. Srvs. & Housing Support	“ “	\$6,599,674	\$6,603,584

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

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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADVERTISEMENT AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

For qualified agencies to submit an insurance policy proposal which includes professional liability, general liability and employees benefits liability, covering the Children & Youth Department.

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

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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATION AT:

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Department of Justice and the National Institute of Corrections are accepting applications for a \$425,000 grant "Transition From Jail to the Community" which is an 18-month cooperative agreement that will help the NIC design a jail/community transition model to prevent recidivism.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

ENGINEERS’S OFFICE – JAMES BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER

MOTION

Request permission to advertise for a Request for Proposals from consultants to prepare a restoration plan for the former Springbrook Water Company Building, Wilkes-Barre.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute Change Order #3 with G. C. Wall Inc. in the amount of \$2,142.48 for contract changes on the Annex Renovations Project General Construction Contract.

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

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MOTION

Authorize the proper officials to execute Change Order #1(Final) with Swida Fence in the amount of (\$12,600.00) for contract changes on the Luzerne County Correctional Facility Security Fence Project.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JAMES BROZENA, COUNTY ENGINEER

MOTION

Request permission to advertise for the 2007 road resurfacing contracts.

Commissioner Urban commented he spoke with Franklin Township regarding the bills given to Mr. Brozena. Commissioner Urban asked that the Mr. Brozena and Mr. Diaz finalize this bill from that 2 year old agreement. Mr. Brozena agreed.

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:

CHILDREN & YOUTH: 20-MICROTOWER COMPUTERS

CHILDREN & YOUTH: 20-NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

MOTION

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Request a motion to re-advertise for the Children and Youth Child Welfare Information System (software program).

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

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

VETERANS AFFAIRS: PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT PRE-CAST BASES

WILKES BARRE BURIAL VAULT	TOTAL BID \$17,212.50
68 EAST ST. MARY’S ROAD	
WILKES BARRE, PA 18706	

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, URBAN, “ABSTAIN” VONDERHEID

PROBATION SERVICES - PAUL S. MCGARRY, DIRECTOR

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
ADELPHOI VILLAGE		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Alternative Living Services		
	White Cottage		\$262.37/Day
	Gehman Hall		\$195.87/Day
	Ivan RTF		\$177.58/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
ALTERNATIVE REHABILITATION COMMUNITIES, INC.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Care and Assistance Elmerton York Lancaster Pre-Release Outreach		\$204.68/Day \$204.68/Day \$189.96/Day \$ 95.01/Day
APPALACHIAN YOUTH SERVICE		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Specialized Residential Services Specialized Residential W/Intensive Supplemental Services High Risk Specialized Residential Services High Risk Specialized Residential W/Intensive Supplemental Services New Horizons Independent Living Skills Day Treatment Diagnostic Services Extra Ordinary Transportation Family Counseling Individual Out Patient Counseling		\$135.67/Day \$265.40/Day \$146.97/Day \$276.71/Day \$141.48/Day \$ 39.48/Day \$475.00/Day \$ 23.46/Hour \$ 30.60/Hour \$ 30.60/Hour
CHILDREN'S HOME OF READING		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Residential Treatment Facility MA/MC Eligible Only Specialized Residential Treatment MA/MC Eligible Adolescent Treatment Center Adolescent Treatment Center Diagnostic Foster Care-Specialized Foster Care-Mom/Baby		\$323.02/Day \$323.02/Day \$211.65/Day \$292.86/Day \$ 69.03/Day \$102.63/Day
CLEARVISION RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT, INC.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Community Residential		\$179.84/Day
CLEARBROOK, INC.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment		\$174.00/Day \$165.00/Day
COLORADO BOYS RANCH		07/01/06-06/30/07	
CORNELL ABRAXAS	Residency & Treatment		\$368.00/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
GROUP, INC.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Cornell Abraxas I		
	Intensive Drug Sellers		\$166.37/Day
	Shelter Program		\$201.63/Day
	Cornell Abraxas Center		
	For Adolescent Females		\$182.26/Day
	Cornell Abraxas II		
	Community Based		
	Intensive		\$143.45/Day
	Cornell Abraxas III		
	Community Based		
	Intensive		\$142.42/Day
	Leadership Development Center		
	Leadership Development		
	Center		\$147.23/Day
	Open Residential Fire		
	Setter/Sex Offender		\$285.00/Day
	Cornell Abraxas Youth Center		
	Fire Setter/Sex Offender		\$298.77/Day
	Shelter		\$212.91/Day
	Detention		\$212.91/Day
	Erie Psycho Social Rehab. Unit		\$254.73/Day
	Erie Residential Mental Health		\$247.29/Day
DEVEREUX FOUNDATION		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Residential		\$ 75.00/Day
	Allowance		\$ 2.00/Day
	Therapy		\$ 55.00/Hour
DIVERSIFIED TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	JCAHO Residential Treatment		\$179.39/Day
	Specialized Foster Care		\$ 88.74/Day
DRUG & ALCOHOL REHABILITATION SERVICES, INC		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Manos House		\$ 89.00/Day
	Supervised Independent Living		\$115.00/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
FRIENDSHIP HOUSE		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Residential Care		\$147.50/Day
	Foster Care		
	Level III		\$ 58.15/Day
	Level II		\$ 50.75/Day
	Level I		\$ 38.75/Day
	Mother III		\$ 58.15/Day
	Mother II		\$ 50.75/Day
	Mother I		\$ 38.75/Day
	Baby		\$ 22.15/Day
	Medical F/C		\$ 38.75/Day
	Caretaker		
	Level III		\$ 58.15/Day
	Level II		\$ 50.75/Day
	Level I		\$ 38.75/Day
	Mother		\$ 38.75/Day
	Baby		\$ 22.15/Day
	Multi-dimensional Treatment		
	Foster Care		\$100.75/Day
GEORGE JR. REPUBLIC IN PA.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Non-MA Rates		
	Special Needs		\$227.03/Day
	Drug & Alcohol		\$155.02/Day
	General Residential		\$132.67/Day
	Community Based Group Home		\$132.67/Day
	Diagnostic		\$200.48/Day
	Shelter		\$144.20/Day
	MA-Rates		
	Special Needs		\$ 95.37/Day
	Drug & Alcohol		\$ 60.03/Day
	General Residential		\$ 63.55/Day
	Community Based Group Home		\$ 35.01/Day
GLEN MILLS SCHOOLS		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Residential		\$ 99.05/Day
HOLPEN VILLAGE, INC.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Room, Board and Services		\$160.00/Day
IMPACT PROJECT, INC.		07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Specialized Foster Care I		\$ 62.89/Day
	Specialized Foster Care II		\$ 79.17/Day
	Specialized Foster Care III		\$ 82.33/Day
	Project LIFE		\$ 92.04/Day
	Project LIFE-Supervised Apartment Living		
	Basic Rate		\$ 52.17/Day
	SAL Level One		\$ 61.25/Day
	SAL Level Two		\$ 70.28/Day
	SAL Level Three		\$ 79.34/Day
	Supervised Apartment Living Rent		\$ 16.08/Day
	Supervised Foster Care for Sex Offenders		
	Step Down Program Level I		\$132.19/Day
	Step Down Program Level II		\$124.24/Day
	Weekly Visitation Rate		\$ 4.86/Day
	Psychiatric Services Fee		\$ 3.00/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
KEYSTONE COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC.	County MH & MR Program	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$247.00/Day
KIDS PEACE NATIONAL CENTERS	Residential Treatment	07/01/06-06/30/07	
	Therapeutic Residential Treatment		\$241.00/Day
	Therapeutic Community Residential		\$241.00/Day
	Therapeutic Transitional Residential		\$241.00/Day
	Dual Diagnosis Residential Treatment		\$315.00/Day
	Specialized Residential (Sexual Disorders)		\$323.00/Day
	Specialized Therapeutic Res. (Sexual Disorders)		\$258.00/Day
	Intensive Residential Treatment		\$390.00/Day
	KidsHope intensive (IQ 50-70)		\$330.00/Day
	KidsHope Therapeutic (IQ 50-70)		\$287.00/Day
	Diagnostic Care		
	Shelter Care		\$260.00/Day
	Diagnostic/Acute Care		\$264.00/Day
	Foster Care and Family Services		
	Regular Family Care		\$ 51.00/Day
	Intermediate Family Care		\$ 65.00/Day
	Intake Services (60 Day Maximum)		\$ 82.00/Day
	Specialized		\$ 87.00/Day
	Intensive		\$ 97.00/Day
	Juvenile Offenders Program		\$ 97.00/Day
	Mom/Baby Program		\$107.00/Day
	Aftercare		\$ 46.00/Hour
	Psychological Evaluation		\$ 71.00/Hour
	Community Programs		
	Mentoring		\$ 40.00/Hour
LUZERNE CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Juvenile Detention Services	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$290.00/Day
	Residential Secure Treatment		\$322.00/Day
	Residential Secure Treatment		\$325.00/Day
PERSEUS HOUSE	Intensive Treatment Program	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$208.05/Day
	Shelter Services/ Male & Female		\$180.26/Day
	Intensive Treatment Unit		\$191.22/Day
	Pregnant or Parenting Clients		\$217.15/Day
	For Babies		\$ 38.00/Day
	Mother/Baby		\$255.15/Day
	Perseus House Enhanced Male RTF		\$580.67/Day
	Perseus House Male RTF		\$217.31/Day
	Andromeda House Female RTF		\$217.70/Day
	Out of Home Therapeutic Stabilization		
	(Room & Board)		\$ 34.82/Day
	(Mental Health)		\$131.92/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
SERENTO GARDENS ALCOHOL & DRUG SERVICES	Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program	01/01/07-06/30/07	\$49,542.85
ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL	Residential Care	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$157.80/Day
	Diagnostic & Evaluation		\$215.00/Day
	Short Term Stay		\$185.00/Day
	Residential Treatment Facility Allowance		\$ 3.00/Day
TIOGA COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES	Juvenile Detention Services	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$173.00/Day
VISIONQUEST, INC.	Female Services	07/01/06-06/30/07	
	New Directions Shelter		\$162.36/Day
	Madalyn for Young Women at South Mountain		\$195.64/Day
	Madalyn at Lady of Lakes (Mother/Baby)		\$270.61/Day
	Madalyn "Rite of Passage" at Donegal		\$206.94/Day
	Male Services		
	Guided Centering		\$143.53/Day
	Buffalo Soldier Academy		\$182.86/Day
	New Directions Shelter		\$162.36/Day
	Grandeur Estates Group Home/Shelter		\$187.15/Day
WESTERN PA. CHILD CARE	Shelter Care Services	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$200.00/Day
	Secure Treatment		\$299.00/Day
YOUTH SERVICES AGENCY	ACT/ Residential Treatment	07/01/06-06/30/07	\$144.00/Day
	ACT/ Weekend		\$150.00/Day
	Case Management		\$ 33.00/Day
	Professional Services (Counseling, Medical Support & Tutoring)		\$ 70.00/Day

Commissioner Urban "NAY" from the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners portion of the agenda.

All other proposed contracts were approved unanimously by the following vote:

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

"AYES" SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

JANUARY 31, 2007

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The appointment of Cheryl Rudnesky to the position of Clerk/Typist III at a salary of \$20,800 effective January 29, 2007. To fill vacancy.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Nicole Bednarek, Trucksville as a Part Time Attorney 1 at an hourly rate of \$25 effective February 1, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Appointment of the following Part Time Drivers at an hourly rate of \$8 effective January 2, 2007:

John Healey, Sugarloaf
David Bogaczyk, Luzerne

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

Barbara Ondek, Plains, as a Clerk Steno I at an annual salary of \$19,500 effective January 26, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

Jonathan Ursiak, Forty Fort, as an Assistant Public Defender at an annual salary of \$ 20,916.94 effective January 31, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

SECURITY:

Marlene Prebish, Pittston, as a Security Guard at an annual salary of \$18,300 effective January 31, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

Mike Pavloski, Wikes-Barre, as a Security Guard at an annual salary of \$18,300 effective January 31, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Appointment of Antoinette Cisowski as Director/Administrator 3 of MH/MR at an annual Salary of \$81,900.00.effective January 31, 2007. To fill a vacancy.

The Appointment of Richard Burns, Plains as MH/MR Deputy Administrator 2 at an annual salary of \$72,500 effective February 16, 2007. To fill a vacancy.

IT (INFORMATION TECH)

Wendy A. Wickham, Ashley, as Clerk I at \$18,500 effective January 31, 2007

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT:

Elwood Rosengrant, Wilkes-Barre, Custodian at an annual salary of \$18,000 effective January 31, 2007 to fill a vacancy.

Commissioner Skrepenak recognized the appointment of Toni Cisowski stating that there is not a more deserving individual for that position. Mr. DiVizia agreed and thanked the Commissioners for all their support.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION PLANS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007 AT:**

Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
Luzerne County Children & Youth Services
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Joanita Salla to Children & Youth Assistant Administrator 2 at an annual salary of \$64,671, effective February 9, 2007.

Pamela Coveleski to Fiscal Technician, at an annual salary of \$25,321 effective February 9, 2007.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE OF STATUS AT:

IT (INFORMATION TECH)

Kathleen Biernacki, Ashley, from Clerk I at \$18,500 to Clerk II at \$19,500 effective January 31, 2007

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 Pay Adjustment for Gerard Muth, Fiscal Officer 3, at an annual salary of \$68,036 effective February 9, 2007.

A Pay Adjustment for Anthony Lumbis, Attorney 2 at an annual salary of \$69,186 effective February 9, 2007.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Eleanor Nixon, Caseworker 2, effective January 19, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

John Healey, Part Time Driver, effective January 17, 2007.
Alyssa Giarranto, Scheduler effective January 19, 2007.

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

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

AGING:

A Leave of Absence Without Pay for Marilyn Hogrebe, Senior Center Manager 1 effective January 16, 2007.

An Intermittent FMLA for Melissa Boettger, Aging Care Manager 2 effective December 15, 2006.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

An Intermittent FMLA for Holly Long, Caseworker 2 effective January 4, 2007.

An FMLA for Renee Demko, Caseworker 2 effective January 4, 2007.

An FMLA for Kiley Sock, Caseworker 2 effective January 8, 2007.

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

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

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Elizabeth Denardi	PA Recycling Professional Certification Training	State College	02/21-02/22/07	\$99.00
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING TRAININGS FOR:

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LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

John Ankenbrand	IWCE Communications Conference	Las Vegas, Nevada	03/26-03/30/07	\$1600.00
Alan Pugh Fred Rosencrans	9-1-1 Washington Conference	Crystal City, Virginia	03/12-03/14/07	\$1,100.00 / Person

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Phil Semenza Ron Williams	SCSEP Training (Senior Community Service Employment Program)	Pittsburgh	02/06-2/09/07	\$1,427
Tina Dorshefski Betsy Kinter Elaine Pucci	SAMS Training & Regional User Group Meetings	Hazleton	02/07-2/08/07	\$135
Mary Beth Farrell	PDA/P4A Quarterly Meeting	Camp Hill	02/14-02/15/07	\$255

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

Michael Donahue Privacy Legal Regulations & the Role of Ethics within the Privacy Laws	Confidentiality and	Myerstown	02/06-02/08/07	\$170
Mary Ann Riffon	Annual Assisted Therapy in Behavioral Health Practice	Kingston	02/15/07	\$15

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Tara Gallagher	Mental Health & the Law in PA Conference	Dunmore	03/07/07	\$245
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It was moved by Commissioner Vonderheid, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, VONDERHEID, URBAN

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

RE-APPOINTMENT/EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

LUZERNE-WYOMING COUNTIES DRUG AND ALCOHOL:

REQUEST A MOTION TO REAPPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO THE LUZERNE-WYOMING COUNTIES DRUG AND ALCOHOL EXECUTIVE COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING DECEMBER 5, 2006 TO DECEMBER 4, 2009:

Randy Stark – Larksville

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

MOTION

**WYOMING VALLEY LEVEE RAISING PROJECT
MITIGATION ADVISORY BOARD**

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT:

Commissioner Gregory A. Skrepenak, 325 West Center Hill Road, Dallas
Commissioner Todd A. Vonderheid, 101 West River Street, Wilkes-Barre
Commissioner Stephen A. Urban, 166 Willow Street, Wilkes-Barre
Adrian Merolli, 79 North Lehigh Street, Shavertown
Joseph Gibbons, 19 Jay Street, Swoyersville
For a one year term
Effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Commissioner Urban **“ABSTAIN”** from voting for himself.

All other proposed contracts were approved unanimously by the following vote:

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

Request a motion to go off the agenda.

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

Request a motion that the following persons be appointed as the representative of Luzerne County to serve on the Board of the Northeast Behavioral Health Care Consortium in accordance with the By-Laws of said organizations:

Toni Cisowski, Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrator
Samuel T. Guesto, Jr., County Manager/Chief Clerk

There was no public comment.

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

Commissioner Urban made a final comment with regards to Ms. Bartholomew-Palmer’s situation that the MH/MR system is intended to help the people that come to us for help. He is disheartened when that doesn’t always happen. Atty. Blaum stated that in the Human Services area, family ties, family connections and family support are something that is extremely beneficial and essential if it can be worked out to the satisfaction of all parties. Atty. Blaum can only advise Mr. DeVizia on the law and what our legal obligation are to the client. Mr. DiVizia agrees with Commissioner Urban and stated that this past year, many long hours were spent on a few of these situations and many staff involved. Human Services will continue to spend the time that they need to make it work for all people involved.

END OF PERSONNEL

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Request a motion to adjourn.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Nancy Kelly, Recording Secretary

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