

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; Rose S. Tucker 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; Doug Richards, Director Human Resources; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Director of Community Development; and Gregory Hunsinger, Director of Purchasing, Joe Gibbons, Engineer, Adrian Merolli, Director Planning; Doug Pape, Interim Director Luzerne/Wyoming Transportation; Paul McGarry, Directory Probation Services.

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.

BID OPENINGS

No bid openings.

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

An Emergency Executive Session was held Thursday, December 6, 2007 to discuss recent appeal to DCED on debt submittals.

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

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Akulonis, Jr., Duryea, stated for the record that no one has paid him to be here. He thanked the Commissioners for working so hard in this community and for doing a great job. He pointed out the good things the commissioners have done and there support for Junior Achievement, preserving farm lands, adoptions, Domestic Violence Awareness, Juvenile Justice Week, Assisted Living Week, LCCC, Juvenile Probation Youth Symposium, Safe Schools initiative, recreational parks. He stated that we learn from our mistakes and that it's time to forgive and forget and move on. Leave these courageous servants in Luzerne County do their job.

Todd Klein, echoed Mr. Akulonis's comments that the commissioners are doing a good job and that the debit card policy is flawed, but can be fixed. He commented on the frivolous law suit that Commissioner Urban voted repeatedly to support. He asked for Commissioner Urban to take responsibility and resign as minority commissioner. There was a lengthy discussion on the lawsuit and the debit card policy.

Joe Naperkowski, asked for the resignation of Commissioner Skrepenak, Mr. Guesto, Mr. Blaum, Mr. Brace and Mr. Hyder due to the debit card circumstance.

Keith Sorber, asked Commissioner Skrepenak, and all other debit card holders to resign and get out of the Courthouse forever.

Tim Grier, Wilkes-Barre, commented on the debit cards and the Juvenile Detention Center and the TAN. He asked Commissioner Urban to put in writing a request for investigation into the debit card holders to the new District Attorney.

Robert Posotski, Wilkes-Barre, representing the Building and Trades Commission, Local 130, commented on the direction the county is going in. He stated he believes we are going in the right direction pointing out the movie theater, the Sterling Hotel, jobs that have been created. He called for the commissioners to continue in that direction.

Mr. Gustitus, stated his concern for financial responsibility in government and talked about debit cards, the Juvenile Detention Center, and the budget. He asked for fiscal responsibility and for the commissioners to respond to the people and resolve the issues.

Walter Griffiths, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, stated his appreciation of Mr. Skrepenak being on time and his concerns on the budget. He asked that current employees research the policies instead of hiring an outside consultant. He stated his disagreement in giving the Wilkes-Barre Chamber tax forgiveness on properties and commented on the debit card circumstance and asked for a motion to go off the agenda to fire those debit card holders. He stated he believes there is integrity and trust issues and that we need to restore that trust by following policy.

Todd Vonderheid, Wilkes-Barre Chamber, made a presentation for forgiveness on 2 prior loans provided by the Chamber and affiliates. There was a lengthy discussion and Commissioner Urban recommended tabling this motion until further information could be obtained.

Joe Hillard, Freedom Works, commented that what is going on in Luzerne County is symptomatic at every level of government. He questioned the budget and asked that the commissioners treat every taxpayer dollar like a precious commodity and live within a realistic budget.

Bob Reilly, Wilkes-Barre, stated that there is nothing wrong with people coming to meetings and voicing their opinions, as long as there is not an agenda. He asked that people come up with some positive things that can be done, not only for the benefit of the individuals that are doing it but, for everybody, for every taxpayer in Luzerne County. He stated that all the debit card holders are dedicated to their jobs and asked that Mr. Guesto does not resign and that he appreciates the great job he is doing and the communications between their offices that helps him to do a better job.

Mayor Tom Leighton, Wilkes-Barre, stated he is here on behalf of the city of Wilkes-Barre and thanked Commissioner Skrepenak, Commissioner Vonderheid, Commissioner Tucker, Sam Guesto and Bill Brace for all their cooperation and support in restoring downtown Wilkes-Barre. Commissioner Urban stated he also supports Wilkes-Barre and mentioned projects that he voted for.

Motion to have a 5 minute recess.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

The Commissioners' Meeting was reconvened meeting at 11:10 AM.

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Minutes

MOTION

Request a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s Meeting held on September 12, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

Vouchers

MOTION

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 455940GF - 458128GF
County General Fund for 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, “ABSTAIN” URBAN

PNC Bank, Vouchers 502137LF - 502222LF
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
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Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400290WC - 400297WC
Worker’s Compensation for 2007

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING STATE OF EMERGENCY EVENTS AND THEIR DATES AS LISTED:

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 NOVEMBER 21, 2007; NOVEMBER 28, 2007; DECEMBER 5, 2007; DECEMBER 12, 2007; DECEMBER 19, 2007; DECEMBER 26, 2007; JANUARY 2, 2008; JANUARY 9, 2008; JANUARY 16, 2008; AND JANUARY 30, 2008.

Luzerne County State of Emergency - Bridges

Request a motion to adopt a Resolution declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the County of Luzerne relating to all County – owned bridges. Resolution dated: November 21, 2007; November 28, 2007; December 5, 2007; December 12, 2007; December 19, 2007; December 26, 2007; January 2, 2008; January 9, 2008; January 16, 2008; January 23, 2008 and January 30, 2008.

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 November 19, 2007, November 26, 2007, December 3, 2007, December 10, 2007, December 17, 2007, December 24, 2007, December 31, 2007, January 7, 2008, January 14, 2008, January 21, 2008, and January 28, 2008.

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 November 19, 2007, November 26, 2007, December 3, 2007, December 10, 2007, December 17, 2007, December 24, 2007, December 31, 2007, January 7, 2008, January 14, 2008, January 21, 2008 and January 28, 2008.

Luzerne County State of Emergency – Heavy Snow/Ice Storm

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve and ratify continuing the State of Emergency that resulted from the heavy snow/ice storm of December 16th 2007. This motion is for the weeks of December 16, 2007, December 23, 2007, December 30, 2007, January 6, 2008, January 13, 2008, January 20, 2008, and January 27, 2008.

Commissioner Skrepenak questioned if any of these State of Emergencies are near conclusion. Mr. Gibbons responded that they will not be concluded until they address the infrastructure issues.

Commissioner Skrepenak questioned if there were any issues with this past weekends snow. Mr. Gibbons answered that all of the issues that dealt with the county were limited to 911.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

2008 General Fund Budget – Resolution

Request a motion to approve the 2008 General Fund Budget.

Commissioner Skrepenak stated that as of right now, there will be no layoffs. He stated this was achieved by Department Heads and Row Officers coming to the front with numerous ideas and advances to assist us in our greatest time of need. They have been doing everything they can to find money and to help us with paying the TAN. In addition, we requested all reimbursements earlier than normal particular from our tax collectors.

Sam Diaz, Chief, Budget and Finance, outlined the proposed 2008 Budget. A lengthy discussion followed.

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

Commissioner Urban noted he will not support the 2008 Proposed Budget citing his major concern with this budget, as with past budgets, is that they are all based on debt.

Commissioner Tucker recognized all the people that were involved in preparing this budget stating that they did a yeoman’s job and a great deal of work to get it done.

RESOLUTION

NO. 122107 A

WHEREAS, there was presented to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne on November 29, 2007, a proposed budget for the year 2008; and

WHEREAS, said proposed budget was made available for public inspection as required by law, and public notice was given as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has given mature consideration to said proposed budget and has recommended the adoption of a budget of \$146,888,736 as now proposed, and has computed the tax levy necessary to raise the funds required at 94.9 mills; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Budget for Luzerne County for the year 2008, as proposed, be and it is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED, that the tax levy for the year 2008 for Luzerne County to raise and provide the funds set forth in the said budget be and it is hereby fixed at 94.9 mills, or \$9.49 on each \$100 as the assessed valuation of taxable property in Luzerne County to provide for general and sinking funds purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED, that for the expenses of Luzerne County appropriated from the revenue available from the year for the specific purposes set forth below, which amounts are more totally itemized in the County Budget Form on file in the Office of the Luzerne County Commissioners, Hazleton Courthouse Annex, and the Luzerne County Law Library.

OPERATION FUNDS SUMMARY - Estimated Receipts

Cash and Securities for Appropriation	\$ 0
Receipts from Tax Levy	83,325,649
Intergovernmental Revenues	12,305,343
Fines and Forfeits	1,215,000
Charges for Services	17,236,183
Other Financing Sources	32,806,561
<i>Total Available for Appropriation</i>	\$ 146,888,736
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 130,217,268
Debt Service	16,671,468
<i>Total Estimated Expenditures</i>	\$ 146,888,736

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, “NAY” URBAN

MOTION

2008 Liquid Fuels Budget – Resolution

Request a motion to approve the 2008 Liquid Fuels Budget.

RESOLUTION

NO. 122107B

WHEREAS, there was presented to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne on November 29, 2007, a proposed budget for Luzerne County Liquid Fuels for the year 2008 indicating revenues in the amount of \$1,290,400 and disbursements in the amount of \$1,949,800; and

WHEREAS, said proposed budget was made available for public inspection as required by law, and public notice was given as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Liquid Fuels Budget for Luzerne County for the year 2008, as proposed, be and it is hereby adopted.

Joe Gibbons provided explanation on the Liquid Fuels budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Davis Vision

Request a motion for the Chairman to sign the agreement with Davis Vision an affiliate of First Priority. Davis Vision is the new vision carrier that has acquired Penn Vision our prior provider.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Contract Amendment – Taxpayer Relief Act

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute the contract amendment between Luzerne County and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), effective December 21, 2007, in regards to the Taxpayer Relief Act Transition Grant to Counties. The County was originally awarded \$79,052.00. Additional funds were available from DCED, and the County’s contract has been increased by \$14,958.00.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Growing Greener II Reallocation

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the reallocation of Growing Greener II funds, in the amount of \$1,000,000, from the River Common project to the Wood Street project in the City of Wilkes-Barre. In response to this request, the City of Wilkes-Barre has reallocated their Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project award for Wood Street, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to Luzerne County for the River Common project. This reallocation was necessary due to the deadline of the Growing Greener II contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Commissioner Urban questioned when the money from the city would be given back. Mr. Gibbons explained that our indications are that we will get the money back next year and needs to be included on next years application. Mr. Gibbons stated that if we didn’t make this move we would lose a million dollars and no one else would be able to use the funds available. He added that the project has to be used to pay for improvements that are physically done.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Assessment Appeals Office/ Tax Refunds

Request a motion to approve the following refunds through the Assessment Appeals Office:

Avalon Self-Storage, 1000 Exeter Ave. Exeter-----	\$887.32
Pipan Bernard & Margaret, 10 Willow Way, Lehman Twp. -----	\$55.80
Center City Associates, Pine Street, Hazleton city-----	\$13,835.90

Total Refunds-----\$14,779.02

Tony Alu stated that these are standard refunds. Two of them are court ordered, one is a correction.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

2008 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program

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 Friday, December 21, 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. The County's Single Application for Assistance is requesting funding which will be used towards the 2008 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

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

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MOTION

Dental Plan

Request a motion to the Luzerne County Board of Commissioner's authorizing to advertise for a new Dental Plan.

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

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MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-26 (Appendix Page 26 thru 28)

REQUEST A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,081,087.49 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES D FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE "A" OF REQUISITION 2003D-26.

Commissioner Urban requested to review invoices form Kimball. Mr. Diaz stated all invoices are filed with the respected bond.

Commissioner Urban noted to vote "NAY" from items # 1,4,8,9, & 12. All other motions were approved unanimously by the following vote:

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

"AYES" SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Lease Agreement with the Borough of Shickshinny

Request a motion to approve and enter into a lease agreement with the Borough of Shickshinny approximately 2,280 sq. ft. of office space situated at 35 West Union Street, Shickshinny, Pennsylvania to be utilized for the office of District Justice 3-01 at a monthly rental of \$1,350.00.

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

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MOTION

Best Practice Development & Review Services

Request a motion for authorization to issue and advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Best Practice/Procedure Development and Review services. This service will be applicable to all existing and proposed County policies.

Commissioner Skrepenak asked that qualifications be included in the RFP. He also noted that by seeking a proposal does not mean that we have to accept it and that our staff also has input.

Commissioner Urban stated he will not support this motion. He recommended going through the County Commissioners Association and using the highly paid county staff to review these policies.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, “NAY” URBAN

MOTION

Monetization Services

Request a motion for authorization to issue and advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Monetization Services associated with the County’s tax receivables.

Mr. Diaz explained that by issuing this RFP, a provider will review the age of our receivables, do an analysis, and establish a rate that they will give us a lump sum for all of our tax receivables. By monetizing our receivables we will be able to generate more revenue in one area and reduce expenses in another by locking down the expenses we know we are not going to exceed on the expense side.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Insurance Policies Renewal

Request a motion to approve the following Insurance Renewal Policies, effective January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 through Joseph J. Joyce Associates, Inc. This is the last year of our optional renewal on the following policies:

Insurance Company:	Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange
Property:	\$204,723
Inland Marine:	\$43,857
General Liability:	\$206,064
Automobile:	\$211,766
Crime:	\$1,625
Faithful Performance Bond:	\$1,002

NOTE: The above policy premiums exclude Terrorism coverage.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
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MOTION

Insurance Policies Renewal

Request a motion to approve the following Insurance Renewal Policies, effective January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 through Joseph J. Joyce Associates, Inc. with an optional 1 year renewal based on a yearly percentage increase. This would be subject to the Solicitor's review and approval.

Insurance Company: Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange	
Public Officials Liability:	\$172,012
Equipment Breakdown/Boiler & Machinery:	\$14,977

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

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MOTION

Insurance Policy Renewal – Specific Excess Workers Compensation

Request a motion to approve Midwest Employers Casualty Company as Specific Excess Workers Compensation Insurance provider for a total of \$89,982, effective January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009 through Joseph J. Joyce Associates, Inc., with an optional 1 year renewal based on a yearly percentage increase. This would be subject to the Solicitor's review and approval.

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

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END OF COMMUNICATIONS

TREASURER'S OFFICE – MICHAEL L. MORREALE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Request a motion to accept the following Financial Statement:

WACHOVIA BANK

General Fund	\$3,203,666.16
School, Road & Institution District.....	1,360,527.56
Real Estate Tax Sale Account.....	1,037,711.47
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	887.79
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund.....	236,339.10
Patients' Personal Fund Account.....	7,546.87
911 Construction Fund.....	65,529.18
911 Operational Fund.....	102,086.83

PNC BANK

Transportation Department.....	\$76,578.38
Office for the Aging	1,228,402.31
Children & Youth Services.....	572,440.00
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	210,950.49
Office of Human Services.....	3,486.12
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	194,850.16
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.....	127,393.24
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,568.30

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account.....	\$403,969.73
Luzerne County Bridges	101,267.92
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	22,993.44
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	51,895.09

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau.....	\$62,452.38
Luzerne County Agencies Account.....	1,154,735.01
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account.....	133,026.55
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection.....	337,347.29

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account	\$32,147.85
Offenders Supervision Fund.....	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study.....	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 A & B Capital Projects.....	48,781.53
Luzerne County 2003 A & B Capital Projects.....	174,630.44
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects.....	253,409.68

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

LUZERNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

General Fund	\$2,500,000.00
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$850,000.00
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	\$2,485,000.00
911 Construction Fund	\$1,400,000.00
Transportation Department	\$550,000.00
Mental Health/Mental Retardation	\$8,525,000.00
Office of Human Services	\$195,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$350,000.00
Adult Probation Special Account	\$1,750,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$160,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$700,000.00
Luzerne County Agencies Account	<u>\$2,275,000.00</u>
Total:	\$21,740,000.00

MICHAEL L. MORREALE
Luzerne County Treasurer

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
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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:

- \$756,252.97 Community Development Block Grant Program
- \$8,271.94 Emergency Shelter Grant Program
- \$15,745.00 HOME Investment Partnership Program
- \$420,825.77 Business Development Loan Program

2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$14,885.00** to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of December 2007.

3. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$518,335.00** to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County’s December 2007 appropriation.

Bids opened on November 29, 2007:

Luzerne /Wyoming Counties Transportation Department:

Sale of Six (6) Vehicles
No Bids Received

Veterans Affairs:

Flags

Bids opened on December 10, 2007:

Veterans Affairs:

Government Pre-Cast Bases

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

Request a motion to confirm the following:

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 533390 to 533536 inclusive in the amount of \$1,510,114.76

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 715568 to 716121 inclusive in the amount of \$1,887,230.14

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 728435 to 729304 inclusive in the amount of \$1,735,727.48

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 742342 to 742595 inclusive in the amount of \$10,206,381.52

Human Services:

Voucher No. 750438 to 750481 inclusive in the amount of \$2,206,996.46

Drug and Alcohol:
Voucher No. 760725 to 760779 inclusive in the amount of \$2,594,881.03

Request a motion to accept the Controller's Report as presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
"AYES" SKREPENAK, TUCKER, 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:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT/CAP</u>
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CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Devereux	Group Home (Room & Board)	12/1/07-6/30/08	\$ 77.00/day
Perseus House	Intensive Treatment Program	8/1/07-6/30/08	\$254.39/day
	Shelter Services/Males & Females		187.06/day
	Intensive Treatment(Group Home)		220.52/day
	Pregnant or Parenting clients (GH)		234.35/day
	Babies (Group Home)		38.00/day
	Mother/Baby (Group Home)		272.35/day
	Andromeda House-Female-RTF		217.70/day
Children's Aid Society	Foster Care	11/1/07-6/30/08	\$ 58.00/day
NHS Services	Alternative Treatment	10/10/07-6/30/08	\$231.00/day

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

IGT Funding Allocation:

Catholic Social Services (Wyoming Cty.)	Outpatient Services	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$11,000
Serento Gardens	Partial Hospitalization	" "	\$12,000
	Outpatient Services		\$ 9,000
Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services	Partial Hospitalization	" "	\$15,000
	Outpatient Services		\$15,000

TRANSPORTATION:

Ins. Human Res.	Transportation Services	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$9.65 and \$11.85/trip
United Children's Home	Transportation Services	" "	\$9.65 and \$11.85/trip
Northeast Counseling	Transportation Services	" "	\$9.65 and \$11.85/trip
Behavioral Health	Transportation Services	" "	\$9.65 and \$11.85/trip

RATE/

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CONTRACT/CAP</u>
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TRANSPORTATION (continued):

Luz. Cty. Workforce Investment	Transportation Services	" "	\$9.65 and \$11.85/trip
LCTA	Transportation Services	" "	\$9.65 and \$11.85/trip

Commissioner Urban noted to “ABSTAIN” from the United Children’s Home portion of the agenda. All other motions were approved unanimously by the following vote:

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST 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>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Early Years Intervention	Physical Therapy	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Speech Pathology	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Occupational Thrpy.	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
Emily Yeager	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr
	Orientation & Mobility	“ “	\$22.65/qtr hr	\$23.10/qtr hr
Wyoming Valley Children's Association	Physical Thrpy Center	“ “	\$23.48/qtr hr	\$23.95/qtr hr
	Physical Thrpy Home	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Speech Path. Center	“ “	\$23.48/qtr hr	\$23.95/qtr hr
	Speech Path. Home	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Occup. Thrpy Center	“ “	\$23.48/qtr hr	\$23.95/qtr hr
	Occup. Thrpy Home	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr
Kathleen Pohlman	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr
Support Srvs. for Infants and Toddlers	Physical Therapy	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Speech Therapy	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Occupational Thrpy	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr
Luz. Intermediate Unit 18	Speech Pathology	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
	Audiology	“ “	\$31.89/qtr hr	\$32.53/qtr hr
	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr
Scranton School for the Deaf	Audiology Assmt.	“ “	\$31.89/qtr hr	\$32.53/qtr hr
	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION (Continued):</u>				
Encore Therapy Svcs. Assoc.	Physical Therapy Speech Pathology Occupational Thrpy. Special Instruction	7/1/07-6/30/08 “ “ “ “ “ “	\$24.42/qtr hr \$24.42/qtr hr \$24.42/qtr hr \$20.82/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr \$24.91/qtr hr \$24.91/qtr hr \$21.24/qtr hr
Early Inter-vention Prof.	Physical Therapy Speech Pathology Occupational Thrpy. Special Instruction	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	\$24.42/qtr hr \$24.42/qtr hr \$24.42/qtr hr \$20.82/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr \$24.91/qtr hr \$24.91/qtr hr \$21.24/qtr hr
Debora Santee	Special Instruction	“ “	\$20.82/qtr hr	\$21.24/qtr hr
Ped. & Adult. Therapy Svcs.	Physical Therapy Speech Pathology Occupational Thrpy. Social Work Special Instruction	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	\$27.45/qtr hr \$27.45/qtr hr \$27.45/qtr hr \$24.42/qtr hr \$23.85/qtr hr	\$28.00/qtr hr \$28.00/qtr hr \$28.00/qtr hr \$24.91/qtr hr \$24.33/qtr hr
Melinda Godshall	Physical Therapy	“ “	\$24.42/qtr hr	\$24.91/qtr hr
CareGivers America LLC	Respite In-Home, Home & Comm. & Nursing Svcs.	“ “	\$17,000	\$20,500
Interim Home Health, Inc.	Respite In-Home, Home & Comm. & Nursing Svcs.	“ “	\$185,000	\$218,000
Comfort Keepers (Haz.)	Respite In-Home	“ “	\$31,000	\$37,000
Home Sweet Home. Personal Care, Inc.	Respite In-Home, Home & Comm., & Specialized Supports	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$47,000	\$49,000
Community Counseling Services	MH Comm. Svcs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., CE, Soc. Rehab., Crisis, Res., RC, Adm. Mangmt., Emergency, MR Comm. Habilit. & P/FDS Wv.	“ “	\$5,057,590	\$5,079,058
Cori's Place, Inc.	Comm. Habilit.	“ “	\$186,455	\$212,425
Keller Wheel-Chair Lifts	Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$25,500	\$38,000
Posten Taxi	Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$53,275	\$58,775

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION (Continued):

Creating Unlimited Possibilities	Comm. Habilit. & Transport Services	"	"	\$582,727	\$594,750
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It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

An Agreement between the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties and the Department of Aging to receive Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Grant Agreement for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$139,528.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING GRANT SUBMISSION:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

Demonstration Grant application submitted to the National Center on Senior Transportation, effective December 14, 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 grant funds. The County’s application is requesting assistance to purchase new scheduling software for the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Transportation Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING GRANT AGREEMENT FOR:

TRANSPORTATION:

Request a motion to approve the Shared-Ride Program For Persons With Disabilities Grant Agreement for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through its Department of Transportation and the Luzerne Wyoming Counties Transportation Department for the amount of \$208,794.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

MOTION

Request a motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), effective December 21, 2007, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the application and receipt of Mental Health Court Funds. The grant application is a request to assist in the development of a Mental Health Court

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Advisory Board of the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program to dismiss the appeal filed on behalf of JL Seeking, among other things, payment for certain out of state residential services.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

ENGINEER’S OFFICE – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER (Appendix Page 29)

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Engineering Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company in the amount of \$99,000.00 for Design services for the replacement of County Bridge #35008 in Dennison Township which was destroyed as a result of the November 2006 Flood Event (FEMA Disaster No. 1684).

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to amend the Agreement with SA Architects in the amount of \$2,610.00 for additional stormwater investigation and design services for the Voting Machine Warehouse Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Agreement with Eyerman, Csala, Hapeman & Handman, 69 Public Square, Suite 1000, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2505, in the not to exceed amount of \$401,000.00 for Design services for the Exterior Renovations of the Luzerne County Courthouse.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Agreement with Borton Lawson Architecture, 613 Baltimore Drive, Suite 300, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7903, in the not to exceed amount of \$27,500.00 for Design services for the HVAC Renovations at the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Building.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Agreement with Mericle Commercial Real Estate Group, Inc., 100 Baltimore Drive, Suite 300, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, to provide brokerage and professional services for purposes of preparing, marketing and selling surplus Luzerne County property. Brokerage compensation fees are fixed in the amount of 6% of the sales price per property sold. Non-brokerage fees (engineering, surveying, planning, etc.) are in the not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Urban stated that in this particular proposal there is no fee unless land is sold, the additional \$25,000.00 would be for engineering, surveying, and planning services, if we asked for them. He also asked that we be proactive on this, to identify and sell the property. Mr. Gibbons stated that it would be easy to draw up a contract and bring it to the board for approval if deemed necessary. Mr. Diaz stated that there will be a quarterly basis report to the Commissioners on the status on this property.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION - (Appendix Page 29)

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Open-End Agreement, for a period of two years, with Overland, Pacific & Cutler Northeast, LLC, 2900 Beale Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, to provide professional real estate acquisition services for the Luzerne County Engineer’s Office for county bridge replacement projects. Fees will be negotiated on a project by project basis using the attached classifications and hourly rates.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to award the Kingston/Swoyersville Borough Stormwater Pump Station Improvements Contract to the low bidder Derstine Company, LLC, 320 Cowpath Road, Souderton, PA 18964, in the amount of \$130,000.00. Project to be funded with DCED Grant.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JOSEPH GIBBONS (Appendix Page 30)

MOTION – (Appendix Page 30)

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Open-End Agreement, for a period of two years, with Borton Lawson Engineering, 613 Baltimore Drive, Suite 300, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, to provide professional engineering design services for the Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department for various road and bridge projects in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000. Fees will be negotiated on a project by project basis using the attached classifications and hourly rates.

Commissioner Urban expressed he is unhappy with the level of services provided by these design companies regarding the bridges that were destroyed from the June 2006 flood. He asked Mr. Gibbons to relay that message. Mr. Gibbons stated he will convey that message and he will personally manage those projects to get those bridges back into service.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

Request a motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Tax Funds for the following projects:

County Road #10 Wall rehabilitation	\$400,000
County Road #24 Resurfacing	\$480,000

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT-GREGORY HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT: ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

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

COURT HOUSE: DRINKING WATER

GLEN SUMMIT	TOTAL BID \$ 8,200.00
PO BOX 129	
1551 CRESTWOOD DRIVE	
MOUNTAIN TOP, PA 18707	

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:

TULPEHOCKEN	TOTAL BID \$15,800.00
SUTTON SPRINGS	8,400.00

VETERAN’S AFFAIRS: AMERICAN FLAGS

FLAGZONE	TOTAL BID \$79,388.64
105A INDUSTRIAL DRIVE	
GILBERTSVILLE, PA 19525	

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:

CONSERV FLAG CO.	TOTAL BID \$87,963.27
METRO FLAG CO.	80,233.20

VETERAN’S AFFAIRS: GOVERNMENT PRE-CAST BASES

WILKES BARRE BURIAL	TOTAL BID \$18,200.00
68 E. ST. MARY’S ROAD	
WILKES BARRE, PA 18706	

LUZERNE/WYOMING COUNTIES TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

SALE OF SIX (6) VEHICLES

NO BIDS (2ND TIME)

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES: JANITORIAL SERVICES

TRIDON SERVICES TOTAL BID \$52,294.85
961 MARCON BLVD.
SUITE 108
ALLENTOWN, PA 18109

UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS:

WINDOW BRITE CLEANING TOTAL BID \$78,000.00
W-B WINDOW CLEANING 66,930.00
PJ'S WINDOW CLEANING 65,000.00
K PAT KARPET 53,500.00

Commissioner Urban questioned the process to sell the vehicles listed above. Mr. Hunsinger sated they will be sold on the open market and will be put on the County's web site.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

PLANNING COMMISSION – ADRIAN MEROLLI, DIRECTOR

MOTION

1. Request a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Phase 1 Countywide Stormwater Management Grant. This Amendment changes the Title, extends the time framework for completion, and provides for other minor revisions to the terms of the grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

MOTION

2. Request a motion to approve and execute the attached resolution providing County Commissioner endorsement of a project to preserve approximately 1,700 acres of land along the Upper Lehigh River for open space, wildlife conservation and public recreation. The overall project will preserve a total of 3,400 acres including areas in other counties. The local municipal jurisdictions that encompass this total area have all endorsed the project.

Commissioner Urban questioned if there is funding involved and Mr. Merolli stated that there is no county funding involved in this project.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR

MOTION

Request a motion approving a grant for Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, Inc., in the amount of \$480,000 through the County’s Rental Housing Program. The County’s funding will be utilized for the rehabilitation of the former St. Stanislaus orphanage, located at 141 Newport Street, Newport Township which will be converted to 30 general occupancy apartments.

Commissioner Urban questioned the ownership of the building and if the money was programmed. Andy Reilly stated Catholic Social Services owns the building and funding is through the HOME program.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

Request a motion approving the following activities through the County’s Economic Development Program(s):

KENNEDY WATER JJWR, INC., - \$262,000 loan to assist in financing a \$524,000 project for a bank branch to be located at Kennedy Blvd. and Water Street in downtown Pittston City. County funds will be utilized for the acquisition of a land and a building.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

Request a motion approving the forgiveness of interest due to unusable acreage for the following loans:

Crestwood Industrial Park (BDS-99-L01) \$392,987
Hanover Crossings Phase II (BDS-97-L02 & BDS-02-A01) \$607,013

Commissioner Urban could not support this motion citing he believed more information is needed. Mr. Reilly recommended this motion to the board by stating that because the Chamber cannot pay the interest at this time but, every dollar of the sale of these properties will be given to the County if they do sell. A lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Urban moved the motion be tabled. There was no second, motion to table died.

The original motion once again made.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, “NAY” URBAN

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

DECEMBER 21, 2007

Commissioner Urban requested a motion to go off the agenda to ask for the terminations of Mr. Blaum, Mr. Richards, Mr. Brace, Mr. Guesto on the basis of policies not be followed with debit cards. He also stated he has yet to receive information regarding the debit cards that he asked of Mr. Guesto. Commissioner Urban stated his disappointment with Mr. Blaum and his handling of a \$300 dollar reimbursement to the County.

Mr. Blaum stated when he received the records on November 21st he acted immediately to reimburse the county. Mr. Blaum also stated that not once has Commissioner Urban approached him about any concerns he may have had about him or the way he does his job on behalf of the county.

Commissioner Tucker stated she has worked very closely with everyone of these people that Commissioner Urban is asking to discharge and a better group of men and women she has not had the opportunity to work with in government until this time.

Mr. Guesto stated that he also has not been approached by Commissioner Urban and that he approached him on several occasions and Commissioner Urban has declined to meet with him. Mr. Guesto stated that he has given PNC Bank permission to release the statements to him.

Mr. Richards declined to comment at this time, but did concur with Mr. Blaum that he has not been approached by Commissioner Urban with regards to this issue.

Mr. Brace stated he will address this issue in the future through litigation.

Commissioner Urban motioned to go off the agenda. There was no second, motion to go off the agenda died.

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

AGING:

Sharon Considine, Harveys Lake, as an Aging Care Manager 3, at an annual salary of \$29,664 effective December 26, 2007.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

David Rothenbecker, Wilkes-Barre, as a Clerk Typist 3, at an annual salary of \$22,630 effective December 21, 2007.

Laura Pish, Trucksville, as a Social Services Aide 1, at an annual salary of \$18,837 effective December 21, 2007.

The Appointment of the following as Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$30,201:

John Kozemko, Kingston, effective December 21, 2007
Jessica Dobash, Exeter, effective December 21, 2007
Kelly Flaherty, Wilkes-Barre, effective December 21, 2007
Kathleen Nese, Avoca, effective December 26, 2007
Cindy Koder, Luzerne, effective December 28, 2007
Stephanie Dillon, Jenkins Twp., effective December 28, 2007

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

William Eder, Sr., Pittston, as a Drug & Alcohol Case Management Specialist Trainee at an annual salary of \$24,703 effective December 21, 2007.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Appointment of the following as Caseworker 1's at an annual salary of \$27,009:

- Jessica Gibbon, Plains, effective December 21, 2007
- Philip Buickus, Luzerne, effective December 21, 2007
- Laura Davis, Wyoming, effective December 21, 2007
- Michael Gagliardi, Hanover Twp, effective December 28, 2007

Rebecca Parry, West Pittston, as a Substitute Clerk Typist 2 at an hourly rate of \$10.40 effective December 21, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Appointment of the following Part Time Drivers at an hourly rate of \$8 effective December 3, 2007:

- John Kelley, Trucksville
- Tim Nevel, Exeter
- Carol Scatton, Hazleton

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECLASSIFICATIONS AT:

AGING:

Charlene Yurko to Aging Care Manager 2, at an annual salary of \$29,594 effective December 5, 2007.

Karen Camasse to Clerk Typist 2 at an annual salary of \$25,810 effective December 17, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

A Pay Adjustment for the following Part Time Drivers at the hourly rate noted, effective November 16, 2007:

- Mary Andrea White, Part Time Driver at an hourly rate of \$8.25
- Heather Dourand, Part Time Driver at an hourly rate of \$8.75
- Fatieem Grady, Part Time Driver at an hourly rate of \$8.25
- Robert Shoemaker, Part Time Driver at an hourly rate of \$8.75

It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Urban.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Mary Long, Telecommunicator, effective November 19, 2007.

James Nardone, PSAP Supervisor, effective December 4, 2007.

William Maguire, Municipal Coordinator, effective November 10, 2007.

MOON LAKE PARK:

Mary Patricia Cunningham, Clerk Typist I, effective December 10, 2007.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE:

Erica Platukas, Clerk Steno II, effective December 12, 2007.

AGING:

Jessica Mucha, Aging Care Manager 2, effective October 23, 2007.

Shirley Kennedy, Senior Center Manager 2, effective November 15, 2007.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Renee Demko, Caseworker 2, effective December 13 to December 20, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

Robert Krashnak, Part Time Driver, effective November 9, 2007.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

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

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

FMLA leave for Telecommunicator, Andrew Elmy, effective November 30, 2007 to December 8, 2007 with pay.

Intermittent FMLA leave with pay for Chief of Public Safety, Alan Pugh, effective December 21, 2007.

ASSESSORS OFFICE:

Intermittent FMLA for Jill Emmert, Real Property Field Investigator, effective December 20, 2007.

AGING:

Intermittent FMLA for Theresa Graham, effective October 18, 2007.

FMLA for Linda Bottger, Aging Care Management Supervisor 2, effective November 13, 2007.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Leave of Absence for Anita Jones, Management Technician, effective November 20, 2007.

A Leave of Absence for Lana Waichulis, effective November 27, 2007.

FMLA for Grace Jones, Caseworker 2, effective December 17, 2007.

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

A Leave of Absence Without Pay for Kevin Whelley, D&A Case Management Specialist, effective November 8, 2007.

HUMAN SERVICES:

FMLA for Earl Nulton, Distributed Systems Specialist 1, effective October 23 through November 2 and November 13 through November 20, 2007.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Intermittent FMLA for Thomas Kokura, MR Program Specialist 1, effective October 29, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION:

A Return from FMLA for Richard Williams, Driver, effective October 15, 2007.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY:

FMLA for Lisa Hawk, Data Validation Supervisor, effective December 3, 2007.

Intermittent FMLA for Charles J. Koflanovich, Training Specialist, effective November 1, 2007 through November 1, 2008.

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

“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, 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>
<u>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT:</u>				
Beth DeNardi	Recycling 421: Train the Trainer II	Bellefonte	1/31/08	\$69
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>				
Annette Grella Brenda Lispi	Healthy Steps for Older Adults	Germantown	11/28/07	\$298

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

AnnMarie Black Maureen Taroli	Humor in Psychotherapy	Scranton	11/19/07	\$150
Paul Guido Ann Marie Black	Child & Adolescent Violence	Scranton	11/27/07	\$160
Frank Castano	CAPS Meeting & Shared Case Management Forum	State College	12/18-12/19/07	\$190

DRUG & ALCOHOL:

Michael Donahue	PACDAA Annual Meeting	Hershey	1/9-1/11/08	\$695
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It was moved by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

LUZERNE COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD:

Christine F. McLaughlin, Pittston
Rosella Fedor-Purcell, West Pittston
Charles R. Suppon, Dallas
For a three year term
Effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

END OF PERSONNEL

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioner Skrepenak thanked everyone for their participation in today’s meeting and wished everyone, on behalf of Luzerne County Board of Commissioners, a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season, and a very prosperous and healthy new year.

Request a motion to adjourn.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak.
“AYES” SKREPENAK, TUCKER, URBAN

Respectfully,



Nancy Kelly, Recording Secretary

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