

**June 18, 2008**

On the above date at 5:00 P.M., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened their regularly scheduled meeting with the following present: Maryanne Petrilla, Chairman; Gregory Skrepenak, Commissioner; Stephen Urban, Commissioner; Douglas Pape, Chief Clerk/County Manager; William G. Brace, Deputy Chief Clerk; James Blaum, County Solicitor; Tom Pribula, Chief of Budget and Finance; Michael Morreale, Treasurer; Anthony J. Martinelli, Acting Controller; Joseph DeVizia, Director of Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Community Development; Gregory Hunsinger, Director of Purchasing; Joseph Gibbons, Engineer; Adrian Merolli, Director of Planning.

Maryanne Petrilla called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

**BID OPENINGS: ..... No Bid Openings**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Douglas A. Pape  
County Manager/Chief Clerk**

No Announcements

**RECOGNITIONS:..... Commissioner Maryanne C. Petrilla  
Chairman**

**RESOLUTION: Greater Nanticoke Area Drug and Alcohol Task Force**

Commissioner Petrilla thanked the City of Hazleton for their hospitality.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jack Mundie of Hazleton City Counsel stated he wanted to let the commissioners know what people were telling him about the reassessment. Mr. Mundie stated that the values were totally wrong. Mr. Mundie gave an example of land in Ridgewood that sold two years ago for \$30,000 now valued at \$55,000 to \$60,000. Mr. Mundie stated that 21<sup>st</sup> Century did not look at the area. Mr. Mundie stated that this couldn't have come at a worse time with the price of gas and heating oil on the rise. Mr. Mundie commented that the people could not afford it. Commissioner Petrilla stated that she appreciated Mr. Mundie coming forward on behalf of the residents. Commissioner Petrilla stated that an appeal process was in place to address the concerns and inconsistencies. Commissioner Petrilla stated that we need to let it run its course to see if the problems can be addressed. Mr. Mundie replied that the appeal process may work if someone has the money and time, which most people don't have. Mr. Mundie stated there should be a local board of realtors to look at these appraisals. Commissioner Petrilla stated that she heard his concerns and she was committed to address them, but at the same time Commissioner Petrilla stated Mr. Mundie was a city counsel member and knew how hard it is to run a city. Commissioner Petrilla stated the commissioners are faced with the same task of running the county on a reassessment that is 65 years old. Commissioner Petrilla stated if reassessment was done every 5 years for the last 65, we would not be in this position today. Commissioner Petrilla stated that it was something that had to be done. Commissioner Petrilla agreed that gas prices were high and utility prices were raising and that was a major concern of hers, however, it was something that could not be avoided. Commissioner Petrilla stated she was committed to making sure that everyone's concerns were heard and dealt with. Mr. Mundie questioned if there was no going back? No postponing? Commissioner Petrilla replied the request was premature. Commissioner Petrilla stated to just disregard the process would be a total waste of \$8million of the taxpayer's money. Mr. Mundie suggested that the commissioners set up a local board of experts to review the information.

Commissioner Petrilla stated that was a good suggestion. Commissioner Petrilla stated that she was here to accept responsibility for reassessment even though she didn't vote for it. Mr. Mundie questioned Commissioner Petrilla if she was for reassessment? Commissioner Petrilla replied that she was in favor of doing everything possible to help the process go smoothly and make sure the people are treated fairly. Mr. Mundie replied that as a public servant they were in a position to help people. If something is wrong it should be fixed. Mr. Mundie stated that this was the wrong time for reassessment and maybe even the wrong company. Commissioner Petrilla replied that there were not a lot of companies in the United States that do reassessment. Mr. Mundie replied that certified appraisers were saying that they have never seen anything like this. Commissioner Urban stated that Mr. Mundie contacted him and he sent an e-mail to 21<sup>st</sup> Century and expressed to them the concerns particularly over the land values in Black Creek and Hazle Township that were out of line. Commissioner Urban stated that he requested a representative from 21<sup>st</sup> Century be present at the meeting this evening to answer any questions. Mr. Alu informed Commissioner Urban that someone was on their way from 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Commissioner Urban stated that reassessment was supposed to be done fairly. He stated if the values were out of line then the people needed to go an informal hearing. Mr. Mundie commented that he was hearing from people that errors were not being corrected at the informal appeal. (Mr. Mundie provided an example) Tony Alu from the Assessors Office stated that he understood everyone's concerns however there is a system in place. Mr. Alu then went on to review the appeal process. Commissioner Urban stated if someone came in with an error such as square footage on a property that should have been corrected by 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Commissioner Urban stated they have an obligation to look at the value and the square footage and go back to re do it. Mr. Mundie questioned the factor used by 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Commissioner Skrepenak commented that the one thing that can't be determined is how the factor is used. Commissioner Skrepenak stated the company that was doing the reassessment protects its rights so they have not told the county the formula they are using. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that reassessment is a symptom of a poor taxing system. He stated that we cannot rely solely on property tax any longer. That's what we should be trying to change. Commissioner Skrepenak stated reassessment would always be a factor as long as we rely on property tax. Commissioner Skrepenak stated what we need to do is contact our state legislators to allow the county alternative taxing methods via a county wide personal income tax or earned income tax. Unfortunately the legislators have not acted on this. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that this has been discussed for the last twenty years. Commissioner Skrepenak stated since he has become a commissioner he has supported initiatives and sent letters to the legislation. He stated the #1 agenda item for CCAP was to get fair taxes. He stated it was an unfair system that needed to change and he proposed that everyone go to their legislators and promote that change. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that he wasn't one to support reassessment but was told to just let the process happen and move forward. Commissioner Skrepenak stated under much criticism over a year ago reassessment was delayed due to the numerous problems and complaints. He stated one year later and the county was still having the same issues. Commissioner Skrepenak stated he felt the people got lucky with the economy being as it is now and the recession and gas and heating oil prices, we're lucky it wasn't implemented this year because there would have been panic. Commissioner Skrepenak stated we are trying to address the issues and he suggested that that everyone go through the process. Mr. Mundie questioned if a person could not afford an appraisal would comparables be considered? Mr. Alu responded that comparables could be used in the appeal process.

Theresa Wanick began by stating that she was on a fixed income and concerned about her home with the new reassessed values. Mrs. Wanick questioned what would happen if she couldn't afford an appraisal and couldn't research other property values on an online database because she is afraid of computers. Mr. Alu stated that the informal appeal was free and the formal would cost \$5. Mr. Alu stated that there were people at the appeals office that could help look up comparables on the computer. Mrs. Wanick asked the commissioners to consider holding off on the new assessed values until 2010. Mrs. Wanick questioned if the taxpayers would see any revenue from the slot machines. Commissioner Skrepenak replied that those reductions would be seen in the school district taxes. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that PA legislation recently turned down a sales tax to eliminate school property taxes. Commissioner Skrepenak stated by law assessment could not bring more than \$77 million. Commissioner Skrepenak explained that according to numbers from 2005, a 1% county wide sales tax would bring in \$16 million, however the taxpayers were not getting these options from the state. Mrs. Wanick questioned if the millage would decrease. Mr. Alu responded it would drop dramatically.

Commissioner Petrilla requested that public comment be limited to five minutes.

Antonio Rodriguez stated that his questions had already been answered. Mr. Rodriguez offered his remaining time to anyone that came in late and wanted to speak.

Tony Bido stated that he was a land developer in Luzerne County. Mr. Bido stated that he attended an informal appeal and did get a considerable amount back. Mr. Bido commented on the remarks that were made by Tim Barr of 21<sup>st</sup> Century in the local newspapers. Mr. Bido commented that there were many errors with the new reassessments.

Shannon Tobias stated that her property which is on 0.17 acres of land on Rte 309, with one access road was valued at \$31,200. Mrs. Tobias stated three other properties on Rte 309 with two access roads were valued at \$16,200. Mrs. Tobias questioned how this was fair. Mrs. Tobias stated that at her appeal the amount was lowered by \$3,000 and was told she had to accept or decline the offer. Mrs. Tobias stated that the county paid 21<sup>st</sup> Century \$8 million and now property owners have to prove that their figures are wrong. Mrs. Tobias asked where this was fair.

Ann Marie Shelby from Hazle Township provided comment as to why the county should not get involved in the proposed cargo airport. Ms. Shelby stated that she didn't want county funds being used for the airport. She stated that the county financially could not wait years to get benefits from the airport. Mrs. Shelby reviewed some points from the feasibility study that was complete. Commissioner Skrepenak stated he wanted to clarify that the commissioners never entertained putting up bond money for the airport project nor was a meeting held on the airport project. Commissioner Urban stated after reading through the report there was nothing in it to change his mind to support the airport.

Drew McGill from Sugarloaf Twp provided comments about the cargo airport and the feasibility study that was released. Mr. McGill stressed that the project would cost \$210 million to just make the site flat.

Victor Lutsky from Sugarloaf Twp stated that he was a realtor in the Hazleton area. Mr. Lutsky commented that the reassessment was fraught with mistakes. Mr. Lutsky provided an example of a one bedroom home in Black Creek Twp on a 0.4 acre of land in which the taxes were raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000/year. Mr. Lutsky commented that the process was unfair to senior citizens. Mr. Lutsky stated that the county could not correct a forty year mistake in one year. Mr. Lutsky suggested that the county put off reassessment for one year, then have a five year phase in on the new values.

Commissioner Urban asked Mr. Alu to explain the time frame for appeals. Mr. Alu responded that all appeals needed to be completed by October 31, 2008. Mr. Alu stated that the tax rolls needed to be certified by November 15, 2008.

David Minnig from Black Creek Twp provided comments in regard to his property that was reassessed. Mr. Minnig stated that he purchased his home two years ago for \$272,000 and was currently reassessed at \$406,000 by 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Mr. Minnig questioned the logic of how a property can increase in value that drastically in two years.

Tom Marnell, a realtor, provided comments in regard to many inquiries he is receiving about the new reassessed values. Mr. Marnell stated that in many cases the information provided by 21<sup>st</sup> Century was inaccurate and mind boggling. Mr. Marnell requested that the commissioners put a freeze on the process until 21<sup>st</sup> Century can better explain how they came up with the values for each property and the expertise of the people accumulating that information. Commissioner Urban replied that the values needed to be sent to the residents so the mistakes can be corrected.

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**COMMUNICATIONS – DOUGLAS A. PAPE, COUNTY MANAGER/CHIEF CLERK**

**Minutes**

**MOTION**

Request a Motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and Special Meeting on June 9, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**Vouchers**

**MOTION**

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 464937GF – 465981GF  
County General Fund for 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

PNC Bank, Vouchers 502490LF – 502522LF  
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400327WC - 400329WC  
Worker's Compensation for 2008

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**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 May 28, 2008; June 4, 2008; June 11, 2008; and June 18, 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: May 28, 2008; June 4, 2008; June 11, 2008 and June 18, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 due to flash flooding and flooding from the Susquehanna River. This motion is for the weeks of June 23, 2008, June 30, 2008, July 7, 2008, and July 14, 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 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 due to flash flooding. This motion is for the weeks of June 23, 2008, June 30, 2008, July 7, 2008, and July 14, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

#### **MOTION**

### **EMA Performance Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2008**

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve the application for a grant in the amount of \$55,420.00 in Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 and to authorize the appropriate officials to execute all documents relative to this application and subsequent award. This grant is used to supplement salaries and benefits for two positions in the Emergency Management Agency.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

#### **MOTION**

### **Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Grant Application**

Request a Motion authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, effective June 18, 2008. This application will seek funding from the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Project Stream. This funding will be used to publish a booklet to commemorate the last 100 years of Luzerne County to coincide with the centennial of the Luzerne County Courthouse.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**N/E PA Hospital & Education Authority Revenue Bonds / Series of 2008 the “Bonds”**

Request a Motion to adopt a Resolution of the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, designating the Chairman or any other Member of the Board of Commissioners of the County, as the person to act on behalf of the County as the "Applicable Elected Representative" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended, regarding the financing by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Hospital and Education Authority of a project for the benefit of the Commonwealth Medical Education Corporation; authorizing such persons to take certain actions on behalf of the County as such "Applicable Elected Representative"; declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, and the area served by the Commonwealth Medical Education Corporation to have the project provided by and financed through the authority; and authorizing other necessary and appropriate action.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**West Hazleton Tax Increment District To Appoint County Rep**

Request a Motion by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne to appoint William Brace to serve as the Luzerne County Representative by and among the Hazleton Area School District, the Borough of West Hazleton and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Luzerne, for participation on a TIF Planning Committee to develop a West Hazleton Borough Tax Incremental Financing Project, also known as the West Hazleton Tax Increment District.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Presort Mailing Service**

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to authorize the proper officials to execute a contract with Immediate Mailing Services, Inc. (IMS) of Wilkes-Barre, PA for a “presort mailing service” for Luzerne County’s letter sized mail. The Agreement is subject to Solicitor review and approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Tax Refund /Bonner John Et al -Assessment Appeals Office**

Request a Motion to approve the following refund through the Assessment Appeals Office:

Name:	Bonner John Et al
Address	22 W. Lower Street
Property Location:	Mary Kunkle Tract, Hazle Township
Amount Due:	\$907.53

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Tax Refund /Walsh - Assessment Appeals Office**

Request a Motion to approve the following refund through the Assessment Appeals Office:

Name: Walsh Ronald P. & Margaret A.  
Address: Box RD#4, West Pittston, PA. 18643  
Property Location: Appletree Road, Rt. 1031, Exeter Township  
Amount Due: \$442.92

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Polish American Veterans Association Tax Forgiveness/Assessment Appeals Office**

Request a Motion to forgive The Polish American Veterans Association for real estate taxes for the year 2008 on property located at Bank Street in Plains Township. Pin # 50-G10NE3-010-07B and Plate # 50-9-63-1-D1-D1. Property was placed in exempt status by The Assessment Board of Appeals for the year 2009 and approval was granted from the School District and Plains Township for the 2008 tax year.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-32 - Transfer (Appendix Page 33)**

REQUEST A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,374,085.79 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES D FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003D-32.

Commissioner Urban requested the Joe Gibbons review the invoices from Valley Testing and Balancing to make sure that they are correct.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-32 - Payment (Appendix Page 33A)**

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$1,374,085.79 FROM THE 2003 CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND ISSUE SERIES D FOR ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A” OF REQUISITION 2003D-32 .

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System**

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute and Luzerne County in order to implement the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System.



It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Delaware County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force**

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to ratify the submission of the Delaware County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Memorandum of Understanding, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the District Attorney’s Office to participate in this Task Force.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

District Attorney Jackie Musto Carroll reviewed in detail each motion.

MOTION

**Listing Agreement with Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to execute a listing agreement with Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services to advertise the 56-58 North Cedar Street Property (Vacant Land), 56-58 North Cedar Street, Hazleton, PA for sale to the public. The property will be listed for 60 days before the bid due date. Minimum base bid will be set at current fair market appraisal value (\$16,000.00).

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Amend the existing Courthouse Spacial Study**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to amend the existing Courthouse Spacial Study, Penn Place Annex with SA Architects, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 110, West Pittston, PA 18643, in the amount of \$36,800.00 for the development of construction documents for Court Room Modifications on the Third Floor of Penn Place.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**RACP Grant Riverfront Development**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to execute Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to increase the project funding by \$1,000,000.00 for the Wilkes-Barre River Common Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Special Early Retirement (Appendix Page 34, 35)**

Request a Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing Special Early Retirement for eligible active members of Luzerne County retirement system.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**LCCC – Sponsorship by Luzerne County**

Request a motion to approve and enter into an EXTENSION TO ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT between the County of Luzerne and Luzerne County Community College for the period of June 18, 2008 to June 17, 2028.

Commissioner Urban questioned if the county’s purchasing policy was incorporated into the sponsorship agreement. Commissioner Skrepenak responded that that the board met and a motion was passed to review the policies so they can be more like Luzerne County’s policy.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

**Group Term Life Insurance**

Request a Motion to approve the Group Term Life Insurance with The Hartford Insurance Company at a rate Guarantee of 3 years at a total cost of \$.19 per thousand of coverage for all full time employees. This is a savings of approximately \$32,000.00 per year.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**END OF COMMUNICATIONS**

TREASURER'S OFFICE – MICHAEL L. MORREALE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Request a motion to accept the following Treasurer's Report:

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES

As of: June 09, 2008

WACHOVIA BANK

General Fund (Old Account) .....	\$198,696.44
School, Road & Institution District (Old Account).....	718,358.74
Real Estate Tax Sale Account (Old Account).....	291,868.82
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund.....	81,673.41
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund .....	1,197,185.66
Patients' Personal Fund Account .....	7,551.89
9-1-1 Construction Fund .....	420,123.73
9-1-1 Operational Fund .....	13,328.73
9-1-1 Wire Fund .....	0.00
9-1-1 Wireless Fund .....	63,946.51

PNC BANK

General Fund (New Account) .....	\$3,050,532.72
Schools (New Account) .....	744,071.21
Towns (New Account).....	205,057.60
Real Estate Tax Sale (New Account).....	33,657.46
Transportation Department.....	30,845.11
Office for the Aging .....	1,621,766.34
Children & Youth Services .....	104,511.92
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	58,275.00
Office of Human Services.....	12,181.64
Drug & Alcohol Program.....	21,904.19
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund .....	287,304.48
Luzerne County GWBIF Escrow Account.....	27,616.36
Juvenile Probation JCJC Grant-in-Aid.....	18,850.46
Act 44 Bridge Account.....	51,349.87
Redevelopment Assistance.....	0.00

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account .....	\$481,852.04
Luzerne County Bridges.....	86,437.14
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account .....	85,290.18
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund.....	49,777.46

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau .....	\$75,185.83
Luzerne County Agencies Account .....	885,472.71
Luzerne County Solid Waste Recycle Account .....	280,586.90
Luzerne County Property Tax Collection .....	277,464.49

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Account.....	\$36,237.52
Offenders Supervision Fund .....	0.00
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study .....	2,553.79
Luzerne County 2002 A & B Capital Projects .....	48,843.06
Luzerne County 2003 A & B Capital Projects .....	174,848.24
Luzerne County 2003 D Capital Projects .....	8,062.45

M & T Bank

Adult Probation Drug & Alcohol RIP Program.....	\$91,929.00
Riverfront-GG2.....	0.00
Nesbitt Park-DCNR.....	75,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban  
"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

**(Principal Values only)**

**As of: June 09, 2008**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$17,000,000.00</b>
<b>Real Estate Tax Sale</b>	<b>\$750,000.00</b>
<b>Liquid Fuels Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$1,300,000.00</b>
<b>9-1-1 Construction Fund</b>	<b>\$700,000.00</b>
<b>Domestic Relations IV-D Fund</b>	<b>\$1,785,000.00</b>
<b>Transportation Dept</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>Office for the Aging</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>
<b>Mental Health/Mental Retardation</b>	<b>\$8,875,000.00</b>
<b>Office of Human Services</b>	<b>\$365,000.00</b>
<b>Drug &amp; Alcohol Program</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>
<b>Adult Probation Special Account</b>	<b>\$1,900,000.00</b>
<b>Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account</b>	<b>\$160,000.00</b>
<b>Solid Waste Recycle Account</b>	<b>\$700,000.00</b>
<b>Luzerne County Agencies Account</b>	<b><u>\$2,450,000.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$36,885,000.00</b>

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**CONTROLLERS REPORT- ACTING CONTROLLER, ANTHONY J. MARTINELLI**

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:

\$ 71,793.22 Business Development Loan Program  
\$171,889.56 Community Development Block Grant Program  
\$ 4,319.09 HOME Investment Partnership Program

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

- Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$15,597.00** to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County's appropriation for the month of June, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

- Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of **\$526,665.00** to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County's appropriation for the month of June, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

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

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 534120 to 534155 inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,043,047.21

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 718906 to 719391 inclusive in the amount of \$ 3,613,444.74

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 733770 to 734578 inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,435,316.83

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 743557 to 743727 inclusive in the amount of \$ 3,821,504.03

Human Services:

Voucher No. 750691 to 750721 inclusive in the amount of \$ 2,559,247.19

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 761012 to 761045 inclusive in the amount of \$ 2,461,448.81

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepentak  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

#### HUMAN SERVICES – JOSEPH DEVIZIA, DIRECTOR

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
<b><u>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL:</u></b>			
Colonial House	Inpatient Rehab	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$100.00/day
<b><u>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</u></b>			
Grevera Smith & Associates	2008 Audit Services	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$31,000.00

Language Service Associates	Interpre Talk Interpreters-consecutive Interpreters-simultaneous Interpreters-consecutive rare language American Sign Language Language Skills Assessment Interpreting Skills Assessment	“ “	\$1.49/minute \$72.00/hr. \$117.00/hr. \$89.00/hr. \$90.00/hr. \$75.00/assessment \$125.00/assessment
Catholic Social Services-Wilkes-Barre	Urinalysis & Court Appearance	“ “	\$120,000.00
Catholic Social session Serv-Hazleton	Parenting Education	“ “	\$150.00/person/6 wk
Children’s Service Center	Fire Education & Prevention 7 hours per child Assessments covered by MA	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$65.00/hour \$10,000.00 -0-
DiPietro, Sharon	Adoption Home Studies	“ “	\$31.82/hour \$31,820.00
Family Serv. Assoc Of Wyoming Valley	Help Line	“ “	\$47,360.00
Family Serv. Assoc Of Wyoming Valley	Family Group Decision Making	“ “	\$174,000.00
Golden Business Machines	General Maintenance	“ “	\$72.00/hr 10 Hr. Min.
Integra	CITRIX Computer Serv.		\$105.00/hr.
Luzerne County Office of Human	Guardian Ad Litem	“ “	\$65,000.00
Artemis Media Group	Broadcast Media Advertising (Public Relations)	“ “	\$25,000.00

<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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**CHILDREN & YOUTH: (Continued)**

Linde, Moya L.	Court Steno For Compelling Reason	“ “	\$100.00/day
Hakim, Esther A.	Court Steno For Compelling Reason	“ “	\$100.00/day
Sheila Mooney	Trauma Stress Counseling	7/1/08-6/30/09	45-50 min. session \$60.00/per session 20-30 min. session \$30.00/per session \$18,000 Cap
Loftus-Vergari and Associates, Inc.	Trauma Stress Counseling	7/1/08-6/30/09	45-50 min. session \$60.00/per session

20-30 min. session  
 \$30.00/per session  
 \$20,000 Cap

Avanco  
 International, Inc.      CAPS/ASP Agreement      7/1/08-6/30/09      \$44,750.00/year

Avanco  
 International, Inc.      Program Expansions      7/1/08-6/30/09      \$40,000.00/year

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Melmark      Comm. Hab. & Residential Svcs.      6/17/08-6/30/08      \$8.98/qtr hr.  
 "      "      "      \$3,591.32/ half mth  
 \$5,316

Melmark      Comm. Hab. & Residential Svcs.      7/1/08 to 6/30/09      \$9.25/qtr hr.  
 "      "      "      \$3,690.34/ half mth  
 \$141,183

**OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:**

Commission on      Rental Assistance      7/1/08-6/30/09      \$703,296  
 Economic      Case Management           \$109,914  
 Opportunity

Domestic Violence      Bridge Housing      7/1/08-6/30/09      \$179,758  
 Service Center

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

**TRANSPORTATION:**

<b><u>PROVIDER</u></b>	<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TERM</u></b>	<b><u>RATE</u></b>
Grevera Smith & Associates	Auditing Services	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$34,500
Hi Safety	Driver Safety Training	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$1,306 per class, \$3.00 per student/materials
Falzone	Towing Services	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$55.00 per hour/tire change \$65 per hour/rollback vehicle \$75 per hour/wrecker Plus fuel surcharges: \$3.91 to \$4.20-17% \$4.21 to \$4.50-18% \$4.51 to \$4.80-19% \$4.81 to \$5.10-20% \$5.11 to \$5.40-21% \$5.41 to \$5.70-22% \$5.71 to \$6.00-23%
Language Link	Teleinterpreter	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$.90 per minute

	Service		
Inter-Mountain Medical	Medical Exams	7/1/08-6/30/09	Pre-Employment Physical-\$45 Post Accident Evaluation-\$45 Random Drug Screen-\$40 Drug Screen/Breath Alcohol - \$50 Tuberculosis Screen-\$10
Jack Williams	Oil Change	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$17.95 Dodge Van GMC/Ford 350 \$25.82 Ford 450
	PA Inspection	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$12.95
	PA Emissions	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$18.20
	Wheel Alignment	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$49.95
	Hourly Rate	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$55.00
	Parts	7/1/08-6/30/09	15% off
	Battery Service	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$67.96
Posten Trans.	Trans. Services	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$9.25 trips under 5 mi. \$9.25 + \$1.85 per mile for trips over 5 mi.
Country Coach	Trans. Services	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$50 per hour/per vehicle
AVP	Trans. Services	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$12.50 for 1 <sup>st</sup> pick- up/\$8.50 for each add. rider

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, 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>
<b><u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u></b>				
Allied Services	Attendant Care	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$250,000	\$255,000
Caregivers America	Personal Care	" "	\$215,000	\$219,000
Comfort Keepers-Hazleton	Personal Care	" "	\$35,000	\$37,000
Health Watch, Inc.	Emergency Response	" "	\$15,000	\$15,500
UDS Independent Living Services	Direct Service Worker Initiative	" "	\$1,000	\$1,500
<b><u>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL:</u></b>				
Serento Gardens	Prevention Outpatient	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$86,105.00 \$163,610.00	\$77,105.00 \$147,610.00
Catholic Social Services (Luz Co)	Outpatient	" "	\$160,000.00	\$130,000.00



Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services	Tobacco-School Programs	7/1/07-9/30/07	\$2,000.00	\$2,295.00
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**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

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.	7/1/07-6/30/08	\$5,971,192	\$6,071,192
Luz. Cty. Recreation Dept.	Home & Comm. Svcs.	“ “	\$98,000	\$101,679
ACT	Employ. Svcs.	“ “	\$9,000	\$11,300

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS, REPORTS, APPLICATIONS, SUBMISSIONS, PLANS FOR:**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

Request a Motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Luzerne County to execute on behalf of Luzerne County, subject to Solicitor review and approval, a Lease Agreement between Luzerne County and The Hazleton Development Company, Inc. (“HDC”) whereby Luzerne County will lease from HDC approximately 6,000 square feet of space located at The Markle Building, 8 West Broad Street, Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania for an initial term of ten (10) years at an annual gross rent of \$99,000 per year, excluding cleaning and security services.

Commissioner Urban questioned if an RFP was done. Mr. DeVizia responded that it had and two responses were received. Mr. DeVizia stated that this was the better deal and space.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**DRUG & ALCOHOL:**

Enter into an agreement with the Lehigh Valley Hospital/Coalition for a Smoke-Free Valley in the amount of \$ 415,656.00 for the time period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to provide a comprehensive tobacco control program in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Acumen Fiscal Agent, LLC to provide Vendor Fiscal Agent (Financial Management Services) in accordance with the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) guidelines to any individual that may request these services. The administrative cost associated with the provision of these services will be paid through the ODP contract with the agency at no cost to the County Program for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

The county's MH/MR Program will be responsible for reimbursement to the agency for any service dollars paid to providers on behalf of the individual and in accordance with the approved Individual Service Plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

The Annual County Mental Retardation Plan for fiscal year 2009-2010 to be submitted to the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) in two separate submissions (Stage I and Stage II) upon completion.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:**

An Application for the HUD Shelter Plus Care Program, which provides funding for rental assistance for a period of five years. The funding request to HUD would be approximately \$374,000 for rental assistance for 12 chronically homeless individuals. Additional supportive services would be provided as the required match by county agencies such as Luzerne County's MH/MR, AAA, D&A and from the Commission on Economic Opportunity. This would enable the 2008 Luzerne County Continuum of care Process to increase the housing percentage of the overall application to seek approximately \$2.8 million from HUD this year.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**ENGINEER'S OFFICE – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER**

**MOTION**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to adopt a resolution for supplemental Reimbursement Agreement No. 048653-A in addition to existing agreement no. 048653 with PennDOT for the reimbursement of costs incurred by Luzerne County to replace County Bridge No. 26306. The supplemental agreement assigns the responsibility to acquire all necessary Right-of-Way for the project to Luzerne County.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**MOTION**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to execute Change Order No. 1 (Final) in the amount of (\$27,000.00) with Derstine Company, LLC, for work on the Kingston/Swoyersville Borough Stormwater Pump Station Improvements Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to ratify the application of a grant request by the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority to PaDEP's Growing Greener Plus Program for the procurement of six (6) Hustler Hillsider Replacement Mower Decks.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to ratify the request of the proper officials to advertise for the construction of the Road and Bridge HVAC Renovations Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to reject all bids received for the construction of the road and bridge HVAC renovations project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to re-advertise for the construction of the Road and Bridge HVAC Renovations Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to purchase a 15' Flexwing Rotary Cutter for turf management at the Wyoming Valley Airport from Pennsylvania State Contract #2420-01 in the amount of \$13,722.50.

Joe Gibbons requested that this motion be removed from the agenda

Request a motion to strike from the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JOSEPH GIBBONS**

**MOTION**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to advertise for a replacement engine for a 1999 720 Champion Road Grader located in District #1, Hunlock Twp.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**MOTION**

Request a Motion to ratify the request of the proper officials to advertise for the construction of the emergency bridge replacement of Mahoney Road (T-670, County Bridge #17010) in Ross Township and Mahoney Road (T-670, County Bridge #17011) in Ross Township. These structures were destroyed as a result of the June, 2006 flood.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**MOTION**

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to advertise for the construction of the emergency bridge replacement of Sutton Road (T-783, County Bridge #26118) in Jackson Township, East Sorber Mountain Road (T-679, County Bridge #16404) in Lake Township and North Mountain Road (T-758, County Bridge #16406) in Lake Township. These structures were destroyed as a result of the June, 2006 flood.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT-GREGORY HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR**

**MOTION**

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

**GIS/MAPPING:** LARGE FORMAT COLOR SCANNER

**LUZERNE COUNTY COURT HOUSE:** AIR FRESHENER  
WINDOW CLEANING  
PEST CONTROL

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING:** RFP-PLAINS SENIOR CENTER

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-ADVERTISE BIDS FOR 60 NEO-POST INK CARTRIDGES DUE TO NO BIDS.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-ADVERTISE BIDS FOR CHAIN LINK FENCE DUE TO NO BIDS.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR TUNKHANNOCK SENIOR CENTER DUE TO NO RFP RESPONSES.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

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

<b><u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u></b>	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	
<b>COLUMBIA ANCILLARY 1388 STATE ROUTE 487 BLOOMSBURG, PA 17815</b>	ITEM #21-ENSURE WITH CALCIUM IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. NO KNOWN ALTERNATIVE OR SUB.	<b>TOTAL BID \$102,471.84</b>

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER SERVICES FOR MENTAL RETARDATION RESPITE CAMP

<b>WHITE TRANSIT SCHOOL BUSES, INC. 239 OLD RIVER ROAD WILKES BARRE, PA 18702</b>	BUS #1 WEST SIDE BUS BUS #2 EAST SIDE BUS	<b>TOTAL BID \$ 5,100.00</b> <b>TOTAL BID \$ 4,800.00</b>
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It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO REJECT ALL BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES TO BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FALLS, MOUNTAIN TOP, AND WYOMING COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS, DUE TO OVERPRICING OF BID.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO NEGOTIATE AND CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FALLS, MOUNTAIN TOP AND WYOMING COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS ON THE OPEN MARKET.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR**

Request a Motion approving the following amendment to the repayment terms for the following Business Development Loan Program agreement:

CITY OF NANTICOKE - \$864,008.36 balance of the County’s 1993 loan for the Kanjorski Building shall be forgiven over 5 years (20% each year), so long as the building is occupied by Luzerne County Community College and used as an educational facility.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to submit an application to HUD for the administration of ARC funds for the following infrastructure project:

COMMERCE ROAD - located in Pittston Township and Dupont Borough, near the entrance to the Grimes Industrial Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

MOTION

Request a Motion to amend the agreement with the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority for the following project:

MARKET STREET SQUARE - \$33,075.26 to cover costs for the design phase of the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
“AYES” PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN

**PROBATION SERVICES - LARRY SABA, DIRECTOR**

MOTION

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve/ratify the submission of an application to the National Bond & Collection Associates, Inc., 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 regards to the National Bond & Collection Associates, Inc. The County’s application, if awarded, will allow this private collection agency to collect costs, fines, and restitution due and owing from delinquent defendant accounts with the Department of Probation Services. Collection of Court Costs, Restitution, and Fines by Private Collection Agency is a Court Order Civil Action-Law No. 6217 of 2002 c

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

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		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	<b>GROUP HOME:</b>		
	ACE-Male/Female - Miller		\$198.65/Day
	Intensive Supervision – Female		\$227.90/Day
	Intensive Supervision - Male		\$193.70/Day
	Substance Abuse - Male		\$193.70/Day
	Sexual Offenses – Male		\$203.80/Day
	Short Term Residential		\$198.65/Day
	Detention		\$147.00/Day
	Secure – Female		\$312.00/Day
	Secure – Male		\$312.00/Day
	<b>SPECIALIZED INDEPENDENT LIVING:</b>		
	Male/Female		\$191.55/Day
	<b>RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY:</b>		
	Susan’s		\$329.35/Day
	Sweeney		\$261.94/Day
	Northern Tier		\$287.27/Day
	<b>PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION:</b>		
	Non MA Eligible		\$114.00/Day
	<b>FAMILIES WHO CARE:</b>		
	Treatment/Kinship – Male/Female		\$ 71.75/Day
	Intensive Treatment – Male/Female		\$126.40/Day
			<u>RATE</u>

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CONTRACT/CAP</u>
	Pregnant and Parenting Program		\$ 93.75/Day
	<b>MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY SERVICES</b>		
	Non MA Eligible		\$ 69.00/Day
	<b>ADDITIONAL SERVICES:</b>		
	Abel Interviews/Testing Only		\$250.00
	Abel Assessments		\$600.00
	Diagnostic Center – Male/Female		\$1,800.00
	Kinship Study		\$663.00
	Psychiatric Evaluations		\$165.00/Hour
	Polygraphs		\$350.00
<b>ALTERNATIVE REHABILITATION COMMUNITIES, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Secure Residential		\$201.35/Day
	Residential		\$193.76/Day
	Residential-Special Issues		\$208.77/Day
	Foster Care Dependent/Neglected		\$ 61.60/Day
	Foster Care Delinquent		\$ 77.67/Day
	Pre-Release/Outreach Residential		\$ 96.91/Day
<b>CATHOLIC YOUTH CENTER</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	R.I.S.E. To a New Life Juvenile Probation Program (TOTAL PROGRAM CAP \$158,500.00)		\$ 16.51/Hour
<b>BI INCORPORATED</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Full Service:		
	HomeGuard 200 Unit Rental		\$2.63 Per Day Per Unit
	HomeGuard 200 Monitoring Service Charge		\$4.39 Per Unit Per Active Day
<b>CLEARBROOK, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Detoxification		\$199.00/Day
	Inpatient		\$184.00/Day
	Long Term		\$175.00/Day
<b>CORNELL ABRAXAS GROUP, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Cornell Abraxas I Intensive Drug Sellers		\$171.36/Day
	Cornell Abraxas Center For Adolescent Females		\$187.73/Day
	Cornell Abraxas II Community Based Intensive		\$147.75/Day
	Cornell Abraxas III Community Based Intensive		\$146.69/Day



<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u> <u>CONTRACT/CAP</u>
	Leadership Development Center Leadership Development Center		\$151.65/Day
	Open Residential Fire Setter/Sex Offender		\$293.55/Day
	Cornell Abraxas Youth Center Fire Setter/Sex Offender Shelter		\$307.73/Day \$219.30/Day
	Detention		\$219.30/Day
	Abraxas Academy: Secure Habitual/Sex Offender		\$309.41/Day
	Erie Psycho Social Rehab. Unit		\$254.73/Day
	Erie Residential Mental Health		\$247.29/Day
<b>DEVEREUX FOUNDATION</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Kanner Center CABD (Residential)		\$210.00/Day
	CABD (R. & B. Only)		\$ 99.95/Day
	Carriage Place I (Residential)		\$416.00/Day
	Carriage Place I (R. & B. Only)		\$137.54/Day
	Beneto Center Brandywine (Residential) Eagleview/Brier		\$305.00/Day
	Brandywine Brook		\$325.00/Day
	Stone & Gables (Residential)		\$305.00/Day
	Mapleton (Residential)		\$325.00/Day
	Mapleton (Transitional Residential)		\$305.00/Day
	Kanner Center Ann Villa		\$345.00/Day
	Family Based		\$199.00/Day
	Laura Villa		\$226.00/Day
	Brumer Villa		\$184.00/Day
	Reed House		\$211.00/Day
	Greenway		\$268.00/Day
	Jackson Villa		\$212.00/Day
	Transitional Living		\$210.00/Day
	Allowance		\$ 2.00/Day
<b>DIVERSIFIED TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	JCAHO Residential Treatment		\$182.98/Day
	Specialized Foster Care		\$ 90.51/Day
	CRR/Host Home		\$ 22.50/Day
<b>DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL REHABILITATION. SERVICES, INC</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Manos House		\$ 95.00/Day
	Supervised Independent Living Program Residential Drug and Alcohol Treatment		\$121.00/Day

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u> <u>CONTRACT/CAP</u>
<b>GEORGE JR. REPUBLIC IN PA.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Non-MA Rates		
	General Residential		\$142.80/Day
	Special Needs		\$244.37/Day
	Drug & Alcohol		\$166.86/Day
	Community Based Group Home		\$142.80/Day
	Diagnostic		\$215.79/Day
	Shelter		\$155.21/Day
	Crisis Intervention Unit		\$181.20/Day
	MA-Rates		
	Special Needs		\$106.74/Day
	Drug & Alcohol		\$ 68.81/Day
	General Residential		\$ 65.82/Day
	Community Based Group Home		\$ 43.44/Day
<b>GLEN MILLS SCHOOLS</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Residential Program		\$103.05/Day
	Residential Restitution Program		\$108.47/Day
	Drug & Alcohol Program		\$108.47/Day
<b>HOLPEN VILLAGE, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Room, Board and Services		\$170.00/Day
<b>IMPACT PROJECT, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Specialized Foster Care I		\$ 64.15/Day
	Specialized Foster Care II		\$ 80.75/Day
	Specialized Foster Care III		\$ 83.98/Day
	Project LIFE		\$ 93.88/Day
	Mother and Child Foster Care		\$116.28/Day
	Project LIFE-Supervised Apartment Living		
	Basic Rate		\$ 53.21/Day
	SAL Level One		\$ 62.48/Day
	SAL Level Two with housing subsidy		\$ 71.69/Day
	Specialized Foster Care for Sex Offenders		
	Sex Offenders Step-Down Program Level I		\$134.83/Day
	Sex Offenders Step-Down Program Level II		\$126.72/Day
	Psychiatric Services Fee		\$ 3.00/Day
<b>KEYSTONE COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Non-Waiver Residential		\$139.00/Day
	Children and Youth Residential		\$275.00/Day
	Children's Autism Program		\$298.00/Day
	Licensed Day Habilitation and Pre-Vocational Program		\$ 54.24/Day
<b>KIDS PEACE NATIONAL CENTERS</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Residential Treatment		
	Therapeutic Residential Treatment		\$255.68/Day
	Dual Diagnosis Residential Treatment		\$335.81/Day
	Specialized Residential		\$344.34/Day
	Intensive Residential Treatment		\$417.77/Day
	KidsHope Intensive (IQ 50-70)		\$351.80/Day

**RATE**

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CONTRACT/CAP</u>
	KidsHope Therapeutic (IQ 50-70)		\$305.96/Day
	One-on One Services		\$128.75/Day
	Shelter Care		\$281.44/Day
	Diagnostic/Acute Care		\$277.17/Day
<b>LANCASTER CO. YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Juvenile Detention		\$283.70/Day
	Shelter Care		\$173.00/Day
<b>NORTHEAST COUNSELING SERVICES</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	<b>(BILLABLE IN 15 MINUTE INCREMENTS @\$12.50)</b>		
	<b>(TOTAL PROGRAM CAP \$158,500.00)</b>		
	Outreach Prevention Program		\$ 50.00/Hour
<b>NHS YOUTH SERVICES</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Empire-Sex Offenders		\$281.00/Day
	CREST		\$251.00/Day
	Intensive Secure		\$255.00/Day
	Intermediate Secure		\$240.00/Day
	Intermediate Open		\$240.00/Day
	Community Based Residential Program		\$236.00/Day
	Shelter Care		\$236.00/Day
	VCORE (Former Boot Camp)		\$150.00/Day
	CAS Program		\$153.00/Day
	Building Bridges-Girls Residential Program		\$250.00/Day
<b>SCHAFFNER YOUTH CENTER (DAUPHIN COUNTY)</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Juvenile Detention		\$328.66/Day
	Shelter Care		\$240.67/Day
<b>ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	RTF I		\$270.04/Day
	RTF II		\$245.32/Day
	Traditional Residential Care		\$180.22/Day
	Diagnostic and Evaluation		\$234.74/Day
	Group Home Care		\$164.80/Day
	RTF Incidental Charge		\$ 3.00/Day
<b>VISIONQUEST, INC.</b>		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	Female Services		
	Madalyn for Young Women at South Mountain		\$176.63/Day
	Madalyn at Lady of Lakes (Mother/Baby)		\$276.00/Day
	Madalyn "Rite of Passage" at Donegal		\$206.94/Day
	FFT		\$250.00/Wk
	Male Services		
	Guided Centering		\$153.33/Day
	Buffalo Soldier Academy		\$165.61/Day
	New Directions Shelter		\$162.36/Day
	FFT		\$250.00/Wk

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u> <u>CONTRACT/CAP</u>
YOUTH SERVICES AGENCY		07/01/08-06/30/09	
	ACT/ Residential Treatment		\$146.00/Day
	ACT/ Weekend		\$152.00/Day
	Case Management		\$ 33.00/Day
YOUTH SERVICES AGENCY	Community Service Program	07/01/08-06/30/09	\$ 40.00/Day

Doug Pape stated that the contract for BI Inc. needed to be removed, that it was going to be put out for an RFP.

Request a motion to accept all contracts less BI Inc.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak  
**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN"**

### END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

#### **PERSONNEL**

#### **REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:**

##### **SECURITY:**

The appointment of Bernard Tarutis, Wilkes-Barre as a Security Guard at an annual salary of \$18,800.00, effective June 18, 2008.

##### **CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

The Appointment of the following Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$30,456, effective June 27, 2008:

Jacqueline Silveri, West Pittston  
Patricia Thompson, Nanticoke  
Andrea Zwolinski, Nanticoke  
Rose Schwenk, West Wyoming

The Appointment of Alissa Krull, Luzerne, as a County Social Casework Intern, effective June 23, 2008.

##### **MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

The Appointment of the following as Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$29,824, effective June 20, 2008:

Patricia Franks, Plymouth  
Mary Boylan, Kingston

##### **TRANSPORTATION:**

The Appointment of following Part Time Drivers at an hourly rate of \$8, effective May 20, 2008:

Robert Sanchuk, Wilkes-Barre  
Kenneth Sutton, Shavertown

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla  
**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN"**

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

**EMA**

Loretta Presto to Act 165 Coordinator at an annual salary of \$30,000.00, effective June 18, 2008.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

Nicole Litostansky to Casework Supervisor at an annual salary of \$39,206, effective June 13, 2008.

Commissioner Petrilla recognized that Ms. Litostansky was present at the meeting and congratulated her on her promotion.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

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

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

A Correction in the Resignation Date for Brenda Grose, Caseworker 2, effective May 5, 2008.

A Correction in the Family Medical Leave of Absence Effective Date for Jennifer Griffin, effective April 18, 2008.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

A Correction in the Pay Adjustment Effective Date for Ronald Skorksny, Driver, at an hourly rate of \$9, effective January 25, 2008.

A Correction in the Resignation Date for Christopher Glasgow, Part Time Driver, effective April 29, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

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

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

Patrick Norwood, Custodian to the Public Defenders Office as a Clerk/Steno II at an annual salary of \$21,500 effective June 6, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

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

**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Rebecca Parry, Substitute Clerk Typist 2, effective June 18, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak

**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

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

**AGING:**

The Suspension of Ann Marie Carroll, Clerk Typist 2, effective May 23, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Skrepenak

**AYES "PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, URBAN**

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

**AGING:**

An Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Victoria Urban, Clerical Supervisor, effective May 19, 2008.

A One Day Leave Without Pay for Frances Holeva, Aging Care Manager 2, effective May 23, 2008.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Kelly Horning, Caseworker 2, effective May 15, 2008.

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Eladio Matos, Caseworker 2, effective May 5, 2008 through May 30, 2008.

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Tabitha Powell, Caseworker 2, effective June 16, 2008.

**DRUG & ALOCHOL:**

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Michael Donahue, D&A Administrator 2, effective May 19, 2008.

A Leave Without Pay for William Eder, Drug & Alcohol Case Management Specialist Trainee, effective June 5 and 6, 2008.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Priscilla Coleman, Driver, effective June 3, 2008.

A Leave of Absence Without Pay for Marlene Bartosiewicz, Driver, effective May 23, 26 and 27, 2008.

**TAX CLAIM:**

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Heather Paglianite, Clerk II, effective July 7, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

**"AYES" PETRILLA, SKREPENAK, 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>
<b><u>AGING:</u></b>				
Barbara DaSilva	2008 Dom Care Conference	Harrisburg	6/24-25/08	\$339
Mary Beth Farrell	P4A Membership	State College	6/24-25/08	\$281
June 18, 2008 Commissioners Meeting	30	Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary		

Meeting

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:**

Nicole Litostansky Marcia Barnes Tabitha Powell	Explosive Anger	Wilkes-Barre	5/29/08	\$500
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Nicole Litostansky	One to Won	Dunmore	5/30/08	\$75 <b><u>APPROX.</u></b> <b><u>COST</u></b>
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**ATTENDEE**

**TITLE**

**LOCATION**

**DATE**

**DRUG & ALCOHOL:**

Jill Urban	Understanding Adolescent Recovery	Nanticoke	7/9-10/08	\$165
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Michelle Galey	From Discovery To Recovery	Nanticoke.	7/7-9/08	\$165
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Jeff Kimmel	Treating Early Life Developmental Trauma	L.C.C.C.	7/9-10/08	\$165
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Ralph Gayoski	Drug Courts Crime And Addiction	L.C.C.C.	7/7-8/08	\$165
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**OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:**

Carlie Wetzel	Working with Domestic Violence Litigants	Wilkes-Barre	6/12/08	\$20
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William Anzalone	2nd Annual NEPA School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies	Nanticoke	7/9-7/10/08	\$165
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**MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:**

Rich Burns Tara Gallagher Toni Cisowski	2nd Annual NEPA School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies	Nanticoke	7/7-7/8/08 7/8-7/10/08 7/7-7/8/08	\$495
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Judy Kresky	Preparing for Early Intervention Mgmt. Verification Process Summer 2008	King of Prussia	7/9-7/10/08	\$104
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**LUZERNE COUNTY 9-1-1:**

(Two) Technical Support Supervisors	Plant CML Phone Training	Chicago		\$10,000-\$12,000*
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**\*Training dates to be determined and the training duration is 2 weeks.**

Commissioner Skrepenak stated that one of the first priorities of this new administration was to adopt a travel policy. Commissioner Skrepenak stated that it was almost July and no policy has been adopted. Commissioner Skrepenak stated he could not vote to approve these trainings without a policy in place.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

**“AYES” PETRILLA, URBAN “NAY” SKREPENAK**

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

#### **REQUEST A MOTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING TO THE DIAMOND PARTNERSHIP BOARD:**

Douglas A. Pape, effective June 18, 2008 for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

Commissioner Skrepenak questioned what the Diamond Partnership was. Commissioner Petrilla responded that it was a board with Wilkes Barre City and the downtown revitalization project.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla

**“AYES” PETRILLA, SJKREPENAK, URBAN**

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

It was moved by Commissioner Skrepenak, seconded by Commissioner Urban

**“AYES” PETRILLA, SJKREPENAK, URBAN**

Respectively submitted,



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Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary



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