

FEBRUARY 19, 2010

On the above date at 10:00 A.M., the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners convened a regularly scheduled meeting with the following present: Maryanne Petrilla, Chairman; Thomas P. Cooney, Commissioner; Stephen Urban, Commissioner; Douglas Pape, Chief Clerk/County Manager; Stephen Menn, County Solicitor; Tom Pribula, Chief of Budget and Finance; Michael Morreale, Treasurer; Walter Griffith, Controller, Joseph DeVizia, Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Office of Community Development; Frank Pugliese, Jr., Director of Purchasing; Adrian Merolli, Planning Commission; Randi Audi-Davis, Human Resources Director.

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

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

None

RECOGNITIONS:.....Maryanne C. Petrilla

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DR. WILLIAM BOLAN, KINGSTON

Thank you Commissioners. My name is Doctor William Bolan from Kingston and I am the Board Commissioner of Ruth’s Place and I am here today to ask support for submitting an application on behalf of Luzerne County for PA Emergency Shelter Grant Money. Ruth’s Place in the last year has made enormous strides by providing excellent care for the homeless in our community. We have found a permanent facility in the North End; have gone through with 24 hour operation and hired a case manager to help the women get into permanent housing. The combination of all these services has been enormously successful. The problem with Homeless services is that if you don’t have a permanent place for men or women to stay, you cannot get Mental Health workers, Financial Aid workers, etc. to help these people. Now that we have a place we can bring all these services on site and greatly increase the number of woman we move out into permanent housing. In the first 2 years we have gotten 60 women into permanent housing and even during a recession we are bringing the number of women in our center down. However, we still have needs. A lot of our ability to function 24/7 is because of volunteer support from the community. Last year we submitted and received 25% of what we have requested. We are submitting the application again. We thank you for supporting us and ask for your continued help in the future.

ANGEL JIRAU

Angel Jirau, also a member of Ruth’s Place...I would like to say that there are many women who are coming back from wars. These women like the men who have served in wars are suffering from depression. They have no jobs and need a place to go to. This could be a role model for centers in other states and counties to follow. If we don’t have a place for men and women to stay who have served our country, what does that say to them? When people are down and out, they can have a clean start. When I was younger and homeless, I joined the military and they made me the man that I am today. So please

support this. People need a place there they can go to talk to someone...to give them hope. We have many women coming back from the military who need a place like this. Please support it. Thank you.

AUDREY SIMPSON

Before I speak about the Homestead, I would like to speak against drilling at Moon Lake Park. The more I study about this drilling, the more frightened I become. It's now coming to the Back Mountain area. I believe more studies need to be done. Even when Greg Skrepenak was in, he wanted to organize a committee to study the effects of drilling, both good and bad, that would come to the county. We are trying to work with the Legislators to get some sort of delay. What has happened in Dimock is horrifying and to open up Moon Lake for drilling and to take the water out of that lake is just horrible. It will be irreversible and it will never open again because the land will be ruined. And it is very close to the Ceasetown Dam, too. I am sending around a petition for a variance to keep drilling away from our drinking water. It's like a nightmare. Clean water is our most valuable resource. If we don't have clean water, where will we be?

Can you tell me when you took away the Homestead Act?

Commissioner Petrilla: We never took it away---it was not voted on this year as part of the budget because we were raising taxes. How do you raise taxes and then give a break? It's almost like a shell game. We're gonna raise taxes and then raise taxes even higher yet to cover an exemption. It didn't appear to make much sense. Commissioner Urban and I were in budget meetings since October and it didn't make much sense and this comes up yesterday, a week after we passed the Budget and after the tax bills were mailed. So it's as puzzling to me as it is to you.

Commissioner Urban: Audrey, there was never any discussion about taking the Homestead exemption away. It was under my impression that we would have to vote to take it away and we haven't voted on it. There was no discussion about it. I found out about it yesterday morning when a Tax Collector called me about it. I tried to check into it in the afternoon and then the press called me last evening at 6:45 and asked the same question. I came in last night and looked at my minutes of the meetings from last year. In February of last year's minutes, on page 3 there was a motion to implement the Homestead to those people who were approved by Act 50. This exclusion is to become effective in 2009 and it is to be in there permanently until we vote to take it out. That's how I read it. It should be there. I was adamant that reassessment would not go forward without a Resolution for Homestead. At first we wanted a \$25,000 exemption, but after looking at all the data in the county, it was put at \$10,000. To me it's permanent. It has been part of Hazleton School District for years and you need an affirmative vote to release it. It should not have been taken off the tax bills. It only affects homeowners who apply and it doesn't affect businesses.

Commissioner Petrilla: I know Commissioner Urban is saying this today, a week after the budget is signed and 4 months after the budget process and he never asked a question about it. Mr. Urban was here in 2003 when the resolution was put into effect. I was not. But again, the logic during the Budget process was that if we have to raise taxes and then lower taxes...

Audrey: You are not lowering taxes---you are taking this away from us.

Commissioner Petrilla: I resent it that you are putting this on me that I took it away---there was no vote taken. It is not a matter of taking or not taking away, it is a matter that the Budget was done and this was not in the budget. The budget was adopted and there was nothing in the motion that said it was perpetual.

Audrey: When you had your budget hearings, why didn't you let us know you were going to take this away?

Commissioner Petrilla: To raise taxes, then lower taxes...it made absolutely no sense. How we go around this, I don't know. It's a legal question where it was perpetual or not.

Audrey: What is going on with this concrete park here? What are your plans? Is it just going to sit there? You spent all that money. You closed Moon Lake and are going to ruin the land by drilling. I just don't know how you are running this county.

Commissioner Petrilla: Well actually there are activities planned for every weekend once the snow melts... into the Fall.

Audrey: And where is that money coming from?

Commissioner Petrilla: Well that's up to the people who bring in their activity whether it is boating or rafting whatever it is. They come and enjoy the facility that was built for them. If doesn't cost the county anything.

Audrey: There were supposed to be acts down there where you bring your family and there isn't even a bathroom...you take away Moon Lake and the Forty Fort Park and people are moving out of this county because it's ridiculous. I don't know how much you can take off the people before something happens.

NICOLE PIMENTAL

Good Morning. As many of you know, I have been here before representing Ruth's Place Homeless Shelter. I lived at the shelter from April of 2008 until March 2009. A little over a year ago, I stood here on behalf of Ruth's Place and its staff. At that time I told you that I would be signing a lease on my apartment and now I've been there over one year. I would not have been able to accomplish this without the support of Ruth's Place. I've made some good choices and some bad choices in my life. One thing that I would not consider a bad choice is my choice to stand before groups of people to let them know about Ruth's Place. It may be embarrassing and take swallowing your pride, but what happened to me can happen to anyone. I was someone who was educated----a degree in Broadcast Communications. I ended at Ruth's Place because I did not have the Health Coverage that I needed after a major accident and spending 4 months in the hospital. I lost everything. If this can happen to me, it can happen to anyone. If you would have told me 6 years ago that this would have happened to me, I wouldn't have believed you. I used to spend \$1,100 on a pair of shoes!!!! Now I shop the thrift shops. The high price things that I put such emphasis on now mean nothing to me. When donations come into the shelter, it becomes Christmas morning all over again. Some of my best times at the Shelter were when bags of donations of clothes and shoes and beauty products would come in. It was like having Christmas morning for a group of children. The camaraderie among the women for comfort and support was just fabulous. What I am asking for support and camaraderie from the County to realize that these are our Daughters, our Sisters, our Mothers and our Grandmothers. They deserve the resources and help that they need to become functioning members of Society. If we don't give them the help and resources we are putting them back in the hole and that's not what we want. So I want to thank you very much!!

THOMAS DOMBROSKI

I echo what that woman said---they need people on staff to help people get into an apartment. Most of them who call me don't know how to apply for an apartment. As to the Homestead it is definitely hurting the Senior Citizens the most. In addition to the 15% they are not going to get the Homestead Exemption. I have been involved with many organizations and once you pass a Resolution, unless you change it, it stays in effect. I tried to get the Commissioners to draw up Resolutions to save money, but they wouldn't do it because the Resolution would have to stay. You need to get a legal interpretation and if it comes the other way, you need to reinstate it; I did bring up right before the Budget that there is \$6 Million in one pot; \$6 Million in another pot; \$12 Million in another pot. No one knocked me down on it or said, "Come on in Tom...we will show you that it isn't here". There was \$8Million that was still there. But this resolution was implemented. So if you are having a cushion, ok, but at least let the people know about it.

Now I want to say something about the Community Development. Early on when Commissioner Skrepenak and Vonderheid came in I spent a lot of time trying to get the Community Development kid to read the regulations and I told the Commissioners about it. It almost got to the breaking point with Vonderheid. He almost busted the glass table on the lady and then he fired her because she wasn't reading the regulations. I admire Mr. Reilly because he had been reading the regulations. There are a lot more things in Community Development to help this community and the budget mess. I have a 40 year consulting background. I would be happy to speak with Andy Reilly but I know he is doing a good job and is reading the regulations. I will mention one thing...when the Community Development law was implemented there is one thing the Commissioners should be aware of...you people can go to jail. When Mayors and Commissioners signed, they didn't know they were signing their own death warrants in some cases. That's all I have to say...

CONSTANCE HARTMAN, HANOVER TOWNSHIP

I was here last month and I want to congratulate you people on the wonderful job you did behind the courthouse on the Hoch Mein Trail. Again I almost lost the bottom of my car trying to find a parking spot. All you people have preferred parking. The people who have business here in the courthouse have to drive through mud holes. How much money does it take to fill those holes? You have money for nonsense. The things you should be doing you don't bother to do.

#1 the Homestead. I don't know where you think the senior citizens get money from. The federal government says this year there is no increase and we will not get a raise. Your reassessment raised my taxes \$2,000 a year. Then you raise 15 mills, Hanover Township raised 1.67%, but there is no raise in the cost of living. We come in here and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Everyone in this room says it, but we're hypocritical because there is no liberty and justice for all unless you have connections. The little guy, forget it. Don't you get money from the casino for that?

Commissioners Petrilla & Urban: No

Constance: When we signed for the casino money that was supposed to take care of our taxes. Everybody's getting money but the homeowners. You are destroying our tax base. People are loosing their homes, slum lords are taking over properties. It is a sin what you are doing to the senior citizens. This county needs to file bankruptcy. You will never get out of the hole. What office do I go to, to get the seeds for a money tree? Because my tree is empty. I always wanted to go to Ireland and now can't because you people have my vacation money. This is not fair because you are not spending it wisely, you are wasting it. People are stealing money in this courthouse and nothing happens to them. They don't have to pay it back, however the poor guy from the Red Cross who steals a couple of dollars is sent away for four years. Stealing is wrong but it is not fair how this county is run. There is going to be a revolution in the country and that's very sad because we have the greatest country in the world and the politicians are turning it into a third world country.

FRED MURRAY

I read an article in the Times Leader about a woman from Lehman Twp who stated she hoped to never see a drilling rig in Luzerne County. She stated in her letter that she had a child with autism who could not take loud sounds. The diesel engines of a drilling rig run 24/7 on generators. They run it until they hit gas and then they stop. The one out in (inaudible) ran for five weeks 24/7. I believe the sounds of diesel engines are one of capitalism and progress. I would like to see drilling rigs all over Moon Lake Park. We need this in PA. Pennsylvania is ranked #44 for quality of life. If there were a place that needed the finances from drilling it's this county and state. We need gas here. This little area in PA. wouldn't cover a fifth of N. Texas that has drilling rigs to the horizon. I wrote a letter to the editor about what I saw on a WVIA program about drilling. They had executives on from Chesapeake and XTO explaining the drilling process. Not one of those people in the audience or callers had one good thing to say about drilling in this area. These men should just pack up their rigs and go back to Colorado or Texas. If Tom Edison, Henry Ford, or the Wright Brothers had been in PA the light in this room would not be electricity, it would be candles, and I would have come here in a horse and buggy.

MICHELLE HOGAN, PITSTON

All my life I lived in Pittston. I chose to stay here after college because of my roots and family. As a child I believed this area had something special and unique. Up to this day I was proud to be a resident of Luzerne County, however, my faith in the county is shaken. I think the people who spoke here today represent specific and very significant examples of what is happening today. The one thing that touched me today was Nicole's speech. I thank you for sharing that with us. I'm not nor have I ever been in Nicole's situation but I feel I'm teetering close to those instances in my own personal life. As one person stated today, they are making do with just the needs. Many people here have asked for comfort and support from the county. I hear it in all the voices that have spoken here today. Everyone is in this together. If we don't find a way the reality is we will have to leave this area. This brings me to another point, the unemployment in Luzerne County. Unfortunately, I am one of those victims and have lost my job. I hope my situation improves. I look to you for help. This isn't just your county, it's our county. We

have instilled our hope and trust in you to try and do what's best not just for those that have but for those that don't have.

BRIAN MURPHY, HARVEYS LAKE

What brought me here today was the Homestead Act. I signed up for it for the obvious reasons. Taxes continue to go up, school taxes have gone up, and it's a poor time for these things to be occurring. The last couple of years things have been going down for everyone. In this county we have a very large elderly population. I know myself I don't want to work just to pay taxes and bills. There are problems occurring in the courthouse. Maybe the only solution is bankruptcy. Other companies have recovered from it. Taxes are going to continue to go up. We can't keep taxing the working people. Where I lived I was nailed with the reassessment. It was fair, however maybe not at the right time. I seriously think bankruptcy should be looked at. I'm not saying the workforce doesn't deserve an increase but usually a company only gives increases when they have money. The government is the same way. I don't see an end to it.

Commissioner Petrilla: I think two years ago this county was bankrupt and we refused to admit it because we were committed to fighting to make sure Luzerne County was not the first county in the State of Pennsylvania to be bankrupt. We don't want that stigma. We worked so hard in the last two years to prevent bankruptcy and I think we finally reached a point where we are going to see a credit rating, which the county has not seen in a very long time. The credit rating will give us a reduced interest rate and is a sign we made great strides to recovering financially. Our budget was \$141 million. The team in place brought that down to \$127 million and it's going to continue to reduce until we are finally living within our means. I agree with you, previous administrations have driven this county to bankruptcy. But we are not going to give up. Reducing the budget \$14 million dollars in two years is a remarkable achievement. I commend everyone who worked so hard to get it done. As everyone has stated, they are proud of our county and they want to stay here. We don't want to be the first county in Pennsylvania to declare bankruptcy. We are going to continue to fight because we are almost there. If we do declare bankruptcy I shiver to think what would happen to the tax base because it's only going to be the resource that the government uses to get us out of bankruptcy. Everyone who spoke today had very good comments and solid complaints. But I would hope someone would look at the good things. We went from a \$141 million budget to a \$127 million budget. We went from no credit rating to probably next month getting a credit rating. If we continue at this pace Luzerne County is going to be a model county in the State of Pennsylvania and not one two years ago who should have declared bankruptcy.

Commissioner Urban: I believe in all that you had to say about the Homestead Exemption. There was no reason to take it away. The mileage rate included the Homestead Exemption. There was just no discussion and it needs to be placed back on the Tax Bills. The Homestead Exemption was meant to award home ownership because we know Luzerne County is a poor county compared to many other counties in Pennsylvania. I will go back and pull the Resolution. We put it in place last year; it's voted on and it's not to be taken away until its voted on. It needs to be put back on the bill because there was absolutely no discussion about it until yesterday when I was contacted by a Tax Collector.

DONALD ENGEL, KINGSTON

In regard to the question of the county going into bankruptcy, the bankruptcy court will dictate what contracts will remain in effect or be cancelled.

Commissioner Petrilla: We did look into that and the legal opinion we received stated all the contracts would stay in effect until their date of expiration. At that point in time they can be renegotiated.

Donald: The bankruptcy court has no authority to cancel a contract?

Commissioner Petrilla: Bankruptcy is different with a government than with a business. We did inquire and were told all contracts would remain in effect until their expiration.

Donald: I still think if the county went into bankruptcy it would benefit the taxpayers. You talk about getting a credit approval to borrow more money.

Commissioner Petrilla: No, not so we can borrow more money but so that our interest rate would be lower so we can refinance what we have. We are currently paying an astronomical interest rate.

Donald: Which means someone will lend more money to you if you ask for it.

Commissioner Petrilla: I certainly wouldn't ask. The purpose of getting a good credit rating is to reduce our interest rates. It would behoove us financially to refinance and get a lower interest rate.

Donald: Bankruptcy court would have a say in how many employees you are going to keep on the county payroll. You lay off 13 employees at Moon Lake. I think instead of trying to reduce costs for the county they may have been laid off to make way for the builders to come into the Moon Lake property. This article states you should be laying off 130 employees instead of 13. You state the union contracts prevent you from doing that. I think you also need to look at how the individual departments are being run. I doubt this board is willing to put the county voluntarily into bankruptcy. Therefore I wish the citizens would come along and force the county into bankruptcy.

ED GUSTAITIS

I know what you did with the budget. (Inaudible) certain dollar amounts relative to the values of the home. This is a game that is being played. I have to drive by (Inaudible) ok. I saw snow mobiles riding up and down the side of the dykes. I saw the ATV's. Who is going to pay for that repair and maintenance? The taxpayers again? They are not necessarily taxpayers using those facilities. Charge everybody or nobody. It's time you get your act together. That's a game and now there is a shortfall. Because you didn't have all the proper (Inaudible) relative to the properties you did have. So you reduce income by certain levels. You are going to have to play games to increase that level or do something. I think you better reassess the whole game because it was just to make the budget a little less than what it was. But it is part of a tax system.

Name is inaudible

What about the Forty Fort Airport? There is a lot of land there that can be used for building something.

Joe Gibbons, Engineer

The land is not developable because of the interior drainage storage area for Abrams Creek.

Name is inaudible

Why can't you make it a park and charge people to go in? Even if it was used for a flea market on Sundays.

We have an empty building at Valley Crest. We are paying a lot of money for the Thomas C Thomas Building. Why can't you keep 10 acres at Valley Crest and sell the rest? Move the departments from Penn Place up there. Those buildings can be utilized. You are practically giving it away for \$4 million. The Earth Conservancy is getting \$80,000 per acre. We are giving too much away.

I'm affected by the homestead. I live on \$11,000 a year, which is not a lot of money. People can be laid off in the Courthouse. Check and look, you will be surprised at what you find.

JOHN TUGDAY, SWOYERSVILLE

This is the first meeting I have ever attended. I applaud the folks who are so knowledgeable here. I'd like to follow up on the levee fee. I feel it's unjust. I live in a home that was appraised over \$100,000, my neighbors home was under \$100,000, so I have to pay twice as much as he does. You're not affording me any insurance that if I get flooded out you are going to give me money. So why was my bill twice as much? That's unconstitutional and discriminatory because I had the means to improve my property. Everyone in the valley is protected by the levee, if you going to charge people put a flat rate of \$40 or \$25 for everyone in the county.

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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 Meetings held on January 20, 2010, January 29, 2010 and February 12, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Vouchers

MOTION

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

PNC Bank, Vouchers 488276GF – 489421GF
\$6,980,322.19
County General Fund for 2010 to Date

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

PNC Bank, Vouchers 503477LF – 503524LF
\$52,367.43
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2010 to Date

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400421WC – 400427WC
\$207,826.44
Worker’s Compensation for 2010 to Date

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, 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: February 17, 2010; February 24, 2010; March 3, 2010; March 10, 2010; March 17, 2010; March 24, 2010

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: February 17, 2010; February 24, 2010; March 3, 2010; March 10, 2010; March 17, 2010; March 24, 2010

Luzerne County State of Emergency – EMA 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 March 1, 2010, March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010, March 22, 2010.

Luzerne County State of Emergency – EMA 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 March 1, 2010, March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010, March 22, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Software Maintenance Agreement - January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve the software maintenance agreement with Stenograph for the year January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$7,275. The agreement was deemed sole source by the county’s Solicitor based on the agreement and information provided by the Stenographer’s office.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

2010 Luzerne Conservation District-West Nile Virus & Future Pest Control Programs

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to change the grantee of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency West Nile Virus Program and other future pest control programs from Luzerne County Environmental Special Projects to the Luzerne Conservation District for 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Resolution - Pilot Proposal to the PA Department of Transportation (Appendix Page 33)

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners adopting the attached resolution that supports the submission of a pilot proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation by Luzerne County/Lackawanna County and the City of Hazleton.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Telephone Service Contract Extension

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to authorize a three month extension to the existing three (3) year telephone services contract with Frontier Communications that expires on March 15, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Telephone Service

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to advertise a “Request for Proposals” for telephone services for all County offices.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Award Contract with National Bond and Collection Associates, Inc.

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to award a contract with National Bond and Collection Associates, Inc. for Inmate Debt Collection for a period of three (3) years as approved by a unanimous vote (7/0) of the Luzerne County Prison Board on February 19, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Extend Inmate Health Care Contract with Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to extend the Inmate Health Care Contract with Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center for a period of sixty (60) days or through May 7, 2010 as approved by a unanimous vote of 7/0 by the Luzerne County Prison Board on February 19, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Award Contract with Catholic Social Services for Inmate Pre-Trial Services

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to award a contract with Catholic Social Services for Inmate Pre-Trial Services for a period of three (3) years as approved by a unanimous vote of 7/0 by the Luzerne County Prison Board on February 19, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Franklin Township Capital Grant Extension Request

Request a Motion of Luzerne County Board of Commissioners approving a six month extension request by Franklin Township in regards to their Luzerne County Capital Grant that was awarded on December 21, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Two-year Lease Agreement for Luzerne County Bulk Storage Space

Request a Motion to Award an initial two-year Lease Agreement for Luzerne County Bulk Storage Space to Thomas C. Thomas, Co., PO Box 310, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703 in the amount of \$2.52/sf for up to 35,800 square feet of storage space, with options to renew. The lease shall also provide for the potential for additional storage space up to 50,000 square feet (total), upon written request from the County, at the same lease rate of \$2.52/sf. The lease agreement shall be subject to the approval of the County Solicitor and the County Engineer.

REQUEST A MOTION TO TABLE.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Amend Carpet Replacement Project with Color-World,

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to amend the District Attorney's Office and Veteran's Affairs Office carpet replacement project with Color-World, 701 Pittston Bypass, Pittston, PA 18040 in the amount of \$3,250.00. The additional work is to address carpet safety issues in the Luzerne County Prothonotary's Office.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Amend the Penn Place Elevator Renovation Project with Otis Elevator Company

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to amend the Penn Place Elevator Renovation Project with Otis Elevator Company, 7355 William Ave., Allentown, PA 18106 in the amount of \$7,160.00 for additional work to install security camera wiring and housings in both elevator cars. the change order will also provide for hook installation in both cars and one set of padding to be used when furniture/equipment is moved.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Advertise RFPs for Design Services Projects

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to advertise RFPs for design services for the following projects:

- Luzerne County Office of Community Development HVAC Replacement
- Luzerne County Courthouse Hydronic Baseboard Heating System Replacement

These projects are identified as activities 2 and 3 (respectively) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Grant funding will be provided by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Advertisement will contingent on the award of the grant by the United States Department of Energy.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Award the 4-year Elevator Service Contract to Kone, Inc.

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to award the 4-year elevator service contract for Office of Human Services, 111 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 to Kone, Inc., 1150 West Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 in the amount of \$16,000.00 .

Joe Gibbons requested that the motion to be amended as follows:

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to award the 4-year elevator service contract for Office of Human Services, 111 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 to Kone, Inc., 1150 West Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 in the amount of \$16,000.00 **based on Solicitor's approval.**

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Services

Request a Motion to appoint PFM Asset Management LLC (“PFM”) to provide Arbitrage Rebate Compliance Services to the County of Luzerne for a total fee of \$4,200 in calendar year 2010 as follows:

GO Bonds, Series 2003D \$32,480,000 - \$1,400
GO Notes, Series 2006A \$88,520,000 - \$1,400
GO Notes, Series 2006B \$9,025,000 - \$1,400

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Budget Transfer

Request a Motion to approve a 2010 General Fund Budget transfer of \$29,038.00 from Department 4850 100.4850.000.3523 – Insurance & Benefits Auto Insurance to each respective department as follows:

Controllers	254.00	100.4133.000.3523
Public Defenders	254.00	100.4152.000.3523
Planning & Zoning	508.00	100.4171.000.3523
IT Department	254.00	100.4172.000.3523
Buildings & Grounds	1,015.00	100.4174.000.3523
Security	761.00	100.4175.000.3523
Coroners	992.00	100.4193.000.3523
District Attorneys	5,717.00	100.4194.000.3523
Sheriffs	8,241.00	100.4197.000.3523
Prison	5,036.00	100.4232.000.3523
EMS 911	2,259.00	100.4290.000.3523
EMA	2,743.00	100.4291.000.3523
Solid Waste	750.00	100.4320.000.3523
Veterans Affairs	254.00	100.4491.000.3523

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Auditor

Request a Motion to retain Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC as the Auditor in connection with the completion of Luzerne County's Audit for the year ended December 31, 2009 at a fee of \$74,250, with an option for two annual renewals at the sole discretion of the County for the year ended December 31, 2010 at a fee of \$76,600 and for the year ended December 31, 2011 at a fee of \$78,950.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Fee Accountant

Request a Motion to retain Jones Kohanski & Co., PC as the Fee Accountant in connection with the completion of Luzerne County's Audit for the year ended December 31, 2009, at the following rates: Staff \$75/hour, Supervisor/Senior \$80/hour and Partner \$90/hour with an option for two annual renewals at the sole discretion of the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-52 Transfer (Appendix Page 34)

Request a Motion to acknowledge the transfer of \$30,316.05 from the 2003, Capital Projects Bond Issue Series D for items identified on Schedule "A" of Requisition 2003D-52.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D- 52 Payment (Appendix Page 34A)

Request a Motion to approve payment of \$30,316.05 from the 2003, Capital Projects Bond Issue Series D for items identified on Schedule "A" of Requisition 2003D-52.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Tax Refund-Assessment Appeals Office

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

Name: Wyoming Hose Co No 1
Address: 33 E Eighth Street, Wyoming Pa. 18644
Property Location: 41 E Eighth Street
Amount Due: \$ 618.16
Reason for Refund: 2009 Board Decision for Tax Exemption

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, 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: February 11, 2010

WACHOVIA BANK

School, Road & Institutional (Old Account).....	\$744.60
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund	324,941.46
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	1,427,288.07
9-1-1 Construction Fund	354,677.88
9-1-1 Wire Fund	3,024,311.17
9-1-1 Wireless Fund	1,291,319.37
Hotel Room Rental Tax.....	113,851.51

PNC BANK

General Fund.....	\$11,292,957.93
Schools (New Account)	704,856.34
Towns (New Account)	38,337.18
Real Estate Tax Sale	1,807,331.31
Transportation Department.....	1,072,862.36
Office for the Aging.....	2,290,670.60
Children & Youth Services	4,407,115.08
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	58,305.79
Human Services.....	189,030.61
Drug & Alcohol Program	58,415.69
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	27,338.72
GWEIF Escrow Account	27,739.66
Juvenile Probation JCJC Grant-in-Aid	593,280.02
Juvenile Court Restitution.....	24,352.28
Act 44 Bridge Account	177,146.64
AID System to Roads & Bridges.....	62,206.56
2009 ARRA US DOE Entitlement.....	30,956.35
Coroner VSIA Act 2004-122 Account.....	70,565.18
Hicks/Abrahams Creek	0.00
PEMA Hazard Mitigation.....	0.00
Convention & Visitors Bureau.....	40,897.00
Series 2008 A Project Fund.....	20,905,167.07
Early Intervention.....	48.18
District Attorney Gun Buyback Program.....	2.33
HAVA Account.....	322,378.85
License Fee Account.....	9,641.60
Levee Account.....	350,260.07
Recorder of Deeds Restitution.....	5,246.41
Sheriff Real Estate Escrow.....	2,453,036.73
Sheriff Writs of Execution.....	25,517.76
Sheriff DCED Grant.....	0.00
2009 Government Study Commission.....	14,278.17
District Attorney Federal ICAC Grant.....	78,107.22
Sheriff K-9 Donations.....	674.04
Cash in lieu of Performance Bond.....	0.00

FY 2009 Recovery Act JAG Program.....3,994.60

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account \$288,678.24
Bridge Fund 794.59
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account..... 111,353.18
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund 74,306.49

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Convention and Visitors Bureau \$84,144.30
Agencies Account 936,827.28
Solid Waste Recycling/Landfill Administration..... 323,033.21
Property Tax Collection 3,987.71
Department of Probation (CPCMS System).....384,760.55
Flood Protection Authority.....3,109,556.24

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Grant Account \$94,427.11
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study 2,553.79
Series 2002 A&B Capital Projects 49,005.56
Series 2003 A&B Capital Projects 175,423.49
Series 2003 D Capital Projects 15,621.60
Series 2008 B Settlement Fund.....0.00
Series 2008 B Sinking Fund.....0.00
Series 2008 B Project Fund.....0.00
Flood Protection Project Impact.....4,391.77

M & T BANK

Adult Probation Drug & Alcohol RIP Program.....\$60,048.71
District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Fund.....3,924.57
Riverfront-GG2.....2,619.50
Nesbitt Park-DCNR.....360,797.09
RACP Redevelopment Assistance.....5,179.00
Sheriff's Old Real Estate Account.....17,586.71
2006 Series A Refunding Escrow.....0.00
2008 LCIDA Bond Fund.....73.07
2008 LCIDA Settlement Fund.....0.00
2008 LCIDA Project Fund..... 0.00
2008 LCIDA Revenue Fund.....0.00
2008 LCIDA Debt Service Reserve.....6,100,000.00
2008 Series A Project Fund.....0.00
2008 Series A Courthouse Fund.....12,596,563.71
2008 Series B Project Fund.....0.00
2008 Series B LCCC Project Fund.....14,657,341.13
2008 Series C Settlement Fund.....0.00
2008 Series D Sinking Fund.....0.00
2008 Series E Sinking Fund.....0.00
2009 LCIDA Settlement Fund.....0.00
2009 LCIDA Project Fund.....0.00
2009 LCIDA Bond Fund.....36,521.25

COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

2008 Series A Settlement Fund.....\$0.00
2008 Series A Project Fund.....2,445,973.58
2008 Series A Sinking Fund.....19.05

U.S. BANK

2000 Series A Refunding Escrow.....\$0.00

**CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT & OTHER INVESTMENTS
(Principal Values only)
As of: February 11, 2010**

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$650,000.00
9-1-1 Construction Fund	\$300,000.00
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund	\$2,600,000.00
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	\$160,000.00
Solid Waste Recycle Account	\$900,000.00
Agencies Account	\$2,725,000.00
MH/MR Program	\$8,645,000.00
Human Services	\$400,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$800,000.00
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Total:	\$17,180,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

CONTROLLERS REPORT – WALTER GRIFFITH

Controller Walter Griffith requested that his report be accepted as listed.

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:
 - \$ 456,343.58 Community Development Block Grant Program
 - \$ 5,301.97 Emergency Shelter Grants Program
 - \$ 525,479.17 HOME Investment Partnership Program
2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of \$16,141.67 to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s

appropriation for the month of February 2010. The amount is based on the allocation approved in the 2010 adopted budget.

3. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of \$514,166.67 to the Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA. This is the County's appropriation for the month of February 2010. The amount is based on the allocation approved in the 2010 adopted budget.

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

Transportation Department:

Voucher No. 537123 to 537270 inclusive in the amount of \$ 335,378.43

Bureau for the Aging:

Voucher No. 730168 to 730673 inclusive in the amount of \$1,137,947.82

Children and Youth:

Voucher No. 751853 to 752795 inclusive in the amount of \$4,626,664.67

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

Voucher No. 747177 to 747341 inclusive in the amount of \$2,201,888.43

Human Services:

Voucher No. 751335 to 751378 inclusive in the amount of \$1,181,149.67

Drug and Alcohol:

Voucher No. 761775 to 761814 inclusive in the amount of \$ 424,188.03

Drug and Alcohol - RIP:

Voucher No. 1051 to 1056 inclusive in the amount of \$ 12,699.83

Domestic Relations IV-D:

Voucher No. 400263 to 400265 inclusive in the amount of \$2,863,985.00

Recorder of Deeds Archive,

in the amount of \$ 28,957.00

Prothonotary Automation,

in the amount of \$ 139.57

Housing Trust Fund:

in the amount of \$ 6,819.53

Voucher No. 401035 to 401038 inclusive

9-1-1 Construction:

Voucher No. 400538 inclusive in the amount of \$ 27,255.86

9-1-1 Wire:

Voucher No. 1432 to 1462 inclusive in the amount of \$ 62,647.25

9-1-1 Wireless:

Voucher No. 1036 to 1037 inclusive in the amount of \$ 13,206.53

EMA Radiation Fund:

Voucher No. 400138 inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,171.93

Hazardous Material Emergency Response:

Voucher No. 400236 inclusive in the amount of \$ 1,174.99

License Fees:

Voucher No. 6052 inclusive in the amount of \$ 19,786.00

Schools:			
Voucher No. 405352 to 405364 inclusive	in the amount of \$	414,610.15	
Towns:			
Voucher No. 407694 to 407763 inclusive	in the amount of \$	54,460.95	
Real Estate Tax Sale:			
Voucher No. 401163 to 401188 inclusive	in the amount of \$	106,052.13	
Hotel Rental Tax:			
Voucher No. 455 to 457 inclusive	in the amount of \$	127,039.17	
Convention & Visitors Bureau:			
Voucher No. 403949 to 403989 inclusive	in the amount of \$	33,026.63	
Sheriff Real Estate Escrow:			
Voucher No. 2879 to 2969 inclusive	in the amount of \$	315,103.27	
Flood Protection Authority:			
Voucher No. 1119 to 1127 inclusive	in the amount of \$	4,763.34	
Levees:			
Voucher No. 1103 to 1165 inclusive	in the amount of \$	157,960.83	
Aid System to Road & Bridge:			
Voucher No. 1006 inclusive	in the amount of \$	187,075.99	
2009 Recovery Act JAG:			
Voucher No. 1000 to 1001 inclusive	in the amount of \$	19,853.32	

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** on motion #3 for LCCC. All other motions were approved as follows:

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

HUMAN SERVICES – JOSEPH DEVIZIA, DIRECTOR

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH:</u>			
Child Care Information Services of Luzerne Co.	Administrative Costs	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$7,000.00
	Center-Full Time		
	Infant		\$27.92/day
	Young Toddler		26.00/day
	Old Toddler		25.00/day
	Pre-School		22.32/day
	Young School Age		20.70/day
	Old School Age		20.70/day
	Center-Part Time		

	Infant		\$25.00/day
	Young Toddler		24.59/day
	Old Toddler		23.25/day
	Pre-School		19.00/day
	Young School Age		19.10/day
	Old School Age		19.10/day
	Group-Full Time	7/1/09-6/30/10	
	Infant		\$26.30/day
	Young Toddler		25.40/day
	Old Toddler		24.50/day
	Pre-School		22.50/day
	Young School Age		20.70/day
	Old School Age		20.70/day
	Group-Part Time		
	Infant		\$24.50/day
	Young Toddler		22.00/day
	Old Toddler		22.00/day
	Pre-School		21.10/day
	Young School Age		19.90/day
	Old School Age		19.90/day
	Family-Full Time		
	Infant		\$25.00/day
	Young Toddler		25.00/day
	Old Toddler		23.65/day
	Pre-School		23.00/day
	Young School Age		20.00/day
	Old School Age		20.00/day
	Family-Part Time		
	Infant		\$20.00/day
	Young Toddler		20.00/day
	Old Toddler		20.00/day
	Pre-School		20.00/day
	Young School Age		16.72/day
	Old School Age		16.72/day
	Relative/Neighbor-Full Time		
	Infant		\$11.75/day
	Young Toddler		11.10/day
	Old Toddler		11.10/day
	Pre-School		11.10/day
	Young School Age		10.97/day
	Old School Age		10.97/day
Child Care Information	Relative/Neighbor-Part Time	7/1/09-6/30/10	
	Infant		\$7.85/day
	Young Toddler		7.53/day
	Old Toddler		7.53/day
	Pre-School		7.46/day
	Young School Age		8.18/day
	Old School Age		8.18/day

Wyoming Valley Health Care	Urinalysis	12/1/09-6/30/10	\$95.00/test
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MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Mary Lou Williams	Physical Therapy	2/1/10-6/30/10	\$25.41/qtr hr \$20,000
Hazleton Public Transit	Transport Services	2/1/10-6/30/10	\$1,200

Molly Riley-Cygan	Speaker/Presenter	3/26/10-3/27/10	\$650
Senior Care Centers of Luzerne County, Inc.	Comm. Habilit.	1/18/10-6/30/10	\$2.50/qtr hr \$6,918

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>			
Sage Software, Inc. Priority Software Support AAS Software Assurance	License Renewal	4/1/10-3/31/11	\$4,950.00
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH:</u>			
Trend Micro Suite Advanced Virus Protection	License Renewal	4/10/10-4/9/11	\$3,013.20
WebSense Enterprise Internet Monitoring and Filtering Software	License Renewal	3/29/10-3/28/11	\$3,972.00
Laser Fishe Software Assurance Plan (Docu- ment Imaging Software Support)	License Renewal	1/11/10-1/11/11	\$583.00
Pitney Bowes Mail Machine Rental for Union Street Office	3 Year Lease	3/1/10-3/1/13	\$142.87/mo

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, 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 FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>				
Allied Services	Attendant Care	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$215,000	\$375,000
UDS Independent Living Services, LLC	Personal Care	“	\$38,000	\$75,000

CHILDREN & YOUTH and JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES:

George Jr. Republic In PA	Community Based Group Home	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$43.33/day	\$43.44/day
County of Tioga	Secure Detention	“ “	\$181.00/day	\$217.32/day

DRUG AND ALCOHOL:

Serento Gardens	Partial Hosp.	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$31,940	\$39,940
WVADS, Inc.	Partial Hosp.	“ “	\$78,000	\$88,000
A Better Today (Luz Co)	Outpatient	“ “	\$20,000	\$21,309
A Better Today (Wyo Co)	Outpatient	“ “	\$133,548	\$141,548
WVADS, Inc.	Outpatient	“ “	\$212,417	\$223,417

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

Gary Smith	Emergency Svcs.	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$11,000	\$19,000
Ronald J. Minnick, Jr. D/B/A RM Transports	Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$10,000	\$2,500
Keystone Comm. Resources	Residential & Respite	“ “	\$10,000	\$5,000
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm., Employ. & Respite	“ “	\$125,070	\$111,710
Emily Yeager	Early Intervention	" "	\$26,000	\$22,000
Family Srv. Assoc.	Adm. & Comm. Svcs.	“ “	\$42,000	\$42,000
<u>(Include statement on contract: Power of Attorney (POA))</u>				
Institute for Human Res.	Residential & Respite	" "	\$247,302	\$251,596
Impact Systems, Inc.	Home & Comm., Residential & Respite	“ “	\$459,742	\$524,364
Step-By-Step, Inc.	Residential, Comm. Hab., Home & Comm., Housing Support & Employment	“ “	\$2,304,598	\$2,296,598
United Rehabilitation Svcs.	Employ. & Pre-Voc.	“ “	\$1,203,154	\$949,194
Wilkes-Barre Beh. Hospital Co., LLC D/B/A Comm. Counseling Svcs.	Comm. Svcs., ICM, OP, Day Treatmt., CE, Soc. Rehab., Crisis, Res., RC, Adm. Mangmt., Emergency, Psych. Rehab., Comm. Hab. & Transport	“ “	\$3,722,822	\$3,677,267
Valley Crest Nursing, Inc.	Comm. Habilit. & Respite Svcs.	“ “	\$28,500	\$15,082
Caregivers America, LLC	Home & Comm.	7/1/09-1/31/10	\$2,250	-0-

Comfort Keepers Hazleton	Home & Comm.	“	“	\$2,370	-0-
Erwine’s Private Duty Healthcare, Inc.	Home & Comm.	“	“	\$2,750	-0-
Home Sweet Home Personal Care, Inc.	Home & Comm.	“	“	\$2,750	-0-
Interim Healthcare Svcs.	Home & Comm.	“	“	\$6,000	-0-

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Commission on Economic Opportunity	CHORE	7/1/09-6/30/10		\$80,000	\$25,000
Catholic Social Services	Homeless Emergency Shelter	"	"	\$20,000	\$19,083
Project REMAIN	High-Rise Outreach	“	“	\$23,000	\$19,831
Luz/Wyo Counties Transportation Dept.	Transportation	"	"	\$10,000	\$8,622
Family Services Assoc.	Information & Referral	“	“	\$143,000	\$127,644
Volunteers of America	Youth Transitional Housing	"	"	\$15,000	\$13,971
Luz/Wyo Counties Drug & Alcohol	Inpatient Non-Hospital	“	“	\$10,000	-0-
Reach, Inc.	Family Advocacy	“	“	\$17,000	\$14,658
Victims Resource Center	Court Related Services	7/1/09-6/30/10		\$24,000	\$20,693
Child Development Council of NEPA	"Unconditional" Child Care	“	“	\$17,000	\$14,658
Commission on Economic Opportunity	Case Management Rental Assistance	"	"	\$98,656 \$628,726	\$96,540 \$623,122
Domestic Violence Service Center	Bridge Housing	"	"	\$159,637	\$157,975

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute a contract with Central Florida Coach Lines, Inc. (Auto-Bus Tours) for transportation for three (3) Pittston Senior Center trips to Hollywood Casino on 4/14/2010, Woodlock Pines on 7/18/2010, and Lancaster on 8/19/2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute an Agreement for the Area Agency on Aging to secure space at no charge in the Wyoming Valley Mall to promote the Senior Employment Program on February 12, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

A correction in rates for the Luzerne County Commissioners to sign a contract for Pike County to use a Luzerne County Foster Home for Foster Care Maintenance at \$24.00 per day, \$1.59 per day for clothing and \$20.00 per month for allowance for the period of 12/16/09-3/31/10.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Luzerne County Commissioners authorizing the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program to sponsor an educational session, “Realistically Speaking: Growing UP with Down Syndrome,” on March 26, 2010 at the Edgewood In the Pines, Drums, PA, as part of awareness activities promoting the successes of persons with intellectual disabilities during the month of March, which is nationally known as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. All costs for the session will be underwritten by the Early Intervention training allocation.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

The Luzerne County Commissioners authorizing the MH/MR Program to host an Annual Intellectual Disabilities (formerly Mental Retardation) breakfast in Wyoming County on March 19, 2010 at the Shadowbrook, Tunkhannock, PA, as part of awareness activities promoting the successes of persons with intellectual disabilities during the month of March, which is nationally known as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. A fee will be charged to the attendants and refunded to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrator’s Office.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to sign an Assurance of Compliance form for the Homeless Assistance Program revised Pre-Expenditure Budget for 2009/2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

**REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION
SUBMISSION FOR:**

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES:

The Luzerne County Commissioners authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the submission of a new grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women for the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

ENGINEER’S OFFICE – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to approve and execute all documentation necessary for a grant award from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation, issued to the Wilkes-Barre/Wyoming Valley Airport for the design and construction of Generic Visual Glide Slope Indicators. The grant award is in the amount of \$90,000.00. The Cost share for the project is 95% federal, 2.5% state and 2.5% local. The grant will be administrated using a design/build process.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a Motion to authorize the proper officials to execute an open-end agreement, for a period of two years, with Arrow Land Solutions, LLC, 961 Old 6th Avenue road, Altoona, PA 16601 to provide professional real estate acquisition services for the Luzerne County Engineer’s Office for county infrastructure projects. Fees will be negotiated on a project by project basis using the attached classifications and hourly rates.

Hourly rates include overhead.

- Principal - \$80.00 per hour
- Project Manager - \$70.00 per hour
- Specialist - \$60.00 per hour
- Negotiator - \$55.00 per hour
- Administrative - \$35.00 per hour
- Mileage - .50 per mile
- Recording Fees – at Courthouse cost
- Mailings/Federal Express – at cost
- Copies – at cost (external copies, ie. plans, maps, courthouse documents- all internal copies included in overhead)

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ANDY REILLY, DIRECTOR

MOTION

Request a Motion adopting a resolution and authorizing the Office of Community Development to submit an application to the Pennsylvania DCED for funding through the Pennsylvania Emergency Shelter Grant Program for Ruth's Place.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion to enter into a contract with Aircon Service Company for a 6-month period (January 1 through June 30, 2010) for HVAC service. The cost is \$470.00 for maintenance with repair service costs billed at \$55/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion approving a grant for United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$400,000 through the County's Rental Housing Program. The County's funding will be utilized for the conversion of the former Hitchner Biscuit Company building, into 14 work force 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, and 2 loft style market rate apartments. The building is located at 530 Exeter Ave., in West Pittston Borough.

Commissioner Cooney questioned if they were going to be paying some PILOT taxes. Andy Reilly responded that it was a taxable property.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request a Motion approving a grant for Catholic Social Services of Wyoming Valley in the amount of \$400,000, over a two year period, through the County's Rental Housing Program. The County's funding will be utilized for the conversion of the former St. Hedwig's School into 8 transitional housing units and 5 permanent housing units for homeless veterans. The building is located at 207 Zerby Avenue in Kingston.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

PLANNING COMMISSION – ADRIAN MEROLLI

MOTION

Request a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing and execution of the annual Transportation Planning Grant with PaDOT to fund the transportation planning activities for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$ 266,485.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

Request action on the rezoning application of Michael Davis, 145 Hunlock Harveyville Rd., Hunlock Creek, Pa, seeking to rezone a portion of property on the South Side of Hunlock Harveyville Rd., Union Township, from a Single Family Residence District and a Highway Business District to an Agricultural District to have consistent zoning classification on the property and allow a residential use.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: FRANK A. PUGLIESE, JR., DIRECTOR

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

RECREATION:

TURF MANAGEMENT FOR FORTY FORT RECREATION COMPLEX

COURT HOUSE:

OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

JANITORIAL SERVICES FREELAND SENIOR CENTER

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

REQUEST A MOTION TO AWARD TOPP COPY THE CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE GESTETNER GDSM635SP, INCLUDING ALL PARTS, LABOR AND DRUM.CONTRACT PRICE \$1,733.19.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

REQUEST A MOTION TO EXTEND 10 VOTING SYSTEMS ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE WARRANTY MAINTENANCE FOR THE ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC. CONTRACT PRICE \$17,300.00

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

BUREAU OF ELECTIONS:

REQUEST A MOTION TO AWARD GBM THE CONTRACT FOR PREPAID SYSTEMS SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR THE CONTRACT PRICE 100 HOURS @ \$72.00 PER HR.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

MOTION

CONTROLLERS:

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO PAPER HANDLING EQUIPMENT PLUS, INC. FOR THE FD2000 FOLDER/SEALER. SERVICE AGREEMENT PRICE \$375.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

OTHER PURCHASING BUSINESS:

NO BIDS ON AMMUNITION FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND LUZERNE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Frank Pugliese

We received one bid for the ammunition but it came in five hours late so it was rejected. I’m requesting we use the COSTARS State Purchasing System to order this ammunition. If we do not we will not have enough time to get the ammunition in time for qualifying the DA’s Office, Sheriff’s Office, and the Bureau of Corrections.

REQUEST A MOTON TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION FROM THE COSTARS CONTRACT.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

LCWIDA – RICHARD J. AMMON, EXECUTIVE 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</u>
Luzerne County Community College	English as a Second Language Pre-Employment Warehouse Training	Feb. 2010 – Dec. 31, 2010	\$45,000.00
Manufacturers and Employers Association	English as a Second Language Pre-Employment Warehouse Training	Feb. 2010- Dec. 31, 2010	\$21,600.00

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

FEBRUARY 19, 2010

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION PLANS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010 AT:

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

Doug Pape

This motion needs to be tabled because the Human Resources Director has not had the opportunity to properly review the compensation plans.

REQUEST A MOTION TO TABLE:

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Emily Teal, Nanticoke, as a Social Services Aide 1, at an annual salary of \$20,186, effective February 19, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

The following Caseworker 2's to the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties as Aging Care Manager 2's, at an annual salary of \$29,663:

Leo Kaskel, effective February 8, 2010
Dawn McQuiston, effective February 22, 2010
Kenneth Hodick, effective February 22, 2010

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:

TRANSPORTATION:

Frank Gruver, Part Time Driver, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective February 1, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Correction in the Annual Salary for Linda Mlodzienski, Clerk 2, at an annual salary of \$20,953, effective January 22, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Stephanie Dillion, Caseworker 2, effective February 12, 2010
Kristen Mance, Caseworker 2, effective February 12, 2010
Erin O'Neill, Caseworker 2, effective February 12, 2010
Deanne Reese, Caseworker 2, effective February 12, 2010

PLANNING & ZONING:

John T. Dombzalski, Planning Technician, effective March 5, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
"AYES" PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUSPENSION & TERMINATION AT:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

A Suspension Without Pay for Tabitha Powell, Caseworker 2, effective January 25, 2010 through February 18, 2010 and termination, effective February 19, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUSPENSIONS AT:

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Megan Hannon, a Three (3) Day Suspension Without Pay, effective February 1st, 11th, and 26th, 2010.

Jennifer Lasiewicki a Three (3) Day Suspension Without Pay, effective February 10th, 28th, and 21st, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TERMINATION AT:

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

Jon Wallace, Telecommunicator, effective February 12, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Ann Marie Black, Casework Supervisor, effective January 29, 2010.

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for David Kelly, 911 Building and Grounds Supervisor, With Pay effective February 2, 2010.

LC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

An Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Roxanne McDaniels, Fiscal Technician, effective February 4, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

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

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
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AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Sandra Acornley	PASC Conference	State College, PA	3/4-3/5/2010	\$2,500
Connie Andrews				
Penelope Cruttenden				
Maureen Haydt				
Rebecca Kinnard				
Brenda Lispi				
Roberta Shendock				

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

3 Mental Health Certified Peer Harrisburg 3/8-3/12/10 and \$4,980
Peer Specialists Specialist Training 3/22-3/26/10

It was moved by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS:

LUZERNE /SCHUYLKILL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC. (WIB)

RE-APPOINT:

Peggy Doyle, District Administrator, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 300 G. Laird Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7013. **Two (2) Year Term: 8/12/2009 – 8/11/2011.**

Ed Zale, Eastern Regional Office, Bureau of Employer & Career Services, 44 North 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. **Two (2) Year Term 8/12/2009 – 8/11/2011.**

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

RE-APPOINT:

The following members to a **two (2) year term from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012:**

Stephen Barrouk, Vice-President of Business Development Services Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services East Mountain Corporate Center, 100 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Nick Cohen, President, Futureconnect, 100 N. Wilkes-Barre Blvd., Jewelcor Center, Suite 100 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Michael Kwashnik, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, IBEW Local Union 163, 1269 San Souci Parkway, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706.

William Schabener, Executive Director, Luzerne County Assistance Office, 205 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Phillip Semenza, Employment Training Coordinator, ExperienceWorks, 61 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801.

Patricia A. Staples, SPHR, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources Penn Millers Insurance Company, PO Box P, 72 North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18773-0016..

Ross P. Valenti, Business/Community Liaison, Keystone Job Corps, Box #37, Foothills Drive, Drums, PA 18222-0037.

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

RE-APPOINT:

The following members to a **two (2) year term from January 2, 2010 to January 1, 2012.**

William Desciak, Executive Director,(NEPIRC) North Eastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center Hanover Industrial Estates, 75 Young Street, Hanover Township, Pa 18706-1471.

R. Noel Duffy, Director of Special Projects, Commission on Economic Opportunity, P.O. Box 1127, 165 Amber Lane, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703.

Carmen Rosa Kahiu, Manager Records Management Department, Sallie Mae,Inc., 220 Lesley Avenue, Hanover Township, PA 18706-1430.

Thomas M. Maheady, Engineer, Borton Lawson Engineering, 613 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Kevin O'Donnell, CEO/President, Can-Do, 1 South Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201.

Paul Tomek, President, Tomek Masonry & Concrete, Inc.,83 Oakdale Drive, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

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

RE-APPOINT:

Cindy Petchulis, Administrator, Providence Place Retirement Community, 2200 First Ave., Pottsville, PA 17901. **Two (2) Year Term: from 01/31/2010- 01/ 30/ 2012.**

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

APPOINT:

Michael Saporito, USW Local 15253, 20 East Union Street, Ste. 120, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.
Two (2) Year Term: 2/19/2010 – 2/18/2012.

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

YOUTH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING YOUTH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Richard Ammon, Executive Director, Luzerne County Workforce Investment Development Agency, 32 East Union Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

Sharon Angelo, Vice President of Workforce Development Services, The ReDCo Group Workforce Investment Networks, 201-203 E. Arch Street, Pottsville, PA 17901.

Susan Spry, Associate Dean Workforce Development, Luzerne County Community College, 1333 Prospect St. Nanticoke, PA 18634.

Candi Skaff, Youth Parent, Luzerne County Workforce Investment Development Agency, 32 East Union Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Carmen Rosa Kahiu, Youth Council Chairperson, Manager Records, Management Department, Sallie Mae, Inc., 220 Lesley Avenue, Hanover Township, PA 18706-1430.

Christopher Snyder, Youth Council Co-Chair, Representative, United Schuylkill County Labor Council, 129A Sunbury Street Minersville, PA 17954.

Courtney Whitecavage, Director of Workforce Development, Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council, Inc., 250 One Norwegian Plaza 2nd Floor, Pottsville, PA 17901

Edward Lyba Ed.D, Executive Director, Partners in Education, 1 South Church Street, Suite 303, Hazleton, PA 18201.

Ken Porter, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Schuylkill County Juvenile Justice Department, 401 N. 2nd Street Pottsville, PA 17901.

Eve Centrelli, Executive Director, Northeastern PA Labor Management Council, 100 N. Wilkes-Barre Blvd., Suite 201, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Gabrielle Reynolds, Youth Member, 324 Frear Hill Road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

Jackie Stash, Director, NEPA Tech Prep Consortium, 1333 S. Prospect St., Nanticoke, PA 18634.

Jennifer Bowen, Principal, Pine Grove Area Elementary School, 107 School Street, Pine Grove, PA 17963.

Jody Dunningan, Tenant Selection Supervisor, Pottsville Housing Authority, 410 Laurel Blvd., Pottsville, PA 17901.

Joseph DeVizia, Executive Director, Luzerne County Human Services, 111 N. Pennsylvania Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Kathy Couch, Employment Coordinator, AHEDD, 101 N. Centre Street – Suite 405, Pottsville, PA 17901.

Lucyann Vierling, L/S WIB, Inc., Executive Director, Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, Inc., 22 E. Union Street – Suite 115, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2793

Phil Harris, Representative, Bureau of Apprenticeships & Training – USDOL, Stegmaier Building - Suite 306, 75 N. Wilkes-Barre Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

Ross Valenti, Business / Community Liaison, Keystone Job Corps Center, P.O. Box 37, Drums, PA 1822.

Susan Kuhl, Career Development Consultant, Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18, 368 Tioga Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704-5153.

William Schabener, Executive Director, Luzerne County Assistance Office, 205 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-3298.

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

END OF PERSONNEL

Commissioner Petrilla stated that she was going to be out of town next week on a scheduled trip with her mother. She asked Commissioners Urban and Cooney to work with Tony Alu and the Solicitor to get an interpretation of the law and to proceed as follows without further delay.

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Petrilla
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Thomas".

Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary

APPENDIX SHEET

RESOLUTION - PILOT PROPOSAL TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
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