

APRIL 14, 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; Vito DeLuca, County Solicitor; Tom Pribula, Chief of Budget and Finance; Michael Morreale, Treasurer; Walter Griffith, Controller, Mary Dysleski, Human Services; Andrew Reilly, Office of Community Development; Joseph Gibbons, County Engineer; Frank Pugliese, Jr., Director of Purchasing; Adrian Merolli, Planning Commission; Stephen Clabia, LCWIDA

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

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

“THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MONTH IN LUZERNE COUNTY”

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LUZERNE COUNTY”

“Stop the Hurt – Save a Child”

Lauren O’Brien

“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH”

Paul Radzawicz, President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA, Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Ruth Helgemo, National Alliance on Mental Illness of PA, Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Pete Rubel, Rich Burns, Tara Gallagher, Jim Davis, MH/MR Program, Consumer Representatives from Community Counseling Services, Northeast Counseling Services and Children’s Service Center.

“NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK”

Steve Matello and Marissa Pauska

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ONLY

ED WARKEVICZ, LEHMAN TWP.

Edward Warkevicz

The time clock bids were for \$410,160.00. Did we have any other bids?

Commissioner Petrilla

Yes

Edward Warkevicz

Was that the lowest price?

Commissioner Petrilla

I don’t think so monetarily, but for the services offered, professionalism behind the software, and the ability for us to keep a very strong tracking mechanism, it is by far the best proposal thus far.

Doug Pape

It is a RFP, not a hard bid.

Ed Warkevicz

Is this outfit from out of town, too?

Commissioner Petrilla

Yes

Ed Warkevicz

So we'd be paying for parking fees, tolls, etc for this group?

Commissioner Petrilla

It is my understanding that the fee includes all the fees for services for support.

Doug Pape

These are all estimated costs, Sir, based on what package is chosen, so it has to be hashed out in the agreement what the final costs are going to be.

Ed Warkevicz

What is so special about this one compared to the other one?

Commissioner Petrilla

Well to be honest with you Sir, we can agree to sit down with you and show you the proposals and it's certainly not something we could do in this meeting format, but by all means, it is public record and we could set up a meeting with you to show you the proposal.

Ed Warkevicz

Thank you!

MICHAEL GIAMBER, FAIRMONT TWP.

Michael Giamber

I am going to talk about the time clock issue. The first time clock was invented in 1888 by a jeweler in New York. Now 122 years later, Luzerne County has decided to move into the modern era by installing time clocks to all office employees. It took over 40 years for Luzerne County to decide to play catch up with the reassessment which is crippling some of our Senior Citizens and now you want to spend \$5 Million to do what Supervisors are already paid to do---supervise. You must address the root cause and not the symptoms. As I already said, we are paying Supervisors and Managers but because some are not willing or capable of supervising. You are asking the taxpayers to compensate for their deficiencies. Time clocks are obsolete professional management tools which will cause friction and the taxpayer more money in the long run. It is a well known fact that professional, hardworking people do not need time clocks to make them productive. Instead they will resent them and end up being non-productive. The heart of the issue may be that some employees, supervisors, and managers are under performing and not showing up for work and no one is taking progressive disciplinary action to correct this problem. County officials have estimated time clocks will save \$1.5 annually; therefore the county knows how much time abuse is going on. Commissioners, I ask you to stop wasting taxpayer money. I have been there and I can tell you it doesn't work. We must bite the bullet and show some leadership to make the tough decision to face the real problem. Do not shrug off your responsibility by claiming this technology will fix the problem. It won't. Thank you.

RAY HILLMAN, LAKE TWP.

Ray Hillman

We have a time clock business here in Luzerne County and my family has been servicing clocks for over 64 years. I did submit an RFP for a time clock proposal and at that time called the people in charge to see what we should do to put the bid in not knowing how many actual biometric hand meters were needed. I guess what they did--- they brought other companies in and did not give us a chance to evaluate how many were needed. So I just gave you prices. Our software prices can handle all the employees of the county and the cost would be \$132,500. Our biometric hand readers start at \$1595 and go up to

\$2495. If we gave the county 100 of them at \$1595, that's \$160,000. That would make our price \$295,000. I want to know why the county is spending \$410,000. Our annual maintenance contract in the county with a large company with over 2,500 employees with 75 hand readers throughout the county and Canada is approximately \$14,000. The county only has 1820 employees, so the county maintenance fee would be less because its based on employee capacity. That's how software is sold also. And I just was wondering why we weren't considered and why you are spending all this money?

Commissioner Petrilla

You were considered. I think what the public is misconstruing is that this is not just something where you scan you hand to show you are at work, but it is a complete time management system to manage personal time. The public is correct about the controversy of people who get paid tremendous amounts of money and their vacation and personal time was not monitored properly. This is a complete time management system.

Hillman

Ours is too.

Commissioner Petrilla

As I said your proposal was given a fair evaluation by a team of people who looked at it.

Hillman

We have one installed with the Luzerne County Workforce for the last 12 years which records their sick, personal, and vacation time and calculates their hours. We did not integrate it to payroll for their 100 employees because of the remaining 1,800 county employees. I spoke with Tom and he sent me a file in the beginning of this RFP and ...

Commissioner Petrilla

Mr. Hillman let me ask a question. It is my understanding that you worked very closely with our former HR Director and Chief Clerk on the last RFP. Is that true?

Hillman

They asked me for a rough draft of the RFP.

Commissioner Petrilla

So you don't really see this as a conflict of interest that you are writing a proposal that you are going to actually bid on?

Hillman

They asked me to give them a draft of it so the guidelines would allow them to write it.

Commissioner Petrilla

Well again, I personally think it was a conflict of interest and the team who evaluated was unanimous in believing the KRONOS was the best system for Luzerne County with the goal we are trying to achieve.

Hillman

How many time clocks are in the contract?

Commissioner Petrilla

As I said to the other gentlemen, we would be happy to sit down with you and bring out the proposals and let you review them, but this public forum is certainly not the place to do it.

Hillman

We do everything...

Commissioner Petrilla

Thank you.

WIL TOOLE, DUPONT

Wil Toole

Listening to this gentleman was an eye opener. He seems to have met all the criteria necessary and has a proven track record. I don't know this fellow and I'm not here to speak for him. But I am adamantly opposed to these time clocks. As your first speaker mentioned, this is a job for management. We started the Luzerne County employees Union and I was the first President and what we decided was that unions would cause managers to be managers. And your problem right now is that your Managers are not managing or you would have good records on your employees. Walter Griffiths has a deputy who knows who is at work and he has proper records. If Walter Griffiths can do it, every department can do it. We are in debt almost a half a billion dollars and half of that occurred a few years ago. We can't spend ourselves out of debt anymore that you can drink ourselves sober.

Commissioner Petrilla

Mr. Toole, this project is not going to put us further in debt. The money is reserved and bonded for and is earmarked for the time management system that will save millions in the future. It is a large investment but will save in the long run.

Wil Toole

Maryanne, I understand that this money has been earmarked and bonded and so forth, but we also borrowed \$10 million to build a detention center. We didn't build it but rather gave the money away...we ought to take this money and put it back into the bond to pay it back. This is not necessary; I don't see how in God's name it's going to save you a dime. If you have proper management you know how many sick, vacation, and personal days an employee has. This is not the CIA. If we can't keep security camera going, how are you going to keep finger print machines going? This sounds like a good idea; sounds like you are going to save money. This is simple math---it is not rocket science. I am adamantly opposed to it. We should not be spending \$5Million. There are other areas where we should be spending this money. We have a day treatment center and the warden states that we are going to have to hire a manager to manage this facility. Why are we having a treatment center and have to hire manger to run it? This is what it said in the paper. Where is the logic in that? We're paying a company to run it and we have to provide a manager to run it. I came here over a year ago to have the county commissioner's work with the court system to take all non-violent criminals out of the system. All non-violent criminals can be sitting in their homes with their ankle bracelets. The biggest expense that we will have at the prison is Health Care. If they are at home, we don't have to pay for that.

Commissioner Petrilla

The goal of the program is rehabilitative instead of punitive by making people productive members of our society. That's our goal.

Wil Toole

When they did away with the GED, it drove me up the wall. We ought to be building them libraries so they could get a college education. But now we are going to hire a firm who may or may not save the county money. The fact of the matter is we have nonviolent prisoners' sitting there costing the taxpayers millions of dollars and they could be sitting home paying their own tab. I am not against having a day reporting center. I am against not working with the courts to get people on home confinement.

Warden Joe Pizza

It seems that you are missing a lot with what is happening with corrections. Corrections are costing the county, state and the federal government tremendous amounts of dollars. If these nonviolent people are not costing us \$88 a day to have all the services, they could be at home and can report to the day program Monday through Saturday. At the day program they will be taking educational classes, vocational training, drug & alcohol and things of that nature. This will cost us substantially less than it would to house them over there. We are working with the courts---the courts, the commissioners, the jail---we are all part of this program. The judges are behind us with this program. The national trend is to reduce recidivism and reduce over crowding. We will show how much we are saying. And we do have a GED program for those who will not be accepted into the day program. I applaud the commissioners for what they are doing. We are only the second county in the state doing this. We are going to be reducing recidivism and saving money.

Wil Toole

You are making my point Warden! I am against the fact that the non-violent who are sitting there costing us so much, especially where health care is considered.

Warden Piazza

Let me tell you, we have a program which I review every day where an inmate who only has a short time to live is sent home.

Commissioner Petrilla

Mr. Toole, I'm not sure that you are aware of our Mental Health and Drug Courts. They are programs that we initiated over the last few years, where a non-violent offender gets into the program to keep themselves out of jail.

Wil Toole

I applaud your efforts Commissioner Petrilla and Mr. Piazza. I am simply saying you are scratching the surface and every person can be pulled out of that jail who doesn't belong there---that will save the county money.

Commissioner Urban

Warden, I just want to make another point too. Number one: you probably have 100 state sentenced inmates serving time in the county.

Joe Piazza

You are correct. We have around 113 state sentenced inmates I am trying to get out. By 2011 the law will change when they will automatically to state penitentiary. We don't pay a penny for Lackawanna County---we have a reciprocal agreement with them.

Commissioner Urban

Those who were let out and violated their probation, they are the ones who will be going to the day center instead of sitting in a cell.

Wil Toole

I applaud you---it is a step forward, but I wanted you to take 2 steps forward.

Commissioner Urban

I think we've taken 5 steps forward. I recommend that you come to the Prison Board meetings to address the Judges, the DA, the Sheriffs and the Commissioners.

CONSTANCE HARTMEN, HANOVER TWP.

Constance Hartman

I agree with Mr. Hillman that we should put more into this county. When you did your River thing, you paid for it with money that has been coming in from taxes. People down in Berwick pay to Columbia County---they don't pay to us. This should not be. I don't understand this, the county is not run like a business and you have to run it like a business. Mr. Cooney, I'm disappointed in you because you never speak up. You just sit there.

Commissioner Cooney

I'm quiet, I guess.

Constance Hartman

Well you need to be more forceful. Its' so sad what you are doing to the Senior Citizens of this county. Take a ride around and look at all the for sale signs.

Commissioner Cooney

I'm a Senior Citizen. You do know that and the worst part about it is...I'm 69 years old. And you know the problem we have is this...every time we delay paying our bills, we are passing that on to our grandchildren. We have to address that issue---we have to start paying our bills.

Constance Hartman

It's not our fault that there was poor management here and we were hung out to dry...

Commissioner Cooney

I agree with you on that issue, but we have to address our debt.

Constance Hartman

And now we have this \$30 Million catastrophe next door and you are coming after us to pay for it...my house was assessed over \$100K and ...

Commissioner Petrilla

Mrs. Hartman, we are getting off the Agenda

Constance Hartman

Well it's just so pathetic, but I would like to commend the man from the prison for the great job he is doing.

Commissioner Cooney

The day reporting system (I'm going to speak up now) when its working at its capacity will reduce the enrollment of the prison by 20%---almost 150 inmates will be out...

Constance Hartman

Also 3 months ago, one member who works in the courthouse was sleeping. And Maryanne looks around all the time and if she's missed that person sleeping, she's missed the boat. It's not right that we should have to pay for people not doing their jobs.

JOHN NEWMAN, DALLAS TWP.

John Newman

For the record, you spell my name John N_E_W_M_A_N. On the amendment to September 17, 2008 agreement which I believe is the Collection Agency---to collect taxes---is that correct?

Tom Pribula

No its not a collection agency but what it is, is because of the financial difficulties in the past, we have monetized or sold out our tax receivables to the Redevelopment Authority to advance funds.

John Newman

You sold your uncollected debt for 90-93% of what they collect. Was this planned in the budget?

Tom Pribula

Absolutely

John Newman

And this has been effect since 2008?

Tom Pribula

Yes, actually my 2 year Anniversary is coming up on the 18th of April (seems like 20!!). We implemented this at the end of 2008 to give us cash infusion because of a really bad budget in 2008 that was prepared by our predecessors and we were given a 3 year contract and this help us to be able to budget cash flow and predict a dollar amount that would be coming in for taxes.

John Newman

It appears that that's the case and when we get into the second portion of public comment, I would like to expand on the other collection situations as well as KOZ's. Also Northeast Revenue Service, LLC and the awarding of the contract...will you disclose the annual price of that contract?

Commissioner Petrilla

Absolutely

GRACE GRIFFIN, LARKSVILLE

Grace Griffin

I will hold my comments until later.

ED CHESNOVITCH

Ed Chesnovitch

Talking about time clocks---I'm not sure I am against or for them. I'm a little confused...where is Kronos

Tom Pribula

I believe they are in Massachusetts

Ed Chesnovitch

Is there global representation here?

Commissioner Petrilla

There will be if we vote to hire them.

Ed Chesnovitch

People ask where the other bids are. I think we have a local person here and I'm taken back that you are casting dispersions on him.

Doug Pape

I can't sit here in good conscience and not say something. I discussed this over the past few days with the Commissioners and the Controller. After the RFP's were collected, I had a conversation with Mr. Hillman. He said that he had written the proposals and did it in such a way to make it that Kronos and ADP would not be able to respond. And he said to "leave that between you and me..."

Commissioner Petrilla

And with that knowledge we felt there was an extreme conflict of interest and he basically eliminated himself.

Doug Pape

I spoke with Solicitor DeLuca but he didn't do a good enough job because we got another response, but we felt we could not award him that contract because the other providers could come back and say, "It was an inside deal..."

Commissioner Petrilla

And that's one thing that this administration has completely gotten away from...
What else do you want to say, Mr. Chesnovitch?

Ed Chesnovitch

Well maybe he said that because he can /could do this on a local basis---he also said...

Commissioner Petrilla

You know yourself that if there was an inside deal, you would be the first one screaming your head off against it. You would be saying, "You guys are doing inside deals".

Ed Chesnovitch

Well, I'm just playing devils advocate.

Commissioner Petrilla

Mr. Chesnovitch what else do you have?

Ed Chesnovitch

No, no, no...the thing is, it's a little misleading here. Another fellow got up and asked if there were other bids and you said that they would be available for review at another time. When I read this agreement it tells me you are entering into a contract effective January 1, 2010---going back to January.

Commissioner Petrilla

Would you please let me speak...?

Ed Chesnovitch

You are telling this man that he can come in and look at this contract?

Commissioner Petrilla

Anyone can---they are public information.

Doug Pape

Once they are awarded

Ed Chesnovitch

No that's the way I understand---it was mentioned that they are public record

Commissioner Petrilla

They will be public record

Doug Pape

They are an RFP---Mr. Chesnovitch there is a difference---a hard bid you go by just price; and RFP you go by price and other criteria as far as the product is concerned.

Ed Chesnovitch

How can this man even give you an RFP if he didn't know how many units to put it?

Doug Pape

I believe I mentioned to him a number and he did not put in that number

Commissioner Petrilla

Excuse me, excuse me---this whole conversation is getting out of control

Ed Chesnovitch

It is out of control because you are on the spot.

Commissioner Petrilla

I am not on the spot, Mr. Chesnovitch. If we did a deal you would be up here screaming...

Ed Chesnovitch

Cooney said we have to pay down our debt---why are we going to spend \$100,000 more to someone out of town? Here we had someone local; someone who is hands on. You have a bid here that's local and his business has been here 60 plus years and you are cutting him out. You have a problem with the former guys who were here....

Commissioner Petrilla

I think at least 330,000 people have problems with those guys...

MICHELE BOICE, HARVEYS LAKE

Mrs. Boice

I want to speak about time clocks. I have not followed this issue as closely as I have followed other issues in the County. This guy and his family have been in the business for 64 years and to not be given this contract is a little troubling. When we have an opportunity to do business with local people that is what we should do especially in light of our records management case for close to \$1Million contract that went to an out of town business and we have no documentation for all these consulting and professional services. And this is a management contract.

Commissioner Petrilla

It is my understanding that was the only business that bid on the contract. There were no other bids.

Mrs. Boice

I find that amazing! I want to go on the record saying that I oppose how this situation appears to be handled. And once again, I haven't followed this situation as closely as I have followed others but something doesn't feel right here and a lot of times in this county, when things don't feel right, they usually aren't right.

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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 March 17, 2010.

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

Vouchers

MOTION

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

PNC Bank, Vouchers 490382GF – 491556GF
\$3,962,103.41
County General Fund for 2010 to Date

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

PNC Bank, Vouchers 503581LF – 503624LF
\$126,033.98
Liquid Fuels Fund for 2010 to Date

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

Wachovia Bank, Vouchers 400434WC – 400437WC
\$204,940.00
Worker’s Compensation for 2010 to Date

It was moved 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: April 26, 2010, May 3, 2010, May 10, 2010, May 17, 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: April 26, 2010, May 3, 2010, May 10, 2010, May 17, 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 April 19, 2010, April 26, 2010, May 3, 2010, May 10, 2010 and May 17, 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: April 19, 2010, April 26, 2010, May 3, 2010, May 10, 2010 and May 17, 2010.

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

MOTION

Adopt the Cooperative Agreement between PA Dept. of Public Welfare & Luzerne County

Request a Motion to approve and adopt the Cooperative Agreement under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act between the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and Luzerne County for a period of 5 years, effective October 1, 2010. This Agreement is subject to solicitor review and approval.

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

MOTION

Computer Crime Task Force

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to ratify the submission of the Computer Crime Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and County Attorney 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 Cooney
“AYES” PETRILLA, COONEY, URBAN”

MOTION

Commissioner's Office / Commissioner Deed Refund

Request a Motion to approve the following refund as the result of a 1999 Commissioners Deed of which a property was found to be duplicated and sold in error.

Name: John and Helen Williams
Address: 2104 Nuangola Rd
Property Location: Frankinfield lot 76
Amount Due: \$300

Note: The request for the refund by John and Helen Williams is the result of an Order of the Court dated February 9, 2009 (No. 11383 of 2008) that determined the property 'owner in fee simple' to be Terry H. Jones of 103 Nuangola Ave., Mountaintop PA 18707. The purchase price of the property was \$300 made July 21st, 1999 by John and Helen Williams. A tax refund was previously awarded to John and Helen Williams for taxes paid in duplication.

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

MOTION

Tax Refund-Assessment Appeals Office/Decesaris

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

Name: Decesaris, Elizabeth A
Address: PO Box, 402 Dallas, PA
Property Location: 2760 Chase Road, Jackson Twp.
Amount Due: \$ 78.12
Reason for Refund: Correction of acreage.

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

MOTION

Tax Refund-Assessment Appeals Office/Emma

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

Name: Lorraine Emma
Address: 546 Pond Street Duryea, Pa
Property Location: 546 Pond Street
Amount Due: \$ 66.21
Reason for Refund: Assessed on incorrect lot. Abatement never completed on new value of \$54,000

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 total amount of refunds for the month of April, 2010 due to court mediation process in the amount of \$ 25,295.71.

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 authorize the proper officials to execute a contract with Frontier Communications of Wilkes-Barre for a three (3) year telephone services agreement. The proposal submitted by Frontier addresses all categories of the County’s required telecommunication services (voice, data, Internet, etc.) at the overall lowest cost compared to the other four (4) proposals received in response to the advertised RFP.

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

MOTION

2003 Capital Projects Bond Issue – 2003D-54 - (Appendix Page 38- 38 A)

Request a Motion to approve payment of \$12,345.24 from the 2003, Capital Projects Bond Issue Series D for items identified on Schedule “A” of Requisition 2003D-54.

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 \$6,667,300 from Department 4850 100.4850.000.1790 – Insurance & Benefits Pension/Retirement to each respective department as follows:

Pension/Retirement			100	4850	000	1790	\$6,667,300
ASSESSORS			100	4136	000	1790	\$123,739
COUNTY SECURITY			100	4175	000	1790	\$94,704
BUILDING & GROUNDS			100	4174	000	1790	\$102,467
EMERGENCY MGMT			100	4291	000	1790	\$16,311
CLERK OF COURTS			100	4191	000	1790	\$62,603
COMMISSIONERS			100	4110	000	1790	\$145,252
CONTROLLERS			100	4133	000	1790	\$55,976
CORONER			100	4193	000	1790	\$22,834

SHERIFF	100	4197	000	1790	\$215,787
COURT OFFICER	100	4184	000	1790	\$367,817
DATA PROCESSING	100	4172	000	1790	\$39,988
DISTRICT ATTY	100	4194	000	1790	\$404,481
JURY COMM	100	4188	000	1790	\$2,834
PROBATION SERVICES	100	4237	000	1790	\$895,336
MILITARY AFFAIRS	100	4491	000	1790	\$19,403
ORPHANS COURT	100	4185	000	1790	\$38,924
LUZ COUNTY 911	100	4289	000	1790	\$427,605
LUZ COUNTY CORR FACILITY	100	4232	000	1790	\$2,019,895
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	100	4187	000	1790	\$429,184
PROTHONOTARY	100	4195	000	1790	\$74,544
PROPERTY & SUPPLY	100	4142	000	1790	\$24,168
MOON LAKE	100	4550	000	1790	\$9,171
RECORDER OF DEEDS	100	4153	000	1790	\$59,948
REGISTER OF WILLS	100	4196	000	1790	\$44,124
BUREAU OF ELECTION	100	4120	000	1790	\$44,325
RECREATION DEPT	100	4510	000	1790	\$9,224
MAPPING DEPT	100	4140	000	1790	\$41,963
TAX CLAIMS	100	4138	000	1790	\$25,621
TREASURERS	100	4139	000	1790	\$44,238
COMM FOR WOMEN	100	0	000	1790	\$0
RETIREMENT	100	4144	000	1790	\$6,548
ROAD & BRIDGE	100	4310	000	1790	\$150,027
VALLEY CREST	100	4461	000	1790	\$0
PUBLIC DEFENDERS	100	4152	000	1790	\$186,452
ENV SPEC PROJECTS	100	4620	000	1790	\$13,230
PLANNING COMM	100	4171	000	1790	\$25,289
MAGISTRATES	100	4186	000	1790	\$260,543
SOLID WASTE MGMT	100	4320	000	1790	\$9,665
COURT STENOS	100	4189		1790	\$115,501

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TAX COLLECTION	100	4137	000	1790	\$0
ENGINEERS	100	4315	000	1790	\$37,576

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

**AMENDMENT TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 MOTION
OF
COUNTY OF LUZERNE**

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Luzerne County (the “County”) previously passed a Motion on September 17, 2008, wherein the County agreed to sell to the Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County (the “RALC”), on or after January 15, 2010, the County’s outstanding taxes secured by real estate tax claims for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 (the “2009 Tax Claims”) in consideration for payment estimated not to exceed \$5,000,000.00; and

Whereas, the County has come to learn that the actual amount of the 2009 Tax Claims exceeds the estimated amount of \$5,000,000.00 and are now estimated not to exceed the amount of \$5,700,000.00; and

Whereas, the County still desires to sell its 2009 Tax Claims now in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000.00; and

Whereas, the County does not intend for this amendment to affect any other portion of the September 17, 2008 Motion except with regard to the clauses expressly exhibited herein.

Now therefore be it resolved that, the County hereby agrees to sell on or after January 15, 2010, the 2009 Tax Claims from the County in exchange for payment to the County of an estimated amount not to exceed \$5,700,000.00, and such agreement(s) for the acquisition of such tax claims shall be in a form as approved by the Board President and County Solicitor; and

Be it further resolved that, all other portions of the September 17, 2008 Motion shall remain in effect and have the same force and effect as to all provisions except as specifically amended herein.

MOTION

Amendment to September 17, 2008 of the County of Luzerne

Request a Motion to adopt the amendment to the September 17, 2008 Motion of the County of Luzerne, this 14th day of April, 2010.

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

MOTION

Early Intervention Program Phase III Application (Appendix Page 39)

Request a Motion of the Board of Commissioners authorizing a resolution that ratifies the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED), effective March 25, 2010, as well as authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute any and all documents necessary for the application for and receipt of PA DCED funding in regards to the Early Intervention Program. The County's local match will be \$12,360.00

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

MOTION

Economic Development Initiative – Special Project Grant

Request a Motion of the Board of Commissioners authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), effective, April 14, 2010, 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 HUD funding in regards to the EDI Grant.

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

MOTION

Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging

Request a Motion to award Scottsdale Insurance Company as Professional Liability, including Abuse and Sexual Misconduct, provider for a total of \$13,930.72, which includes an agent's fee of \$1,380.00 effective April 24, 2010 to January 1, 2011 through Eastern Insurance Group, with an optional one year renewal, provided the same pricing and coverage structure are offered. Please note that pricing will be contingent on claims activity.

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

MOTION

Grant Agreement State Food Purchase Program

Request a Motion to execute the State Food Purchase Program Grant Agreement covering the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014 and all necessary documents under that Agreement which designates the Commission on Economic Opportunity of Luzerne County as the lead agency.

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

MOTION

Collective Bargaining Agreement-Court Appointed – Support Staff

Request a Motion to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council 87 Court Appointed-Support Staff and Luzerne County effective January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2014.

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

MOTION

Award Seasonal HVAC Agreements

Request a Motion to Award the following seasonal HVAC agreements to the following low responders:

- Brominski Building, Chiller and Cooling Tower Seasonal Service, to Total Control Service, 38 Pine Ridge Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705, in the amount of \$2,975.00.
- Penn Place Building, Chiller Seasonal Service, to Total Control Service, 38 Pine Ridge Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705, in the amount of \$1,775.00.
- Engineer's Office/Road and Bridge Department, Rooftop and Terminal Units, to Yenason Mechanical, 132 Darling Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA \$775.00.

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

MOTION

Agreement with Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc.

Request a Motion to Ratify the agreement with Mark J. Sobeck Roof Consulting, Inc., 15 South Franklin Street, Suite 210, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, to provide value engineering review of the roofing elements for the Courthouse Exterior Restoration Project in the amount of \$900.00.

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

MOTION

Service Agreement for the County Gasoline Pump Computer Operating System:

Request a Motion to Ratify the following yearly service agreement for the County gasoline pump computer operating system:

- Gilbarco Inc., Gilbarco Veedor-Root, 12249 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 in the amount of \$175.00.

Commissioner Urban

Does this pump provide a card for every vehicle?

Joe Gibbons

No, but we are working with the Controllers Office to find a way to purchase more cards.

Controller Griffith

Every vehicle will have a card with a log sheet.

Commissioner Urban

Will we get a monthly report?

Controller Griffith

Yes.

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

MOTION

Penn Place Elevator Camera Procurement Agreement – Hillman Security,

Request A Motion to Award the Penn Place Elevator Camera Procurement Agreement to Hillman Security, 398 Marion Street, Luzerne, PA 18709 in the amount of \$1,285.00.

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

MOTION

Apply for a Surface Water Withdrawal/Consumptive-Use Permit

Request A Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to execute and submit all necessary documentation to apply for a surface water withdrawal/consumptive-use permit from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

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

MOTION

Ordinance – PA Real Estate Tax Sales Act

Request A Motion authorizing the enactment by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania (THE “COUNTY”), of an Ordinance (The “Ordinance”) consistent with Section 201(A) of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Tax Sales ACT (“ACT”), 72 P.S. 5860.101, ET SEQ., providing for the appointment of private sector entities as an alternative collection method subject to all of the notices, time frames, enumerated fees and protections for property owners contained in the act, all as more fully described in the complete text of the ordinance.

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

MOTION

Agreement with Northeast Revenue Service LLC for the Collection of Delinquent Taxes

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve an agreement with Northeast Revenue Service LLC for the collection of delinquent taxes for the term of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 pending solicitor approval. The contract may, by mutual written assent of the parties, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods or portions thereof, up to a cumulative total of four (4) years. This Agreement is subject to Solicitor review and approval.

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

MOTION

Agreement with the Times Leader newspaper for Sheriff’s Sale Advertising

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve an agreement with the Times Leader newspaper for Sheriff’s Sale advertising at a rate of \$.07 (7 cents) per line of printing for the term of April 14, 2010 to April 14, 2011. The agreement will be subject to solicitor approval and include the value added stipulations of the Times Leader’s proposal.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooney, seconded by Commissioner Urban
“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 from May 7, 2010 until July 31, 2010 under the terms of the current contract as approved by a vote of 5/0 by the Luzerne County Prison Board on April 12, 2010.

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

MOTION

Contract with BI, INC for Inmate Day Reporting Services

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to ratify the Contract with BI, INC for Inmate Day Reporting Services for a period of three (3) years as approved by a vote of 5/0 by the Luzerne County Prison Board on April 12, 2010.

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

Commissioner Urban

I want to applaud the warden for moving this process forward. I think it's long overdue. I think by not moving this forward in the past the people who ran the facility cost the taxpayers an awful lot of money. There are inmates in there that are repeat offenders who may have been helped. Keep up the good work.

Commissioner Petrilla

Representatives from BI are here. Congratulations and welcome. I'm very impressed. I was fortunate enough to go with the warden to Franklin County and see the program and the daily operations. It was quite impressive. I'm proud this is something we are going to have in Luzerne County.

MOTION

Agreement with Kronos Incorporated to provide a Time Management System

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve an agreement with Kronos Incorporated to provide a time management system for the term of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 pending solicitor approval. Estimated costs of program implementation are \$410,160.50 plus an annual maintenance fee of \$45,140.50, which will be paid through bond proceeds. The contract may, by mutual written assent of the parties, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods or portions thereof, up to a cumulative total of four (4) years.

Commissioner Urban

After hearing the comments I would like to table this motion and look at it for another month. I would like to bring in every one of these contractors, have solid numbers of time clocks the county needs, and come up with a solid price.

REQUEST A MOTION TO TABLE.

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

Commissioner Petrilla

This is in my opinion something 330,000 people in this county have been crying for, for us to move forward and be more accountable and transparent to the people of Luzerne County. It has been on everyone's docket

for months. The team worked very hard to get this together and quite frankly I'm embarrassed we are at another delay when the public wants it so much.

Commissioner Urban

I think we need it too. I think we need to look at this thing collectively. I'll be glad to sit in on these meetings to evaluate these proposals.

MOTION

Agreement with Government Payments to provide Credit Card Payment Services

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve an agreement with Government Payments to provide credit card payment services for the term of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 pending solicitor approval. The contract may, by mutual written assent of the parties, be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year periods or portions thereof, up to a cumulative total of four (4) years. This agreement is no cost to the county, but appropriate fees will be assessed to users of this service based on Government Payments and credit card companies' schedule of fees.

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

MOTION

Resolution local match of \$500,000 - Luzerne County Transportation Authority Funds

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to approve the resolution for the local match of \$500,000 for the Luzerne County Transportation Authority funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. These funds will be paid in two installments by May 31, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

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

MOTION

Appraisal Services for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Team

Request a Motion of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners to advertise a request for proposals for Appraisal Services for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees baseball team.

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: April 06, 2010

WACHOVIA BANK

School, Road & Institutional (Old Account).....	\$744.60
Self Insured Workers Compensation Fund	126,313.07
Domestic Relations IV-D Fund.....	678,480.74
9-1-1 Construction Fund.....	343,155.20
9-1-1 Wire Fund.....	3,069,234.45
9-1-1 Wireless Fund.....	579,037.88
Hotel Room Rental Tax.....	162,620.13

PNC BANK

General Fund	\$8,462,138.89
Schools (New Account).....	2,972,412.00
Towns (New Account)	263,970.48
Real Estate Tax Sale.....	1,726,332.58
Transportation Department	1,443,281.87
Office for the Aging	2,476,530.63
Children & Youth Services.....	8,422,394.62
Mental Health/Mental Retardation.....	1,453,647.04
Human Services.....	184,690.98
Drug & Alcohol Program	46,540.32
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.....	175,422.00
GWEIF Escrow Account	27,746.39
Juvenile Probation JCJC Grant-in-Aid	314,404.78
Juvenile Court Restitution.....	29,665.51
Act 44 Bridge Account	316,812.10
AID System to Roads & Bridges.....	0.00
2009 ARRA US DOE Entitlement.....	21.53
Coroner VSIA Act 2004-122 Account.....	70,603.76
PEMA Hazard Mitigation.....	0.00
Convention & Visitors Bureau.....	40,897.00
Series 2008 A Project Fund.....	20,916,594.88
Early Intervention.....	48.21
District Attorney Gun Buyback Program.....	2.33
HAVA Account.....	333,355.04
License Fee Account.....	25,494.40
Levee Account.....	91,412.17
Recorder of Deeds Restitution.....	5,747.62
Sheriff Real Estate Escrow.....	1,621,525.19
Sheriff Writs of Execution.....	27,826.76
Sheriff Old Writ of Execution Escrow.....	8,663.00

Sheriff DCED Grant.....	0.00
2009 Government Study Commission.....	57,423.34
District Attorney Federal ICAC Grant.....	42,341.61
Sheriff K-9 Donations.....	674.16
Cash in lieu of Performance Bond.....	0.00
FY 2009 Recovery Act JAG Program.....	1.34

CITIZENS BANK

Adult Probation Special Account.....	\$357,497.45
Bridge Fund	794.78
Hazardous Material Emergency Response Account	147,247.99
EMA Radiation Emergency Response Fund	66,716.63

FIRST NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANK

Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$75,314.83
Agencies Account.....	948,970.44
Solid Waste Recycling/Landfill Administration	308,554.75
Property Tax Collection.....	3,988.82
Department of Probation (CPCMS System).....	382,896.10
Flood Protection Authority.....	3,128,733.02

FIDELITY DEPOSIT & DISCOUNT BANK

Wyoming Valley Airport Grant Account.....	\$48,930.20
Tri-County Airport Feasibility Study.....	2,553.79
Series 2002 A&B Capital Projects	49,017.17
Series 2003 A&B Capital Projects	175,464.59
Series 2003 D Capital Projects	214,200.31
Series 2008 B Sinking Fund.....	770,080.09
Flood Protection Project Impact.....	4,392.80

M & T BANK

Adult Probation Drug & Alcohol RIP Program.....	\$77,677.77
District Attorney Bad Check Restitution Fund.....	4,582.41
Riverfront-GG2.....	977,619.50
Nesbitt Park-DCNR.....	350,962.79
RACP Redevelopment Assistance.....	5,179.00
Sheriff's Old Real Estate Account.....	17,598.06
2008 LCIDA Bond Fund.....	113,338.16
2008 LCIDA Debt Service Reserve.....	6,100,000.00
2008 Series A Courthouse Fund.....	12,598,113.65
2008 Series B LCCC Project Fund.....	14,191,026.78
2009 LCIDA Bond Fund.....	36,521.25
Hicks/Abrahams Creek.....	33,030.53

COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

2008 Series A Project Fund.....	\$2,445,973.60
2008 Series A Sinking Fund.....	19.05

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT & OTHER INVESTMENTS

(Principal Values only)

As of: April 06, 2010

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	\$250,000.00
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	\$3,877,000.00
Human Services	\$400,000.00
Drug & Alcohol Program	\$635,000.00
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Total:	\$11,847,000.00

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

CONTROLLERS REPORT- WALTER GRIFFITH

CONTROLLER’S REPORT

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:
 - \$ 140,159.57 Community Development Block Grant Program
 - \$ 11,273.61 Emergency Shelter Grants Program
 - \$ 39,584.89 HOME Investment Partnership Program
2. Request a motion to ratify and confirm the payment of \$16,141.66 to the Penn State Cooperative Extension, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA. This is the County’s appropriation for the month of April 2010.
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 April 2010.

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

Transportation Department: Voucher No. 537415 to 537579 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 232,323.78
Bureau for the Aging: Voucher No. 731152 to 731731 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,178,552.81
Children and Youth: Voucher No. 753655 to 754553 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,778,059.60
Mental Health / Mental Retardation: Voucher No. 747484 to 747651 inclusive	in the amount of \$2,435,032.26
Human Services: Voucher No. 751396 to 751416 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,115,850.97
Drug and Alcohol: Voucher No. 761838 to 761869 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 356,019.20
Domestic Relations IV-D: Voucher No. 400268 to 400269 inclusive	in the amount of \$1,710,000.00
Adult Probation Special: Voucher 400363 to 400365 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 205,006.00
Adult Probation D&A RIP: Voucher 1062 inclusive 1066	in the amount of \$ 69,422.43
Juvenile Probation JCJC Grant: Voucher 1005 to 1011 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 297,130.30
Juvenile Court Restitution: Voucher 1019 to 1034 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 1,534.48
Recorder of Deeds Archive,	in the amount of \$ 7,618.23
Housing Trust Fund: Voucher No. 401044 to 401047 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 7,386.63
9-1-1 Construction: Voucher No. 400546 to 400553 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 7,967.98
9-1-1 Wire: Voucher No. 1490 to 1534 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 305,800.38
9-1-1 Wireless: Voucher No. 1040 to 1042 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 689,752.50
EMA Radiation Emergency Fund: Voucher No. 400139 to 400143 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 7,608.03
Hazardous Material Emergency Response: Voucher No. 400237 to 400239 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 931.80
Solid Waste Recycling: Voucher No. 400897 to 400903 inclusive	in the amount of \$ 5,634.37

Schools:		
Voucher No. 405380 to 405383 inclusive	in the amount of \$	5,147.98
Towns:		
Voucher No. 407842 to 407848 inclusive	in the amount of \$	4,743.45
Real Estate Tax Sale:		
Voucher No. 401202 to 401214 inclusive	in the amount of \$	65,277.52
Hotel Rental Tax:		
Voucher No. 462 to 464 inclusive	in the amount of \$	119,897.05
Convention & Visitors Bureau:		
Voucher No. 404034 to 404073 inclusive	in the amount of \$	30,891.16
Sheriff Real Estate Escrow:		
Voucher No. 3272 to 3439 inclusive	in the amount of \$	1,086,425.01
Flood Protection Authority:		
Voucher No. 1136 to 1145 inclusive	in the amount of \$	62,586.74
Act 44 Bridge:		
Voucher No. 1003 inclusive	in the amount of \$	5,868.41
Levees:		
Voucher No. 1257 to 1292 inclusive	in the amount of \$	286,866.27
Aid System to Road & Bridge:		
Voucher No. 1009 to 1010 inclusive	in the amount of \$	12,386.25
Government Study Commission:		
Voucher 1024 to 1028 inclusive	in the amount of \$	3,986.21
2009 Recovery Act JAG:		
Voucher No. 1004 to 1005 inclusive	in the amount of \$	6,280.25

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** on item #3 stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Community College, Luzern County through its Road & Bridge department, and Luzerne County Housing Authority, and the Luzerne County Intermediate Unite 18. All other motions were approved as follows:

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

Controller Griffith

I'd like to address some overtime issues in the county. I would like the commissioners to consider it for the next meeting. Overtime seems to be out of control in the county. There is a lot of money being spent on overtime and there is no policy in place. In regard to the Transportation Department, we need to have a policy in place so people cannot use their sick time annually or personal days to get overtime. I provided Commissioner Urban with a report this morning that shows we paid \$600,000 YTD in overtime. In the last year alone we paid almost \$2 million dollars in overtime countywide. I think the time management system is going to be something important, however I agree with Mr. Toole in that managers need to manage better. I would like the commissioners to put it on their agenda for the next meeting to give the controller a policy to follow that says they can't use benefit times to get overtime.

Commissioner Urban

Can you break this down by department?

Controller Griffith

Yes. I'm looking for a policy that gives me some idea when I review payroll. I'd like the commissioners to go off of the agenda to conduct an investigation into the Transportation Department if indeed there was a

walkout on Friday of last week. Residents of this county were put in harms way and this needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Urban

Walter expressed some concerns to me that he received calls on Thursday. This sounds like something planned. I'd like this looked in to.

END OF CONTROLLER'S REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

HUMAN SERVICES – MARY DYSLESKI

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE/ CONTRACT CAP</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>			
Charles Zola, PhD.	Ethics/Staff Competency Building	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$175.00/hour \$2,100.00
<u>CHILDREN & YOUTH AND JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES:</u>			
Adelphoi Village	Pregnant & Parenting Program	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$91.90/day
	Pregnant & Parenting 2 nd child		\$69.45/day
Family Link	Foster Care	4/1/10 – 6/30/10	\$21.42/day
<u>DRUG & ALCOHOL:</u>			
Pyramid Healthcare (Quakertown)	Inpatient Rehab (Adol)	7/1/09– 6/30/10	\$216.00/day
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>			
Sarah Heller	Spanish Interpreter	4/1/10-6/30/10	\$7.50/qtr hr \$1,000
Volunteers of America	Housing Support	5/1/10-6/30/10	\$30,000

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

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

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>RATE</u>	
			<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>AREA AGENCY ON AGING:</u>				
Caregivers America	Environmental Mods.	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$1,000	\$60,000
CEO	Environmental Mods.	“	\$80,000	\$100,000
Comfort Keepers	Personal Care	“	\$45,000	\$60,000
Jewish Community Center	Congregate Meals	“	\$45,000	\$58,000
Target Marketing	Advertising	“	\$6,000	\$10,000
<u>DRUG AND ALCOHOL:</u>				
A Better Today (Luz Co)	Outpatient	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$21,309	\$61,309
A Better Today (Wyo Co)	Outpatient	“ “	\$141,548	\$148,548
Catholic Social Services	Outpatient	“ “	\$152,000	\$132,000
Clem-Mar House	Outpatient	“ “	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Serento Gardens	Outpatient	“ “	\$163,601	\$146,601
<u>MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:</u>				
Institute for Human Res.	Residential Svcs.	7/1/08-6/30/09	\$5,235,392	\$5,193,072
Luz-Wyo. Cty. Transp. Dept.	Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$817,800	\$827,588
Acumen Fiscal Agent	Home & Comm. & Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$89,199	\$76,718
AWC Services, Inc.	ISO Agency Choice	“ “	\$835,512	\$705,152
Deutsch Institute	Home & Comm., Employmt. & Respite	“ “	\$115,022	\$139,695
Concern	Family Support Svcs.	“ “	\$1,532	\$2,096
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	“ “	\$671,287	\$738,489
W-B Behav. Ventures D/B/A AWC Services	ISO Agency Choice	“ “	\$422,000	\$325,540
Institute for Human Res.	Residential & Respite	7/1/09-6/30/10	\$251,596	\$260,696
ARC of Luzerne County	Admin. & IM4Q Srv.	“ “	\$63,100	\$145,016
Posten Taxi	Transport Svcs.	“ “	\$3,256	\$18,630

Kathleen Pohlman	Early Intervention	“	“	\$69,000	\$76,000
Concern	Family Support Srvs.	“	“	\$2,000	\$6,500
Family Care for Children and Youth	Family Support Srvs.	“	“	\$2,200	\$6,500
LHF Development Co.	Admin. Srvs.	“	“	\$2,900	\$5,400
Luz. Cty. Transportation Authority	Transport Srvs.	“	“	\$7,500	\$7,500

(No change to final total – add categorical services)

Luz-Wyo. Cty. Transp. Dept.	Transport Srvs.	“	“	\$285,311	\$285,311
			Lottery Zone 1		\$2.15/trip
			Lottery Zone 2		\$2.50/trip
			Lottery Zone 3		\$2.80/trip

(No change to final total – add lottery rates)

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

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
Motor Transportation Co., Inc.	Transportation to Charles T. Adams Senior Center for Foster Grandparent’s physical exams	6/3/10	\$415.00
Central Florida Coach Lines, Inc.	Transportation to Foster Grandparent Luncheon at Gus Genetti’s Wilkes-Barre	6/18/10	\$350.00
Symantec	Anti-Virus License Renewal	5/1/10-4/30/12	\$2,159.64

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVED/RATIFY THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS OR AGREEMENTS FOR:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

For Support for the Area Agency on Aging from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Senior Center Grant Program, Nutrition Services (NSGP) for expansion and modernization of the Rose Tucker Senior Center, in the total amount \$104,833 for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years.

For Support for the Area Agency on Aging from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Senior Center Grant Program, Nutrition Services (NSGP) for modernization of twelve (12) senior centers, in the total amount of \$138,297 for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years.

For Support for the Area Agency on Aging from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$10,250.00 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

Request a Motion to approve the purchase of seven vehicles using monies from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Community Transportation Capital Equipment Grant under Section 1516 of Act 44. The vehicles will be purchase from state contract at a total cost of \$395,000.00

Commissioner Urban

During the work session there were questions on whether we can expand a facility owned by someone else.

Mary Beth Farrell, Area Agency on Aging

This grant would allow us to put on a sunroom at the center. There is no county match involved.

Commissioner Cooney

How long of a lease do we have with Mercy?

Mary Beth Farrell, Area Agency on Aging

5 year renewable.

Commissioner Petrilla

Who makes the determination when these grant dollars become available as to how the money will be utilized?

Mary Beth Farrell, Area Agency on Aging

This is special recovery money. The determination was made at the time of the grant submission and is outlined in the body of the grant.

Commissioner Urban

Who asked for the sunroom?

Mary Beth Farrell

We did. We wrote the grant. Every county applied for a grant. We ended up getting two.

Commissioner Urban

What are we doing with the other \$138,000?

Mary Beth Farrell

We are upgrading the kitchen services in all of our Senior Centers.

Commissioner Urban

I'm wondering why we pay so much for rent and they are not modernized or upgraded. The owners are not taking care of them and we are going out and applying for additional monies to upgrade a facility we don't own.

Mary Beth Farrell

I understand, however all of our leases are in order.

Commissioner Urban

Do they tell us we need to make repairs to the facilities? Does it say that in the lease?

Mary Beth Farrell

These grants are made available for centers to be upgraded. This is one time only recovery money.

Commissioner Urban

Do we own the equipment when upgraded?

Mary Beth Farrell

We will.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO GO OFF OF THE AGENDA.

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

Request a motion to authorize the Commissioner Chairman to sign a service agreement with K&K Fire Protection Enterprises, Inc. to replace a backflow valve on the fire sprinkler system at 111 N. Pennsylvania Ave. in the amount of \$3,525.00. Subject to the Solicitor’s review.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT – JOSEPH GIBBONS, ENGINEER

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to prepare and submit a project improvement letter to FEMA for approval. The project improvement letter is necessary establish scope revisions for the following County Bridge Replacement Project for a structure destroyed by the November 2006 Flood (Federal Disaster No. 1684) as follows:

- PW 184 County Bridge No. 35008, County Road #19, Dennison Twp.

The project improvement letters will provide for additional funding by FEMA for a total less than actual cost. FEMA does not recognize PennDOT Design Specifications and refuses to reimburse the County for design and construction for improvements using these specifications. No other design specifications exist or are used for public infrastructure projects.

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

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the Proper Officials to award the following County Bridge Construction Contracts upon receipt of approved project improvement letters from FEMA:

PW 184, County Bridge No. 35008, County Road #19, Dennison Twp., to Don E. Bower, Inc., 7612 Columbia Blvd., Berwick, PA 18603 in the amount of \$210,000.00.

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

Commissioner Urban

Joe did we get any other letter back?

Joe Gibbons, County Engineer

I did get a response from PEMA saying they moved from FEMA in Harrisburg to FEMA in Philadelphia. But nothing yet.

Commissioner Urban

These guys were here a month ago and said they have a speedy turn around and here we are months later.

Joe Gibbons, County Engineer

We submitted our letters reluctantly agreeing to their terms back in the beginning of the year and we still don't have the approved letters.

Commissioner Urban

What bothers me is they got stimulus money. In this case here we have contracts that were awarded.

Joe Gibbons, County Engineer

The bids have been in our possession for over a year.

Commissioner Urban

With these letters we can get the economy moving a little bit with some bridges being fixed in the county and getting some traffic flowing again. What do we do next?

Joe Gibbons, County Engineer

We are at the mercy of FEMA. We have to work through PEMA because PEMA and FEMA have a partnering relationship. FEMA has so many days to respond to any submission we get and PEMA has an additional 30 or 60 days to get the response back to us. I still have not heard back from them.

MOTION

Request a Motion to Authorize the proper officials to execute an open-end agreement, for a period of two years, with Quad 3 Architecture, Engineering, Environmental Science, 37 North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 to provide professional design services for the Luzerne County Engineer's Office for county infrastructure, building and emergency projects. Fees will be negotiated on a project by project basis using the schedule of fee ranges.

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

MOTION

Request a Motion to Award the Procurement of Structural and Miscellaneous Steel for County Bridge #54706 to Anvil Craft Corporation, 1005 Aspen Street, Easton, PA 18042 in the amount of \$23,476.00.

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

MOTION

Request a Motion to Amend the following contracts to extend the expiration date until May 30, 2010 to allow for processing of recently advertised yearly materials contracts:

- Montour Home Comfort Service, 112 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17754, Contract #17030, Diesel Fuel Delivery.
- Petroleum Traders Corporation, 7120 Pointe Inverness Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, Contract #17035, Gasoline Delivery.
- Pikes Creek Asphalt & Crushed Stone, Div. of Reading Materials, Inc., 528 Trojan road, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621, Contract #17077, Supply Bituminous Paving Materials.
- Eckley Asphalt, Div. of Reading Materials, Inc., 25 No. 1 Lane, Weatherly, PA 18255, Contract No. 17076, Supply Bituminous Paving Materials.
- Wilkes-Barre materials, LLC, 130 Ridgewood Road, Plains, PA 18702, Contract #17074, Supply 2009 Bituminous Materials.
- Pennsy Supply Inc., DBA Slusser Bothers, 125 N. Warren Street, West hazleton, PA 18202, Contract #17049, Supply Bituminous Materials.
- Barletta Materials & Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 550, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Contract #17055, supply Bituminous Materials.
- American Asphalt Paving Company, 500 Chase Road, Shavertown, PA 18708, Contract #17070, Supply Bituminous Materials.

- Contract prices will remain the same.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION – ADRIAN MEROLLI, DIRECTOR

MOTION

Request a Motion to approve the Surveying Consultant Agreement between the County of Luzerne and JTB Surveying and Engineering for 2010 to provide surveying services for the County’s Agricultural Land Preservation Program. The cost will be limited to a maximum of \$ 7,000 per survey for a maximum of 3 surveys a year. The total cost of this Agreement will be reimbursed by the State and therefore have no budgetary effect upon the County.

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

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT –FRANK PUGLIESE, JR., DIRECTOR

MOTION

REQUEST A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS:

COURT HOUSE:

Copy Paper
Laser Paper

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Medical Supplies

Janitorial Services/Senior Centers

Senior Center Administration Software Reporting Systems for sixteen Senior Centers

8 – Salad Bar with components for the Freeland Center

2- Commercial large door refrigerators

11 – Standard 2 door refrigerators

11 – Heated mobile units

16 – Coolers with glass doors

11 – 3-shelf stainless steel serving carts

1,000 – Metal l serving trays

CT ADAMS SENIOR CENTER:

28 – Chairs and 7 – table tops with bases

Hazleton, Pa 18201

Unsuccessful bidder:

GBM

Total bid: \$9,470.00

10-COMPAQ 610 Notebook PC or comparable:

GBM

Total bid: \$12,880.00

163 Church Street
Kingston, Pa 18704

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

2010/2011 Visitors Guides:

KK Media

Total bid: \$31,249.00

25 Evergreen Lake Drive
Mountain Top, Pa 18707

Unsuccessful bidder:

Post Printing

Total bid: \$46,517.00

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

MOTION

ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Request a Motion to reject all bids for the Turf Maintenance at the Forty Fort Complex due to bidders not complying with the bid specifications.

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

MOTION

Request a Motion for permission to re-advertise for the Turf Maintenance for the Forty Fort Complex.

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

MOTION

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Request a Motion to award GBM the contract for the yearly maintenance agreement for the Canon/Fax.
Contract price: \$297.00.
Contract period: 02-10-2010 to 02-09-2011.

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

MOTION

IT DEPARTMENT (MAILROOM):

Request a Motion to award Business Office Systems the contract for the yearly maintenance agreement for the Savin 2513 CPR.. Drum unit not covered.

Contract price: \$245.00.

Contract period: 3-14-2010 TO 3-11-2011.

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

MOTION

Request a Motion to renew annual manufacturer’s maintenance agreement for Hewlett-Packard (hp) Proliant Servers and Storage Array in the amount of \$13,481.16 (Hp Reference Numbers 43030829 and 43135468). HP is the manufacturer and sole source for Manufacturer’s Support Services.

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

MOTION

COURT ADMINISTRATION:

Request a Motion to award Unified Office Equipment the contract for the yearly the contract for the yearly lease/rental agreement for the photo copiers. Contract price \$999.00 plus quarterly plus quarterly billing for copies, approximately \$600.00.

Contract period: 3-9-2010 TO 4-9-2011

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

MOTION

Request a Motion to award Business Office Systems the contract for the yearly maintenance agreement for the Savin copier.

Contract price: \$583.00

Contract period: 12-30-2009 TO 12-29-2010

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

MOTION

MH/MR:

Request a Motion to award Unified Office Equipment the contract for the yearly copier lease.

Contract price: \$2,028.00

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

MOTION

E.M.A. DEPARTMENT:

Request a Motion to award Mechanical Service the maintenance contract for the Emergency generating equipment..

Contract price: \$530.00

Contract period: 4-1-2010 TO 3-31-2011

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

MOTION

DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

Request a Motion to award Topp Copy the contract for the photo copier maintenance.

Contract price: \$1,919.53

Contract period: 3-17-2010 TO 3-17-2011

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

MOTION

Request a Motion to award Guyette Communications the contract for the telephone system maintenance agreement.

Contract price: 3,895.00

Contract period: 11-1-2009 TO 10-31-2010

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

MOTION

DOMESTIC RELATIONS:

Request a Motion to award Business Office Systems the contract for the yearly maintenance agreement for three Sanyo Transcribers

Contract price: \$225.00

Contract period: 4-1-2010 to 3-31-2011

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

MOTION

JUDGE PATRICK TOOLE:

Request a Motion to award Business Office Systems the contract for the yearly maintenance agreement for the Philips 720 transcriber.

Contract price: \$79.00

Contract period: 4-5-2010 to 4-4-2011

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

MOTION

PROBATION SERVICES:

Request a Motion to award Pa. Chief's of Police Association the contract for the maintenance for the camera used for ID photos.

Contract price: \$4,000.00.

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

MOTION

BUREAU OF AGING:

Request a Motion to award Topp Copy the contract for the maintenance of Photo Copier.

Contract price: \$3,257.26

Contract period: 3-7-2010 to 4-7-2011

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

MOTION

GIS/MAPPING DEPARTMENT:

Request a Motion to award Keystone Precision Instruments the maintenance contract for the Pathfinder Office software and the Terra Sync Professional software.

Total bid \$530.00

Contract period – 5-1-2010 to 5-1-2011

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

AREA AGENCY ON AGING:

Request a Motion for permission to advertise for the construction of an expansion at the Rose Tucker Senior Center at Mercy.

Must be completed by 12-31-2010

\$104,833.00 grant money.

Commissioner Urban

Joe did you look at these specs?

Commissioner Cooney

Were the specs done?

Joe Gibbons, County Engineer

Yes.

Commissioner Urban

Who wrote them up?

Mary Beth Farrell, Area Agency on Aging

Inaudible

Commissioner Urban

I'd like Joe to look at them before they go out.

Commissioner Petrilla

This motion is only for permission to advertise. Let's vote on this to keep the ball rolling.

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

LCWIDA – STEPHEN CLABIA

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>APPROX. COST</u>
Luzerne County Community College	Transition Planning For Youth Aging Out Of Foster Care	4-19-2010 – 6-30-2011	\$54,135.00
Luzerne County Intermediate Unit 18	Youth Remedial Program	5-1-2010 – 10-30-2010	\$35,000
Hazleton Area School District	Tutoring Program	4-19-2010 –6-30-2010	\$4,000.00

MOTION

Request a Motion to Amend the contract for Hazleton Area School District “Community Classroom” – 07/01/2009 – 06/30/2010 from the amount of \$14,575.00 to \$17,075.00. An increase of \$2,500.00 The increase is a result of rising power utility costs.

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** on the motion for LCCC and Luzerne County Intermediate Unit 18 stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Community College, Luzern County through its Road & Bridge department, and Luzerne County Housing Authority, and the Luzerne County Intermediate Unite 18.

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

END OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

PERSONNEL

APRIL 14, 2010

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION PLANS EFFECTIVE APRIL 14, 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

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

The Appointment of Andrew Jackloski, Edwardsville as a Social Service Aide 1's at an annual salary of \$20,186 effective April 16, 2010.

The Appointment of the following Caseworker 2's at an annual salary of \$31,295:

Donna Brislin, Wilkes-Barre effective April 16, 2010.
Charles Vaccaro, Dupont effective April 16, 2010.
Angela Ceccoli, Wilkes-Barre effective April 16, 2010.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE:

Andrew Check, Trucksville, Human Resources Director at an annual salary of \$55,000 effective April 15, 2010.

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

James McFarland, Harding, Executive Director/911 at an annual salary of \$54,637.35 effective April 15, 2010

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAY ADJUSTMENTS AT:

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A \$1,000 Certification Pay Adjustment for the following Caseworker 2's:

Dana Martin, at an annual salary of \$31,956, effective April 4, 2008.
Lisa Ross, at an annual salary of \$32,370, effective May 1, 2009.
Danica Fosko, at an annual salary of \$31,869 effective, November 13, 2009.

TRANSPORTATION:

Richard Manta, Part Time Driver, at an hourly rate of \$8.75, effective March 28, 2010.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:

Benjamin Verbinski, Diesel Mechanic, at an annual salary of \$34,550, effective April 26, 2010.

Michael Joseph Michno, Mechanic at an annual salary of \$24,500, effective April 26, 2010.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS AT:

VETERAN AFFAIRS:

A Correction to the effective date of the Promotion of Sharon Roke, Clerk II to February 19, 2010

A Correction to the effective date of the Promotion of Cyndi Giuli, Bookkeeper to February 19, 2010

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE AT:

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

A Change in the Family Medical Leave of Absence Effective Date for Eric Sepela, Distributed Systems Specialist 2, effective March 1, 2010 through March 16, 2010.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS AT:

AGING:

Kelly McCrudden, Aging Care Manager 2, effective March 26, 2010.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Tanya Jolley, Caseworker 2, effective April 8, 2010.

David Rothenbecker, Legal Assistant 1, effective March 31, 2010.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY AT:

AGING:

Joseph Urban, Information Technology Technician, effective, March 26, 2010.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

A Three Day Suspension for Eric Sepela, Distributed Systems Specialist 2, effective February 24 through 26, 2010.

LUZERNE COUNTY 911:

A Three Day Suspension for Melchiorre Morreale, Telecommunicator, effective April 9, April 23 and May 11, 2010

A Ten Day Suspension for Holly Long, Telecommunicator, effective February 24, 27, and 28th, 2010 and March 3,4,5,6,7,10,11, 2010.

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

REQUEST A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TERMINATION AT:

AGING:

Joseph Urban, Information Technology Technician, effective April 14, 2010.

TRANSPORTATION:

George Reott, Part Time Driver, effective, April 1, 2010.

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

REQUEST A MOTON TO REMOVE FROM THE PERSONNEL ROSTER, DUE TO DEATH AT:

HUMAN SERVICES:

Donna Barnes, Paralegal, effective April 8, 2010.

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

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

AGING:

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Christine Corbett, Aging Care Manager 2, effective April 5, 2010.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Nancy O’Kane, Casework Supervisor effective April 13, 2010.

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION:

An Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Holly Hess, Caseworker 2, effective March 25, 2010.

TRANSPORTATION:

A Leave of Absence Without Pay for Stacey Singer, Scheduler, effective May 3 through May 7, 2010.

SECURITY:

A Leave of Absence Without Pay for Marlene Prebish, Security Guard, effective March 15, 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:

BOARD OFASSESSMENT APPEALS:

<u>ATTENDEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>APPROX. COST</u>
14 Certified Property Evaluators	USPAP Class	Jessup, PA	04-09-2010	\$1,960.00

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

Commissioner Petrilla

I'd like to introduce our new 9-1-1 Director, Jim McFarland. Jim comes with an impressive background with 31 years of experience.

Andy Check was also hired as our Human Resources Director. Unfortunately, he couldn't be here today but he comes with 32 years experience in Human Resources as well as a Master of Business in Human Resources. His credentials are impeccable. We are very anxious to start working with him as we go in a new direction with our Human Resources Department.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

REQUEST A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT/ APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION AND BOARDS:

LUZERNE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Reappoint Louis F. Goeringer, Wilkes Barre. Five Year Term from 08/19/2009 through 12/31/2013.

Appoint Lucille Maziarz, Duryea to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Bonner. Term to expire 12/31/2013.

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

LUZERNE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Reappoint Al Cibello, Wilkes Barre. Five Year Term from 01/01/2010 through 12/31/2014.

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

LUZERNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Reappoint Robert Palermo, Sugarloaf. Five Year Term from 09/01/2009 to 09/01/2014.

Jay Ward to fill the term held by Joseph Masi. Five Year Term from present through 08/18/2014.

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

LUZERNE COUNTY TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

Reappoint Donna Palermo, Hazleton. Five Year Term to Expire 12/31/2014.

Reappoint Bob Borwick, Kingston, Five Year Term to Expire 12/31/2014.

Reappoint Ted Patton, Wilkes Barre, Five Year Term to Expire 12/31/2014.

Appoint John Maday, Wilkes Barre, Five Year Term to Expire 12/31/2014.

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

LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Reappoint Paul A. Halsey, Hanover Township, Six Year Term to Expire 12/31/2015.

Appoint George Hayden, Hazleton, to fill the unexpired term of J. Toure McCluskey, term to expire 12/31/2013.

Appoint Barry H. Williams, Esquire, Kingston, to fill the unexpired term of Gregory Skrepenak, term to expire 09/01/2011.

Appoint Mary Dana Hinton, Ph.D. to fill term held by Tom Pizano, term to expire 8/01/2015.

Commissioner Cooney **Abstained** on the LCCC Board appointments stating a family member and/or I are associated with A+E Group, Inc. (A+E). A+E has agreements to perform design services with Luzerne County Community College, Luzern County through its Road & Bridge department, and Luzerne County Housing Authority, and the Luzerne County Intermediate Unite 18.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-NON AGENDA

JANINE DYMOND, EXETER TWP.

Janine Dymond

I have a petition with over 500 signatures requesting that gas drilling be kept out. Moon Lake Park is one of the few resources we have in our county to go to. I'm not going to revisit the issues of the Sierra Club but the park had been purchased under the auspice of it being used as a recreational element for our county. Mr. Cooney spoke to us about what we are leaving our grandchildren. I don't think this is one of those things we need to destroy. This is something we need to leave our grandchildren intact. I would hope at this point in time everyone would be knowledgeable about the process. (Inaudible) Putting it into a park like Moon Lake is beyond my imagination for any reason. And for the revenue it would generate, nothing could match the gifts the park has given to us. It has been suggested to use it for water use. For those of you who don't know that means the water would be taken and is never replaced. It's taken and lost. Any kind of water removal from the lake at Moon Lake would cause an imbalance in the wildlife in the park and around it. The trucks which would carry this water are huge in perspective to what the roads are built for. One truck is equivalent to 40 passenger cars on the road. With that thought it takes approximately 88 trucks to do 1 drilling cap, and that can be underestimated. One drilling pad requires 4 million gallons of water. Most pads have 4-6 wells on them. I can't imagine why you would tear apart Moon Lake to get water that won't be replaced to service only 1 pad. I also know these trucks would destroy the landscape. The tax dollars would then come from the taxpayers to repair the roads and restore the park. This park is no place for any kind of industry, or any form of gas drilling. I have over 500 signatures from taxpayers that do not want to see this done. It's becoming almost a ridiculous subject with all the things looming in our county.

Commissioner Urban

Is the Sierra's Club's position they are opposed to gas drilling all over the place?

Janine Dymond

I am not speaking for the Sierra Club right now. I am with the Sierra Club supporting them in their argument which states Moon Lake Park was purchased under the auspice that it is for recreational purposes only.

Commissioner Urban

I spoke with Frank Muraca on the phone and I have found they are arrogant. The only thing he says is "I'm going to sue you". He won't listen to reason.

Janine Dymond

I am not here to speak for Frank Muraca I am here to speak for the people who signed the petition and the 4,000 fans of Moon Lake on face book, and myself. This is a park. How do we replace a lake? I am well versed on the dynamics of drilling and water usage.

Commissioner Urban

You are making the assumption things are going to be hurt. We can make the assumption nothing will happen.

Janine Dymond

The roads are going to be damaged. These trucks cannot travel those roads without hurting them. It's a fact of physics.

I also want to comment on the time clocks. I have a small business, if I had to invest money in making sure my employees were at work I would either A. find a new business or find new employees. I understand; however I question if this is a solution to the problem. My other comment is on the time usage which is amazing to me that someone can take their sick/personal time and put it on to their weekly paycheck and get time in a half for it.

Commissioner Petrilla

That has not happened.

Janine Dymond

I'm sorry, I misunderstood then.

Controller Griffith

It is happening.

Commissioner Petrilla

No. They may have been sick on Monday and 8 hours of their sick time was deducted. They then come in on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Maybe on Thursday or Friday something comes up and they had to work overtime. So they were charged 8 hours for their sick time on Monday.

Janine Dymond

So they weren't adding this on to their weekly check?

Commissioner Petrilla

No.

Janine Dymond

That was how I was interpreting it.

Controller Griffith

I will produce those records to see if that actually happens.

Janine Dymond

I don't want to get into this I'm just commenting on..... I can't keep Moon Lake open but this kind of abuse can occur.

Will Toole

Mr. Urban thank you for the motion to table the vote on the time clocks in order to reevaluate the entire process. I'd like to comment quickly that I've said this before---I'd like to see the Controller named to the Arena Board to have a closer eye on what is happening with our taxpayer dollars.

Commissioner Petrilla

They are public meetings and he is free to go to them

WIL TOOLE, DUPONT

Wil Toole

I mean in a more official role...the taxpayers need more representation from the Commissioners at these meetings. With regard to Moon Lake, going back over a year now ---I can't understand why I can't get you to think out of the box a bit. I suggest you look for corporate sponsorships and have them attach their naming rights to Moon Lake. For example, "Wachovia Bank" or Mohegan Sun...for additional revenues to operate the place. And I'd like the Tourist Promotion Agency to do much more to promote Moon Lake for vacation and camping. Would also like to see a docking system where people could rent small boats at their own risk. That's it.

JOHN NEWMAN, DALLAS TWP.

John Newman

Thank you for your time. I have two issues: KOZ's and uncollected taxes. I want to thank Mr. Griffith for aggressiveness on land grants and the Commissioners for uncollected taxes. Uncollected taxes: I noticed Jennifer Learn Andes article of April 3, 2010 where she states we have collected \$5.5 Million in additional taxes from the uncollected taxes of 2009. It's in that range. I want to thank everyone from Mr. Pribula to the Commissioners to the staff for providing me with information that I have requested. My question is...we have collected \$5.5 or \$5.7 Million dollars. What are we doing about collecting the amount of \$650,000 from Wilkes Barre City and \$722,000 from Hazle Township.

Mr. Pribula

We are in a monetization plan in 2008-2009. As far as collection, the contract to outsource---we achieved 100% of our real estate tax credit. As far as collection, obviously on the Agenda is the contract to outsource Tax Collection which will pay off the Redevelopment Authority and we're hoping they will expedite collections. If you look at the past 3 years....(unclear)

Mr. Newman

Can you put a figure or what has not been collected for 2009?

Mr. Pribula

\$23M plus penalties---collection was close to 100%.

Mr. Newman

Are you doing any thing about Hazleton and Wilkes Barre City? That is a lot of \$\$\$ between those two places and Commissioner Cooney is worried about his Grandchildren...they are already underwater. I am worried about my Great Grandchildren.

Commissioner Petrilla

Staff is not here to answer that question.

Mr. Newman

The Citizens Voice of March 25 sites on the Sterling Hotel. Also talks about 21 family residences being built above the Movies 14 facility for \$119 to \$259,000. There are 21 families who are going to be living in units and not paying taxes for 10 years. How do you get that deal? Can anyone answer that question?

Commissioner Urban

You have to go to the city.

Mr. Newman

Aren't you the one to collect taxes from people in this county? We are going to loose a whole lot of money. And if we do something about it, Mr. Cooney, maybe we can keep our Grandchildren above water. Can I get some sort of commitment that this will be looked at?

Commissioner Petrilla

Absolutely.

Commissioner Cooney

I'm not a defender of KOZ's, but KOZ's have done a lot of good bringing business in...they generate new construction and jobs where there was blight.

Mr. Newman

I agree with you that they are good if they are used the way they were designed to be used to bring employment to an area.

Commissioner Urban

I voted selectively on these projects. John...where is the Mayor, school district---you ought to go to the Wilkes Barre City Council Meeting because they are the ones who approved the KOZ. Taxes have been raised in Wilkes Barre from 2.8% to a 3% wage tax. And that's what you get with Home rule---a big wage tax.

ED WARKEVICZ, LEHMAN TWP.

Ed Warkevicz

I originally came here for the insurance in the county. Who recommended the risk manager DGK?

Commissioner Petrilla

We put out an RFP.

Ed Warkevicz

Are you aware he sells insurance and represents companies that bid on the county?

Commissioner Petrilla

I'd have to look at the proposal. He doesn't sell us insurance.

Ed Warkevicz

But he does. He sells it and he is an insurance agent. He sells insurance and represents companies that bid on this insurance for the county. He also recommended an A company over an A+ company. I know earlier you stated it's not always price but this guy recommended an A company over an A+ company.

Doug Pape

We put all of our insurance policies out for RFP. DGK evaluates the responses based on who submits a request for proposal. I can tell you they saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars in insurance since we brought them on. We moved from B rated carriers to A rated carriers, which we requested.

Ed Warkevicz

I need to sit down with you one of these days.

Doug Pape

I've invited you to do that sir.

Commissioner Petrilla

We will set up a meeting.

Commissioner Urban

When will this be put out for bid again?

Doug Pape

The risk management will be the end of this year.

Vito DeLuca, County Solicitor

The risk manager is not permitted in any way, shape, or form to bid on any county insurance business. They are completely precluded from being involved in making any other dollars from the county. We made sure when we did the RFP for the risk manager. The proof is the hundreds of thousands of dollars we saved. We have no idea how these insurance carriers were making money off of us and now we know.

Commissioner Petrilla

Please come in and we would be happy to set up a meeting.

Commissioner Urban

We need to look at an actuary for some of these insurances like the stop loss.

Commissioner Petrilla

Gentlemen....Ed Chesnovitch...please keep your comment under 10 minutes...

EDWARD CHESNOVITCH

Edward Chesnovitch

I see that you passed a motion to withdraw water from Moon Lake. How much money are you going to make from destroying this area?

Commissioner Petrilla

People are under the misconception that we are going to drain the lake. That is just not the case.

Ed Chesnovitch

How many millions of gallons are going to be taken out of that place?

Commissioner Petrilla:

Joe could quickly explain it to you after the meeting.

Ed Chesnovitch

Give me a ballpark number? What are we talking about here?

Joe Gibbons

Yes, we will have to come up with a complete process, but we have a structure in place that will help with the elevation of the lake. If the Susquehanna River Commission allows us to take water from the lake, that's the water that will be sold. If any other company wants to purchase water from the county, they will not be able to when the water drops below that level.

Ed Chesnovitch

I follow you on that---I wonder if the fish know where the wire plate is because it's just stocked.

Commissioner Urban

All the fish next Saturday will be in someone's frying pan.

Ed Chesnovitch

Thanks for tabling the motion on the time clocks. I believe it is important to investigate further and let everyone be on the same playing field. I have something else here and this pertains to you Mary Anne. Where are we going with the \$12,500 for mailing when I know and hold you responsible for paying for this?

Commissioner Petrilla

I made a mistake. But Mr. Chesnovitch I will make a deal with you....How many millions has this administration cut out of the budget?

Tom Pribula

\$23 Million---this administration has been cut out of the budget---

Commissioner Petrilla

We ended a \$58 million lease that was a travesty and cut \$23 out of the budget---Let's do a balance sheet me and you to see exactly how much money this administration has saved the county verses that \$12,000 mistake, and I am proud that the taxpayers have seen a multi-million savings. How's that deal, Mr. Chesnovitch? I am offering you a deal. I am proud that we have saved the taxpayers money.

Commissioner Cooney

You are being totally unfair----people make mistakes and then they go on....

Ed Chesnovitch

Walter, isn't there something that can be done about it?

Walter Griffith

Probably not, unless there is malice. She did not do it intentionally----it was an honest mistake.

Ed Chesnovitch

I found something in the PA Legislative Handbook that said the Controller can act on something, whether it was intentional or not for a surcharge. I would be happy for you to take a look at it.

Commissioners

Thank you.

MICHELE BOICE, HARVEYS LAKE

Michele Boice

I came to last months meeting to ask some questions about the contract with Apple Cart, the company that was paid \$65,000 to make a 15/20 minute video of the River Commons. I saw in the newspaper this morning on the front page, we still don't have the video. Not only that, this man we paid \$65,000 is demanding a final

payment of several thousands of dollars or he is ceasing production. From what my research shows me, we actually started paying this company before the contract was signed. I have serious questions about that. I also have serious questions about breaches in the contract. I believe our solicitor can pursue this company for breach of contract.

Commissioner Petrilla

Because this is certainly potential litigation Mrs. Boice, it would not be advisable for us to comment. We are seriously considering litigation over this issue.

Commissioner Urban

This issue is not for the Board of Commissioners. This issue is for the Flood Protection Authority, which met yesterday. This was a contract awarded by the Flood Protection Authority to document the building of the system out here.

Michele Boice

Excuse me one minute. It's hard to read who signed the contract. I can't read the writing. This is taxpayer money, is it not?

Commissioner Urban

It came from the Flood Protection Authority.

Michele Boice

It's our money.

Commissioner Urban

It's taxpayer money. The solicitor for the Flood Protection Authority will pursue this matter.

Commissioner Petrilla

Because this may go to litigation we would be reckless if we spoke about it today.

Commissioner Urban

There is a script and final product that is owed to the county and there are payments that have not been paid. He asked for them and we said no. There is a letter being written by the solicitor and litigation is starting.

Michele Boice

Then I won't ask any further questions about it. I hope we will be kept abreast of what is going on. Every time I come here to ask about a contract like the one with a New York City firm that no one can confirm exists. We paid \$800,000 and we don't even know what we paid for. The \$970,000 for the Little Red Wagon contract; everything is always in litigation and you can't get answers. You've got to understand the frustration of the taxpayers, who have undergone reassessment and then a 15% increase in taxes. Then we constantly hear of these items and when we come here to question it you either can't get an answer because nobody knows what the answer is or you can't get an answer because it is in litigation. I would like to know that we are pursuing these other contracts as well.

Commissioner Petrilla

We totally respect your concerns on these things and that's why they are in litigation, because we agree with it.

Commissioner Urban

Not only are they in litigation, the \$800,000 contract you are talking about was money that was paid to individuals who worked for the county. \$400,000 of those people worked part time for the county. The other \$400,000 was people who worked using federal dollars to clean up flood debris. That contract is under investigation by the FBI and an individual has been charged. So I think there is action on the contracts.

Michele Boice

I just wonder if we are doing anything at the county level to pursue our money that has been taken out of here. When you say \$400,000 was for county employees, yes and we don't even know who they were because everyone had a number not a name in the contract. I think we are being kept too much in the dark. I understand when there is litigation; you have to limit what information you can put out there. I'm begging you all to take action and get some of our money back.

This ridiculous thing with the over time pay, \$600,000 was paid out in overtime and it's only April. \$2 million was paid out last year. At this rate we are going to be about a half of million over that this year if we don't get a grip on it. If everyone was as conscientious and dedicated as Walter Griffith, every elected official in the county and manager, we wouldn't need to spend all that money on time clocks. In the small amount of time Walter has been in office, the things he has been able to expose, the overspending he's been able to stop is amazing. Why can't we all do that and why hasn't it been done? I'm just disgusted and there's not enough time here to delve into everything else. I hope we will start paying attention and go after some of this money that belongs to the people of this county.

Commissioner Urban

One of the biggest overtime in the county was at the prison last year.

Warden Piazza

My overtime budget was about \$600,000 last year through the contract. I have certain minimums I have to maintain. When people call off I have to use time in a half. I've been cracking down on that. I have called people in and I've fired people for abusing their sick leave. We were able to get some new language after the current arbitration came out. I watch it everyday.

Michele Boice

I appreciate that.

Commissioner Urban

One of the things with these contract negotiations with the unions was we didn't want minimum man. This was put into the contract many years ago which stated we needed correction officers per shift based upon inmate population. We didn't believe in that but the arbitrator wouldn't address it so we're stuck with it. We're stuck with bad decisions somebody made twenty years ago. We are trying to rectify them. He's been trying to cut back on the overtime up there. I don't like when people come in here and just say to us we're not doing anything. We are doing things by hiring good people and taking aggressive action. He's taking aggressive action and he's getting grievances filed for doing it by the union.

Michele Boice

Mr. Urban, I appreciate that but you are the senior most commissioner. You have been here the longest.

Commissioner Urban

That's right.

Michele Boice

Inaudible

Commissioner Urban

I had nothing to do with the union contract. I didn't vote for these contracts in the past. Go back four years ago when that union contract was approved and you'll find one name that was not on it, and that's mine. I'm not going to approve contracts that are going to cost the taxpayers money. Go back and check my record.

Michele Boice

I have checked your record. How do you explain all of the things Walter Griffith was able to expose? You sat here and never exposed it. Maryanne he is raising his voice to me and wanting an argument. He'll get one.

Commissioner Petrilla

I'm gaveling both of you.

Commissioner Urban

Who was the lead agent on the bogus detention center contract? Who fought that? Who voted against it?

Michele Boice

As soon as Steve Flood was gone you shut up and never said anything. Neither did the incoming people.

Commissioner Petrilla

Is there anything else Mrs. Boice?

Michele Boice

Mr. Cooney I resent the fact that at the meeting you raised taxes by 15%, after all the people spoke you answered no one. After the floor was closed you gave us a lecture that this county was broke and it's up to everyone, including the taxpayers, to do their fair share. It is up to you people to come up with some answers and accountability and do some things around here. It's your turn, not ours. We've paid enough. All of you get your hands out of our pockets.

I'd like to see some of you attend some of the meetings about the gas drilling. I've been going to them and I don't see you there. You want to negotiate to lease our land at Moon Lake but you are not at the informational meetings to learn about the effects of gas drilling. You should be on the bandwagon to make sure the state puts legislation on the books for regulation of the gas industry before you pursue selling our park.

Commissioner Urban

We've been to a number of meetings Mrs. Boice.

CONSTANCE HARTMEN, HANOVER TWP.

Constance Hartman

The video in the paper today, we have a community college that has students, why would we put a contract out that costs \$75,000 when we can get it for free?

Maryanne I'm sorry if we bore you when we come here. They should do a video of your reactions.

Commissioner Petrilla

I have treated everyone with the utmost respect.

Constance Hartman

Well I don't think so. What does she look like during the meeting? It's sad. The country, state, county and municipalities are in sad shape. What happened to the world I grew up in? We put in a contractor a couple of weeks ago for on call at \$590/week. My husband was assistant plant manager at Air Products. He was on call and we didn't get any money. How many thousands of dollars is thrown out of the window?

Mr. Cooney today you were a little livelier. That made me happy. I like people to contribute something and do their job. We cannot keep giving the taxpayers the business. People cannot afford it.

What is the status of Breaker Bridge? Its two years now and it's still closed.

Commissioner Petrilla

Our county engineer would be happy to meet with you after the meeting to discuss it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Thomas, Recording Secretary

