

**From:** ekelleher@gmail.com on behalf of Eugene Kelleher  
<ekelleher@kelleher4countycouncil.info>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2017 9:32 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Manager evaluation

Staff Effectiveness-----5  
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Service Delivery Management-----5  
Democratic Resposiveness-----5  
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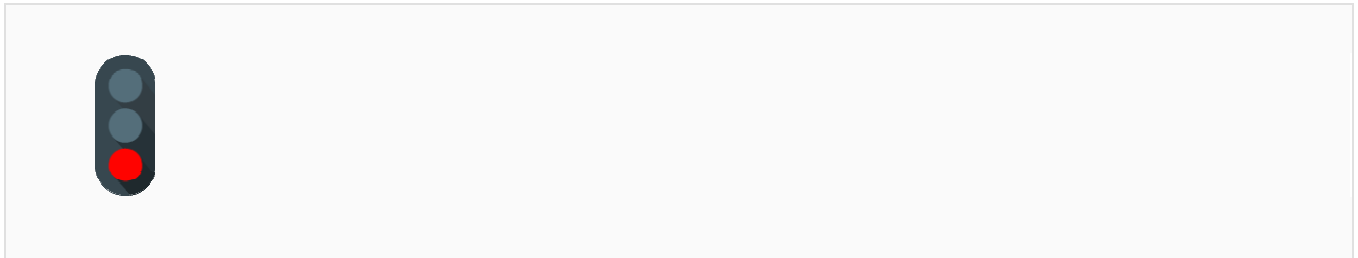


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11:26 PM (10 hours ago)



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**Cc:** Swetz, Brian  
**Subject:** FW: audit

fyi

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**From:** Parsnik, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2017 8:36 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** FW: audit

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**From:** DiMauro, Mauro  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:48 PM  
**To:** Parsnik, David  
**Subject:** RE: audit

Dave,

Rick's ability to complete the audit reports was delayed until April 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 2 parts to the Retirement Server issue that together endured for 4-1/2 months. The first issue was the server crash which was recovered on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The second issue was the failure to import payroll data subsequent to the restoration. This issue proved time-consuming as the recovery involved upgrading to current versions of the Operating system, SQL database server and web server and a number of incompatibilities had to be addressed. The timeframe from 11/18/16 through 12/15/16 was on SEA for never completing the recovery SOW. The timeframe from 1/18/17 through 3/7/17 coincided with the upgrade of the Magistrates' Internet connections for VoIP, resulting in some lag time in coordinating and performing secure file transfers between Rick and Tech42 on the part of the IT Department. However, most of the elapsed time could not be avoided as this was a complex procedure to fully recover a server that had not been upgraded or maintained for about a decade.

Below is the timeline on the Retirement Server recovery effort based on our helpdesk ticket, e-mails and vendor invoices.

Mauro DiMauro  
IT Director

10/28/16 – IT Departments begins research on virtualizing Retirement Server  
11/1/16 – Begin discussing SOW with original program vendor, SEA.

11/14/16 – Retirement Server crashes.  
11/14/16 – located and ordered replacement drive controller hardware.  
11/18/16 – Replacement hardware installed – Hard Drives determined to be corrupt.  
11/18/16 – Unable to restore tape backup in-house without compatible hardware.  
11/18/16 – Setup Virtual Server for rebuild. Contacted SEA to rebuild and restore.  
12/15/16 – Still waiting on quote/contract from SEA. Contacted Tech42 and received immediate response.  
12/18/16 – Tech42 restored tape backup to flash drive.  
12/19/16 – Tech42 began working on Virtual Server rebuild and restore.  
12/22/16 – Tech42 completed server rebuild and restore. Rick confirms data is accurate.

1/5/17 – Rick is unable to load Payroll data.

1/18/17 – Requested and received additional error output from Rick  
1/18/17 – Upload issue referred to Tech42.  
2/28/17 – Received 8 sample files from Rick.  
3/7/17 – Forwarded 8 sample files to Tech42 for testing.  
3/9/17 – Tech42 resolves issue – Referred to Rick for testing.  
3/14/17 – Tech42 confirms no issues with program reading sample import files.  
3/22/17- Tech42 determined upload error involved “dirty” data in one or more import files – likely permitted by the original older version of SQL.  
3/23/17 – Tech42 corrected handler for “dirty” data and cleaned up other data import issues.  
3/24/17 – Tech42 applied fixes to live Retirement server.  
3/24/17 – Rick identified additional data errors.  
3/31/17 – Tech42 applied additional fixes to Live Retirement server and performed import with Rick  
3/31/17 – Identified final error as a missing Department from the import file. Rick requested a new file.  
4/6/17 – Payroll import files processed successfully.  
4/7/17 – Rick confirms successful file import/upload, but receives error with Audit Reporting function.  
4/7/17 – Tech42 resolves Audit Reporting error.

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**From:** Parsnik, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** DiMauro, Mauro <[Mauro.DiMauro@LuzerneCounty.org](mailto:Mauro.DiMauro@LuzerneCounty.org)>  
**Cc:** Kinsman, James <[James.Kinsman@luzernecounty.org](mailto:James.Kinsman@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: audit

When was this resolved and I know it was not April. Please give me the timeline.  
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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Parsnik, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: audit

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hummer, Rick" <[Rick.Hummer@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Rick.Hummer@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Date:** May 31, 2017 at 2:14:19 PM EDT  
**To:** "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Cc:** "Kelleher, Eugene" <[Eugene.Kelleher@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Eugene.Kelleher@luzernecounty.org)>, "Swetz, Brian" <[Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org)>, "Pedri, David" <[David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org](mailto:David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org)>, "Evanchick, John ([John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org](mailto:John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org))" <[John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org](mailto:John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: audit

Linda, one of the major reasons for the Audit being delayed is that our Retirement Module was down from October to April. I notified the board of that and also contacted our IT System to get it up and running. I may still have all the emails that I sent to them to see why it was taking so long, plus numerous phone calls. Once the Retirement Module was back up and running, the next day we had the information pertaining to the Retirement System to our Actuary. Then we gave all the information to the Auditors and they were here last week on Thursday and Friday. From my understanding they are almost complete.

Aaron Kalis is the individual working on our Audit from MaherDuessel. Below is his information.

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Harrisburg, PA 17110

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www.md-cpas.com

Thanks,

*Rickey Hummer*

Pension Coordinator  
Ph: (570) 825-1628  
Fax: (570) 820-6362

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:26 PM  
**To:** Hummer, Rick  
**Cc:** Kelleher, Eugene; Swetz, Brian; Pedri, David; Evanchick, John ([John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org](mailto:John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org))  
**Subject:** audit

Rick,

The Council Budget & Audit Committee met with the CLA auditors yesterday regarding the County audit and we were informed that the Pension audit is not completed, and, moreover, that there are significant questions regarding it that may impact the County audit.

As we discussed at the last Retirement Board meeting, the Pension Fund auditors need to report to the Board, and I will be contacting them directly to discuss the reasons for the delay in completing the Pension Fund 2016 audit.

At your earliest convenience, please provide me with contact information for the auditing firm and, in particular, for the person who is managing the 2016 Pension Fund audit. Please also provide a copy of the signed agreement for these auditing services, covering the year 2016.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

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**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane <Jane.Waitkus@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Kelleher, Eugene; Williams, Rick; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Request for Real Estate Committee

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Thank you.

Best regards,

Jane

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:26 PM  
**To:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Cc:** Kelleher, Eugene; Williams, Rick; Lawrence, Sharon; O'Neill, Edmund; Plesh, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Real Estate Committee

Eddie or Larry,

Can you e-mail me this information?

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**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 7:16 AM  
**To:** Williams, Rick  
**Subject:** Declined: BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING

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**From:** Brominski, Edward  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Atty.

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane; Kelleher, Eugene; Williams, Rick  
**Cc:** O'Neill, Edmund  
**Subject:** Juvenile Center Abatement  
**Attachments:** 20170602135815100.pdf

Councilwoman Waitkus,

Attached please find the bids for the Juvenile Center abatement. Please note that Sargent was the low bidder and the County is currently finalizing the contract with them at this time – as such the other bidders' names are redacted so as not to violate any bidding processes until the final contract is signed.

This project is funded by the Capital Plan. The appraisal of \$133,000 is contingent upon this work being completed. Due to the low bid of Sargent (under half of what was originally budgeted) and the need for the work to be completed for the appraisal, County Management's position is that abatement by the low bidder is the best course of action at this time.

Thank you

DAve

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**From:** Thomas, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 1:48 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Scan

Jennifer Thomas  
Executive Assistant to C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager  
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200 N River St.  
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**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 5:37 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Kelleher, Eugene; Williams, Rick; O'Neill, Edmund  
**Subject:** Re: Juvenile Center Abatement

Thank you for the information.

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 03, 2017 6:45 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Brominski, Edward  
**Subject:** Re: Atty.

Mr. Pedri,

Please see Mr. Brominski's request in the email below and provide the information at your earliest convenience.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

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**Sent:** Saturday, June 03, 2017 6:53 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon; Pedri, David; Crocamo, Romilda; Crake, Shannon  
**Subject:** draft agendas for June 13  
**Attachments:** Luzerne County Council agendas draft 06-13-2017 - lmh.docx

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 03, 2017 6:54 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Fw: L/S Workforce Board Draft Budget for Program Year 2017  
**Attachments:** Luzerne.Schuylkill Workforce Board DRAFT Budget for Program Year 2017 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018).pdf

Mr. McGinley,

Would you like this added to the work session agenda for June 13?

Linda Houck

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**From:** Nancy Kelly <nancykelly@lswib.org> on behalf of Patti Lenahan <patricialenahan@lswib.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:03 AM  
**To:** George F. Halcovage Jr. - Schuylkill Commissioner, Chair; Frank Staudenmeier - Schuylkill Commissioner; Gary J. Hess - Schuylkill Commissioner (ghess@co.schuylkill.pa.us); Houck, Linda McClosky; McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Darlene Laughlin; wshlanta@co.schuylkill.pa.us; Lawrence, Sharon; Karen Kenderdine - Mid Penn Bank; Carmen Kahi; Lenahan, Patricia; Nancy Kelly; Steve Tredinnick  
**Subject:** L/S Workforce Board Draft Budget for Program Year 2017

*On Behalf of the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board:*

Dear Schuylkill County Commissioners Halcovage, Staudenmeier and Hess; Luzerne County Council Members McCloskey-Houck and McGinley,

Attached please find the DRAFT Luzerne/Schuylkill Board budget for Program Year (PY) 2016-2017. The draft budget will be put to vote at the 6/21/17 Quarterly Board meeting held at Mountain Valley Golf & Restaurant, Barnesville, PA. at 8:30 A.M. Email invitations will be sent prior to the meeting date.

The Board is requesting your approval of the budget as per regulations defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

In the event you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Patti*

Patti Lenahan, CWDP  
Executive Director  
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Linda

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**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 11:30 AM  
**To:** Johns, Michael; Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Swetz, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Audit Request Update

Mike,

Thank you so much for your continued hard work on this. I am now involved and will make sure each of the "yellow" items are to you by Friday, June 9.

Will be in touch,

Dave

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**From:** Johns, Michael [mailto:Michael.Johns@claconnect.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 10:29 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Swetz, Brian <Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org>; Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Audit Request Update

Good morning,

Attached is the most recent audit request listing. CLA had a team on site last week and was able to make good progress. We will update the request listing for our meeting this Friday.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the above.

Best regards,

Mike



**Michael F. Johns, CPA, Principal**  
Public Sector, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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**Subject:** Fwd: A luzerne citizen.

Dave-

Would you please help these people get info?

Thanks-

Linda

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Snlkjggteven Santiago <stevensantiago0311@gmail.com>  
Date: 6/5/17 11:38 AM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>  
Subject: Re: A luzerne citizen.

Hi Linda I'm sorry this will be the last thing I ask of you. Cause you have been so helpful and I appreciate that. I have just been getting the run around from NE revenue and I don't know why. I called them like you said and they told me hat they are waiting on the paperwork to be forwarded to them from the deeds department. I call the deeds department and they have no information on me getting any properties. Can you tell me who is the boss of that department. And not the lady manager that's in the department cause she is really rude. The one in charge cause I have no idea why i m getting the run around. All I want to do is pay my taxes on those properties and and never have to deal with that department again. Just need his name and email. Thank you. Cause I don't understand the process. Its going to be 1yr next month. I don't understand.

On Jun 2, 2017 4:53 PM, "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:  
It was approved. Please call NE Revenue on Monday for information.

Linda Houck

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From: Snlkjggteven Santiago <[stevensantiago0311@gmail.com](mailto:stevensantiago0311@gmail.com)>  
Date: 6/2/17 4:24 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)>  
Subject: Re: A luzerne citizen.

Hi,how are you? I hope you had a great memorial day. I was wondering how did the meeting go on voting on the repositories I bid on. I have not been called by the tax claim department. Thank you.

On May 12, 2017 5:46 PM, "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:

The vote on the sale was tabled to the next meeting on May 23 - council had asked for pictures and information on all of the properties on the sale list, and it wasn't provided until just before the meeting, with not enough time to review prior to the scheduled vote.

We will vote on this on May 23.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

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**From:** Snlkjggteven Santiago <[stevensantiago0311@gmail.com](mailto:stevensantiago0311@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:12 AM

**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky

**Subject:** Re: A luzerne citizen.

Hello Linda, just wondering how the approval meeting went on the repository bids I placed. I tax claim department and they said they have not heard if they were approved or not. Would you be able to let me know if any of them were approved. Or what's the next step. Thank you.

On Apr 20, 2017 4:46 PM, "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:  
Mr. Santiago,

Your bids will be discussed at the Council work session on Tuesday Apr 25 and voted on at the meeting on May 9.

Thanks for your patience and for contacting me.

Linda Houck

----- Original message -----

From: Snlkjggteven Santiago <[stevensantiago0311@gmail.com](mailto:stevensantiago0311@gmail.com)>

Date: 4/18/17 6:36 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)>

Subject: Re: A luzerne citizen.

Thank you so much. I been calling them since January of this year at least 2 times a month and they keep saying the something in the tax claim department that they have handed it over to the council and are waiting for your approval. Even my lawyer already got his repository property and he bid on it after me and got it a few months ago. I'm sorry for any inconvenience. Again thank you so much. I have attached the bid slips for the properties. Thank you. Also I have updated my phone number to [570-880-8261](tel:570-880-8261) rather than the one on file.

On Apr 18, 2017 5:58 PM, "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:  
Mr. Santiago,

Thanks for getting in touch. You have reached the correct person- I am the chair of the council that approves repository sales.

We usually approve these sales when they are brought to us, but to my knowledge your request has not been presented to us by the agency that handles these sales. I am copying the solicitor on this reply in order to look into the status of your request.

Someone will be in touch with you soon on this.

Thanks-

Linda Houck

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From: Snlkjggteven Santiago <[stevensantiago0311@gmail.com](mailto:stevensantiago0311@gmail.com)>

Date: 4/18/17 4:56 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)>

Subject: A luzerne citizen.

Hi my name is Steven Santiago I hope I have the right person. I'm writing this letter because I was told by the tax claim department that they are waiting on the approval by the luzerne county council on a repository tax sale in which I bid on in July 2016. Actually I bid on 6 repository listings from July to sept 2016. All I want to do is know if I can move forward with these homes to make them beautiful again and better my family. Can you let me know if I have the right person if not who can I speak to. The repositories are under my name or my wife's name which are Steven Santiago and katarzyna Santiago at 38 Farley lane Wilkes barre pa 18702. Thank you. My cell phone is [570-880-8261](tel:570-880-8261).

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**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Re: L/S Workforce Board Draft Budget for Program Year 2017

Ms. Houck,

That would be fine.

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 3, 2017 6:54:28 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Fw: L/S Workforce Board Draft Budget for Program Year 2017

Mr. McGinley,

Would you like this added to the work session agenda for June 13?

Linda Houck

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**From:** Nancy Kelly <nancykelly@lswib.org> on behalf of Patti Lenahan <patricialenahan@lswib.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:03 AM  
**To:** George F. Halcovage Jr. - Schuylkill Commissioner, Chair; Frank Staudenmeier - Schuylkill Commissioner; Gary J. Hess - Schuylkill Commissioner (ghess@co.schuylkill.pa.us); Houck, Linda McClosky; McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Darlene Laughlin; wshlanta@co.schuylkill.pa.us; Lawrence, Sharon; Karen Kenderdine - Mid Penn Bank; Carmen Kahi; Lenahan, Patricia; Nancy Kelly; Steve Tredinnick  
**Subject:** L/S Workforce Board Draft Budget for Program Year 2017

*On Behalf of the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board:*

Dear Schuylkill County Commissioners Halcovage, Staudenmeier and Hess; Luzerne County Council Members McCloskey-Houck and McGinley,

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The Board is requesting your approval of the budget as per regulations defined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

In the event you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Patti*

Patti Lenahan, CWDP  
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Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David; Swetz, Brian  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2017 Budget Questions  
**Attachments:** Budget Differences.pdf

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Date:** 6/6/17 1:54 PM (GMT-06:00)  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>, bwshiner@yahoo.com, jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** 2017 Budget Questions

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:19 PM  
**To:** Dorothy Zak; 'Donald Frederickson'; McGinley, Tim; Patrick O'Malley; Jerry Notarianni; Laureen Cummings; Williams, Rick  
**Cc:** Doreen Gilbride  
**Subject:** RE: Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport and L.R. Kimball [CSPGF-Active.FID424114]

I'm not available but my thoughts on this matter have been provided to Mr. McGinley.

Thank you

Dave

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**From:** Dorothy Zak [mailto:[ZakD@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:ZakD@lackawannacounty.org)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** 'Donald Frederickson' <[donald\\_frederickson@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_frederickson@yahoo.com)>; McGinley, Tim <[Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org)>; Patrick O'Malley <[OMalleyP@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:OMalleyP@lackawannacounty.org)>; Jerry Notarianni <[notariannij@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:notariannij@lackawannacounty.org)>; Laureen Cummings <[cummingsl@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:cummingsl@lackawannacounty.org)>; Williams, Rick <[Rick.Williams@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Rick.Williams@luzernecounty.org)>; Pedri, David <[David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org](mailto:David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Cc:** Doreen Gilbride <[gilbrided@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:gilbrided@lackawannacounty.org)>  
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Good Afternoon,

Please be advised the Executive meeting of **June 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the airport is changed to 11:15 AM-at the airport...**

**Please note the time change.**

Thanks,  
Dorothy

*Dorothy Zak  
Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Patrick M. O'Malley  
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**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** Tim McGinley <[tmcginley@luzernecounty.org](mailto:tmcginley@luzernecounty.org)>; Patrick O'Malley <[OMalleyP@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:OMalleyP@lackawannacounty.org)>; Jerry Notarianni <[notariannij@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:notariannij@lackawannacounty.org)>; Laureen Cummings <[cummingsl@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:cummingsl@lackawannacounty.org)>; Rick Williams <[williams@luzernecounty.org](mailto:williams@luzernecounty.org)>; C. David Pedri - Chief County Solicitor/Luzerne County <[david.pedri@luzernecounty.org](mailto:david.pedri@luzernecounty.org)>  
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All, attached is the letter we received from Kimball's counsel today offering \$350,000.00 contribution towards the Scartelli settlement.

Chairman McGinley has scheduled an Executive meeting for **Thursday June 8, 2017 at 10:00AM** at the airport to discuss this offer.

Thanks, Don.

***Donald J. Frederickson, Jr., Esquire***

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**From:** Williams, Rick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:05 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Re: transit consolidation committee representative

Linda,

I'm willing to serve.

Rick

On Jun 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM, Houck, Linda McClosky <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:

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Linda Houck

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**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:57 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Agenda item

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Thank you,

Harry

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From: Samantha Neely <[sneely@pacounties.org](mailto:sneely@pacounties.org)>  
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:42 AM  
Subject: 2017 CCAP Annual Conference News!  
To: Haas, Harry <[harry.haas@luzernecounty.org](mailto:harry.haas@luzernecounty.org)>



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**Tuesday's Erie Maritime Adventure**– On Tuesday afternoon, August 8 our tour will start with a lunch at the [Erie Maritime Museum](#). Participants will then be treated to a guided tour of the museum. All attendees will also enjoy a one hour excursion on a [Flagship Niagara League](#) boat for a chance to see what life on the "sea" was like! The tour cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation, admission to the museum, the excursion on a Flagship Niagara League boat and lunch. Space is limited so sign up early!

**Presque Isle Lighthouse and Park Tour**– Our second Tuesday afternoon tour will begin at the [Presque Isle State Park](#) with a lunch and short presentation on the park's programs and plans for the future. Attendees will then head over to the newly restored [Presque Isle Lighthouse](#) for a tour of the station house, a chance to climb to the top of the lighthouse and a walk on the grounds. The last stop will be the [Tom Ridge Environmental Center](#) which is dedicated to teaching visitors about the Presque Isle. The tour cost is \$30 per person and includes transportation, admission to the lighthouse and Tom Ridge Environmental Center, and lunch.

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**Annual Fun Run/Walk** - Our annual noncompetitive run/walk along the Erie bayfront will be departing Tuesday morning, August 8 at 6:30 a.m. from the Sheraton's lobby. Sign up at the CCAP registration desk on-site at the Conference.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Request for IT

Chair Houck,

I request the IT Dept. manager attend the next Council work session to explain why so many problems with our email system.

Will the log on problems continue or has the been addressed?

Thanks,

Gene

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**From:** Kelleher, Eugene  
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**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Re: transit consolidation committee representative

I am interested.  
Gene Kelleher

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**Tuesday's Erie Maritime Adventure**– On Tuesday afternoon, August 8 our tour will start with a lunch at the [Erie Maritime Museum](#). Participants will then be treated to a guided tour of the museum. All attendees will also enjoy a one hour excursion on a [Flagship Niagara League](#) boat for a chance to see what life on the "sea" was like! The tour cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation, admission to the museum, the excursion on a Flagship Niagara League boat and lunch. Space is limited so sign up early!

**Presque Isle Lighthouse and Park Tour**– Our second Tuesday afternoon tour will begin at the [Presque Isle State Park](#) with a lunch and short presentation on the park's programs and plans for the future. Attendees will then head over to the newly restored [Presque Isle Lighthouse](#) for a tour of the station house, a chance to climb to the top of the lighthouse and a walk on the grounds. The last stop will be the [Tom Ridge Environmental Center](#) which is dedicated to teaching visitors about the Presque Isle. The tour cost is \$30 per person and includes transportation, admission to the lighthouse and Tom Ridge Environmental Center, and lunch.

**Golf Tournament** (PDF) – Tuesday afternoon will feature the Annual Conference Golf Tournament at the [Whispering Woods Golf Club](#) offered compliments of [Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP Services, Inc.](#), [Cornerstone Advisors Asset Management, Inc.](#) and [Scott + Scott Attorneys at Law, LLP](#). A putting contest will be held compliments of [CGL Companies](#). Participation in the tournament is complimentary for all CCAP members and guests.

[Excellence in Websites Awards](#) (PDF) – Don't forget to submit your entries for the Excellence in Websites Awards program. The entry deadline is June 9!

**Annual Fun Run/Walk** - Our annual noncompetitive run/walk along the Erie bayfront will be departing Tuesday morning, August 8 at 6:30 a.m. from the Sheraton's lobby. Sign up at the CCAP registration desk on-site at the Conference.

**CCAP Annual Banquet and Annual Awards Ceremony** – The Annual Banquet, honoring President Harlan Shober, is always a memorable event. The awards ceremony will take place after dinner. Don't miss out on this opportunity to honor the accomplishments of your peers.

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**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:42 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: Spreadsheet corrected  
**Attachments:** Budget Differences rev 1.pdf

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 9:11 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; bwshiner@yahoo.com; jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** Spreadsheet corrected

County Council,

I reviewed the information last night that was sent to you via email and discovered that the column that was labeled "

2017 Proposed by Manager on October 2016
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Was actually the 2015 Actual spending numbers, not the 2017 Proposed Budget numbers. I have corrected the sheet and would appreciate the explanation regarding the reason for the differences in Expenditures as approved by County Council.

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**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 9:41 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon; Pedri, David; Crocamo, Romilda  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT Agendas for June 13, 2017 Meetings

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 9:46 AM  
**To:** Crocamo, Romilda; Lawrence, Sharon; Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT Agendas for June 13, 2017 Meetings

Why is this the first time we are seeing this?

Should have been on work session May 23.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** "Crocamo, Romilda" <Romilda.Crocamo@luzernecounty.org>  
**Date:** 6/9/17 9:43 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Lawrence, Sharon" <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>, "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>, "Pedri, David" <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT Agendas for June 13, 2017 Meetings

Sharon,

I am attaching a resolution concerning a multimodal grant. I will be forwarding you the agenda submittal. The Financing Authority asks that it be finalized on the 13<sup>th</sup>, therefore, I ask that it be placed on the Voting Agenda.

Romilda

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**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Lawrence, Sharon; Crocamo, Romilda  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT Agendas for June 13, 2017 Meetings

I would think a short exec session would be helpful. Unfortunately, I am not in a position to submit a resolution finalizing the matter, but it would be helpful to discuss

Dave

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No. I would say executive session – litigation

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**Subject:** RE: DRAFT Agendas for June 13, 2017 Meetings

Is there an item I need to list on the agenda with regard to the executive session?

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**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon; Pedri, David; Crocamo, Romilda  
**Subject:** Re: REVISED Draft Agendas

IT discussion in Manager report?

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Makes sense

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Houck, Linda McClosky <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 6:32 PM  
**To:** saurban@aol.com  
**Cc:** Jandes@civitasmedia.com; Bwellock@citizensvoice.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Inmate death

This is the only information County Council received.

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 11:05:25 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Inmate death

Council ,

Please be advise that a 23 year old female inmate was found unresponsive in her cell last evening. Upon finding her, county staff began lifesaving measures, and contacted emergency medical. She was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Next of kin of the inmate have been notified.

Per standard protocol, the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office have been notified and are onsite.

I will keep you informed of any updates. An autopsy has been scheduled where and official cause of death will be determined.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 6:42 PM  
**To:** stephen@aol.com; saurban@aol.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Luzerne County Capital Plan - 2018-2020  
**Attachments:** Capital Projects 2018 Submission.060117.pdf

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 11:40:56 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** O'Neill, Edmund; Plesh, Larry  
**Subject:** Luzerne County Capital Plan - 2018-2020

Council,

Attached to this e-mail, please find the submission of the County Management's Long-range Operational, Fiscal and Capital Plan covering the years of 2018-2020. This Plan will be posted on the County's website and a hardcopy will be available in both the County Manager's Office as well as the County Council's Chambers.

As Council is aware, the County's capital fund is lessening every year. As such, priority must be given to some projects over others. The attached plan shows County Management's priorities moving forward in consultation with the Division of Operational Services.

Some highlights of this Plan include the removal of \$1.8 Million project for back scanning for the Division of Judicial Services which will be completed in-house by County staff. Also of note is the removal of the \$400,000 demolition of the former juvenile detention center as its use is discussed the County Council's Real Estate Committee and the removal of the \$200,000 atrium renovations at the Human Services building. The Records Retention Building is also nearing completion and will include a \$250,000 reimbursement from the Coroner's state budget once completed. The \$475,000 received from DA Nolt for the County Council approved settlement of the rotunda lawsuit is also reflected in this budget.

I am pleased to report that due to these cuts, should all 2015-2018 projects be completed at the budgeted amount, the Capital Fund will still be in the black carrying a \$1,282,887 surplus and a \$60,000 emergency fund.

Finally, I would ask that you take note of all the completed projects that were finalized within the last 4 years. The County is continuing to show progress and is carrying out the County's priority and commitment to customer service while responsibly utilizing these funds.

*David Pedri*

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 7:10 PM  
**To:** Dobash, Kathy; Walter Griffith Jr; Luzerne County Council Members;  
bwshiner@yahoo.com; jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** Re: 2015 Audit

Ms. Dobash,

I replied to Mr. Griffith earlier. The link is found on the front page of the County website, [www.luzernecounty.org](http://www.luzernecounty.org).

Linda Houck

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Dobash, Kathy" <Kathy.Dobash@LuzerneCounty.org>  
**Date:** 6/9/17 6:34 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>, Luzerne County Council Members  
<LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>, bwshiner@yahoo.com, jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** Re: 2015 Audit

Chair,

Please provide the info to this request. Can Clerk to Council Sharon provide it?

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 9:08:37 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; bwshiner@yahoo.com; jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** 2015 Audit

Dear County Council

I was looking for the 2015 audit that was done by Parente Beard, Baker Tille on the County Web page. Please advise where I can find this document and when County Council Voted to approve this audit. I certainly hope to get a response or I will ask at the Tuesday Meeting.

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 10, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tax mistake

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**From:** kzurawski <kzurawski@epix.net>  
**Date:** 6/10/17 8:27 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>  
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K. Zurawski  
11 Blanchard street, plains twp  
570 825-8559  
570 709-5311

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 10, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Re: Tax mistake

On it

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: Fraudulent Tax Assessment Issues  
**Attachments:** 2017.06.12.to.timmcginley.case.luzernetax.from.hapslir.rtf

FYI

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**From:** john pratt <john.pratt@homelessassistanceprogram.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 6:30 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Subject:** Fraudulent Tax Assessment Issues

Your attention to the following would be appreciated.  
Homeless Assistance Program, John Pratt

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:56 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: Budget questions and information  
**Attachments:** Comparisons of budgets online.pdf; Council Adopted 2017 sample pages online by Manager.pdf; sample Managers Submitted Budget on October 2016.pdf

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Date:** 6/13/17 12:35 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>, bwshiner@yahoo.com, jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** Budget questions and information

Dear County Council

I have received a copy of the Managers Response regarding my questions about the 2017 Adopted Budget and the concern about my questions taking time from the "Critical 2016 Audit"

The attached file will identify that the County Website has TWO ADOPTED BUDGETS BY COUNTY COUNCIL on the County Website.

The first 2017 adopted County Budget is posted on the Luzerne County Home Page at [http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/county-manager/FY2017%20Budget%20\(Rev\).pdf](http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/county-manager/FY2017%20Budget%20(Rev).pdf)

The second copy of the 2017 Adopted Budget is located on the County Managers Page at <http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/county-manager/FY2017%20Budget.pdf>

The ability to determine which budget is the accurate one or even was approved by Council is difficult because of the two different versions and formats. The County Managers page budget has 96 pages for the 100 fund and the County Council Adopted Budget, on the County Home Page, has only 61 pages for the General Fund.

The budgets that are posted online do not comply with the Charter, as adopted by Council on December 13 2016, in that, the Budget must have the format of section 5:03 and they do not list a Department Level detail or line item detail, as adopted by County Council. We also do not have the 2017 Position Budget online as requested.

**Section 5.03—Budget Format. The format of the proposed budgets shall be as provided**

**for in the Administrative Code. However, unless changed by the Administrative Code, the budgets shall, at a minimum:**

**A. Be line item budgets structured by division, department, bureau, office, agency, board, commission, elective office, the Judiciary, Office of Court Administration, and**

**other administrative unit or budgetary function, and meet current recognized best practices.**

**B. Provide comparative figures on actual year-to-date and estimated remaining revenues and other sources of income and expenditures and other uses for the current fiscal year and actual figures for at least the preceding fiscal year.**

I appreciate the work that the Budget and Finance department has to do regarding the 2016 Audit and certainly do not wish to delay their work, however some consistency by that department would be wonderful when they post items on the County Website. I guess the old adage is correct that states: If you cant answer a question, then try to confuse the person asking the question.

The County Council needs to have complete information regarding the 2017 Budget or else we will always be held hostage by the Administration regarding spending of taxpayer money.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tax mistake

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**To:** Spagnola, James; Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Parsnik, David; Luzerne County Council Members; Bwellock@citizensvoice.com; Jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** Re: Flag Holders

Good, you have my support for this budget request for next year.  
Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Spagnola, James  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 12:48:06 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Parsnik, David; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Flag Holders

Dave,

I just received a call from a veteran alerting me to a news story on Fox 56, in which a person mischaracterized his interaction with this office. I need to set the record straight and get some direction on how this office allocates its resources.

Consistent with past practice, this office purchases aluminum flag holders to be presented to veterans families' at the time of death. Funeral directors usually facilitate this function.

Each year, this office purchases enough flag holders to ensure adequate supply for current veteran funerals and a limited number to be distributed to the various veteran service posts throughout the county for replacement of damaged, stolen, or missing flag holders. We have never requested a budget allocation to purchase flag holders for every one that needs to be replaced.

It is my understanding, that county council desires that this office begin to issue replacement flag holders to individuals who come to office requesting a replacement flag holder. Until I am instructed otherwise, I will begin to issue replacement markers as requested.

So we are clear, I will request additional monies in my next year's budget in anticipation of this new policy.

Any guidance you would offer would be greatly appreciated.

At this point, I feel it necessary to reach out to the various media outlets to correct the characterization of my handling of this office as less than honest and ethical.

Respectfully,

Jim Spagnola  
Director  
Veteran Affairs

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**Date:** 6/14/17 2:33 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Don <dlpierce9304@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Gypsy Moth infestation

Hello,

Having heard no reply by either phone or email from Mr. Pedri, I am hoping that this might get the attention of the council. We would appreciate a reply, whether spraying is planned or not.

Thank you,  
Grace & Donald Pierce  
717-721-9304

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**From:** Grace Pierce [mailto:gcierce@ptd.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 3:38 PM  
**To:** 'County.Manager@luzernecounty.org' <County.Manager@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Don (dlpierce@ptd.net) <dlpierce@ptd.net>  
**Subject:** Gypsy Moth infestation

Dear Mr. Pedri,

We have a home on the lake in Beech Mountain in Drums. We want you to be aware of a serious gypsy moth infestation in our area. We swept the caterpillar droppings off our back deck several times over the weekend. The leaves are dropping like crazy, and the droppings completely cover our deck in a matter of hours. Walking among the trees, we hear the droppings as if it were sprinkling raindrops. The trees will suffer severe damage this year, and may not recover.

We're wondering what plans you might have to protect the environment from more extensive damage from these pests. In years past, the area has been sprayed. This infestation is as bad as, if not worse than, any prior infestation in the 32 years we have had property there.

We hope to hear back from you shortly. We realize there are limited resources, but we thought if you knew how bad it was in Beech Mountain, on the south side of the lake, you might be able to fit it in an appropriate place on the list of priorities.

Thank you very much. If there is some other person(s) we should contact, please advise.

Very truly yours,  
Grace & Donald Pierce

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Mr McGinley stated to me after the meeting last night, that Council cannot stop the Manager from running the Executive Branch and purchasing this item. I say County Council does have the fiduciary responsibility to determine that the Manager does not bankrupt this County and deplete the Capital Funds by making unnecessary purchases that the taxpayers will be responsible to pay for years into the future.

The Manager should and must tell County Council where he plans to fund this purchase as well as where the funds to maintain the system will come from in the future, before he is permitted to make the purchase, and if he does not then Count Council should and must refuse to fund it in the future budgets.

There is no Contract worksheet on this purchase and the Manager has already signed this contract without sufficient funding by County Council. This is a violation of the Home Rule Charter and should not be permitted and a Mandamus Action and Injunction should be initiated by County Council immediately.

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**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Crocamo, Romilda  
**Subject:** FW: tourism support for airshow

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:56 PM  
**To:** 'Carl R. Beardsley' <cbeardsley@flyavp.com>  
**Cc:** Della Valle, Patrick <Patrick.DellaValle@luzernecounty.org>; Hall, Janet <Janet.Hall@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** tourism support for airshow

Carl,

Good speaking with you earlier. As you know the Luzerne County Tourism Bureau has agreed to support the August 2017 air show by providing \$25,000.

In furtherance of this support, could you kindly write a letter to Director Janet Hall (copied on this e-mail) that discusses the following:

1. It is anticipated that this event will attract visitors to our area;
2. Should the airshow be postponed to another date, the airport will hold the money in escrow until that future date is scheduled;
3. All monies received are subject to any review and/or audit by the Luzerne County Controller.

Thanks in advance for your time and attention to this! Looking forward to the airshow,

Dave

*David Pedri*

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:38 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Re: Riverfront - Union Street Portal

Dave,  
Thanks for passing on Ed's salute to his staff. It's good to hear these things.

Please let all those Road and Bridge staff members know how much their work and spirit is appreciated.

Thanks for passing on the info. I'll check out the portal soon.

Rick Wms

On Jun 15, 2017, at 7:35 PM, Pedri, David <[David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org](mailto:David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:

Council,

I wanted to share with you the below email from our director of operations Ed O'Neill.

There are so many county workers who work incredibly hard and with pride every day.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "O'Neill, Edmund" <[Edmund.ONeill@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Edmund.ONeill@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Date:** June 15, 2017 at 5:40:20 PM EDT  
**To:** "Pedri, David" <[David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org](mailto:David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org)>  
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Dave,

I just came back from an inspection of Union Street portal. Wayne, along with a contracted water truck and the assistance of 3 R&B staff, spent the day hand-shoveling inches of mud and washing down the entire park in an effort to get it ready for an event being held there next weekend. Wayne also had a large tree hoisted out and cut up that had been washed down stream and caught near the park. I can't begin to tell how much effort went into the cleanup, not mention the fact that Wayne was physically shoveling mud himself all afternoon in an effort to get the work done. The R&B staff that assisted were Eric Gallagher and Brian Howe, along with Angelo Salerno who brought the sweeper truck down. You cannot believe the difference, I only wish I had taken some before and after photos. I felt it was important to credit our staff for a very hard day's work yielding a beautiful result that we should be proud to share with our residents. Wayne also turned in a 11-1/2 hour day and his time in order to get the job finished today. I felt this was something that you should be aware of. Enjoy your long weekend.

*Eddie O'Neill*



Director of Operational Services

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**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 9:23 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: Approved Budget Transfer- Operational Services  
**Attachments:** 20170615110324404.pdf

Manager Pedri,

If the mileage expenditures are reimbursed by Penn DOT, why is a budget transfer necessary?

Thanks,

Tim McGinley

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**From:** Dalessandro, Chris  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Brominski, Edward; Dobash, Kathy; Haas, Harry; Houck, Linda McClosky; McGinley, Tim; Urban, Stephen A; Williams, Rick; Kelleher, Eugene; Schnee, Robert; Walsh Waitkus, Jane; Dobash, Kathy  
**Cc:** Swetz, Brian; Pedri, David; O'Neill, Edmund; Ferry, James  
**Subject:** RE: Approved Budget Transfer- Operational Services

Good Morning,

Attached is a recently approved **2017** budget transfer for Planning and Zoning posted in New World on June 15, 2017.

Thank you,

Chris Dalessandro  
Budget Analyst  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
570-825-1557

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**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 12:05 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ongoing tax problem

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**Date:** 6/16/17 12:03 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Ongoing tax problem

Today my check in the amount of 501.91 WAS AGAIN RETURNED to me with a note to now pay 552.10. All this due to my eye surgery and the honest mistake I made. Can anyone help me? Just trying to pay my taxes!!

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 10:47 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Swetz, Brian  
**Subject:** Fwd: Zurawski situation

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Swetz, Brian" <[Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Date:** June 16, 2017 at 9:07:42 PM EDT  
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Certainly.

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The tax collector should take direction in this from County officials.

Linda

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**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; Pedri, David; Jennifer Andes; Bill Wellock; B S  
**Cc:** Walter Griffith; Ed Ches  
**Subject:** Re: Event @ Courthouse

I agree Brian. Look at Carbon County. The website is clear, distinct separate areas of government defined, and easy to find items.

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**From:** B S <bwshiner@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 8:44:10 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; Pedri, David; Jennifer Andes; Bill Wellock  
**Cc:** Walter Griffith; Ed Ches  
**Subject:** Event @ Courthouse

Advocates for senior citizens gathered Thursday for Elder Abuse Awareness Day, stressing how seniors are being targeted for financial or other abuse now more than ever.

The event, **held in the Luzerne County Courthouse**, featured several guest speakers, including state Rep. Karen Boback, R-Harveys Lake, and former state Rep. Phyllis Mundy. They created the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force in 2008.

Yet another event at our Courthouse that fails to be listed on the 'Events and Meetings' calendar of our website.

**Brian**  
570-714-9335



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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Fw: Meeting about public engagement?

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**From:** Matthew Nitkoski <Matthew.Nitkoski@granicus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:45:58 AM  
**To:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Subject:** Meeting about public engagement?

Hi Ms. Dobash,

I'm reaching out to you because of your role as a Council Chair and I was hoping we could speak.

We're currently meeting with counties throughout PA to help them better engage with residents through digital communications. For example, we currently partner with the City of Scranton's elected officials to automate and digitize their weekly meeting packets, saving the city about \$27,000 each year. In another case, we partner with Allegheny County to manage their legislative process and stream county meetings to the public, improving resident engagement.

We already work with a wide variety of agencies including Philadelphia, Allentown, Centre County, and even the U.S. military. It would be great to work with you as well. Would you be available for a brief call sometime from June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup> so we can speak a bit more?

Thanks!

**Matthew Nitkoski**  
**Business Development Representative**  
P: 202.407.7407 | E: matthew.nitkoski@granicus.com



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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 11:02 PM  
**To:** Walter; Houck, Linda McClosky; Jandes@civitasmedia.com; Bwellock@citizensvoice.com  
**Subject:** Re: Approved Budget Transfer- Correctional Services

Chair Houck,

Should not County Council question these transfers?

Yes, it was brought up, but all we did was to, as a Council, just shrug our shoulders.

I am sure that since 2012, the amounts of transfers are excessive. I believe the books are juggled. These transfers should be eliminated.

The County Manager in the past spent more money than was approved by Council.

Our line by line efforts to control the budget during the approval process is for nothing.

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Walter <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2017 9:25:16 PM  
**To:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Subject:** Re: Approved Budget Transfer- Correctional Services

Kathy

County council allocated 32,000.00 for department 4235 line item 560.64 meeting and training fees. The budget transfer from 4233 for 6000.00 is not needed unless the Manager can identify there is no more funding available.

Walter Griffith Jr  
348 Highland Ave  
570-696-1218  
570-239-0025

On Jun 17, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Dobash, Kathy <[Kathy.Dobash@LuzerneCounty.org](mailto:Kathy.Dobash@LuzerneCounty.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Dalessandro, Chris  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:19:24 AM  
**To:** Brominski, Edward; Dobash, Kathy; Haas, Harry; Houck, Linda McClosky; McGinley, Tim; Urban, Stephen A; Williams, Rick; Kelleher, Eugene; Schnee, Robert; Walsh Waitkus, Jane; Dobash, Kathy  
**Cc:** Swetz, Brian; Pedri, David; Rockovich, Mark; Lermite, Nicholas  
**Subject:** RE: Approved Budget Transfer- Correctional Services

Good Morning,

Attached is a recently approved **2017** budget transfer Correctional Services for posted in New World on June 15, 2017.

Thank you,

Chris Dalessandro  
Budget Analyst  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
570-825-1557

<20170615110309620.pdf>

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:55 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Crocamo, Romilda; Crake, Shannon  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Re: ADP contract

Chair,

The Manager is copied in your email for legal advice. How can we trust legal Council when they work for the Manager? I have noticed legal opinions favor administration.

Also, these budget transfers are approved, we are given notice several days later with no explanations as to why they are needed. Red flags and sirens alarm us to the fact that County Council has no clue on how the books are juggled by the Administration.

The Controller does not execute the right to question.

So where is the protection and oversight to prevent Administration from overspending? There is zero checks and balances on the budgets approved by County Council

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Crocamo, Romilda; Crake, Shannon  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members; Pedri, David  
**Subject:** ADP contract

Ms. Crocamo and Ms. Crake-Lapsansky:

I've been looking at the New World and ADP contracts.

The New World contract does provide for payroll processing and, in fact, payroll has been processed through it since 2012, and W2s and 1099s have been issued through it.

It seems to me the only reason to enter a contract with ADP is to outsource the payroll work, though I don't believe any positions are being eliminated through this contract.

**Question 1:**

**Does Council have any jurisdiction over the outsourcing of this work, or is that a management decision?**

But, with that said - the amount of money paid to ADP would normally require the contract to come before Council, if it involved that much money being paid out in a year for which there was no budget created. I

believe that this did NOT come to Council because the contract specifies that the total one-time fee would be invoiced in May of 2017 and paid in this year.

However, the monthly fees under this contract WILL accrue to more than \$25,000 in 2018 because the contract end date is June 2018. ***With 1400 employees at @\$66 per year, the 6 month cost will be \$46,200.***

**Question 2:**

**Should this contract not have come before Council due to that portion of the contract, since it exceeds the \$25,000 limit set by Charter for 2018, an unbudgeted year?**

Additionally, there are 2 1-year renewals built into this contract, but, again, if the Manager exercises those renewals, I would expect that the fee would be paid upfront, within the budgeted year, because the renewal date is mid-year.

**Question 3:**

**Is there any provision to prevent management from entering into costly 1 year contracts or renewals without Council approval?**

**I will be including a discussion item on the June 27 work session agenda regarding this issue. I will appreciate your preparation for discussion on these questions and possibly more from other Council members at that time.**

Thanks -

Linda Houck

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**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:32 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: Wrongful Termination

Manager Pedri,

FYI

Tim McGinley

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**From:** Bill Dold <bdold77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:12 PM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Wrongful Termination

I know you are very busy. I wanted to bring something to your attention, however.  
I was employed at LCCF on February 13, 2017. During training, I had one of the, if not the top scores in my class.

During my time of employment I received all above standard evaluations that are given out monthly. At no time was I disciplined, grieved by inmates, or even reprimanded for wrong doing. On Monday, 6-12-17, my 120th and final day of probation, I received a phone call at 1:30 in the afternoon advising me that my services were no longer needed. I was the only one from my class let go. I want to further state that no reason has been given except that I wasn't the "right fit". I think my background is important to bring to light here. I have 12+ years experience in the PA Department of Corrections, at various job titles, including lieutenant and psychological services coordinator. I taught basic training for the DOC for a year. I have two master's degrees, one in human services, and one in criminal justice.

If I was shown to have had wrong doing, I would accept it. However, I am over 40 and a disabled veteran. With no reason given, I can only assume that there was a prejudicial reason for firing me. I have contacted the union, who have asked Director Rakovich for a reason, only to get "not the right fit". I spoke to HR (Angela Gavlick) who very rudely told me the rules about right to work. I understand this. I also understand that I am a double protected class, and that improper firing, even in a right to work state, can be deemed discrimination.

I just want answers. Please contact me and speak to me concerning this.

Thank you,  
William Dold, M.A. M.S.  
570-417-7434

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:57 AM  
**To:** Crake, Shannon; Pedri, David; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Cc:** Crocamo, Romilda  
**Subject:** Re: REVISED agenda submittal

Resolution title is missing the word "in" before "the matter of..."

Please correct the title before printing.

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Crake, Shannon" <Shannon.Crake@luzernecounty.org>  
**Date:** 6/21/17 3:04 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Pedri, David" <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>, "Lawrence, Sharon" <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>, "Crocamo, Romilda" <Romilda.Crocamo@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** REVISED agenda submittal

Sharon:

Disregard the earlier submissions regarding baseball litigation. REVISED submittal and resolution are attached.

Shannon Crake Lapsansky, Esq.  
Assistant Solicitor  
Luzerne County Office of Law

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 2:56 PM  
**To:** Crake, Shannon; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Cc:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Crocamo, Romilda  
**Subject:** RE: agenda submittal

[can you remove the amounts from these documents and re-submit?](#)

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**From:** Crake, Shannon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Houck, Linda McClosky <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>; Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>; Crocamo, Romilda <Romilda.Crocamo@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** agenda submittal

Sharon:

In anticipation of the meeting on Tues 6/27, please find attached agenda submittal and resolution related to the baseball litigation.

Shannon Crake Lapsansky, Esq.  
Assistant Solicitor  
Luzerne County Office of Law



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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:00 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: June 19 Budget Transfer

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 5:33 PM  
**To:** Walter Griffith Jr; Luzerne County Council Members; Jandes@civitasmedia.com; Bwellock@citizensvoice.com  
**Subject:** Re: June 19 Budget Transfer

Chair,

I submit the questions below to be addressed in writing by the Department or the County Manager.

I wish our current Controller was concerned.

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:38 PM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** June 19 Budget Transfer

### County Council

Enclosed is a Budget transfer from the County Manager that shows a Transfer of funds in the Domestic Relations Department for Vehicle Maintenance for 3500.00. The Transfer was made from Account 550.22 of the 495 fund and transferred into 550.72 of the 495 fund.

Please ask what vehicles the Domestic Relations Department has that requires Maintenance. I dont believe they have any vehicles that are owned by the County.

They had a budget of 2000.00 approved by Council in 2017 and they only spent 1660.00 in 2016 so why is there a huge jump in this expense from 2000.00 to 5500.00 ???

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:07 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: 2017 ADP Funding Budget items

please see below from Mr. Griffith, reiterated through Ms. Dobash.

Linda Houck

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:41 PM  
**To:** Walter Griffith Jr; Luzerne County Council Members; jandes@civitasmedia.com; bwshiner@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: 2017 ADP Funding Budget items

Chair,

During our last meeting at Hazleton, Mr. Pedri could not answer questions. I suggest he make good on his offer to meet with those citizens and give answers.

Also, the comments from the manager were arrogant.

I suggest, the County Manger have a laptop ready to pull up information so he is able to answer questions about contracts and the spending of tax dollars.

He should be able to explain all budget transfer and be able to show he is not violating the Charter or overspending the approved budget passed by County Council.

I also have noted in the audience, Division Heads are absent form the meetings.

What happened to the "I am not an eight and skate" person?

You know, the head of Human Services. Also, it is noted many times the demeanor and manners of particular Department and Division Heads sitting in on our meetings to be somewhat inappropriate. The giggles and gestures are seen. I am just saying, what happened to professionalism.

Last, can the the HR Director, respond to County Council on her actions when communicating with fired employees and the public in general.

Not impressed,

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 2:04:21 PM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; jandes@civitasmedia.com; bwshiner@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** 2017 ADP Funding Budget items

County Council

I received the information regarding my Right to Know request about the 2017 adopted budget and where the funding is approved by County Council.

The 2017 budget that was submitted by the County Manager on October 2016 clearly states that he requested \$150,000.00 for Other Contractual Services, Account Number 550.15.

550.15 Other Contractual Services .00 .00 .00 150,000.00

The County Council then went to work to eliminate spending and reduce the budget for the Budget and Finance Division by \$206,365.00 as was reflected in the Dec 06 2016 minutes, where the Motion of County Council approved the reduction for the Division. There were no provisions by County Council to authorize the changing of any Accounts within the Division to allow to increase any Line Item.

## **2b-15. Motion to amend the Budget and Finance Division 20 budget for expenditures and decrease expenses by \$189,365.00**

**Motion by:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Mr. Stephen A. Urban

- Mr. McGinley would like to add an additional \$17,000.00 reduction to the reduction proposed by Mr. Haas

**Motion to amend reduction from \$189,365.00 to \$206,365.00 by:** Mr. McGinley

**Second:** Mr. Stephen A. Urban

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Brominski, Ms. Dobash, Mr. Haas, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Schnee, Ms. Sorokas, Mr. Stephen A. Urban, Ms. Waitkus, and Ms. Houck

One (1) No by Mr. Williams

**Resolution Passed (10-1)**

**The County Council then on Dec 13 reduced the Budget and Finance Division by another \$29,000.00**  
**DIVISION 20 - BUDGET & FINANCE**

**Motion to amend the Budget & Finance Division 20 budget for expenditures and decrease expenses by \$29,000.00**

**Motion by:** Mr. Stephen A. Urban

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

### **Amendment Passed (11-0)**

**The total reductions in the Division 20 Budget and Finance is \$218,365.00 or a reduction from a County Manager Proposed Budget total of \$3,409,799.00 to a County Council adopted total of \$3,191,434.00.**

**There were no provisions by County Council, in any Motion, that allowed any increase, in any line item, for any department within Division 20, Budget and Finance, in fact there were supposed to be reductions within the departments, and line items, to accommodate the reductions approved by County Council.**

**The Budget that I received as a RTK Request, as the County Council ADOPTED BUDGET, reflects a huge increase in Line Item 550.15 from \$150,000.00 to \$482,200.00.**

**I looked through the Minutes and cant find that approval by Council and there is no budget transfer to reflect this transfer.**

**The Manager does not have the authority to change the budget without a budget transfer so please explain where the additional money was taken in order to increase this line item by over \$330,000.00.**

**The County Council needs to inform the Manager that they are not approving this purchase of ADP and will refuse to fund it in the 2018 and future budgets, and the Manager will be responsible for the funding of this unnecessary contract and spending.**

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:08 AM  
**To:** Dobash, Kathy; Crocamo, Romilda; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Pedri, David; Gavlick, Angela; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Re: Wrongful Termination

Ms. Dobash,

There is an executive session already scheduled for 6 PM on Tuesday, June 27 regarding litigation. We will add this personnel item discussion to that executive session.

Linda Houck

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:44 PM  
**To:** Crocamo, Romilda; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Pedri, David; Gavlick, Angela  
**Subject:** Re: Wrongful Termination

Based on the communication sent by Mr. Dold to County Council, I think it would be appropriate to have the Director of our County HR Department speak in front of Council.

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Crocamo, Romilda  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:08 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Wrongful Termination

Good morning Council Members:

It has come to my attention that an inquiry was made by Mr. Bill Dold claiming wrongful termination. I am advising that you not respond to this individual nor speak of this matter publicly because it is a personnel/operational issue and that any statement/ response could become evidence in any litigation Dold might pursue.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Luzerne County Office of Law  
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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
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(570) 820-6355 (Fax)





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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon; Williams, Rick; Walsh Waitkus, Jane; Brominski, Edward  
**Subject:** text analysis free tools

This site has free text analysis tools that could be used to analyze frequency of responses - the one I use most is Cirrus.

Linda

<http://docs.voyant-tools.org/tools/>

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** Crocamo, Romilda; Lawrence, Sharon; McGinley, Tim; Kelleher, Eugene; Williams, Rick  
**Subject:** bylaws word document  
**Attachments:** Luzerne County By Laws proposed revisions LMH 2-28-2017.docx; Luzerne County By Laws revised 03-08-2016.docx

It was my understanding that the solicitor's office was to prepare the draft of the amended bylaws for the Bylaws Committee to review prior to bringing to Council.

I've now been informed that the Clerk of Council is being directed to prepare the draft bylaws.

You may recall that I was the one who prepared the original bylaws in consultation with Jim Bobeck back in 2012. I have no idea whose hands prepared the 2014 amended bylaws implemented under Chair Morelli, but I maintained a Word document of them, and used it for the 2016 amendment.

My recent submission of proposed changes for 2017 was made via a pdf file so that my suggestions were obvious, since sometimes when a document is saved, the tracked changes are not visible in Word format. However, the pdf is not conducive to editing.

In the hope of simplifying the draft preparation, I am attaching my Word edition with suggestions included as well as the Word edition without my suggestions. The suggestions are visible if the document is viewed in the browser, so they should be visible if properly downloaded as well.

My understanding regarding agenda placement of the proposed amended bylaws is that they will be on a work session on August 8 for consideration by Council. If that is accurate, we will restrict the other items on that work session in order to devote time to the bylaws.

I will keep them on work session for August 22 as well, with a goal of bringing to a vote on September 12. If this is not consistent with the Committee's intent, please let me know.

Linda

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Re: draft for proclamations for next meeting

Yes for each kid and coaches

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Pedri, David" <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Date:** 6/22/17 1:04 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Lawrence, Sharon" <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: draft for proclamations for next meeting

**I'd do one for every kid (still waiting on the baseball roster) and maybe one for their coach? Also, do we need one for the coach of the lifesmarts squad?**

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's High School Baseball competition was a hard fought contest between numerous skilled High School Baseball teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas High School competed in the 4A competition as the 2017 District 2 champion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas High School Mountaineers baseball team, coached by **Ken Kashatus** proved victorious and were named the 2017 PIAA 4A State Champions.

**NOW THEREFORE, We, the Luzerne County Council**, do hereby honor, applaud and congratulate the 2017 Dallas High School baseball team on their State Championship and urge all citizens to join with us as we extend our sincere appreciation and best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

***“Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_”***

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**From:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:09 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: draft for proclamations for next meeting

It would be helpful if you could provide a draft of what you would like in the proclamation.

Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of County Council  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 6:29 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon <[Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: draft for proclamations for next meeting

Just noticed that the first paragraph of this says "2016" it should be 2017.

As soon as I get the roster for baseball players, I will forward to you.

Do you need my assistance in drafting the proclamations for baseball? I would keep it very similar to the LifeSmarts proclamations. Here is the article

<http://citizensvoice.com/sports/dallas-wins-state-championship-1.2207373>

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 4:30 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon <[Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Cc:** Houck, Linda McClosky <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)>  
**Subject:** draft for proclamations for next meeting

**I would recommend a separate proclamation for each student and the coach.**

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 LifeSmarts competition was four-day event hosted by the National Consumer League that consisted of a series of individual and team competitions involving students answering questions about cyber security, credit reports, recycling, nutrition, consumer fraud and other life skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas High School competed in this competition as the 2017 Pennsylvania state champion; and against thirty other state-champion high schools from across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas High School LifeSmartsteam, coached by Kevin West and comprised of team members Matt Metzloff (captain), Troy Reinert, Ann Metzloff, C.J. Good, and Raymond Perez competed against thirty other state champion high schools from across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas High School team proved victorious and were named the 2017 LifeSmarts National Champions.

**NOW THEREFORE, We, the Luzerne County Council**, do hereby honor, applaud and congratulate the 2017 Dallas High School LifeSmarts team on their National Championship and urge all citizens to join with us as we extend our sincere appreciation and best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

***“Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_”***

***David Pedri***

C. David Pedri, Esq.

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 3:32 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Butera, Michael  
**Subject:** carl beardsley

Tim,

I would think a 3 year contract is in order.

2018 - \$5,000 increase  
2019 – 2% increase  
2020 – 2% increase

I'd also be open to some sort of performance levels (ridership? Increased parking revenue?) That could trigger more money

*David Pedri*

C. David Pedri, Esq.  
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**From:** Kelleher, Eugene  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 3:38 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Re: Grant awarded!

Thanks for the info and wonderful!!  
Gene

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 2:51:34 PM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Sparich, Michele; O'Neill, Edmund  
**Subject:** Grant awarded!

Council,

I'm pleased to report that The County has received a \$80,000 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission grant for the repair and restoration of the Courthouse rotunda!

Our Grant writer, Michele Sparich should be specifically commended for her hard work on this project. Our Division Head of Operational Services, Eddie O'Neill was key as well in the preparation of this grant application.

County Council voted in support of this Grant Application in February (Resolution 2017-41). Thank you for your support of this important project as we continually seek to improve and restore our beautiful courthouse.

*David Pedri*

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**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 6:13 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Re: Grant awarded!

Thanks for reporting the great news. Please convey thanks to the employees for their wonderful work.

Jane

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 3:02 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Re: Wrongful Termination

Chair,

Directives from a solicitor who represents Administration is not appreciated when facts are not known.

The Chief Solicitor protects the County Manager and the all Administration.

Past experience has shown Administration to lie to County Council, as with the firing of an employee who was on vacation and payroll was not completed properly. Administration lied.

Administration fired Mr. Parrish.

It was stated Mr. Parrish was the only one authorized to do the task.

There were others who could have completed the task as was proven with Mr. Urban's RTK request and the response:

According to Laura Beers, "I believe that what Mr. Urban really wants to know is who within our organization was authorized to initiate the ACH transactions from the Payroll account to the Federal Reserve in order for our employees to have direct deposit. From the period 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014 those employees are/were myself, David Muroski, Patricia Kopeck, Brian Swetz, Sue Crawford, Thomas McBrearty, Donna Magni, and Jason Parrish."

How many individuals were in that list?

It is more than one.

Just giving everyone a reminder with this example.

I mean really, why blindly trust any information fed to County Council.

Trust in Mr. Pedri and his staff is lost.

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:08:19 AM  
**To:** Dobash, Kathy; Crocamo, Romilda; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Pedri, David; Gavlick, Angela; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Re: Wrongful Termination

Ms. Dobash,

There is an executive session already scheduled for 6 PM on Tuesday, June 27 regarding litigation. We will add this personnel item discussion to that executive session.

Linda Houck

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:44 PM

**To:** Crocamo, Romilda; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Pedri, David; Gavlick, Angela  
**Subject:** Re: Wrongful Termination

Based on the communication sent by Mr. Dold to County Council, I think it would be appropriate to have the Director of our County HR Department speak in front of Council.

Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Crocamo, Romilda  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:08 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Wrongful Termination

Good morning Council Members:

It has come to my attention that an inquiry was made by Mr. Bill Dold claiming wrongful termination. I am advising that you not respond to this individual nor speak of this matter publicly because it is a personnel/operational issue and that any statement/ response could become evidence in any litigation Dold might pursue.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 3:06 AM  
**To:** saurban@aol.com; Urban, Stephen A  
**Subject:** Fw: PLEASE READ: Meeting Times for Tuesday June 27th

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**From:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:37:45 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ: Meeting Times for Tuesday June 27th

Please note the times of the following meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:

5:00 Legislative Committee Meeting  
5:30 Proclamation Ceremony in Rotunda for Dallas High School Life Smart Champions and Baseball Team  
6:00 Executive Session (regarding litigation and personnel)  
7:00 Voting Session followed by a Work Session

Thank you,  
Sharon

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**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 6:52 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Sparich, Michele; O'Neill, Edmund  
**Subject:** Re: Grant awarded!

Congratulations Dave, Michele, and Ed on obtaining the grant.

Successes like this are something to celebrate, and it helps us get back on track. Thank you all for your continued hard work, investment of time, and dedication.

Sincerely,  
Harry Haas

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**Attachments:** Luzerne County Council agendas draft 06-27-2017 - lmh.docx

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Linda Houck

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 3:04 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon; Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Subject:** Re: Proclamation Request

This is for his campaign to be re elected.

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**From:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 12:18:31 PM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** FW: Proclamation Request

Good Afternoon Council Members,  
I have received a request from Harry Haas for a proclamation honoring Miss Maddy Dompkosky in winning the title Miss Outstanding Teen Pennsylvania.  
Please let me know, if anyone has any objections to the issuance of a proclamation FROM COUNCIL by Monday June 26th.  
Thank you for your prompt response,  
Sharon

Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of County Council  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
Email: [sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org) Phone (570) 825-1634

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 7:38 AM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Proclamation Request

Hi Sharon,

I'd like to suggest a proclamation honoring Miss Maddy Dompkosky from Mountaintop in winning the title Miss Outstanding Teen Pennsylvania.

I'm almost certain of the spelling but I will try to contact the parents today at lunchtime to verify and invite them to next Tuesday's council meeting.

Thank you!  
Harry

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 5:12 PM  
**To:** Haas, Harry; Pedri, David; Walter Griffith Jr; stephen@aol.com; bwshiner@yahoo.com; Bwellock@citizensvoice.com; Jandes@civitasmedia.com; Lou.jasikoff@muckrakerinc.com  
**Cc:** lhouck9630@aol.com; Gene.Kelleher@luzernecounty.org; Williams, Rick; Brominski, Edward; McGinley, Tim; Walsh Waitkus, Jane; Sorokas, Eileen; Schnee, Robert; Urban, Stephen A; Jennifer Andes; Jennifer Andes; Bill Wellock; Crocamo, Romilda  
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Much appreciation,  
Harry

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**From:** Dobash, Kathy  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 5:14 PM  
**To:** Jandes@civitasmedia.com; Jennifer Andes; saurban@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: State Budget Options

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**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fw: County Council Duties regarding ADP

Manager Pedri,

FYI

Tim McGinley

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**From:** Walter Griffith Jr <imabari1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 10:41 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; bwshiner@yahoo.com; jandes@civitasmedia.com  
**Subject:** County Council Duties regarding ADP

Dear County Council,

Please see the document section from the Home Rule Charter that clearly states the County Manager must get County Council approval by Resolution, for any contract over \$25,000.00 in future calendar years. The ability of the County Manager to "Marry" the taxpayers to a contract with ADP for 5 years is not acceptable unless he can provide sufficient information as to how the "Taxpayers" will be able to afford it.

**Section 2.09—Powers and Duties.**

A. County Council shall have and may exercise such legislative powers and duties as are conferred or imposed upon it by this Charter, the Administrative Code, and other County ordinances or resolutions, and those generally conferred or imposed upon County governments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by applicable law to the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions, spirit, and purpose of this Charter. Specifically, County Council shall:

B. Further, County Council shall have and may exercise, but shall not be limited to, the following powers:

8. Except as may otherwise be provided for in this Charter or applicable law, to approve, by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of at least a majority of its current members, any contract or obligation that would result in a payment by the County of more than \$25,000 in any future calendar year for which no budget has been adopted, or more than \$75,000 in the aggregate in any two or more future calendar years for which no budgets have been adopted. County Council may raise the amounts set forth in this Subsection by ordinance.

**ADP Contract.**

**12. Term; Termination; Suspension 12.1. Term. This Agreement is effective upon the Effective Date and will remain in effect until the first anniversary of the first day of live processing for the last Service to go live hereunder (the "Initial Term"). After the Initial**

**Term, Client shall have the option to renew this Agreement for four (4) additional one-year periods (each a "Renewal Term") with written notice to ADP at least sixty (60) days' prior to the end of the then-current Initial or Renewal Term, as applicable. The total period of performance for the Initial Term and any subsequent Renewal Terms combined (the "Term") shall not exceed five (5) years.**

The language in the ADP Contract regarding the ability to Terminate the Contract if the County does not renew its provisions within 60 days prior to its expiration date, should not and cannot be translated as a One Year Contract. This contract is truly a 5 year contract and therefore requires County Council approval, and further more, where did he get the money in the 2017 budget to pay for this purchase when he was only approved for \$150,000.00 by County Council.

The County Taxpayers will "Pony Up" over \$192,000.00 for implementation and an additional \$72,000.00 for expenses to get this program, as well as 5.50 per employee for generating payroll, in addition to the cost to generate any 1099's, or any other form for tax purposes.

This is a substantial amount of money for a Contract that is only 1 year, if we don't renew.

The County Administration is not being honest with the County Council or Taxpayers. This contract will cost the people of this County hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and I suggest that County Council ask the tough questions of the Manager regarding where HE plans to get the funding from for this extravagant purchase that we don't need or can afford.

Walter L Griffith Jr.  
570-239-0025 Cell  
570-735-5577 Office  
570-696-1218 Home

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 3:06 PM  
**To:** Williams, Rick  
**Subject:** Fwd: Focus 81 Committee Meeting- July 11th

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Kate McMahon" <[kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org](mailto:kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org)>  
**Date:** June 26, 2017 at 12:04:42 PM EDT  
**To:** <[kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org](mailto:kmcmahon@nepa-alliance.org)>  
**Cc:** <[abaranski@nepa-alliance.org](mailto:abaranski@nepa-alliance.org)>  
**Subject:** Focus 81 Committee Meeting- July 11th

Good afternoon,

The Focus 81 Committee will meet on **Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 9:30am**. The meeting will be held at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, Joseph M. McDade Terminal Building, Second Floor, Barry J. Centini Conference Room. More information will be sent prior to the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Kate

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Crocamo, Romilda; McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Crake, Shannon; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Re: NEPA Hospital and Higher Ed Authority

Thank you.

Is it then your opinion that only one of the NEPAHHEA seats should be considered to be up for reappointment as of May 2017?

Linda Houck

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**From:** Crocamo, Romilda  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 8:17 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Crake, Shannon; Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** FW: NEPA Hospital and Higher Ed Authority

Madam Chair:

Below is the analysis regarding NEPA Hospital and Higher Ed Authority. My apologies for failing to forward this to you sooner.

Romilda

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**From:** Crocamo, Romilda  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Shannon Crake <Shannon.Crake@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** NEPA Hospital and Higher Ed Authority

Shannon:

Here is what I drafted in response to Linda and Tim.

In response to your inquiry concerning the membership of the NEPA HHEA, it is the opinion of the Office of Law, as follows:

The Municipal Authorities Act states that the term of 5 years is to be staggered. It does not offer any guidance on how to stagger the terms. Therefore, it is at the discretion of Council to formulate a process on how to stagger the terms.

The procedure set forth in Madam Chair's email dated May 1, 2017, is appropriate and in conformity with Pennsylvania and the Charter. AS stated in that email, that would mean that one of the authority board seats should be open for appointment (or reappointment), followed by another appointment in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.



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**From:** Brominski, Edward  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:09 PM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members; Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Brominski, Edd  
**Subject:** GSC

Members:

I believe the community wants and needs more innovative charter revisions than presently exist. The charter should be reexamined to incorporate lessons learned, strengthen provisions, clarify ambiguities and correct omissions that have been discovered over the past five years.

Therefore, I propose council consider establishing a government study commission to reexamine and conduct an in depth review of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter without obligation to maintain the form, scheme, or structure of the current charter. I strongly believe this action is necessary if we desire to move the county forward and better accomplish home rule intended purpose.

As such , at out next work session, I wish to begin discussion for the process of selecting a GSC to move the county forward.

Edd Brominski

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:39 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** 2017 budget format

Mr. Pedri,

Please provide the 2017 budget to Council in departmental line format, which is the format originally presented to Council in October 2016 and used for the purposes of budget hearings and approvals. The final version sent to Council and posted on the website is at division level and provides insufficient detail regarding department allocations, particularly when notifications of budget transfers are sent.

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Linda Houc

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** Brominski, Edward; Luzerne County Council Members; Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Brominski, Edd; Jandes@civitasmedia.com; Bwellock@citizensvoice.com  
**Subject:** Re: GSC

I support this. Please consider it seriously to improve County government.  
Kathy Dobash

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**From:** Brominski, Edward  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:08:35 PM  
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**Cc:** Brominski, Edd  
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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members; Swetz, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: 2017 budget format

Sure. Moving forward, the budget will be presented in this format per your request as the Chair. I would note that the division head format was previously requested by members of county council, but I don't have any issues moving forward with a budget in department line format.

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:39 AM  
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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:11 PM  
**To:** Schnee, Robert  
**Subject:** Fwd: Magistrate Zola - Hazleton Lease  
**Attachments:** MDJ 11-1-03.pdf; ATT00001.htm; MDJ 11-1-03 cover sheet.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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**From:** "Twigger, Katlin" <[Katlin.Twigger@luzernecounty.org](mailto:Katlin.Twigger@luzernecounty.org)>  
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**To:** "Pedri, David" <[David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org](mailto:David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org)>  
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**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Re: Joint press conference at PNC Field on Thursday

Linda,  
Thank you for the invitation. I cannot attend as I have a previously scheduled appointment.

Best regards,  
Jane  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2017, at 10:40 PM, Houck, Linda McClosky <[LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org](mailto:LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org)> wrote:

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Linda Houck

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** FW: Liquid Fuels Audit Closeout  
**Attachments:** 2017-0629 PennDOT LF Audit Closeout (Acknowledgement).pdf

Linda,

Could you please sign at your convenience? Thanks in advance

Dave

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**From:** O'Neill, Edmund  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:35 AM  
**To:** Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Thomas, Jennifer <Jennifer.Thomas@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Liquid Fuels Audit Closeout

Dave,

As part of the annual Liquid Fuels Audit Closeout procedure, the attached acknowledgement requires the signature of an elected official. I believe it was signed last year by Ms. Houck. Can you get it signed at the earliest convenience, so I can in return it to the auditor, at which time all closeout documentation will be complete. Call with any questions.

Thanks,

*Eddie O'Neill*

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane; Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** Re: Joint press conference at PNC Field on Thursday

Ms. houck,

I do appreciate the invitation. Unfortunately, due to the lateness of the notification, I will not be able to attend.

Tim McGinley

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**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
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**To:** Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Fwd: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Johns, Michael" <Michael.Johns@claconnect.com>  
**Date:** 6/29/17 9:57 AM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>, "Lee, Andrew" <Andrew.Lee@claconnect.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Good morning

The cash was physically moved when the resolution was passed. However, the accounting treatment selected last year was to consider this a prepayment until allowable costs were incurred by C & Y. Over \$5 million was transferred to C & Y in 2016. Management would have to answer why the \$2.8 was not utilized first.

Given the resolution made and the fact the cash was moved, there would be no timeline to take it back to the general fund without an action taken by Council.

Management would be best to answer the third question.

Best regards

Mike

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:05:29 AM  
**To:** Johns, Michael; Lee, Andrew  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Mike,

Thanks for your patience in answering this question and my followups. You will probably have to answer it again on July 11 in the public presentation.

I have more questions about this; most of them are probably better asked of management, but here they are:

1. Council voted to transfer \$2.8 million from division to division. It was specified by line item. The direction was not to make it available for transfer; it was to transfer it. Shouldn't management have transferred the entire amount, as directed by resolution of Council? Here's the resolution link: [http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/county\\_council\\_2015/Resolutions/R-2015-135%20C&Y%20Transfer.pdf](http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/county_council_2015/Resolutions/R-2015-135%20C&Y%20Transfer.pdf)
2. I was not aware, and I doubt that most of Council was aware, that 800K of that total remained unused in General Funds at the end of 2016. At what point would the encumberment of that money properly end and it be returned to General Fund for operating expenses? Counting that in, the deficit would be reduced by \$2.1 million rather than \$1.3 million at the end of 2016.
3. During budget preparation for 2017, I would think there should have been a mention of the 800K sitting in abeyance, as Council considered a tax increase. I don't recall it - would that not have been mentioned because it was still encumbered as owed to C and Y?

Thanks again -

Linda Houck

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**From:** Johns, Michael <Michael.Johns@claconnect.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:42 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Lee, Andrew  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Hi Linda,

I think most of what you are saying below is accurate. \$2,000,000 of the \$2.8 that was in prepaid expense in the general fund as of 12/31/15 was transferred out of the general fund and into C & Y in 2016. That transfer out of the general fund in 2016 is reducing the general fund positive change in fund balance. All things being equal, if that \$2 million was not transferred in 2016, the positive change in fund balance would go from the \$1.3 reflected to \$3.3 million.

The remaining \$800,000 remains in prepaid expense in the general fund.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Best regards,

Mike

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:11:18 PM  
**To:** Lee, Andrew; Johns, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Actually, I'm not sure it does clear it up.

The 2.8 million was a pre-pay out of 2015 income that enabled us to avoid increasing taxes for 2016.

The 2015 surplus was 7.5 million, but that surplus included the 2.8 million. The calculated deficit at the end of the 2015 audit was 9.3 million because of the deduction of the 7.5 million.

So, because it was applied in 2016, I can understand how the deficit was reduced by the full 7.5 million, including the 2.8.

However, it also meant that we started 2016 \$2.8 million in the red, because the money had to come from somewhere.

Shouldn't the deficit have been increased then, at the beginning of 2016, to reflect that 2.8 million went out of the General Fund prior to any 2016 revenue coming in?

And then....as we progress to the end of 2016, it would seem that the 1.3 million surplus is 2016 income over expenses that reduces the deficit once again, but doesn't make up the 2.8 reduction - unless the actual surplus was 4.1 million with the 2.8 million deducted. 2.8 was counted toward deficit reduction, but promptly went out the door as an expense.

I don't quite see how the \$2.8 million could be considered to both reduce the deficit in 2015 AND be a pre-pay in 2016. It would seem to me that a "prepay" assumes subsequent reimbursement, unless it was used to reduce taxes in the following year - which this definitely was.

Also - where is the \$800,000 being held as prepaid expense? Council authorized the transfer of \$2.8 million to C&Y - your reply indicates that only \$2 million was actually transferred.

Thanks for any enlightenment you can give on this.

Linda

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**From:** Lee, Andrew <Andrew.Lee@claconnect.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Johns, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

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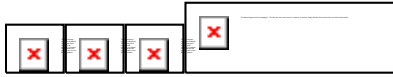
Thank you,  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Johns, Michael <Michael.Johns@claconnect.com>  
**Cc:** Lee, Andrew <Andrew.Lee@claconnect.com>  
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**Cc:** Swetz, Brian; Pedri, David; Lee, Andrew  
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Mike

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:07 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Luzerne County Council Members  
**Cc:** Swetz, Brian; Hill, Lynn  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County  
**Attachments:** 20170629171010236.pdf

Ms. Houck,

Thank you for bringing up this important topic. As you could see from the attached document, the county did transfer the full amount to children and youth on 12/31/15 per Council's resolution.

I will be discussing this matter more fully with Children and Youth fiscal staff and will address with the auditor's presentation on this topic at the July 11 council meeting.

Dave

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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:18 AM  
**To:** Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Fw: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Council:

I want to make you aware of my followup questions to our auditors regarding the proper crediting of the \$2.8 million that Council voted to transfer from Reserve at the end of 2015 to Children & Youth in order to avoid a tax increase for 2016. You will recall that the 2015 auditors said that money would be considered 2016 money and handled within the 2016 audit.

Please read up from the bottom of this thread for the complete explanation, done through emails beginning with my 2:54 PM email to the auditors yesterday. I forward the thread to you now because I believe they have provided a full explanation of how the money was considered in the 2016 audit.

The final email from the auditors indicates that the \$2 million was transferred in 2016, but 800K of the original \$2.8 million remains in the General Fund as "prepaid expense."

I have a few more questions on this, but I believe they are properly asked of management rather than the auditors:

1. Council voted to transfer \$2.8 million from division to division. It was specified by line item. The direction was not to make it available for transfer or to hold it in a theoretical account; it was to transfer it. Shouldn't management have transferred the entire amount, as directed by resolution of Council? Here's the resolution link: [http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/council\\_2015/Resolutions/R-2015-135%20C&Y%20Transfer.pdf](http://www.luzernecounty.org/uploads/images/assets/county/council_2015/Resolutions/R-2015-135%20C&Y%20Transfer.pdf)

2. I was not aware, and I doubt that most of Council was aware, that 800K of that total remained unused in General Funds at the end of 2016. At what point would the encumberment of that money properly end and it be returned to General Fund for operating expenses? Counting that 800K in, the deficit would be reduced by \$2.1 million rather than \$1.3 million at the end of 2016.
3. During budget preparation for 2017, I would think there should have been a mention of the 800K sitting in abeyance, as Council considered a tax increase. I don't recall it - would that not have been mentioned because it was still encumbered as owed to C and Y?

The auditors will be prepared to answer all questions regarding the 2016 audit at our work session on July 11.

As you review the draft audit, if you have any specific items that you would like addressed, please send them to me for compilation by July 10 so that the auditors may be prepared to answer them.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

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**From:** Johns, Michael <[Michael.Johns@claconnect.com](mailto:Michael.Johns@claconnect.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:42 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky; Lee, Andrew  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Hi Linda,

I think most of what you are saying below is accurate. \$2,000,000 of the \$2.8 that was in prepaid expense in the general fund as of 12/31/15 was transferred out of the general fund and into C & Y in 2016. That transfer out of the general fund in 2016 is reducing the general fund positive change in fund balance. All things being equal, if that \$2 million was not transferred in 2016, the positive change in fund balance would go from the \$1.3 reflected to \$3.3 million.

The remaining \$800,000 remains in prepaid expense in the general fund.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Best regards,

Mike

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:11:18 PM  
**To:** Lee, Andrew; Johns, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Draft Audit Report - Luzerne County

Actually, I'm not sure it does clear it up.

The 2.8 million was a pre-pay out of 2015 income that enabled us to avoid increasing taxes for 2016.

The 2015 surplus was 7.5 million, but that surplus included the 2.8 million. The calculated deficit at the end of the 2015 audit was 9.3 million because of the deduction of the 7.5 million.

So, because it was applied in 2016, I can understand how the deficit was reduced by the full 7.5 million, including the 2.8.

However, it also meant that we started 2016 \$2.8 million in the red, because the money had to come from somewhere.

Shouldn't the deficit have been increased then, at the beginning of 2016, to reflect that 2.8 million went out of the General Fund prior to any 2016 revenue coming in?

And then....as we progress to the end of 2016, it would seem that the 1.3 million surplus is 2016 income over expenses that reduces the deficit once again, but doesn't make up the 2.8 reduction - unless the actual surplus was 4.1 million with the 2.8 million deducted. 2.8 was counted toward deficit reduction, but promptly went out the door as an expense.

I don't quite see how the \$2.8 million could be considered to both reduce the deficit in 2015 AND be a pre-pay in 2016. It would seem to me that a "prepay" assumes subsequent reimbursement, unless it was used to reduce taxes in the following year - which this definitely was.

Also - where is the \$800,000 being held as prepaid expense? Council authorized the transfer of \$2.8 million to C&Y - your reply indicates that only \$2 million was actually transferred.

Thanks for any enlightenment you can give on this.

Linda

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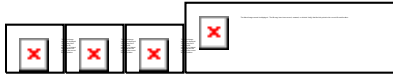


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**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:23 PM  
**To:** Hummer, Rick; Kelleher, Eugene; Swetz, Brian; Evanchick, John  
(John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org); Pedri, David  
**Subject:** Re: 2016 Financial Statement

Thanks!

Linda

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**From:** Hummer, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Kelleher, Eugene; Houck, Linda McClosky; Swetz, Brian; Evanchick, John (John.Evanchick@luzernecounty.org); Pedri, David  
**Subject:** 2016 Financial Statement

Linda, attached is 2016 Financial Statement from the Auditors.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** Pedri, David  
**Cc:** Kelleher, Eugene  
**Subject:** Re: 2016 Financial Statement

The Pension Fund Audit says that as of Dec 31 2016 there were 1495 active members, up from 1412 at the end of 2015. Did we add 83 employees during 2016?

Linda

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**From:** Pedri, David  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** Lee, Andrew; Houck, Linda McClosky; Swetz, Brian  
**Cc:** Johns, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: FY16 Audit Report - Luzerne County

Andy and Mike,

Thanks so much for your hard work on this. I fully recognize the time and effort you and your staff put in to make sure we hit our deadline.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup>,

Dave

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**From:** Lee, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Lee@claconnect.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>; Swetz, Brian <Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org>; Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Johns, Michael <Michael.Johns@claconnect.com>  
**Subject:** RE: FY16 Audit Report - Luzerne County

Good morning everyone,

Attached is the governance communication letter, internal control letter, and the management letter comments. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,  
Andy



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**From:** Lee, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** 'Houck, Linda McClosky' <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>; Swetz, Brian <Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org>; 'David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org' <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>

Cc: Johns, Michael <Michael.Johns@claconnect.com>

Subject: FY16 Audit Report - Luzerne County

All,

Please find in the attached, the FY16 final audit report. We will send the findings/recommendation letter in the near future.

Thank you,  
Andy



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**From:** Brominski, Edward  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Cc:** Brominski, Edd  
**Subject:** FW: COUNCIL REQUEST RE: Ema job app

Linda:

I still have not received a response. Your suggestion??

Thanks Edd

-----Original Message-----

From: Brominski, Edward  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:49 PM  
To: Crocamo, Romilda <Romilda.Crocamo@luzernecounty.org>  
Subject: RE: COUNCIL REQUEST RE: Ema job app

Thank you..

-----Original Message-----

From: Crocamo, Romilda  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:27 PM  
To: Brominski, Edward <Edward.Brominski@luzernecounty.org>  
Subject: Re: COUNCIL REQUEST RE: Ema job app

Councilman Brominski,

I had the documents with me last evening. I will provide them to you.

Romilda

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 27, 2017, at 8:55 PM, Brominski, Edward <Edward.Brominski@luzernecounty.org> wrote:

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> Counselor:

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> I did not get any reply. Please send one to me at my county email address.

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> Thank you...Edd Brominski

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Crocamo, Romilda

> Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 2:27 PM

> To: Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>

> Cc: Brominski, Edward <Edward.Brominski@luzernecounty.org>; Houck, Linda McClosky

> <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>; Gavlick, Angela <Angela.Gavlick@luzernecounty.org>; Rosencrans, Fred

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> Subject: RE: COUNCIL REQUEST RE: Ema job app

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> Good afternoon Sharon,

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> I will have the documents for the Executive Session.

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> Romilda

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lawrence, Sharon

> Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM

> To: Crocarno, Romilda <Romilda.Crocarno@luzernecounty.org>

> Cc: Brominski, Edward <Edward.Brominski@luzernecounty.org>; Houck, Linda McClosky  
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> Hi Romilda,

> I spoke with Angela regarding Mr. Brominski's request below and she directed me to you.

> Can you please tell me what the procedure is or can you obtain the information he is requesting?

> Thank you,

> Sharon

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> Sharon Lawrence

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Edward Brominski [mailto:ebrom12@icloud.com]

> Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:45 AM

> To: Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>

> Subject: Ema job app

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> Sharon. Get me a copy of the recent job advertised at the EMA and the resume of the person picked to fill the job.  
Have it for me at the personnel meeting tomorrow night. Thanks.

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> Sent from my iPhone