
From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Lawrence, Sharon
Cc: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: BPRC draft agenda

Hi Sharon,

Here is the draft agenda for the Monday, Nov 27 BPRC meeting:

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Consent Approval of Minutes
Correspondence
 Review Applications
 Determine Eligibility
 Issue Acceptance/Rejection Letter to Municipality
 Issue "First Strike Letter" and Include List of Action Steps to Property Owner
Old Business
New Business
Public Comment

Thank you!

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman

From: Dobash, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Brominski, Edward;Houck, Linda McClosky;Luzerne County Council Members
Cc: Brominski, Edd
Subject: Re: 2018 Budget

Remove all funding for all

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Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 5:20:58 PM
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From: Dobash, Kathy
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Brominski, Edward
Subject: May PRIMARY STUDY COMMISSION QUESTION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PLACING A GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION QUESTION ON THE
MAY 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AND DESIGNATING THE
NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SAID COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Luzerne County is a Third Class County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governed by a Home Rule Charter that became effective January 2012; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of the County of Luzerne wishes to place before the residents of Luzerne County a Government Study Commission question on the ballot for the May____, 2018 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the County Council for the County of Luzerne wishes to designate the number of persons to serve on the Government Study Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Ordained and enacted by the County Council of the County of Luzerne and it is hereby Ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

1. The County Council of the County of Luzerne hereby directs that the following question be placed on the ballot for the May___ 2018 Primary Election:

"Shall a Government Study Commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of government of the County of Luzerne, to consider the advisability of the adoption of an optional form of government or a home rule charter, to recommend the adoption of an optional form of government or to draft and recommend a home rule charter?"

2. The proposed Government Study Commission shall be comprised of seven members.

3. Within 5 days of the final enactment of this Ordinance the County Council Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Luzerne County Board of Elections together with a copy of the question to be submitted to the voters at the May___, 2018 General Election.

4. Pursuant to 53 Pa.C.S.A. §2911 of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, the Clerk to Luzerne County Council is hereby directed to within five days after the final enactment of this Ordinance to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Bureau of Elections together with a copy of the question to be submitted to the electors.

5. Pursuant to 53 Pa. C.S.A. ' 2952 of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, the Clerk to Luzerne County Council is hereby directed to post a Notice of the Election of the question of a Government Study Commission in each polling place on the day of election and publish a Notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Luzerne County once a week for three consecutive weeks during the period of 30 days prior to the May ____, 2018 Primary Election.

6. The County Solicitor, County Manager and Clerk to Luzerne County Council are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary in order to carry out the directives set forth in Items 1 through 5 above in this Ordinance.

7. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of proper execution by the Chair and Vice-Chair of Luzerne County Council and Clerk to Council.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NAYS:

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 9:15 PM
To: Haas, Harry
Subject: Re: budget amendments #2

Harry,

Are you aware that we will not have to budget 26 million for 2018 for debt service, since the refinancing adjusted our schedule to require slightly more than 20 million in debt service for 2018?

We will be able to amend the budget to reduce the debt service line by 5.3 million in the 2018 budget.

The proposed tax increase would have brought 2 million in- the refinancing savings is more than twice that.

There is no need for a tax increase for 2018, even if we accepted the rest of the manager proposed budget without amendment.

Linda

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

From: "Haas, Harry" <Harry.Haas@luzernecounty.org>
Date: 11/16/17 11:02 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>
Cc: "Lawrence, Sharon" <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: budget amendments #2

Ms. Chair,

Attached are my budget amendments to date.

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The general amendments of \$41,929 plus \$52,800 equals \$94,729 to prevent a tax increase.

Thank you,
Harry

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman

From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 11:23 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Lawrence, Sharon
Subject: budget amendments #2 correction

Forgive me, my benefits calculation is slightly off. These figures are based on the manager's FY2018 Proposed New Positions spreadsheet. Corrections are in bold.

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The overall savings will decrease by \$2,466.

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From: Walsh Waitkus, Jane
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Lawrence, Sharon; Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Walsh Waitkus, Jane
Subject: Re: AGENDA and PACKET Work Session 11-14-17

Hi Linda,

I am requesting that you allow the Real Estate Committee discussion of the former juvenile detention center be entered on the agenda as a separate item and not as part of the committee reports. I realize that there is a long agenda for that evening, but the committee wishes to share important information with the council and have requested county corrections officials to attend.

Best regards,
Jane

On Nov 9, 2017, at 2:05 PM, Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org> wrote:

Hi Jane,

I spoke with Linda about it and she said she didn't want to add it as a separate item. It will be discussed during your committee update.

I did tell her that we are asking 3 other people to attend for questions but she still wanted to leave it as part of your committee update with so many things on the agenda.

Do you want me to talk to her again about it?

Thanks,
Sharon

Sharon Lawrence
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From: Walsh Waitkus, Jane
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: Re: AGENDA and PACKET Work Session 11-14-17

Hi Sharon,

A few weeks ago the Real Estate Committee requested that a discussion be placed on the work session agenda regarding the former juvenile facility building. Are you able to add to this agenda?

Jane

On Nov 9, 2017, at 11:56 AM, Lawrence, Sharon
<Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org> wrote:

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<AGENDA and PACKET 11-14-17 Work.pdf>

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Cc: Brominski, Edd
Subject: hole in Kingston

Let's be a little proactive. Fill the hole now and squabble later as to whose responsibility it is...

Edd Brominski

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Chair,

Please correct: My second proposed amendment to the Manager's 2018 budget is to remove the \$1.3 million pay increases. for Non represented employees, in the **510.15** account.