

**RESOLUTION R-2020-45
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council
Approving the Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of
Estate of Trisha Cooper v. Luzerne County Correctional Facility, et al.*

WHEREAS, Section 4.07 B.3 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter Provides the County Manager shall have the authority to recommend the settlement of litigation involving the County, subject to the approval of County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Manager has recommended settlement of the above-captioned litigation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.09 B.5 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides that County Council shall have the power to approve, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Council members, a recommendation by the County Manager to settle litigation involving the County; and

WHEREAS, the Estate of Trisha Cooper filed an action against Luzerne County alleging claims related to the suicide of Ms. Cooper while she was incarcerated at Luzerne County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff desires to settle its claims against Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council also desires to resolve the pending litigation in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the settlement of pending litigation for all claims asserted against Luzerne County in the matter of *Estate of Trisha Cooper v. Luzerne County Correctional Facility, et al.* for the amount of \$110,000.00, of which Luzerne County's contribution is \$55,000.00. This settlement is a full and complete settlement and release of any and all claims by the Estate of Trisha Cooper against the County of Luzerne.

This resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held February 25, 2020.

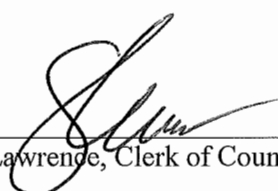
ROLL CALL VOTE (10-1)

YES: Haas, Houck, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Saidman, Schnee, SJUrban and Vough

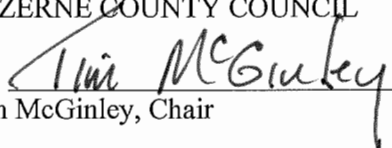
NO: Griffith

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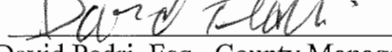
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council



LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Tim McGinley, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager