

RESOLUTION R – 2014 – 04

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

*A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Requesting the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority to Form an Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Merging Rail Operations with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority.*

Whereas, Luzerne County Council understands that passenger rail service connecting Luzerne County with other cities throughout North America will improve the quality of life of Luzerne County residents, encourage visitors to Northeastern Pennsylvania, and reduce vehicular congestion on highways; and

Whereas, Luzerne County Council understands the interconnected relationships among economic development of Northeastern Pennsylvania, tourism, and a well-built railroad infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority operates rail operations in Monroe and Lackawanna Counties and is currently planning for passenger rail service between Hoboken, New Jersey and Scranton, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the Luzerne County Rail Corporation, which owns and operates on 67 miles of rail line in Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties, is owned by the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Luzerne County Council requests that the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority soon form an ad hoc committee to explore with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority the possibility of Luzerne County joining that Authority and that that ad hoc committee identify the issues, benefits, risks, and costs of merging the operations of the Luzerne County Rail Corporation with the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Rail Authority.


This Resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County council held on June 24, 2014.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 

Rick Morell, Chairman



Robert C. Lawton, County Manager

Attest: 

Brittany M. Burgess, Clerk of Council