

**RESOLUTION R-2017-40**  
**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

***A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Approving the Settlement of  
Pending Litigation the Matter of Wren v. Luzerne County, 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, Richard Wren was employed as the Director of Veteran's Affairs of Luzerne County beginning in 2005 and was fired on September 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wren brought suit against the County alleging that he was unlawfully terminated; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2016, a federal jury awarded \$200,000 to Mr. Wren plus attorney's fees and costs; and

WHEREAS, Richard Wren desires to settle his 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 *Wren v. Luzerne County*, for the amount of \$378,428.37. This settlement is a full and complete settlement of any and all claims Richard Wren has against Luzerne County.

This resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held February 28, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE (7-4)

YES: Haas, Kelleher, McGinley, Schnee, Waitkus, Williams, and Houck

NO: Brominski, Dobash, Sorokas, and SA Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Linda McClosky Houck  
Linda McClosky Houck, Chair

Attest: [Signature]  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: [Signature]  
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager