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Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns,

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Subject: Questions regarding CD loan forgiveness

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Subject: RE: Manager serving on Airport Board and Retirement Board

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2. the Clerk to the Council send those entities a copy of resolution R2015-36 and request that they post their information within 30 days.

What do you think? Is producing a list of the entities that receive discretionary funds a burden to the administration?

Rick Williams

From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 7:02 AM
To: Lawrence, Sharon
Cc: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: leg committee 3/22 agenda

Hi Sharon,

Could we add discussion with courts administrator Mike Shucosky to next Tuesday's agenda? He is willing to come. Unless I'm mistaken, that leaves us with three items:

courts administration
property review committee ordinance
puppy mill presentation

Thanks, and talk soon,

Harry

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman

From: Williams, Rick
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 5:04 PM
To: Pedri, David
Subject: Re: council mailbag

Thanks,

Both Keri Skvarla and Larry Plesh called.

Nice work
Rick

On Mar 11, 2016, at 4:37 PM, Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org> wrote:

Council,

It has been a very eventful week here at the County, and I wanted to touch base with you on the topics you requested information on. Please find the status updates below sorted by the Councilmember who requested the information originally. If I missed anything, or if you have any other concerns, please let me know.

Rick Williams

1. Division of Corrections to "Division of Public Safety" review – assigned to solicitor's office – memorandum to be prepared on or before March 22.
2. Combination of Planning Dept. with Comm. Dev. Dept. - assigned to Division of Administration – research necessary on other Counties. Will provide a report to Council in approximately 30 days.

Kathy Dobash

3. Collateral for lease back bond issue – Moon Lake to Penn Place transfer 2015 – assigned to solicitor's office – memorandum to be prepared on or before March 22.
4. List of all banks currently holding county funds – assigned to treasurer's office – answer to be e-mailed next week
5. Review of use of Marcellus shale act 13 funds for 2012, 2013, and 2014 – assigned to budget and finance – status provided by march 22

Edd Brominski

6. Status of Log Splitting equipment and boats from Moon Lake – assigned to engineer's department – answer to be e-mailed next week

7. Flood Protection employees pension status – assigned to Administrative services – collective bargaining issue - answer to be provided next week
8. Leasing commercial space by non-profits – assigned to solicitor’s office – memorandum to be provided with options by march 22
9. Split Districts in Elections (WVW School District) – assigned to Election Bureau who will communicate with WVW School Board

Stephen Urban

10. Farm issue – I spoke to land owner personally, assigned to Engineer’s Department for assistance with road

Linda Houck

11. Diversity Funds deposit – assigned to Budget and Finance – answer to be provided next week.

David Pedri

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From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 8:39 PM
To: Williams, Rick
Subject: Re: Strategic Initiatives Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet 3-8-16

Thanks for this information and for all the hard work, Rick.
And despite the mania, there's no place I'd rather be!

Harry

*Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman*

From: Williams, Rick
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Haas, Harry
Subject: Fw: Strategic Initiatives Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet 3-8-16

Harry,

Here are the agenda materials from yesterday's Strategic Initiatives Committee meeting, including the 11 possible amendments to the Charter.

Glad you're at the table.

Rick

From: Lawrence, Sharon
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2016 7:31 PM
To: Williams, Rick; Brominski, Edward; Houck, Linda McClosky; Walsh Waitkus, Jane
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Strategic Initiatives Committee Meeting Agenda and Packet 3-8-16

From: Williams, Rick
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From: Kelleher, Eugene
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 12:33 PM
To: Lawrence, Sharon
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: request to manager search committee

Chairman Houck and fellow Council Members,

I would like to add the following motion to the voting session agenda:

The Luzerne County Council requests the manager search committee recommended candidates be sent to the Council in alphabetical order with no attached ranking of these county manager candidates.

Eugene Kelleher

From: Pedri, David
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 2:20 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: division of corrections

On behalf of the Luzerne County Courthouse, we would like to thank Allen Nesbitt for his service as Director of Corrections. Mr. Nesbitt has been a great asset to the county and we wish him the best of luck as he moves forward with his career.

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