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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
August 16, 2016  
Board Room, Executive Plaza  
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan - Present  
Commissioner Mussare - Present  
Commissioner Mirabito - Present

Solicitor Smith - Present

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. The meeting was convened at 10:04 a.m.

**2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

2.1 APPROVE CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved accounts payable cash requirement report through August 24, 2016, for payment on August 17, 2016.

Mr. Mussare brought up that \$48,000 was paid to Abraxas for six children, and another \$20,000 for four additional children through Children & Youth.

Mr. Mirabito explained that even though this is reimbursed with state dollars, that the county tries to use money up front in preventative programs to save money down the line.,

Mr. Mirabito pointed out that an additional \$36,000 was paid to George Jr. Republic for similar reasons.

Mr. Mirabito commented that money is being allocated to the Route 15 corridor to assist with overall economic development.

Kurt Hausammann said that the project does qualify for Act 13 funds but these funds are being drawn from general revenue funds.

Mr. Mirabito explained that the West Pharmaceutical Building needs to have public sewer and water in order for it to be used to its greatest capacity. It is important to fund growth areas such as this.

Mr. Mirabito added that the Chamber is using money to build baseball fields.

Kurt Hausammann said that the Chamber brings the businesses to the area, but the county needs to prepare the area to make it attractive to businesses.

Mr. Mirabito explained Act 89 and the \$5 vehicle registration fee that could be used to leverage money to help with bridge repairs in the area. Other areas that have enacted the fee have had negative feedback, however.

Mr. Mussare said that economic development needs to be funded in the county, and the infrastructure needs to be developed. This will provide growth in the county job market.

Mr. McKernan said that the first step is the plan for the future needs to be put together. The budget is a wreck. An economic fund could be funded for when there are issue. First we need a long term vision.

Mr. McKernan explained that hiring and keeping LPNs at the prison is an issue. The current wage is \$16.42/hour and the proposed wage is \$18.42/hour. This increase is more comparable to rates in other organizations.

Mr. Mirabito said that all medical issues must be addressed, and this is the most cost effective way, much less expensive than paying guards for a prison and transport to the hospital.

Mr. Mussare asserted that it is hard to compete in the surrounding area.

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT.** The floor was opened to public comment and the following were received:

Larry Stout Clinton Township supervisor commented that many units in the Route 15 corridor area have issues with them on site septic and wells. This is a tremendous help in a neglected area.

Mr. Mirabito clarified that he wants to get all the facts out regarding the airport issue. The total commitment from the county is over \$6 Million in various forms. The original plan for the airport was not a terminal building, but an access road. He means no disrespect to all who have worked on these projects.

Mr. Mckernan suggested that the airport find other sources for certain aspects of the request instead of relying on county funds.

**7.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, August 18, 2016.

**8.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.