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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
September 15, 2016  
Board Room, Executive Plaza  
Pine Street, Williamsport**

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

Assistant Solicitor Bluth - Present

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

- 1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. Mr. McKernan convened the Commissioners Meeting 10:05 a.m.
- 1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the minutes of the previous meeting as they are recorded.
- 1.3 RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comment on agenda items only, and none were received.

**2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

- 2.1 APPROVE SUB CONTRACT WITH UNITED WAY. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved subrecipient monitoring contract with Lycoming County United Way for the Homeless Assistance Program in the amount of \$153,114.
- 2.2 APPROVE SUB CONTRACT WITH WEST BRANCH D&A. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved subrecipient monitoring contract with West Branch Drug & Alcohol for the Behavioral Health Services Initiative in the amount of \$507,485.

2.3 APPROVE SUB CONTRACT WITH WEST BRANCH D&A. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved subrecipient monitoring contract with West Branch Drug & Alcohol for Act 152 in the amount of \$215,235.

2.4 APPROVE SUB CONTRACT WITH WEST BRANCH D&A. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved quote from Sunbury Motor Company in the amount of \$12,041.54 for repairs to the 2010 Western Star 4964F Semi Truck Tractor.

2.5 APPROVE PSA WITH TIOGA COUNTY. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with Tioga County for the Juvenile Probation Office.

2.6 APPROVE PSA WITH CLEAR VISION. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with Clear Vision for the Juvenile Probation Office.

2.7 APPROVE UPDATE TO ADEC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved updated payment to the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for 2016 increasing it by \$316,551 for the new total amount of \$2,304,865.

Mr. McKernan asked if this is a requirement.

Controller Rogers explained it is not, but if it is not funded it will create a problem down the road. And it will create a negative number on the statement.

Mr. McKernan asked if the board can approve payment then delay it?

Controller Rogers said her request is that the payment be broken up into monthly installments for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Mussare said that this is a commitment to the employees, and is required by law. In the private sector there are no guarantees. He asked how sustainable this requirement is? Previous boards made the commitment to not push it off. The life expectancy increased and the rate of increase went down.

Controller Rogers said that many factors impact this. This is a "no-end" fund.

Mr. Mussare said that he feels it is time the legislators rewrite the law. As long as this is the law, he will support it. He agrees this is difficult.

Mr. Mirabito asked that previous boards did not fund it for what period?

Controller Rogers said it the county did not make contributions from 1960-2003.

Mr. Mirabito referenced a report he read from 2012 that it cost more government money to help those without a defined benefit plan.

Mr. Mussare said that the legislators have the ability to change the law, and they don't even fund their own. Controller Rogers emphasized that the county is in good shape though. Mr. Mirabito said the current board is working hard to reduce legacy costs.

2.8 APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTION. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the following personnel action:  
Domestic Relations - Julie A. Ault as full time replacement Clerk I - Pay grade 2 - \$11.67/hour effective 9/19/16.

## 5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.

5.1 The Commissioners presented a retirement clock to Andrew Lutz from Pre Release. Kevin DeParlos talked about his service to the county. Mr. McKernan thanked him for his service to the county. Mr. Lutz said it was a good 25 years and he enjoyed what he did.

## 6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT.

Mr. Mussare talked about the event that Rep. Everett held in Bradford County about royalties from drilling. He does not want this to happen in Lycoming County. Mr. Mussare wants to set up a meeting with developers and builders and our planning office to ensure that the public understands ordinances and rules. This is tentatively scheduled for the October planning committee meeting. Mr. Mirabito said that he supports what Rep. Everett is doing. The ball for this had been dropped in 2012/2013. The unemployment in the county is second highest in the region and we are definitely hurting. This needs to be taken into account. Mr. McKernan said there is tremendous support for Rep. Everett in our area, but other areas need to support him as well to get legislation passed.

## 7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comment and the following were received:

Jim Dunn from Armstrong Township exclaimed this was one of the best meetings he has been to. He agrees that the legislators need support to negotiate for royalties. He suggested a

change in the Natural Gas Task Force Membership. He thanked Controller Rogers for requesting support of the ADEC. He asked the Commissioners that during budget time they look toward partnerships for grants and matches and to develop long term strategies.

Fred Stahl of Williamsport said that a new terminal does not create passengers - planes do. He suggested to cut the landing fee to airlines if they offer more flights. It costs too much to fly in and out of Williamsport as compared to surrounding areas.

Fred Stahl also spoke about the sad shape of the White Deer Golf Course financials. He feels the county is losing money and should get rid of Billy Casper Golf. An advisory group should be created instead.

Frank Steckel of Williamsport said that the gas industries buy off politicians then run off. He said there is corruption with Judge Butts and the Adult Probation Office.

Mr. Mirabito suggested to file a right to know request for the video Mr. Steckel wants.

**8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

**9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:22 a.m.