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**Minutes of the Meeting of
November 29, 2016
Board Room, Executive Plaza
Pine Street, Williamsport**

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

Solicitor Smith - Present

1.0 OPERATIONS

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m.

Bids were opened for Consumable Energy Products (2 bidders).

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVE CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (2-0), approved accounts payable cash requirement report through December 7, 2016, for payment on November 30, 2016.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT. The floor was opened to commissioner comment and the following were received:

Mr. Mirabito commented on the proposed 2017 budget and the town hall meetings that were held. He said the county is still at a deficit. He proposed to eliminate GEO and 20 positions through attrition as well as to use the hotel tax differently to reduce the deficit. If this was done he would be for a .5 mil increase. He wants a truly balanced budget.

Mr. Mussare said that certain policies and programs were implemented to address ongoing issues in a snapshot of time. The GEO program was part of a solution, to help reduce recidivism.

It has taken a couple of years to understand who fits into this program.

Mr. Mirabito said we need to learn from this. Doing away with the program doesn't mean it was wrong at that time.

Mr. Mussare said that we need to reduce the size of Lycoming County Government by selling unused assets (buildings).

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

Larry Stout suggested that county employers should be more receptive to hiring ex-convicts. "We the public" should be more owning of our problems.

Mr. Mirabito said that the re-entry coordinator position attempts to do this.

Matt McDermott suggested that many employers like to use our pre-release center clients as they are insured to be at the job on time and sober.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. Mussare announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, November 6, 2016.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.