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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
March 21, 2017  
Board Room, Executive Plaza  
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan - Present  
Commissioner Mussare - Arrived at 10:20 a.m.  
Commissioner Mirabito - Present

Solicitor Smith - Present

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. The meeting was convened at 10:02 a.m.

**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 March 29, 2017, for payment on March 22, 2017, in the amount of \$927,614.75.

2.2 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 April 5, 2017, for payment on March 29, 2017, pending review and approval by the commissioners.

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

Mr. Mirabito announced that the Library received a \$40,000 Keystone Grant from the state to redo the lobby.

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

Linda Morris of Huffman Avenue in Williamsport voiced her concerns about the Federal bill being considered as replacement for the Health Care Act, and its impacts. She said that the burden of paying for it will be pushed to the County and gave details on how it will affect local taxes. She encouraged the Commissioners to invite Congressman Marino to join in a town hall meeting or to request he host a local meeting regarding this.

Mr. Mussare responded that he corresponds regularly with Congressman Marino. He added that nobody wants this bill forced upon them; it needs vetted. We need to be patient.

Karen Horn said this proposed bill isn't going to save the government money. It only takes more from the poor and gives ore to the rich.

Mr. Mirabito asserted that the Commissioners will communicate this information to the Congressman. He also discussed Medicaid expansion. He said that this is an important responsibility and none of them want to see the costs dumped on the counties. He encouraged them to continue to speak out on this.

Mr. Mussare added that they should look at it from different perspectives and see why health care costs are so great, sometimes due to the subsidies from the government. If it is free market, then there is no more price gauging. He promised to have a town hall meeting with Congressman Marino.

Mr. McKernan added that there is a conference call today at 11 with Senator Casey regarding this topic.

**8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, March 23, 2017. There will be no meetings March 28 & 30.

**9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.