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**Minutes of the Meeting of
June 15, 2017
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. Mr. McKernan convened the Commissioners Meeting 10:05 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare 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 the following were received:

Glen Williams – Old Lycoming Township – stressed that as a senior citizen on a fixed income and limited resources he opposes the \$5 registration fee. He noted that the registration fee for senior citizens is waived in some states.

Commissioner McKernan responded by thanking Mr. Williams for the idea to check with state legislators to see if they would propose legislation to reduce or waive those fees for senior citizens.

Commissioner Mirabito explained why it is important to maintain our county's infrastructure especially related to school buses, emergency vehicles, commerce, and general convenience and wellbeing of residents.

Mr. Williams then questioned whether gas tax money could be redirected for bridge repair.

Commissioner Mussare answered yes. However, he explained why the \$5 registration fee is a better option. He explained that once the gas tax money would be spent it is gone, but by imposing this \$5 registration fee, it would create a funding stream to pay the payments on the bond without using county tax dollars.

Larry Stout – Clinton Township expressed his support for the \$5 fee explaining that when their local bridge was out it created the need for redirection of traffic not only to local residents, but school buses and emergency vehicles. It was considerably burdensome.

Todd Lauer, Jersey Shore, supported the \$5 fee explaining also that if we don't fix bridges the county could be exposed to multi-million dollar law suits. He agreed with the issues that arise when a bridge is out and how inconvenient it is as a business owner.

Mr. Williams questioned how many vehicle registrations are there in Lycoming County.

Commissioner McKernan answered there are approximately 128,000 registrations in Lycoming County.

Commissioner Mussare said the commissioner's office received 33 calls from constituents expressing their opposition. He spoke to all 33 and after explaining how this program will work they are all in support.

Mark Murawski explained the process and said that the municipalities will be responsible for a share of their own bridge repair costs.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 ENACT ORDINANCE 2017-02 FOR THE \$5 REGISTRATION FEE. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0) by a roll call vote, approved this Enactment.

2.2 APPROVE TIMBER RUN RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved this agreement.

2.3 AWARD CONTRACT FOR FOOD PRODUCTS FOR THE 3RD QUARTER ON A PER ITEM, AS NEEDED BASIS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved these contracts with Keyco Distributors, Sysco Food Services LLC, Feesers Inc., and Benjamin Foods.

2.4 APPROVE AWARD OF PCORP LOSS PREVENTION GRANT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved this \$15,000 grant.

2.5 APPROVE CHANGE ORDER TO LY-16-02/03 TO THE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved this \$6,500 change to add rip-rap.

2.6 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PA WINDOW TINT, INC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved this contract.

2.7 APPROVE 2017-18 DOH EMS CONTRACT. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved this contract.

2.8 APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ACTIONS: A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the following:

District Attorney - Correction to action taken on June 1, 2017 - Full time replacement Assistant County Detective NEU – DET - \$18.305/hour effective 6/18/17.

Pre-Release – Andrew J. Lutz as part time replacement Pre-Release Driver – Pay grade 4 - \$12.96/hour effective 6/19/2017, not to exceed 1,000 hours annually.

Domestic Relations – Stephanie M. Tribble as full time Interim Chief Domestic Relations Officer – Pay grade 12 - \$71,604.55/annually, effective 6/25/2017.

Maintenance – Mark A. Phillips as full time replacement Custodial Worker – Pay grade 1 - \$10.84/hour effective 6/26/2017.

PCD – Thomas Krajewski as full time replacement Community & Economic Development Planner – Pay grade 8 - \$39,034.11/annually effective 6/18/2017.

PCD – Austin J. Dailey as full time replacement Subdivision Land Development Administrator – Pay grade 7 - \$35,289.56/annually effective 6/18/2017.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT.

No Commissioner comment was received.

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

Jim Dunn-Armstrong Township- Thanked the Commissioners for approving the \$5 registration fee in order to make necessary repairs to many bridges in Lycoming County. He also urged the Commissioners to launch a county wide reassessment. He noted the inaccuracy of current assessments especially in flood zone areas and stressed the importance of more accurate assessments.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:21 a.m.