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**Minutes of the Meeting of
August 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. The meeting was convened at 10:01 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 23, 2017, for payment on August 16, 2017, in the amount of \$2,062,063.29.

2.2 NOTIFY VENDOR ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE REQUIRED. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (2-1), approved notification of the vendor [GEO Re-Entry Services, LLC] that additional due diligence is needed with regard to the \$5/person/day contract amendment. There is no signed agreement and a vote will be taken as soon as possible. The following discussion occurred prior to the vote in regard to the request for the Commissioners to consider amendment #3 to a professional services agreement with GEO Reentry Services, LLC (GEO):

Mr. Mirabito said that he would want to see the contract between GEO and the state and instead offer a partnership with the state instead of being offered \$5/person/day. He is also concerned with approval of this amendment as it may oversaturate the community.

Mr. Mussare agreed with wanting to see the contract between GEO and the state. But he added that money we (the county) gets is a benefit. He asked for the term of the agreement to be clarified with an ending date (12/31/17).

Mr. Mirabito made a motion to tell GEO to tell the State that they cannot take referrals until the County sees the contract between GEO and the state and formally votes on a contract amendment between the County and GEO. This motion died for lack of a second.

Solicitor Smith clarified that this is a technical wrong [operating without a contract approved in a public meeting]. This can be fixed by doing our due diligence and ratifying a contract.

Mr. Mussare said that he wants to make calls and follow up on this today.

Mr. Mirabito emphasized that he wants a copy of the contract between GEO and the state.

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

Mr. McKernan explained his dissenting vote above. He said that on July 14 a fairly extensive meeting was held with regard to the GEO discussion. He recalled providing a 'go-ahead' with the contract stipulating an end date of December 31, 2017. He felt there was no problem moving forward with a vote to follow in a public meeting to tie up loose ends.

Mr. Mirabito said that this needs to be done in a public meeting. He suggested to Mr. McKernan that it may be due to the fact that he (Mr. McKernan) is new to government.

Mr. Mussare commented on the program that aired on ESPN with regard to Little League Baseball and World Series.

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

Larry Stout from Montgomery asked that the Commissioners comment on personnel actions if a person has done something extraordinary to receive a promotion.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, August 17, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.