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**Minutes of the Meeting of
September 5, 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 10:03 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 September 13, 2017, for payment on September 6, 2017, in the amount of \$875,184.99.

2.2 APPROVE PSA WITH KELLER PARTNERS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with Keller Partners & Company for consulting services to pursue funding for the Greater Williamsport Levee Project not to exceed \$102,000.

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

Mr. Mussare commented on serving on the assessment and taxation committee for CCAP and the old senate bill 76 (SB76) being introduced. It would eliminate school tax, and the county commissioners would be responsible to tax more. This is concerning though as it could put stress on

communities throughout the state to compete with one another. But school taxes aren't getting better. People are struggling.

Mr. McKernan explained he reached out to the college and wants to see if an accounting/economic student will be able to work with the county in relation to SB76.

Mr. Mirabito said there is a paradox in Pennsylvania. The decentralized/local government approach can affect economic development, especially due to the changes in taxes from county to county. There is lots of pressure from those who don't have kids in school as to why they should be paying school taxes.

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

John Yingling gave an update on hurricane Irma. It is being monitored closely, and that will continue.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, September 7, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.