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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
September 19, 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 10:02 a.m.

Bids were opened for the following: James V. Brown Library Remodel (1 bidder)

**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 May 10, 2017, for payment on May 3, 2017 in the amount of \$791,507.

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

Mr. Mussare said that he attended a local law enforcement (chiefs) meeting this morning where the Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) was discussed. It is down to four members. All the chiefs said it is vital to fund the NEU. There was discussion on what will be the best way to fund this. This is an issue that must be dealt with.

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

Al Boyer from McIntyre township said that he respects and is impressed by the current three commissioners. He went on to comment that if the middle class is removed, society cannot be productive. He also said that organized crime exists. Young kids need to be engaged and involved to keep them out of it.

Larry Stout said that his township used to have police and but due to cost issues, it was ended. He reminded the Commissioners that an elected official's primary responsibility is public safety. Someone needs to take a stand.

Al Boyer presented an instance where he saw what he thought was a drug deal in Ralston. He said the use of females is becoming more wide-spread in drug deals.

Larry Stout said that he noted, as a Clinton Township Supervisor, a spike in the population in Allenwood Prison in 2011, similar to the county prison population spike.

Mr. Mussare talked more about the NEU, and how it caused the prison population to increase. He commented about the studies that were done, and that elected officials use those studies to make informed decisions. One reason the GEO program was implemented was because of this. There are costs that are not as obvious that are incurred when the prison population is higher.

Mr. Mirabito urged people to talk to their Federal legislators about having Medicare continuing coverage on prisoners while in prison.

Mr. Mirabito said the costs of prison needs to be compared to the costs of funding a reentry program.

**8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, September 21, 2017.

**9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.