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**Minutes of the Meeting of
October 10, 2017
Board Room, Executive Plaza
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan - Present
Commissioner Mussare - Present
Commissioner Mirabito - Present

Assistant Solicitor Wiley - Present

1.0 OPERATIONS

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. The meeting was convened at 10:03 a.m.

Bids were opened for the following:
Rebid for JVB Library Project (3 bidders)

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVE CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved accounts payable cash requirement report through October 18, 2017, for payment on October 11, 2017, in the amount of \$1,012,181.

The following discussion was held with regard to the requested grant application for the Sylvan Dell project:

Mr. Mussare asked why this should be approved prior to knowing who will be taking this [project] over? Who will be held accountable? Will it be Armstrong Township? South Williamsport Borough?

Mr. McKernan agreed with Mr. Mussare. Who will take ownership of the project? Kim Wheeler commented that there is a memorandum of agreement being worked on between the municipalities. It was agreed that the County would take initial ownership until it is worked out.

Mr. Mirabito said that the people are excited about this project. There should be no fears at this point, and the issue on who will take ownership is not critical yet.

Mr. Mussare said that while the citizens like the project, they do not want to incur future costs. If there is no agreement the county will be stuck with it and have to pay for it with county tax dollars.

Kim Wheeler emphasized that there is no land acquisition decision needed today. This is only about securing the funding.

Mr. McKernan said that he doesn't want the parties to wait until the last moment. He would like to see the cooperation now.

Kim Wheeler said that the working MOU document is the cooperation.

Mr. Mirabito clarified that none of this is coming out of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. McKernan said that there is no risk in filing this paperwork, that the application needs to be done.

Mr. Mirabito said that this project would help with the tourism industry in the county.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT. The floor was opened to commissioner comment and none were received.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. The floor was opened to public comment and the following were received:
Todd Lauer asked why the Assistant District Attorneys and the Assistant Public Defenders use the Teamsters for their collective bargaining unit.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, October 12, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.