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**Minutes of the Meeting of
October 17, 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 10:04 a.m.

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 25, 2017, in the amount of \$843,593.

2.2 APPROVE GRANT SUBMITTAL TO FCFP. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (2-0, Mussare abstained), approved grant submittal to the First Community Foundation for Muncy Resiliency Implementation: Restoration and Stormwater Demonstration Project.

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

Mr. Mirabito announced that 6th Law Library will be coming back into the courthouse the beginning of January to help with constituent services. Mr. McKernan provided an update on jail overcrowding: one is out of county. Mr. Mussare spoke about the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction and the proposal to change it. This would be a case of double taxation.

There was discussion about the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the positives and negatives of having an authority oversee it.

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

John Shireman from Jersey Shore provided a copy of a letter regarding a conversation he had with Vince Matteo regarding an editorial where Mr. Matteo asserted he was against tax increases. (see attached)

Mr. Mirabito said that when an entity uses public money, you need to do as publicly elected people do. You need to listen to what the public has to say.

Al Boyer of McIntyre Township said that maybe people should listen more and talk less. He admires this board at how they address things.

Mr. Mirabito spoke about the Central Workforce Development Board and asked Mr. Boyer if he still requires assistance from them for McIntyre Township.

Mr. Boyer said that a great deal still needs to be done.

Larry Stout commented about the hotel tax and said that everybody who gets tax money has a standard accountability. He asked if the county requires any standardization from organizations that receive tax money?

Mr. Mirabito said that audits are provided but no detail beyond that is given. This is about transparency.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, October 19, 2017.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

October 16, 2017

From:

John F. Shireman

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To:

Lycoming County Commissioners

Jack Mc Kerana, Tony Massare and Rick Mirabito

On October 2, 2017 I read an editorial by Vince Matteo in the Williamsport Sun Gazette complaining about the state budget and he being against a severance tax on natural gas and demanding that prior tax raises should be rolled back.

I had a phone conversation on October 2 with Matteo and reminded him that he and the Chamber of Commerce was in favor of an increase in the Hotel Tax back in March of this year. Matteo became upset with me and stated these were two different issues. I stated a tax is a tax no matter what form it comes in. At this point in our conversation he stated that the Hotel Tax was a User Fee not a tax. He then went on to call me an Ass Hole and hung up on me.

John F. Shireman



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