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**+Minutes of the Meeting of
December 13, 2018
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. Mr. McKernan convened the Commissioners Meeting 10:05 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the minutes of the previous meeting as they are recorded.

Solicitor Smith – according to Robert’s Rules of Order minutes are a record of what was done, not what was said. Minutes are to include;

- the names of participants,
- agenda items,
- calendar or due dates,
- actions or tasks,
- the main points
- decisions made by the participants
- Record what is the most important points
- Future decisions
- Documents: images, attached files

Commissioners may add attachments to the minutes as they deem appropriate.

Mr. Mirabito – Has concerns regarding the minutes. Historically, he also understands that previous boards also found the recording of minutes woefully inadequate when trying to understand prior thinking of leaders and their decisions.

1.3 RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comment on agenda items only, and none were received. See Attached.

Deputy Chief Scott Metzger – In recognition of his retirement from serving Lycoming County for 32 years, Mr. Metzger read a statement. In the statement, he acknowledge that he would miss his Adult Probation Office family and his co-workers in the Sheriff’s office and prison. He said he could not say enough good things about the people he worked with over the years. His job revolved around two goals: keep people safe and help individuals who had committed crimes turn their lives around. “My No.1 job was to serve the public. We’re peace officers and with that comes great responsibility.

Adult Probation Chief Ed McCoy – Stated Metzger was ahead of his time by implementing cognitive programming in the County; helped coordinate the county- based probation and parole model for domestic violence supervision strategies, which has been implemented statewide. Metzger also helped developed the curriculum for parole officer training statewide. Also very involved in his Montoursville Community, he has served on the advisory boards for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and YWCA/Wise Options.

Deputy Chief Scott Metzger – gave appreciation to his parents for instilling in him the values of hard work, family, god and country. He finished with a prayer, from the Late President George H. W. Bush, “There is but one use of power and it is to serve our people. “

Commissioners and Sheriff Mark Lusk gave their appreciation for his service and leadership on behalf of Lycoming County, its citizens and employees.

Todd Lauer – See attached. Voiced concerns regarding agenda item 2.1 and cuts to the Planning Department.

Chad Riley – All of the budget information should be made public before the Commissioners vote on the budget.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018- 28. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), adopted Lycoming County Capital Plan for calendar year 2019.

2.2 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018 -29 FY2019 LYCOMING COUNTY BUDGET. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (2- 1), adopted the 2019 budget, as publically displayed, with Mr. Mirabito voting no.

Beth Johnston read a prepared statement outlining the 2019 Budget and Resolutions.

Mr. Mirabito has serious concerns regarding the transparency of the golf course financials and having examined the books, find them misleading. See attached for further comments. Please see attached comment.

2.2A ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-30. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3- 0), approved fixing the real estate tax rate at 6.5 mils.

2.2B ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-31. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the predetermined ratio for real estate tax assessment for 2019 is set at one hundred percent (100%).

2.3 APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS: A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito passed (3-0) approved the following personnel actions:
Prison- Mackenzie A. Williamson- as a full time replacement female Correctional Officer Relief/Cook – Pay grade C01 - \$16.01/hour effective 12/17/18.
Prison – Katie Jo Sengewald – as a full time replacement female Correctional Officer Relief (M/F)- Pay grade C01 – \$16.01/hour effective 12/17/18.

2.4 APPROVE FY2019 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CONTRAST COMMUNICATIONS. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare passed (3-0) approved.

2.5 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MCCORMICK LAW FIRM. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito passed (3-0) approved two year extension on an as needed basis for assist planning and zoning.

2.6 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DEVLOPMENT GROUP, INC. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito passed (3-0) approved the agreement.

2.7 APPROVE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito passed (3-0) approved the following:

- contract with KidsPeace National Centers, Inc. for foster care and residential care services at per diems ranging from **\$56.29/day to \$343.07/day** for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

- contract with Families United Network, Inc. for foster care and residential care services at per diems ranging from **\$27.82/day to \$202.01/day** for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- contract with Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. for residential care services at a per diems ranging from **\$145.00/day to \$185.00/day** for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- contract with Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton d/b/a Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge as the sponsoring organization for Lycoming County's Big Brother Big Sister program for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 not to exceed **\$26,000**.
- contract with the Geisinger Child Advocacy Center of the Central Susquehanna Valley to provide forensic child abuse interviews at the agreed upon rate of **\$100/** interview during the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

2.8 APPROVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BILLY CASPER GOLF,LLC. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (2-1) approved with Mr. Mirabito voting No.

2.9 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PAUL ALBERT ARCHITECT, LLC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (2-1) approved with Mr. Mussare voting No.

5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.

5.1 Edward McCoy – Adult Probation – Deputy Director Scott Metzger was honored for his years of service by the courts, probation departments, Commissioners and his many co-workers for his innovative and immense contributions to Lycoming County for over 30 years.

5.2 Commissioner McKernan – Welcome to the Leadership Lycoming Class of 2019.

5.3 Commissioner McKernan – Elected Official Wage increase effective 2020-2023 meeting.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT. Mr. McKernan opened the floor to commissioner comment and the following were received:

Please see comments per link.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comments and the following were received:

Many Lycoming County citizens spoke on behalf of Linda Sosniak and having her appointed to the Planning Commission board. These are a synopsis of the

comments. There is a belief that it was a sexist decision to push aside a well-qualified woman for the board appointment. Requests were made to have the Commissioners rescind their decision. There were hopes the Commissioners would consider doing the right thing. People questioned the process of appointing people to the boards and requested more transparency. The citizens cited an underlying problem of institutional racism and are attempting to eliminate it and bring in more diversity to board appointments. Opportunities should be open to everyone, not only to people you know or look like you. Questions were asked as if, Linda Sosniak had been interviewed by the Commissioners. The citizens believed that Linda Sosniak deserved an apology for the process.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, December 17, 2018.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. Commissioners Meeting was adjourned by Mr. McKernan at 12:30 p.m.