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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
January 9, 2018  
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 10:05 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 a accounts payable cash requirement report through January 17, 2018, for payment on January 10, 2018, in the amount of \$544,848.

2.2 APPROVE CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (3-0), approved accounts payable cash requirement report through January 10, 2018, for payment on January 4, 2018, in the amount of \$1,103,461.

2.3 APPROVE REVISION TO POLICY 504.1 A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (3-0), approved revision to Policy 504.1 – Travel and Business Related Expense Policy of the County Policy & Procedure manual.

2.4 APPROVE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved the following Child Welfare Services contracts:

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- 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018 not to exceed \$26,000.
- Professional Service Agreement with Stephanie Ellison, certified interpreter for the deaf at the rate of \$45/hour during normal business hours and \$50/hour evenings and weekends not to exceed \$5,000 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- Raystown Developmental Services, Huntingdon, PA for the provision of court ordered parenting education services at the rate of \$31/hour for the period November 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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

Mr. McKernan said that there are two issues related to White Deer Golf Course he wants to discuss. One is the open Line of Credit with Muncy Bank in the amount of \$299,000 and the other is the Accounts Payable debt that is being carried in the amount of about \$139,000. Both of this are being carried by Billy Casper Golf. This board is thinking of paying the debt down in order to get rid of it. The desire is for Billy Casper Golf to be able to operate the golf course with a clean slate. This will be a pivotal year.

Mr. Mirabito added that both debts were incurred prior to the current board; they are old debts. They will need to be paid regardless of what is done with the golf course. He suggested using Act 13 money to pay them and not use property tax money. This is to see if the golf course can be viable without using taxpayer dollars. He feels it is an asset to the community to have a public golf course. There needs to be found a balance that isn't a burden on the taxpayers.

Mr. Mussare said that Billy Casper Golf was able to trim \$108,000 from the debt over the last two years. He agrees the public golf course is an asset to the community, but he is past subsidizing it.

George Heiges said that he has golfed there for many years. He said what it is lacking is a good restaurant. You can't even get a cup of coffee in the morning. The food and the bar are both terrible.

Mr. Mussare understood those points. But a golf course is to play golf, so that is what the focus has been on. Billy Casper Golf tried to cut expenses. They are not in the food and beverage industry.

Mr. Mirabito encouraged the local non-profits to use the local public golf course for their fundraisers.

Mr. Heiges said that there needs to be a community restaurant in there.

Al Boyer said he is not a golfer, but he does support the golf course. Many of his friends golf. The restaurant needs to be separate from the golf course. He suggested having food vans come in. He also suggested encouraging the youth to take up golf by coordinating with Little League Baseball.

Larry Stout said that the golf course will become more valuable with the development of water and sewer infrastructure there. He visited the course

and was surprised at the changes that occurred over the past year. He reminded everyone that the debt did not occur overnight. He suggested that the commissioners be transparent with who was responsible for racking up the debt, despite them not wanting to point fingers.

Mr. Mirabito said that the authority that was in charge did not have an executive director like other authorities do (Airport and Water & Sewer).

Mr. Mussare brought up the subject of law firms soliciting the county to bring on individual (not class action) law suits against Big Pharma. Other counties are doing this in an effort to get money to pay for the opioid epidemic.

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT.** The floor was opened to public comment and none were received.

**8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, January 12, 2018.

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