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**Minutes of the Meeting of
January 23, 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 10:02 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 accounts payable cash requirement report through January 31, 2018, for payment on January 24, 2018, in the amount of \$2,461,398.

2.2 APPROVE PSA WITH EJ RYMSZA. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with EJ Rymsza, Esq for Jordan Rawls in the amount of \$125/hour, not to exceed \$75,000.

2.3 APPROVE PSA WITH TRANE. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with TRANE for chiller rebuild at the courthouse.

Nicki Collins, Deputy Controller, asked about the TDA change on reclassifying the Business Manager position at RMS.

Mr. McKernan explained that this is due to updated job duties and the expansion and growth of the landfill operations over the last 30 years.

Mr. Mirabito added that it was also due to market changes, and the commissioners are trying to look ahead.
Nicki Collins commented that this is a “slap in the face” to the person who was previously in that position, Bonnie Fink.

Mr. McKernan announced that the vote for awarding the contract to perform reentry services will be voted on Thursday. He said that there were two applicants, and the commissioners have reviewed the information over several months. They now need to decide who to choose.

Mr. Mirabito asked where the negotiations were on pricing.

Mr. McKernan replied that they [GEO] agreed on the request to support 100 clients/month. Their counter offer was to service state clients as well. Geo also agreed to work within the county’s budget. He added that there could be up to 15 clients from PRC participating in the program, which is not currently happening. This will not affect the current program operation.

Mr. Mirabito referred to a memo the Board sent to GEO on January 11, 2018, asking for details on program outcomes and data. He was surprised to note that GEO only had information through 2016. He said it is critical to know how long people are in the program and the costs per day. Going forward, whoever gets the contract, there needs to be a tracking system in place.

Mr. Mirabito also voiced several additional concerns he had, including the state negotiating contracts at per diem rates when the county is paying for 7 days/week even though GEO is closed on Sundays. The location of services should Executive Plaza building be sold is another concern. And to be fair he told Firetree about the proposed changes to the scope.

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

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

Marci Hessert announced, on behalf of the Hostage Negotiations Task Force, that there will be a training event held at the Lycoming Mall on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, from 8 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, January 25, 2018.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.