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Minutes of the Meeting of February 6, 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 10:04 a.m.

Bids were opened for the following:

Retirement Consultant Services. (10 bidders)

James V. Brown Library Remodel (2nd request). (2 bidders)

## 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 February 14, 2018, for payment on February 7, 2018, in the amount of \$1,868,324.
- 2.2 APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT FROM PA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY. A motion by Mr. McKernan and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved grant agreement from Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry on behalf of CPWDC and authorize Commissioner Mirabito to sign on behalf of 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:

Valerie Beggs of Williamsport asked the commissioners their positions on the severance tax vote that is before the State House (HB 1401). This would be a tax in addition to the Impact Fee. Pennsylvania is the only state that does not have one. This is a very important consideration.

Mr. Mirabito admitted he has not read HB 1401. He thinks the severance tax would help fund the state budget, and feels that it should have been enacted years ago. Other states are doing this. He agrees that the commissioners need to talk to the senator and representatives and encourage them to move forward with this.

Mr. Mussare said that he thinks that the state should learn to control its wasteful spending (like the unfunded pension costs). He is in favor of some sort of severance tax. He said the impact fee was an excellent tool.

- **8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, February 8, 2018.
- **9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.