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**Minutes of the Meeting of
February 13, 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.

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 February 21, 2018, for payment on February 14, 2018, in the amount of \$726,390.

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

Mr. Mirabito talked about being tuned in to the infrastructure bill as revealed in Washington on Monday. He is concerned with the switch of the 20 (local) /80 (Federal) match. The rural communities do not have the wealth for this. He has concerns and people need to be realistic about the challenges in rural PA. Congress needs to rethink the 80 (local)/ 20 (federal) flip.

Mr. McKernan said that the county will need to get more insight from the consulting groups it uses. The ration of the proposed federal monies is concerning. He also said he is optimistic that the county will get its fair share.

Mr. Mussare said that the \$50 billion will be coming to rural PA. Rural areas are at a disadvantage without broadband technology. He added that being a member of NACo and CCAP is important and allows the county to see what will be coming down the pipeline. He said the county is well positioned due to our great county team.

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

Carlos Saldivia from Williamsport said that the Arch Street Bridge was named after Lance Corporal Abram Howard. He then asked about the most urgent infrastructure cost locally.

Mr. McKernan said that the presentation on Thursday should address this question.

Mr. Saldivia asked how the county taps into the money that is available for infrastructure at the federal level.

Mr. Mussare said that is what the consultants are for.

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 11:26 a.m.