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**Minutes of the Meeting of
April 10, 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 April 18, 2018, for payment on April 11, 2018 in the amount of \$322,403.

2.2 APPROVE EIP PROGRAM CONTRACT. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved Early Intervention Program contract with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$82,000.

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

Mr. Mussare mentioned a constituent called him about the advertising for drug rehabilitation. He emphasized that the county is not paying for this, and it is a state/federal initiative. However, we should know how much is being spent on this epidemic.

Mr. Mirabito said that the opioid crisis continues to be a huge problem.

- Mr. McKernan said that there was a meeting on Monday about the fly problem. The commissioners met with an entomologist at the farm where this seemed to originate. He is optimistic that the current farmer there has a plan. He said that Commissioner Mirabito had mentioned that this requires a community effort.
- Mr. Mirabito said that this is not a county responsibility, but the county can provide leadership and encourage continued participation.
- Mr. McKernan mentioned that another meeting was held with the Secretary of Agriculture and several dairy farmers, that Commissioner Mussare had coordinated.
- Mr. Mussare detailed the challenges of the dairy industry. Pennsylvania needs to brand its milk "PA preferred".
- Mr. Mirabito said that maybe the county can hold public meetings to help educate the public on this.

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

- Larry Stout said he has known a lot of people with drug problems and they all know where to go for help. Perhaps the state advertising would be better served by using that money in other areas.
- Larry Stout asked the status on the County participating in a law suit against the opioid crisis.
- Mr. McKernan replied that the solicitor is reviewing this.
- Mr. McDermott mentioned that the county will be participating in a conference call with CCAP.
- Larry Stout mentioned that fire police require 30 hours of class time to do that job. The average age of fire police is 67.
- William Keller of Oval/Bastress asked who is monitoring the chicken farm and making sure it is in compliance.
- Mr. Mussare explained that the Department of Agriculture is very powerful and protects agriculture operations.
- Mr. Mirabito explained that the Department of Ag, Department of Health, and the Conservation District all have different requirements.
- Mr. McKernan emphasized that the fly problem is not a common problem.
- Mr. Mirabito explained that a different farmer took over operation of the farm in February. He suggested that there could be an Eagle Scout activity to build bird houses to attract the birds that would eat the flies.
- Mr. Keller suggested the Commissioners visit again when the weather is warmer to see the big problem with the flies.

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

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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