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**Minutes of the Meeting of
April 17, 2018
Board Room, Executive Plaza
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan - Present
Commissioner Mussare - Present
Commissioner Mirabito - Present

Solicitor Smith - Present

1.0 OPERATIONS

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. Mr. McKernan convened the Commissioners Meeting 10:04 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved the minutes of the previous meeting as they are recorded.

1.3 RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comment on agenda items only, and none were received.

Bids were opened for the following:

Flood Mitigation Acquisition & Demolition project (4 bidders)

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 25, 2018, for payment on April 18, 2018, in the amount of \$1,452,392.

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2.2 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-10. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), adopted resolution 2018-10 designating Joshua Schnitzlein to act as project manager for Lawshee Run Project.

2.3 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-11. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), adopted resolution 2018-11 committing \$250,000 for the Lawshee Run Project.

Mr. McKernan clarified that Act 13 funds will be used.

2.4 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-12. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), adopted resolution 2018-12 designating Joshua Schnitzlein and Carey Entz-Rine to act as project managers for the Muncy Creek Streambank Protection and Restoration Project.

2.5 APPROVE HMGP GRANT AGREEMENT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved grant agreement with PEMA for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$2,047,290. Josh Schnitzlein explained that these are severe repetitive loss properties.

2.6 APPROVE PSA WITH CENTRE COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with Centre County Youth Service Bureau for the Juvenile Probation Office.

2.7 APPROVE INVOICE FROM SMC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved Susquehanna Motor Company's final invoice for maintenance of Mack Roll Off Truck in the total amount of \$29,107.57.

2.8 APPROVE UPDATE TO POLICY 911. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved update to policy 911 – County Emergency Medical Services Assistance Guidelines - of the County's policy & procedures manual.

2.9 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GEO REENTRY SERVICES. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. McKernan and passed (2-1, Mirabito), approved agreement with GEO Reentry Services, LLC.

Mr. Mirabito said that he has issues with footnotes on the page. He said that state inmates are allowed into the program with no limits. There is an absence of value to the county. Also there is no way to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Mr. McKernan explained there is a 30 day option for notice to cancel if we can't work it out. It is the best interest financially to get things moving. The start date will be April 1, 2018.

Mr. Mirabito said that it is not realistic to cancel a contract if we don't know what we want now.

Mr. Mussare said that the contract with GEO was originally for one year. He understands that the other two commissioners are concerned with the price. There is no certainty as to what numbers will be served and who will be successful. What is certain is that there will be a savings of \$150,000. There were concessions on the cost of the contract. Courts and APO will continue to use GEO services. This will result in empty beds in the prison and PRC. This is a tremendous success! He is certain the trend will continue and the county can house federal inmates and bring in revenue.

Solicitor Smith said that the contract can be terminated and negotiated at any time. It allows for a lot of bargaining power.

Mr. Mussare said the same conditions were offered to all bidders.

Mr. Mirabito said we are the only county in the state that pays for state re-entry. Even the state pays for it differently. The taxpayers are getting hosed. The bid did not say that the bidder could house/service federal clients.

2.10 APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the following personnel actions:
District Attorney – Full time replacement Assistant County Detective (NEU) – Pay grade AD - \$20.92/hour effective 4/22/18.
Pre-Release – Elizabeth N. Deuel as full time replacement Resident Supervisor – Pay grade 5 - \$15.22/hour effective 4/22/18.
Pre-Release – Jennifer Black - Jarrett as full time replacement Resident Supervisor – Pay grade 6 - \$16.59/hour effective 4/23/18.

Mr. Mirabito asked for an update on the 20 position reduction. He suggested a report be prepared with a cutoff date of March 31.

Mr. Mussare said that the Commissioners are in charge of the budget, but they are not experts in all departments. He warned not to get stuck on the 20 person reduction. As a taxpayer, he would be upset with not filling a position if it meant calling the office or stopping in during regular hours and not being able to talk to someone, like is happening in the Commissioners' office. They cannot move to ridiculous, services still need to be provided.

Mr. McKernan agreed with Mr. Mussare. The 20 number is a tool in the tool chest. It is slow in happening but progress is being made.

Mr. Mirabito said he has not been wanting to fill the position in the Commissioners' office. He wants to fix the problems in the office first, such as work not getting done. There is a lack of supervision and it is dysfunctional.

5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.

5.1 Tom Heap provided information about choosing Tyler Technologies Assessment Software. This company is the best, and is not needed solely for a reassessment. The current software is failing.

Mr. Mirabito listed the issues with the current software.

Mr. Mussare emphasized that the concerns were discussed with Devnet and nothing was done.

Mr. Heap said that Devnet is focusing on Nevada. Other counties are also leaving Devnet.

Mr. Mussare stated that he hears the frustration.

Mr. Heap said he knows that this is a high price tag but he wants to set the county up for success by getting the best software available.

Mr. McKernan said that going with Tyler is not a commitment to do a reassessment. This needs done regardless.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT. Mr. McKernan opened the floor to commissioner comment and the following were received:

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comment and none were received.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:19 a.m.