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**Minutes of the Meeting of
April 26, 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 10:03 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A 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 the following were received:

John Brunette of South Williamsport and Firetree Place thanked the Commissioners for consideration of the grant that is on the agenda for action this day. He also thanked them for the investment in the community. This is a rich tradition that must be upheld. It was started by PD Mitchell as the Bethune Douglas Center.

Joe Smith from Muncy echoed Mr. Brunette's comments. The money will be well cared for and well spent.

Mr. McKernan recessed the Commissioners' Meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Mr. McKernan opened the County Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing. Kurt Hausammann discussed the history of the comprehensive plan. 2018 is when there is an update to the plan that was adopted in 2006. This was

done in-house and cost less with more accurate results than those done in the past.

Kim Wheeler gave a presentation that summarized the comprehensive plan. She added that it will be available online. This is a recommended path forward. The public comment period will be 45 days.

Mr. Hausammann said this is a huge accomplishment that took almost three years. It is an excellent job and commended his staff.

Jerry Walls of Loyalsock voiced his compliments and support of what has been done. The level of engagement the staff has is important.

Mr. Mirabito stated that the staff is immersed in all issues in public responses. It helps the Board to give direction and provide cohesiveness and adds value that cannot be measured. The public has ownership over this.

Mr. Mussare commented that the Commissioners need to be good stewards of public money. These issues are not small change. The comp plan give a base and confidence. He is very proud of all involved in this.

Mr. McKernan added that it is important to have community involvement.

Mr. McKernan closed the public hearing at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. McKernan reconvened the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH LYCOMING SUPPLY. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved amendment to agreement with Lycoming Supply Inc. for Lycoming County Bridge 111 repairs increasing the total to \$118,410. Mark Murawski explained this is for unforeseen additional needed repairs to the covered bridge in Buttonwood.

2.2 APPROVE PHARE AWARD. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved PHARE conditional award of funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 from PHFA for Supportive Housing and Homes-In-Need.

2.3 APPROVE PURCHASE FROM AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved purchase of tasers and supplies in the amount of \$15,201.00 from Axon Enterprises, Inc.

2.4 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FIRETREE PLACE. A motion by Mr. McKernan and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (2-0, Mirabito abstained), approved grant and monitoring agreement with Firetree Place in the amount of \$30,000.

The Board Members of Firetree Place were present.

- Mr. Mussare said that this board believes prevention is how to solve problems. The Board has been able to come up with solutions to aid youth who are “at risk”. He thanked the board for their efforts.
- Mr. McKernan spoke about the history of the programs. There are a lot of challenges that Firetree faces, but they are successful and produce good results.
- Mr. Mirabito explained he recused himself from voting since he is a board member.

- 2.5 APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved the following personnel actions: PCD – John E. Lavelle III as full time replacement Transportation Planner – Pay grade 9 - \$54,455.19/annually, effective 5/6/18.
Public Defender – reclassification of Brittany Ohnmeiss as full time paralegal – Pay grade 7 - \$18.43/hour effective 5/6/18.
Prison – Sean M. Winter as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief – COI - \$16.01/hour effective 4/29/18.
Prison – Brandon Tajeron as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief – COI - \$16.01/hour effective 4/29/18.
Prison – Tyler J. Feist as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief – COI - \$16.01/hour effective 4/29/18.
Prison – promotion of Ryan C. Barnes as full time replacement Deputy Warden/Operations & Security – Pay grade 12 - \$55,366.91/annually effective 5/6/18.
- Mr. Mirabito commented that there were five positions eliminated at the end of the first quarter.
- Roxanne Grieco explained that four potentially budgeted for 2018 were eliminated. 15 were removed from the TDA.

- 2.6 APPOINT TO LCIDA. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved Jason Fink to the Lycoming County Industrial Development Authority for a five year term ending 12/31/22.

5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.

- 5.1 Laruen Strausser, Recycling Coordinator from LCRMS talked about Earth Day, held on April 22, 2018. She provided a single stream tonnage update.

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

- Mr. McKernan spoke about Facebook comments the County received and emphasized that we are not a sanctuary county.
- Mr. McKernan also talked about comments received regarding moving the Law Library back to the courthouse. It will provide better service and cost less.

Mr. Mussare talked about the many issues that Planning and Community Development Department deals with. He added that no matter what community issue, Jerry Walls is involved. He wanted to recognize the efforts of Jerry in the past and current.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. McKernan opened the floor to public comment and the following were received:

Larry Stout reminded everyone about Cabinet in Your Community event on April 30 at Lycoming College.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, May 1, 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 11:28 a.m.