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**Minutes of the Meeting of
October 16, 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. The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m.

Bids were opened for the following: Building Products – Lezzer Lumber

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 October 24, 2018, for payment on October 17, 2018, in the amount of \$1,121,437.00.

2.2 APPROVE PSA WITH CONFLICTS ATTORNEY JULIAN G. ALLATT, ESQ. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare passed (3-0) approved annual renewal at the same rate for legal representation in the public defender's office.

2.3 APPROVE PSA WITH MICHAEL J. RUDINSKI, ESQ. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare passed (3-0) approved for legal representation of Edward Heck.

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

Mr. Mirabito commented that he has concerns about the Maintenance III position. He feels that there is not enough work for the PRC foremen presently due to low

amount of inmates. He stated that taking a foreman from PRC and utilizing their previous work experiences and skills in another department that needs them may be more efficient. We need to better utilize the people at the PRC due to the reduction of inmates and the comments from a former employee. In 2017, we signed a letter to reduce the number of employees in the county. We need to consider this with the upcoming deficit.

Mr. McKernan stated that the prison is a 24/7 operation and has to run fully staffed all the time. The nature of the prison is not conducive to having part time employees going back and forth. The prison has exceptional needs and those requirements need to be taken into consideration when moving a foreman from PRC to the Prison. The offer has already been extended to the employee, and discussions like this need to change the way we make employment offers. It is unfair to the future employee; he has already been extended the offer.

Mr. Mussare commented it needs to be clear, we are not on autopilot. Maintenance is operating at a reduced staff; there is an anticipated increase reduction of staff in the near future and they are still operating very efficiently. This discussion needs to have more feedback from Director Ken George in the next couple of days.

Mr. McKernan extended his all due respect to Warden Brad Shoemaker and Director Ken George for their decisions and their departments. The focus is really about compliance of the employee reduction plan.

Mr. Mussare attended a LEA meeting and it was stressed about the concerns of the tower sites and conditions of the public safety radios. More details are to come regarding the radios and discussions will happen over the next couple of months. The radios are coming to their end of life cycle and need to be replaced. New public safety radios will cost 160,000 citizens, approximately \$3.18 per person per year, over 20 years, if purchased. What do you get for that new public safety radio? Lycoming County has dead zones; we live in a rural community. These dead zones affect our citizens and first responders/police. The dead zones are a safety issue.

Mr. Mirabito we will be paying the price for tools so they can do their jobs and come home safely.

Mr. McKernan commented, "Is it the County's responsibility?" Some will ask. Some of the costs would be shared by other entities. We will have coverage. The tower sites will provide additional coverage to dead zones.

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

Bruce Huffman announced he will be hosting a class at the James V. Brown Library entitled "Williamsport Government: Council/Manager/ Mayor - Changes through the years". Monday, Oct 22, 2018 6 p.m. A presentation will be made with questions and answers.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled public meeting to be held Thursday, October 18, 2018.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned.