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**Minutes of the Meeting of
January 24, 2019
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 10:05 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito 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 one was received by Jerry Walls. Please see Public Comment Notes.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTIONS: A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved:

RMS - Transfer Station – Brian R. Hillis – as a full time replacement Truck Driver- Pay grade 6 -\$16.59/hour effective 1/28/19.

District Attorney- DUI Center- Brandy Perchinski - as part time replacement Special Detective – DET2 - \$15.64/hour effective 1/28/19 not to exceed 1000 hours annually.

District Attorney – Alisha M. Myers – as full time replacement Clerk III – Pay grade 4 - \$13.95/hour effective 1/28/19.

Prison – Kayla N. Killinger – as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief M/F – CO1 - \$16.01/hour effective 2/3/19.

Prison – Adam A. Stabler – as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief-CO1 - \$16.01/hour effective 1/28/19.

Prison – Justin A. Smith – as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief – CO1 - \$16.01/ hour effective 2/3/19.

Prison – Jonathan D. Hall – as full time replacement Correctional Officer Relief-CO1 - \$16.01/ hour effective 2/3/19.

2.2 APPROVE AOPC (ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE PA COURTS) PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS DISCRETIONARY GRANT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and reluctantly seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

Mr. Mussare expressed his concern for the billions and billions of dollars going into the opioid epidemic. This has also turned into a money maker for some businesses, and other organizations. We have to be aware that people are taking advantage of a devastating situation. I am concerned about the senior citizens like Weldon, who worked hard his entire life and brings home \$700-\$800 a month on SSD. What do you think they feel when we spend tax dollars on bikes for drug addicts? Do people know what is going on with our senior citizens? They can't afford their taxes. We need to help these senior citizens.

Jenn McConnell and Judge Butts expressed they share the same concerns for senior citizens. Ms. McConnell explained that these grants have very specific guidelines and tries to address a part of a huge transportation issue that our rural area experiences.

Judge Butts –“ If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. But if you teach him how to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.” “This is a way of, whether its bicycles or exercise or education, it's a way to alleviate poverty by creating self-sufficiency.

Everyone agreed that funding is needed to address the many concerns facing senior citizens right now.

Mr. Walls submitted a written public comment in support of the grants being approved.

2.3 APPROVE AOPC (ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018- 2019. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved to provide funding for the upcoming veterans court programs.

2.4 APPROVE LYCOMING COUNTY STORMWATER PLAN MODEL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

Mr. Mirabito- one of the policies this board has been an advocate for is making regulations less burdensome for taxpayers.

2.5 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, LLC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

Mr. McKernan reconvened Commissioners' Meeting at 10:41 a.m.

4.0 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVISION

4.1 CONVENE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVISION. Mr. McKernan convened the Board of Assessment Revision at 10:41 a.m.

4.2 APPROVE REAL ESTATE REFUND: A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved:

28-001-101 – William Holland III Et Al - \$24.00
54-294-133 – Patrick Drudy & Edward Gaspari - \$163.78
26-010-108.C – Williamsport Hospitality - \$9819.08

4.3 APPROVE DENIAL OF REFUND REQUEST: A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved

32-313-128.A – Robert & Janet VanDine

Military exemptions are not paid retroactively; the denial is in keeping with precedent. Once granted a military exemption is granted for the following year. The Commissioners support all veterans and this is not a deviation in the exemption process.

4.3 ADJOURN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVISION. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), adjourned the Board of Assessment Revision at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. McKernan reconvened Commissioners' Meeting at 10:50 a.m.

5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.

5.1 LCRMS is requesting bids for Analytical Services.

5.2 LCRMS is requesting bids for Consumable Energy Products.

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

Mr. Mirabito – We lost Kim Wheeler, Deputy Planning Director who worked in the Planning and Community Development for six years. On behalf of the taxpayers, I want to thank her. We as Commissioners never knew for all of 2018 that she has been part of the Emerson Project through the Williamsport/Lycoming County Chamber of Commerce. They take up and coming leadership and provide a mentorship program with leaders such as Steven Johnson, Davie Jane Gilmour

and others. The program helps develop leadership skills. Kim had the honor of being the only public employee selected. We need to be more aware so that we don't lose valuable people like her in the future. We as Commissioners need to be more attuned to what our employees are doing.

Mr. McKernan- Kim made a tough decision. She wanted to do the best thing on behalf of her family. Kudos to Kim for making a tough decision in favor of her family.

Mr. Mirabito – We don't have as many women in Director Positions. We need to make sure we learn from this experience.

Mr. Mussare – Kim replaced Mr. Bill Kelly who was meticulous in everything he did in the Planning Department. There was a succession plan. There are many key people that help all of our municipalities. We lost one, and she will be hard to replace. We don't want to lose key people because they mean so much to us.

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

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the work/planning session will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2019. The next public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10 a.m. A special public meeting - The EIP presentation by PFM will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Briefing Room. 1st Floor Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. Mr. McKernan adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:03 a.m.