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**Minutes of the Meeting of
January 29, 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. The meeting was convened at 10:03 a.m.

Bids Opened

Equip Tires and Tire Repairs (2)

McCarthy Tires
Service Tire Truck Centers

Rental Equipment (9)

Best Line Equipment
Lundy Construction Co. Inc.
Five Star Equipment
Williamsport Crane & Rigging
Groff Tractor & Equipment
Herc Rentals, Inc.
Allison Crane & Rigging
Cleveland Brothers Equip. Co.
Commonwealth Equipment

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 February 6, 2019, for payment on January 30, 2019, in the amount of \$646,541.16.

2.2 APPROVE FY2018-2019 PEMA HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND GRANT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare passed (3-0) approved the grant in the amount of \$22,563.70. The funds will be used to provide part time salaries, training and equipment.

2.3 ADOPT RESOLUTION FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito passed (3-0) approved to adopt the

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

Mr. Mirabito announced that Friday, February 1, 2019 is the 10th Annual World Read Aloud Day. A **2015 study** (PDF) revealed that children are exposed to a larger vocabulary from picture books read aloud to them, than from conversations with adults. This is because people tend to speak with the same 5000 most popular words; while books — even picture books — are more likely to use words outside that popular 5000. Education is the key to the reduction of poverty. Millions of people can be removed from poverty when we raise educational levels up. “I am hoping that people will see the importance of reading to their children.” If kids read or are being read, too—they will be less likely to be on their tablets.

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

Al Boyer – There are several concerns he has regarding McIntyre Township, he met with Kurt Hausamann and feels confident they can be addressed and looked into. Mr. Mirabito requested that he contact the Commissioners’ office, if they cannot be addressed. Mr. Boyer stated that he believes that the Commissioners should be more concerned about the violence our children have access to through the media and television. He believes this should be our greatest concerns. He agreed with Mr. Mirabito that reading aloud to children is an excellent idea and part of the solution.

Larry Stout – Studies have shown that a child’s ability to learn languages and the size of their vocabulary is decided by age 1. Children learn at the earliest ages, some moms read to their children while pregnant. 5-10 minutes can make a difference. Children’s minds are enriched with stories. Violence and educational levels are all tied together. Hopefully, people will realize that violence is reduced with education.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 10 a.m.. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.