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**Minutes of the Meeting of
February 5, 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 10:00 a.m.

No Bids were opened.

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 13, 2019, for payment on February 6, 2019, in the amount of \$1,881,189.04.

Mr. McKernan-CCAP dues were paid and are based on the size of the County. \$18K.

It is a good investment; our county takes advantage of the programs, insurance, fleet insurance. There is an educational value in attending the conferences and programs. As Commissioners, we asked them to control the costs they pass on to Counties.

Mr. Mussare - CCAP lobbies legislators daily on issues that affect County govt. It is money well spent.

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

Mr. McKernan- On behalf of Lycoming County and the Commissioners, I would like to extend my condolences to Tony DiSalvo's family and those who loved and cared for him. He was a Chief Boy Scout, the founder of Flag Day. He loved the Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts. He was a proud American and a treasured Lycoming County/Williamsport resident.

Mr. Mussare – A great citizen of the County- Tony DiSalvo will be missed. On Thursday, I will not be at the public meeting. I will be attending the EMS Crisis task force meeting. Every County is unique. All struggle with reimbursements and increasing service times. We are cognizant of the time and cost to get to each event. It is a major crisis, not only Pennsylvania, but across the nation. There are studies and recommendations, to help with the crisis.

Mr. Mirabito – The County needs to provide leadership. The County has the staff capacity to provide direction. Hopefully, Mr. Mussare will come back with some recommendations for us.

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

John Shireman- It is not fair that Jersey Shore pay twice; once with flood insurance and then helping with the Certification of the Levee system with a countywide approach.

Mr. Mussare- You make a very good point. It is in discussion how to go about funding the certification. The question is should everyone bear the cost of the Levee or on the people directly affected.

Mr. Mirabito – I have been a strong advocate that everyone should participate in regards to the levee, think of ourselves as a community. When Katrina hit, there was such a large exodus of people, and it ended up being devastating to all. Many people have jobs in the City, and live outside the city.

Mr. Mussare - I am against a countywide tax/fee to maintain the levee. What about Brown/McNett who depend on less on government, who have 2nd rate or less services. Including them, I am not sure that is the way to go.

Mr. Mirabito – Perhaps helping with streambanks, do more for the folks upstream is the answer.

Mr. McKernan- My only concern is that Lycoming County has as many streams as Colorado.

Chad Riley – Couldn't we reach out to Penn and Lycoming Colleges to come up with some solutions?

Mr.Mirabito- We would like money to protect the Levee from having all of our assets underwater. I think that the Colleges and UPMC Susquehanna would be happy to support the Levee, if there was a plan to use the money in a responsible way. I am sure they would not be opposed to that idea.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 10 a.m..

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.