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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
June 20, 2019  
Board Room, Executive Plaza  
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner McKernan - Present  
Commissioner Mussare - Present  
Commissioner Mirabito - Present

Assistant Solicitor Sees - Present

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. Mr. McKernan convened the Commissioners Meeting 10:02 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. 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 none were received.

**2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

2.1 APPROVE PSA 2019-2020 GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved to provide child welfare services.

2.2 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2019-2020 COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved.

2.3 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 2019-2020 C. TOWNSEND VELKOFF, M.S. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved.

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2.4 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2019 TRANE INC.  
A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved for the HVAC BCU upgrade in the Executive Plaza. .

2.5 APPROVE CISCO SMARTNET CONTRACT. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

2.6 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-08 OPPOSITION TO THE CHANGES MADE TO THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM(MATP). A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved.

2.7 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-09 YWCA RAPID RE-HOUSING –DCD ESG GRANT APPLICATION. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

2.8 APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JUNE –ELCOCK MESSAM, M.D., FAAP.  
A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved for the public defender’s office not to exceed \$20K on an as needed basis.

## **5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.**

### **6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT.**

Mr. McKernan – We are near the end of June and the Pennsylvania does not have a completed budget, now is the time to make any calls to the State Representative for anything that you feel is important. One thing that is important to the Counties is the funding for the voting machines.

Also a reminder for South Williamsport residents, there is a \$500,000 housing rehabilitation grant becomes available next year. Residents can apply for the grant. No cost to residents, they must maintain a five year residency from date of signing and the grant covers up to \$65,000 per home. The grant covers roofing, window replacement. Contact SEDA-Cog for more information.

Mr. Mussare – I gave the media, where we stand on our \$5 registration fee, we collected up to \$803,000 up to June. I want everyone to know that none of the money is going to the State Police, every penny that we collect comes back to Lycoming County, and we have a plan put together for its usage. I was reading some material about EMS, and watching PCN. This is disturbing, When you see how our seniors are truly suffering from taxation, when you have a lottery that was put in place to help the seniors. That was the main purpose to help the seniors. At one time, it was the best run state run lottery in the Nation, on how they allocated the funds. What I heard is very disturbing; the State Legislators are using the fund for the general fund by the tune of \$3.5 Billion dollars from the inception until now. This could be a tremendous asset to helping our seniors with tax relief. Yet, our state keeps kicking this can down the road. They will rob anything they can rob, to go into the general fund. Not all of them. It is time for

them to fix the problem. The public should know and write and say how disappointed they are that these funds are being used for the general fund. Mr. Mirabito can elaborate; he was down in the State.

Mr. Mirabito- At the time, I don't know recently what is happening with it. I know that the lottery was originally funding all of the programs were funding all of the Aging and Adult services was funding all of the programs with the funds. I don't know what they are doing with it. I don't recall that massive use of it. We need to call State Representative Wheeland.

Mr. McKernan\_ I am glad to hear you say that , I am sitting the Step aging council, they watch every dollar that comes in, the increases for running the programs are very small. They keep tabs on the lottery , it is the source for what they do. I have the same concerns.

When we did the Act 189, for the bridge bundling, the \$5 fee. Many meetings that we held, people asked , "Isn't there something we can do to get rid of this emission fee every year, when have cars inspected". We talked to our State Representatives and kept getting No from the Environmental resources, DEP or on the Federal. It appears they must have found a way, the Senate is working on passing SB744, that would take Lycoming County out of the emissions requirement. The costs is between \$50 -\$65 a year. That would be a win. Call Senator Yaw, and we know he is very involved

Mr. Mussare - and thank him, he may have been the one who brought it forth.

Mr. Mirabito – Last week, I spent three days in a CCAP training, called Center for Excellence in Leadership, to develop mechanisms to improve the leadership in the County in terms of departments. Our department heads are going through the second day of training, of a four part training today. I was over there greeting the department heads and supervisors this morning at 8:30 a.m. The trainers also facilitate the trainings at the CCAP conferences. We are hoping to improve the ability of the Department heads and Supervisors to be responsive and improve communication within the departments. I thought it was very good. The Department heads and supervisors are key to us running the County effectively and efficiently as well as the employees.

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

Scott Metzger- Hughesville- I would like to elaborate more on leadership, one of the things I have noticed in the last two meetings. We had an employee here. Nancy Ackley. She negotiated a contract down from 7% to 2%. That is a significant savings for the County. One of the main concerns from the EIP study was employee morale. One of the main things employees look for is a simple thank you. There was an opportunity with Ms. Ackley to thank her for the significant savings she provided the County. I would encourage and suggest that the current Board of Commissioners continue to do that and be a little more attentive towards that; it goes a long way towards employee morale - which is our biggest asset. Having the employees, be acknowledged and appreciated for what they truly do. They are top notch in the state. Tremendous Department heads. Great idea about the training, we can only get better. The training helps. A simple thank you goes a long way.

I suggested to her supervisor that she be given a JWD award. I hope that the Commissioners do approve in the future and she gets acknowledged.

Mr. Mirabito – Were you here on Tuesday? Okay, I did acknowledge to Mr. Robbins. I said, “Your contract was 7% and you negotiated to 2%.” We did not acknowledge it, we did not thank her specifically. Your remarks are well taken. I did not know, if it was Ms. Ackley who did the negotiating.

Mr. Metzger - It was one of the main issues identified in the EIP. I just ask that you be more attentive to it.

Commissioners - Thank you

**8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

**9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING.** Mr. McKernan adjourned the Commissioners’ Meeting at 10:46 a.m.