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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
July 18, 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 10:06 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 HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002 (HAVA) GRANT APPLICATION. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved in the amount of approximately \$114,000. Appropriated by Congress. This is the amount expected to come from the Federal Government once it passes through the state to assist with election security and voting machines.

***Mr. McKernan recessed the Commissioners' Meeting at 10:08 a.m.***

Public Hearing for the proposed issuance by the Geisinger Authority of its health system revenue bonds. (TEFRA Hearing)

July 18, 2019

In Attendance

Tim Fitzgerald – Finance/Treasury

Ron Leshner – Facilities

Marc Stempka – PR/Marketing

Tammy Anderer – Operations

Mr. Fitzgerald - We are asking your approval of two resolutions to help finance our health care services, facilities and software. We came to provide support for the resolutions. We are looking for as much as one billion dollars. Most of the money is to assist with refinancing, and up to \$200 million dollars could be considered new money and be spent on buildings, facilities in the area. The most important thing to know is the County and its taxpayers are not obligated for the repayment on these bonds. The intended majority use is for refinancing and a portion of the bonds will be used for valid charitable works that benefit the County and residents. We have offered as a system over \$78 million for indigent care, \$642 million for government programs. Geisinger Health Systems is wholly responsible for the bonds. Last year, we saw approximately 36,000 Lycoming County residents for some level of medical care last year with over 300,000 outpatient visits-2,600 inpatient cases. System wide we have provided a lot of economic benefit, globally, approximate \$14 Billion dollars' worth. Jersey Shore Hospital recently joined the family; we have created a local economic impact of \$40 million dollars by our spending, salaries that we pay. My colleagues and I are here to answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Mirabito – I noticed that the areas that are serviced by the bonds include Marworth, and other places. Are you holding hearings in all of these places?

Mr. Fitzgerald – Yes, That is correct according to Tax Law and Pennsylvania Statutes, we are required to come before the governing bodies of the areas and ask their permission.

Mr. McKernan opened the floor to comment for the TEFRA Hearing and none were received. He also inquired, “Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition to this bond?” There were no comments, nor was there any one to speak in opposition to the resolution.

Mr. Mirabito – I would like to mention that in addition to providing health care, the economic impact of health care facilities is extremely important to rural communities like ours, 47 rural Counties in the state, health care systems are the economic driver in these counties as far as jobs. We appreciate you being here and look forward to working with you.

Mr. Mussare - I sit on the CTE Board and we discussed about Health Care over the next decade and there is expectation that health care needs will grow about 40%. When you start to think about that number, are we prepared for the care

of our aging seniors? As a Commissioner, I appreciate you investing in our community as well and the quality of care that you give our residents.

Geisinger representatives expressed their concern for the increased needs of aging seniors and are also preparing for the increased health care needs.

Mr. Mirabito - We hear a rumor that you are building a hospital. We are excited to see what your plans are.

Mr. Fitzgerald – That is true. We have recently announced it and are excited.

***Mr. McKernan reconvened the Commissioners' Meeting at 10:15 a.m.***

2.1 APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-10 PLAN OF FINANCE BY THE GEISINGER AUTHORITY. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved.

2.2 APPROVE CDBG PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

- SEDA-COG Professional Services Agreement FFY 2018 in the amount of \$29,970.
- American Rescue Workers FFY 2018 CDBG Agreement in the amount of \$98,519.
- American Rescue Workers FFY 2015 CDBG Agreement in the amount of \$33,066.33.
- South Williamsport FFY 2018 CDBG Agreement in the amount of \$93,151.
- Jersey Shore FFY 2018 CDBG Agreement in the amount \$76,657.

2.3 APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LYCOMING COMMUNITY CARE, INC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

2.4 APPROVE BRIDGE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP FOR THE SYLVAN DELL CONSERVATION PROJECT. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved.

2.5 APPROVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LOGISTIC SYSTEMS, INC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved in the amount of \$45,871.35.

2.6 APPROVE HR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JUNE. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

2.7 APPROVE TDA CHANGE. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved.

DPS Communications – reclassify Deputy Director/Communications Manager pay grades 11/12 to Communication Manager pay grades 10/11 effective 7/14/19.

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

Coroner – Olivia A. Forney as a part time replacement for Deputy Coroner/On call – pay grade 07 - \$18.720059 per hour effective 7/28/19.

Commissioners – Kristen L. Liddic as a reclassification to Administrative Specialist (Procurement) – pay grade 06 - \$19.000166 per hour effective 7/14/19. Title change only.

DPS Communications – Beth A. Baylor – as a promotion/full time replacement Communications Manager – pay grade 11 - \$63,297.41 annually effective 7/14/19.

2.9 APPROVE MOU WITH WEST BRANCH DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMISSION. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved in the amount of \$5,000 from the County's Act 198 fund.

2.10 APPROVE MOU WITH WEST BRANCH DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMISSION. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved in the amount of \$40,000 from the County's Act 198 fund.

2.11 AWARD CONTRACT FOR BREAD PRODUCTS TO BIMBO BAKERIES USA, INC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.

2.12 APPROVE RE-LIST (2) VICTORY 4-DOOR REFRIGERATORS FOR SALE ON MUNICIBID. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved

2.13 APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS: A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved

- **Merakey Pennsylvania** for foster care services at per diems ranging from **\$29.29/day to \$132.91/day** for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- **Woods Services, Inc.** for residential care services at per diems ranging from **\$198.72/day to \$708.72/day** for the period June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- **Woods Services, Inc.** for residential care services at per diems ranging from **\$224.00/day to \$749.00/day** for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- **Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc.** for residential care services at the per diem of **\$199.00/day** for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- **Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc.** for residential care services at the per diem of **\$199.00/day** for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- **Justice Works YouthCare Inc.** for community based in-home services at hourly rates ranging from **\$61.00/hr. to \$82.00/hr.** for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
- **Justice Works YouthCare Inc.** for community based in-home services at hourly rates ranging from **\$61.00/hr. to \$82.00/hr.** for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

2.14 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO 2019-2020 SUBSTITUTE GUARDIAN AD LITEM CONTRACT WITH TAYLOR MULLHOLAND, ESQ. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved changing her law firm affiliation effective June 17, 2019, all other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged.

2.15 \* APPROVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING GRANT APPLICATION. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved in the amount of \$1,400.00.

***Mr. McKernan Recessed Commissioners' Meeting at 11:26 a.m.***

### **3.0 SALARY BOARD**

3.1 CONVENE SALARY BOARD. Mr. McKernan convened the Salary Board at 11:26 a.m.

3.2 APPROVE SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved.  
DPS-Communications – Reclassify Deputy Director/Communications Manager pay grades 11/12 to Communications Manager pay grades 10/11 effective 7/14/19.

3.4 ADJOURN SALARY BOARD. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), adjourned the Salary Board at 11:27 a.m.

***Mr. McKernan reconvened the Commissioners' Meeting at 11:27 a.m.***

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

5.1 Michael Burger - Census 2020. Mr. Burger discussed the importance of the upcoming spring 2020 census and the importance of educating people on the importance of being counted. The Census count lasts for the next ten years or more, the calculations are used to distribute federal and state funds - an estimate of \$2000 per person per year. Mr. Burger expressed the importance of getting an accurate count, and working the County Commissioners over the next year to educate and engage the community on its safety and importance.

**6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT.** Mr. McKernan opened the floor to Commissioner Comment and none were received:

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

**8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

**9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** Mr. McKernan adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 10:32 a.m.

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