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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

**Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina,
Director Matthew McDermott, and Solicitor Christopher H. Kenyon.**

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA NOT PREVIOUSLY POSTED

- Remove Salary Board Action Item 3.3 and move to Personnel Action Items: District Attorney – Requesting approval for special county detectives for Lycoming County Drug Task Force, DUI Roving Patrol and DUI Center Patrol.

Mr. McDermott requested approval to add the additions/revisions to the agenda not previously posted.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- Add second bullet point to Action Item 7.4 – Reappointment Daniel Clark: Effective 1/1/23 to 12/31/27.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

1.0 OPERATIONS

- 1.1 Opening Prayer
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
- 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Kalen Barnes – Vote to ratify invoices due through 4/17/27 to be paid on 4/10/24 in the amount of \$2,422,115.65.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3.1 Jamie Shrawder for Tanya Collins – CDBG FFY 2024 Application Preparation Schedule

Ms. Shrawder announced that the mailings are going out and the Public Notice will be published tomorrow. The third public hearing will be May 7th at 6pm in the County Building.

Recess Commissioners' Public Meeting for the Salary Board

4.0 SALARY BOARD ACTIONS - SALARY BOARD MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON LYCO.ORG>ELECTED OFFICIALS>CONTROLLER

- 4.1 Convene Salary Board.
- 4.2 Michael Hagen – Vote to approve Salary Board minutes of the previous meeting, April 4, 2024.
- 4.3 Adjourn Salary Board.

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

5.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 5.1 Michael Hagen – Approve the following Personnel Actions as conditional offers of employment, subject to the successful completion of a background check and all other employment conditions as outlined in Attachment (B).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

Recess Commissioners Meeting for the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

6.0 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FFY 21 BUDGET MODIFICATION PUBLIC HEARING

- 6.1 Convene Public Hearing
- 6.2 Jamie Shrawder for Tanya Collins – Review of proposed FFY 2021 Budget Modification Review of FFY 2021 Budget Modification Certification.

Ms. Shrawder explained that S. Williamsport had funding left over in the Habitat for Humanity Acquisition Phase II project that they would like to put into purchasing equipment for North Central Sight Services in the amount of \$31,956.00. Their equipment is broken and they need this to continue to function and increase services. Public Comment is required.

- 6.3 Public Comment

John Shireman, Jersey Shore responded to give them the money.

- 6.4 Adjourn Public Hearing

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Mathew McDermott for Tanya Collins – Vote to approve submission of the CDBG FFY21 Budget Modification Certification in the amount of \$41,956.00 (2021 CDBG funds).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 7.2 Mya Toon – Vote to approve with Blake Marks, Counsel to Lepley, Engleman, Yaw & Wilk Attorneys at Law in the amount of \$45,000.00 (2024 budget funds available).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 7.3 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency Subgrant Award Notification in the amount of \$111,546.00.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

Mr. Metzger commented that obtaining these grants is very important, helps pay for many things and thanked Mya and her staff for all the work they do securing these grants.

- 7.4 Matthew McDermott – Vote to appoint and reappoint the following individuals to the Lycoming County Authority:

- Appoint Steve Johnson: Effective 1/1/24 to 12/31/28
- Reappointment Daniel Clark: Effective 1/1/23 to 12/31/27

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

Mr. Metzger thanked all those who volunteer to sit on the boards and serve the County

- 7.5 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve Resolution 2024-04 for commercial line of credit with Citizens & Northern Bank in the amount of \$40,000,000.00.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 7.6 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the purchase of a new 2024 CAT D6 LGP Tractor from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$552,550.00 (2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

Mr. Metzger asked Mr. Yorks several questions, which he answered. Mr. Yorks explained why a new tractor was needed.

Mr. Sortman disagreed with Mr. Yorks as far as trading the machine in versus selling it. He would like the Financial Management Department to take this task over in the future to see if they can get higher numbers.

- 7.7 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the purchase of a new 2025 T480 Curbside Recycle Truck from Kenworth in the amount of \$285,443.00 (2024 budgeted item).

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 7.8 Ken George – Vote to approve Change Order #1 with Selsyn Electric, LLC in the credit amount of \$52,300.00.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

8.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Metzger informed all that Saturday, April 13th is the Birthday of Lycoming County. The County was created in 1795. He urged the public to research it and read about it as it is very interesting.

Mr. Mussina commented about Jackie Robinson and referenced the Movie 42. He applauded the people who took the chance back then to make the change and how this can be applied to today's society.

Mr. Metzger added additional comments on how Jackie Robinson broke the barrier. He also talked about the anniversary of when Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's record which occurred on 4/8 and the discrimination he experienced.

Mr. Mussina commented on the graduation he attended for first responders that was designed to help them recognize and deal with Mental Health Crisis in the field.

Mr. Metzger added that this was an extension of the Mental Health training provided prior to COVID. It is designed to help professionals to recognize and respond to Mental Health Crisis in the field and get the individual the help they need.

9.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for no more than three (3) minutes on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

Larry Stout, Montgomery spoke about the County's birthday. He talked about a book titled Light in the Darkness written by Conrad Richter who was from this area. Mr. Stout commented that the identity crisis of that young man relates to today's society He also referenced the Jackie Robinson movie. He thanked Commissioner Metzger for bringing up the County's birthday.

John Shireman, Jersey Shore thanked the Commissioners for the Proclamation for the Vietnam Veterans. In his opinion the person accepting the Proclamation should have acknowledged agent orange and it's affects on the Vietnam Veterans. Per Mr. Shireman, the effects of agent orange killed more Vietnam Veterans than the war did. He also expressed his disappointment that the news media doesn't publish more information about this. Mr. Shireman voiced that he would like to see the Director of the Veteran's office apologize to everyone for not addressing this.

YOU TUBE PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Adams Good morning, commissioners, I hate to miss your meeting in person, but I sure do appreciate the live feed and opportunity to comment. I would like to thank Commissioner Mussina for his involvement

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Thomas Adamswith the crisis training program for public services, especially first responders, especially law enforcement. I understand people who don't understand mental health issues can be dismissing of such a

Thomas Adamsprogram. As I shared in past meetings, I know of a young man, who suffers with inability to discern imagined dangers from reality. Fortunately, where he lives...law enforcement is trained and very

Thomas Adamsscaring, along with other first responders and public servants. I Thank all of you for your dedication to our county and communities! Also, the dedication of our local public servants is Fantastic!

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Thomas AdamsThe character of our services workers starts from the top. I appreciate the hearts of love and care displayed throughout the county is a model for our state and nation!



Harper Will TryThank you commissioner Mussina for advocating for marginalized groups — here's to more Americans realizing "woke" is not a pejorative term and "social justice" is a laudable goal for a society

Thomas AdamsMy favorite baseball player of all time is: Willie Mays. I like to refer to him as Willie A-Mays-ing.

10.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 1st Floor, Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

***TO VIEW THIS MEETING CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_v0KQtIljc***

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

- Financial Management – Brian Ciotti, Financial Analyst, Full-Time Replacement, \$47,153.34 per year, 75 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 15, 2024.
- Financial Management – Heather Lehman, Chief Budget Officer, Full-Time Replacement, \$74,274.41 per year, 75 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Transfer Date: April 14, 2024.
- Pre-Release Center – Sarah Verrastro, Resident Supervisor I, Full-Time Replacement, \$18.64 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 15, 2024.
- Adult Probation – Kennedie Bahr, Adult Probation Officer II, Full-Time Replacement, \$24.47 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Effective Date: April 28, 2024.
- District Attorney – Requesting approval for special county detectives for Lycoming County Drug Task Force, DUI Roving Patrol and DUI Center Patrol.