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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
November 14, 2012  
Board Room, Executive Plaza  
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner Wheeland - Present  
Commissioner Larson - Present  
Commissioner Mussare - Present

Solicitor Sees - Absent

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. Mr. Wheeland convened the Commissioners Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Larson 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. Wheeland opened the floor to public comment on agenda items only, and the following were received:

Dottie White, Loyalsock Township tax collector and the head of the county tax collector association gave a brief history on the payment to tax collectors. She requests that the rate be raised to a reasonable level.

**2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

2.1 APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR SHERIFF. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved the compensation for the Sheriff as follows:

OFFICE	2014	2015	2016	2017
SHERIFF	62,653	64,219	65,825	67,471

Beth Johnston, Director of Fiscal Services explained that the 2.5% increase is in line with what was set for the other elected officials.

2.2 APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR TAX COLLECTORS. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (2-1, Mussare), approved the compensation for the tax collectors as follows:

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTORS</b>	1.75/bill	1.75/bill	1.75/bill	1.75/bill

Tom Heap, Central Collections Manager, explained this is consistent with what it costs central collections to process the bills.

Mr. Mussare asked about the collection of tax bills in house.

Mr. Heap explained that there is an increase in collection, as there is a trend in that that municipalities are taking advantage of the lower cost associated with the County collecting. The County collects only in instances where there is a vacancy in the tax collector position.

Mr. Mussare asked who is responsible for collecting taxes.

Mr. Heap answered that it has been the county's position that the county treasurer can collect the taxes.

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. Wheeland opened the floor to public comment and none were received.

7.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. Wheeland announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a regular meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

8.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 7:09 p.m.