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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
March 12, 2015  
Board Room, Executive Plaza  
Pine Street, Williamsport**

Commissioner Mussare - Present  
Commissioner Larson - Present  
Commissioner Rauff - Present

Assistant Solicitor Wiley - Present

**1.0 OPERATIONS**

1.1 CONVENE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. Mr. Mussare convened the Commissioners Meeting 10:01 a.m.

1.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0), approved the minutes of the previous meeting as they are recorded.

1.3 RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY). Mr. Mussare opened the floor to public comment on agenda items only, and none were received.

**2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

2.1 APPROVE PURCHASE FROM CONTRAST COMMUNICATIONS. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0), approved the purchase of 80 Voice Over IP Phones from Contrast Communications in the total amount of \$12,744.80.

2.2 APPROVE PSA WITH JUSTICE WORKS YOUTH CARE. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0), approved professional service agreement with Justice Works Youth Care for JPO.

2.3 APPROVE PSA WITH NATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES LABS. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0),

approved professional services agreement with National Medical Services Labs for the District Attorney's office.

2.4 APPROVE RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0), approved 903 recycling grant application to DEP.

2.5 APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DIRECT ENERGY. A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0), approved agreement with Direct Energy and authorize the Director of Administration to sign.

## 5.0 REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS.

5.1 Lauren Robinson announced a public meeting for review of draft Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan on March 24, 2015 from 4-6 p.m.

## 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. Mr. Mussare opened the floor to public comment and were received:

Jay Decker from Cogan Station (Lewis Township) stated he received his tax bill and was shocked at the size of the increase. He felt it was ironic that the Commissioners donated \$90,000 to the Community Arts Center when there was a substantial tax increase. He wanted to know if other counties that use our landfill pay toward its operating expenses.

Mr. Mussare commented that he raised a good question. This is being reviewed and is a legitimate concern.

Mr. Decker stated that our tax dollars should not subsidize other counties.

Mr. Rauff said that our tonnage (garbage) is down but the recycling is up. The commissioners are working with management team at the landfill to look to the future. He also reminded that this was the first tax increase in 11 years.

Mr. Decker asked if it is mismanagement (RMS)? Also, are they audited?

Mr. Mussare replied it is not mismanagement and they are audited. He thanked Mr. Decker for his time.

Elain Decker of Hepburn Township Cogan Station said she was surprised at receiving the tax bill increase. She asked where the 2015 budget is on the website, and wanted to know where the notice of the meetings are online?

Mr. Mussare replied that we are looking at increasing the electronic messages.

**7.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.** Mr. Mussare announced the next regularly scheduled meeting as a work session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

**8.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.** A motion by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Rauff and passed (3-0), adjourned the Commissioners' Meeting at 10:23 a.m.