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**Minutes of the Meeting of
October 25, 2016
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. The meeting was convened at
10:01 a.m.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 ADOPT RESOLUTION 2016-23. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and
seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), adopted Resolution
2016-23 declaring a Disaster Emergency in Lycoming County.
John Yingling, Director of Public Safety, explained the first
indication of a problem came in at 1:39 a.m. on October 21,
2016. A flood warning was announced for 6-10 inches of rain
over a short period - flash floods. Numbers water rescues and
evacuations ensued. In addition an 8 inch fuel pipeline was
breached on Wallis Run Road. There were also power outages
and road closures that include major detours. PEMAdid a
preliminary damage assessment on Monday, October 24. There
were no fatalities. The counties is still waiting on reports
from municipalities.

Mr. Mirabito wanted to know what we as a county can do to help,
even if it is with clean-up. He wondered if there is no
federal money available, is there state or local monies
available.

Mr. Mussare said that this event was exceptionally bad because the
people who are not in a flood way or flood fringe were
affected and lost everything.

Mr. Yingling confirmed that the event was very localized and devastating.

Mr. McKernan asked about what the landfill can do to assist with flood debris disposal.

Jason Yorks said that DEP will not waive fees. He provided an update on flood debris tonnage that has already been received at the landfill and transfer station.

Mr. Yingling said that it is unlikely that a federal declaration would be received.

Director Matt McDermott reminded people to look beyond the immediate impacts.

Mr. Mirabito said that the streams need cleaned out and cheked on a regular basis.

2.2 APPROVE CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT. A motion by Mr. Mussare and seconded by Mr. Mirabito and passed (3-0), approved accounts payable cash requirement report through October 12, 2016, for payment on October 5, 2016.

2.3 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MVFC. A motion by Mr. Mirabito and seconded by Mr. Mussare and passed (3-0), approved amendment to agreement with Montgomery Volunteer Fire Company for 2013 CDBG funds.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT.

Mr. McKernan thanked all Department of Public Safety staff for the hard work they have done during this flooding event.

Mr. Mussare also thanked all those involved in this emergency.

Mr. Mussare said that "The will of the people should always be listened to." He referred to the proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot regarding retirement age of judges. He explained that the question on the November ballot is different than the question that was posed on the April ballot. He feels the question was changed to change the outcome of the vote and this isn't right.

Forrest Lehman, Director of Elections, explained the process and reason for the change. He said the current language was requested by the legislature, confirmed by the department of state, and upheld by the court. The county did loose money for this, as it had to spend the money for advertising twice, and it was several thousand dollars.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. The floor was opened to public comment and the following were received:

Al Boyer from McIntyre Township thanked everyone for coming to see the flood damage. He suggested that it be better defined what is needed to get workable solutions. He said the comp

plan as being prepared by PCD will not fit in our (his) community, as it is a retirement and low income community.

8.0 NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. Mr. McKernan announced the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, October 27, 2016.

9.0 ADJOURN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.