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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Present In-Person: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Mirabito, Director Matthew McDermott and via telephone J. David Smith, Solicitor. Not present: Commissioner Mussare.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA NOT PREVIOUSLY POSTED

- Remove Action Item 1.6: Proclamation – National Breastfeeding Month

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. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None

- 1.6 Proclamations:
 - ~~National Breastfeeding Month~~, [moved to Agenda /August 11th]
 - National Health Center Week

2.0 BID OPENING

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall – (via telephone) Open the following bid:
 - **Epoxy Overlay Project for Lycoming County Bridge No. 101**

HRI, Eastern	7/29/2022 1:25 PM
56Swank Construction Company, LLC	7/28/2022 1:57 PM
Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc.	7/27/2022 2:38 PM

3.0 REPORTS

- 3.1 Brandy Clemens – Presented for your ratification are the invoices due through 08/10/2022 that were paid on 08/03/2022 in the amount of \$1,951,549.46

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1 Mya Toon - Acknowledge the County will be requesting bids for Food Products (2022 budgeted item).

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Mya Toon – Vote to approve award notice with Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for Probation Restrictive Conditions grant.

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

- 5.2 Matthew McDermott – Vote to appoint George Logue to the Lycoming County Zoning Hearing Board for a five (5) year term.

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

- 5.3 Jerry Kennedy – Vote to approve price quote from ePlus (2022 budgeted item)

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

- 5.4 Jerry Kennedy – Vote to approve Lease Agreement with Dell Financial Services (2022 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

- 5.5 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Agreement with Central Counties Youth Center (2022 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

- 5.6 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Agreement with JusticeWorks Youthcare, Inc. (2022 budgeted item).

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Metzger 2nd the motion. Approved 2-0

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Metzger: *See attached comments, page 6-8.*

Mr. Mirabito: (Addressing Mr. Metzger’s comments) Apologized for any misunderstanding to Mr. Metzger’s, time was a factor for grant monies, there were miscommunications with the college and construction company on the date of the meeting, they were in attendance – we added and revised the agenda. There was no malice or intention to circumvent his vote.

7.0 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.

Thomas Adams / Williamsport Topics: Voting, Healthcare, Personal Freedoms, George Washington, Airline Pilots, and Vaccines

YouTube General Public Comment:



9:58 AM Jacob Stopper First



Vase of Flowers second



10:21 AM Atarah Yashar also y'all is always dependent on Dell and any upgrades you gotta pay...



10:22 AM Atarah Yashar what about more stimulus during this mock inflation business?



10:28 AM AMM C-G Thank you, Commissioners Metzger and Mirabito, for responding positively to my concern about providing a shelter for the citizens of Lycoming County in the event of a radioactive attack.



10:31 AM Carlos Saldivia Aside from political shenanigans, what does the County get in return for the \$1 million for the parking lot the college will own and revenue from?..



10:32 AM Atarah Yashar that's the big picture Carlos I agree...



10:32 AM Carlos Saldivia



10:33 AM Atarah Yashar no accountability no revenue for the city smh



10:34 AM Atarah Yashar I need help they don't agree that fast for me and my family. I would like to open a daycare center n need finding... smh



10:37 AM Carlos Saldivia The city waiting for another government agency to take the lead is PRECISELY why the county should have more valid reasons as to what's in it 4 us, supporting institution that has declining attendance



10:41 AM Atarah Yashar separation of church and state



10:41 AM Atarah Yashar he's rambling



10:43 AM Bill Fenderson Is there an update on the airport



10:46 AM Carlos Saldivia Fair enough Commissioners Mirabito, but what was the pitch from Lycoming College regarding the reason?



10:47 AM Atarah Yashar just for revitalizing



10:49 AM Carlos Saldivia Is the WASD kicking in some cash into the parking lot, after all, they'll be the people that will benefit most from the taxes?

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10:52 AM Amaziah David Yisrael ben YAH the most high YAH rebuke you all. not one of you going into the kingdom.

8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 11, 2022, 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 Go To:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTJS4RCcWyw>

National Health Center Week, 2022

A Proclamation

Whereas: For over 10 years, the River Valley Health and Dental, Your Center For Care (a Community Health Center) has provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in Lycoming County's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on the health and well-being of the county.

Whereas: River Valley Health and Dental is a critical element of the provision of health care in Lycoming County, serving both rural and urban communities, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care for many in our community.

Whereas: River Valley Health and Dental continues to offer reliable, affordable, high-quality care to the county's most vulnerable and underserved communities.

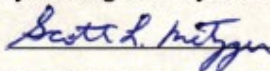
Whereas: Every day, River Valley Health and Dental strives to develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, behavioral health, chiropractic and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of our community.

Whereas: National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate America's over 1,400 health center organizations with over 12,000 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago.

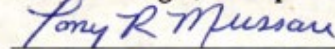
Whereas: During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Community Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care system and the 10th anniversary of the River Valley Health and Dental Center's funding as a federally qualified health center in Lycoming County

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the County Commissioners of Lycoming County, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2022 as National Health Center Week. We encourage all residents of Lycoming County to take part in this week by visiting the River Valley Health and Dental Center Open House on Thursday, August 11 from 4 - 6 p.m. and celebrating the important partnership between our Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

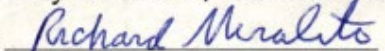
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Commissioners Comments:
Mr. Metzger

Comments on Old City Project

Last Thursday July 28th at the Lycoming Board of Commissioner Public meeting a vote was approved 2-0 to approve 1,012,240 in funding to Old City Williamsport LLC for the East End gateway Project.

First, I would like to commend Dr. Kent Trachte and the Board of Directors of Lycoming College for their vision for the college and the City of Williamsport. They have accomplished many of their goals over the past several years to improve the college and the city.

Next, I would like to thank Pine Ridge Construction Management for investing in our community.

Both entities are investing millions of dollars for education and economic development into this section of our community.

I have been supportive of the East End Gateway Project and the Old City Revitalization.

My further comments are in no way against either entity or the overall project.

Last week was the first commissioners meeting I have missed in three years due a planned vacation with my wife.

On Tuesday July 26th my two colleagues called me while I was on vacation to express that they had met with the college and the developers and the college and developer were requesting a million dollars towards the project for a parking garage. It is my understanding that this garage is 40,000 sq. ft. with 165 parking stalls. Commissioner Mirabito made note that the county would receive 42 spaces. I stated to both of them that I was not ready at that point to commit to that amount of money as I had several questions that needed answered. Some of those questions were what amount is the city willing to investing, where the money was being allocated from among other questions. Commissioner Mussare stated that he was calling to see if I would agree to place it on a future agenda. As

the chairman, I am the one that sets the agenda and I agreed that when I returned from vacation I would place it on a future agenda. They noted the Governor recently reopened the RACP grant process that had a short window till August 19th.

On Thursday July 28th my two colleagues called me after the Commissioner's Public meeting to advise me that they amended the agenda to add the request for funding to Old City Williamsport LLC for the East End Gateway Project. They approved the requests after a 2-0 vote for the monies to be allocated from the ARPA funds that the county has received.

The County would be contributing 3.8%, the City 3.1% and the state another 4 percent of the total project with the college and developer paying approximately 89% of the plan.

I believe my colleagues did not have prior knowledge that Dr. Trachte nor the developer were going to be in attendance that morning. Nor do I believe that Dr. Trachte nor the developer did anything wrong. It was my understanding that it was a miscommunication about the timing of when the item was going to be place on the agenda.

What I find disturbing about this action that was voted and approved so quickly without the consideration of the chairman. In 72 hrs. a million dollars was discussed, voted and passed.

My colleagues could have attempted to contact me by phone to join the meeting or could have stated that the chairman is not available this morning but out of respect we will table this till next Thursday since he stated that he had several questions.

I fully understand that there is a deadline for the RACP grant and process of August. From speaking with a state official that is knowledgeable of the process, the homework could have been completed and a decision by the Commissioners could have been prior to the deadline.

So this decision was made without my input and my questions being answered. Also the monies are being taken from the ARPA funds that are being discussed by the three Commissioners. I am not sure which category these monies will fall under. Therefore, the chairman did not have the opportunity to vote on a million dollar allocation of our 22 million dollar allocation. This is the 2nd decision that

day I was not privileged to vote on.

This is a decision that involved one million dollars that warranted all three of our input.

Since my return from vacation I have been informed the City has not yet voted and approved their 3.1% of the overall project as reported.

It is wrong how this matter was handled last week and does not display good government. I would hope that in the future that my colleagues would be more mindful moving ahead so monies are allocated with all three of us involved in the decision making process

We are all elected officials and when one of us is excluded it is a slap in the face of the voters that placed that individual in office. The office of Commissioner was designed to make sure that the three of us have representation. We need to make sure that happens.

Commissioners Comments

Mr. Metzger, End.