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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022  
10:00 A.M.**

**Present In-Person: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Mussare, Commissioner Mirabito, Director Matthew McDermott and via telephone J. David Smith, Solicitor**

**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. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Larry Stout / on behalf of Todd Winder, grateful for item 4.4. *See attached EMS Data Report.*

**2.0 REPORTS**

2.1 Brandy Clemens – Presented for your ratification are the invoices due through 07/27/2022 that were paid on 07/21/2022 in the amount of \$1,069,597.30

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

2.2 Mya Toon – (presented by Matt McDermott) Vote to approve the list of contracts approved by the Director of Administration for the month of June.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

**3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

3.1 Jason Yorks – Acknowledge the County will be requesting bids for (2) Tarping Machines for Landfill cover use. (2022 budgeted item).

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 Kristin McLaughlin – Vote to approve Professional and Administrative Agreement for FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant funds with SEDA-COG (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.2 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve Resolution 2022-12 for SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.3 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve Consent and Joinder.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.4 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve \$500,000 grant allocation to Citizen’s House Company of Jersey Shore.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.5 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve \$1,000,000 allocation for the construction of new Magisterial District Justice facility in Jersey Shore.

4.6 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve grant allocation of \$1,500,000 to regional public safety complex in Jersey Shore.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve 4.5 and 4.6 and Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.7 John Lavelle – Vote to approve Act 13 allocations to the following fire companies see bulleted list below (2022 budget funds available):

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

- Woodward Twp. VFC
- Independent Hose
- South Williamsport Fire Department
- Nippenose Valley VFC
- Nisbet VFC
- Duboistown VFC
- Clinton Twp. VFC
- Montgomery VFC
- Old Lycoming Twp. VFC
- Hepburn Twp. VFC
- Trout Run VFC
- Ralston VFC
- Loyalsock VFC
- Willing Hand Hose Company
- Washington Twp. VFC
- Eldred Twp. VFC
- Muncy Twp. VFC
- Hughesville VFD
- Plunketts Creek Twp. VFD
- Picture Rocks VFC
- Lairdsville Community VFC
- Waterville VFC
- Antes Fort VFC
- Unityville VFC
- Brown Twp. VFC
- Black Forest VFC
- Muncy Area VFC
- Citizens Hose Company

4.8 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement.

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.9 Mya Toon – Vote to approve purchase of drone and accessories to RMUS (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.10 Forrest Lehman – Vote to approve pay schedules updates for poll workers with respect to training sessions and mileage reimbursement (2022 budgeted item).

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

4.11 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve Amendment to Agreement with PetroChoice Holdings, Inc. (2022 budgeted item)

**Mr. Mirabito moved to approve. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**

## 5.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

**Mr. Metzger spoke of Coroner Building and their continuing efforts to locate a building for the Coroner.**

**Mr. Mussare spoke of challenges for many employers and noted the county is facing these same challenges. Commented on article regarding property tax appeals reducing tax \$68K by common level ratios and noted this will affect every tax payer on every property to make up the difference every time this happens.**

**Mr. Mirabito spoke of the possibility of voting on reassessment for our property taxes – and the length of time it will take (approx. 3 years) to complete, but will overtime - redistribute the tax burden in more equitable manner for all taxpayers.**

## 6.0 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.

### **In-Person Public Comments:**

**Thomas Adams/Williamsport**

**Topics: Gratitude for Volunteer Fire Fighters; Solar Farm Concerns/Fossil Fuel Issues**

### **YouTube public comments:**

J

9:58 AM Jacob StopperFirst

M

11:21 AM M C-G Where are the bomb shelters located in Lycoming County? How are these locations being stocked and how many people can be accommodated? Any sense of urgency about this matter?

M

11:26 AM M C-G This is possibly the worst time in history to be talking about an increase of property taxes.

M

11:29 AM M C-G I am distressed by the failure to acknowledge my comments publicly and will complain to the Commissioners about it

11:31 AM M C-G Please ignore this last comment

#### 7.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 28, 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=EgWaY0iIH48>

### **2021 Fire Data - 369 Calls**

Citizens Hose is the contracted fire protection agency for 7 municipalities (JS, Porter, Piatt, Watson, Anthony, Mifflin and Salladasburg). Population: roughly 9500 residents

Area: roughly 87 square miles

Fire Department also provides heavy rescue and Rapid Intervention (specialized team trained to Rescue injured firefighters at fires) on automatic aid for multiple municipalities spanning from Beech Creek to Muncy and Loganton to Trout Run.

### **2021 EMS Data - 2862 Calls**

Jersey Shore Area EMS is the primary EMS provider for the following municipalities:

Lycoming: Anthony, Brown, Cummings, Limestone, McHenry, Mifflin, Nippenose, Piatt, Porter, Watson, Salladasburg, Jersey Shore

Clinton: Avis, Pine Creek

Jersey Shore Area EMS also covers portions of Cogan House, Pine and Woodward Twp (Lycoming County) and Crawford and Greene (Clinton County).

Population: roughly 20000 residents

Area: 525 Sq miles

*Salladasburg  
station*