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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Mussare Commissioner Mirabito attended via phone, Director Matthew McDermott, and Solicitor J. David Smith.

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

Tom Adams had questions about the library funds. He asked if there are any committees monitoring the books for the children.

- 1.6 Proclamation: Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Kalen Barnes – Vote to ratify invoices due through 4/12/2023 to be paid on 4/5/2023 in the amount of \$411,616.06.

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

3.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 3.1 Jessica Segraves – Approve the following Personnel Actions as conditional offers of employment, subject to the successful completion of a background check and all other employment conditions as outlined in Attachment (A).

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Matthew McDermott - Vote to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Lycoming County Deputy Sheriff's Association (2023 budgeted item).

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

- 4.2 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve Resolution 2023-08 for the Old City Williamsport Mixed-Use Development Project in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

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

4.3 Matthew McDermott – Vote to approve the award of grant funds to the following outside agencies:

- Camp Cadet - \$3,000.00
- Lycoming County Library System – \$1,346,007.00
- Lycoming County Airport - \$56,000.00
- Lycoming County Industrial Development Authority - \$3,000.00

Mr. Mirabito moved to approve all but Airport funds. Mr. Mussare 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0. Vote on the Airport funds tabled.

4.4 Jenny Picciano – Vote to approve Resolution 2023-07 for the Susquehanna River Walk Extension Trail Development project.

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

4.5 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Agreement with Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (2023 budgeted item).

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

4.6 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Amendment to Agreement with George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania (2023 budgeted item).

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

4.7 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Agreement with Crossroads Counseling, Inc. (2023 budgeted item).

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

4.8 Jerry Kennedy – Vote to approve Client Agreement to assist with the management of the county’s server and network infrastructure in the amount of \$185.00/hour (2023 budgeted item).

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

4.9 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve proposal submission and response to Mifflin County and Juniata County Request for Proposal Municipal Waste Disposal Capacity solicitation.

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

5.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Metzger commented on the sale of Executive Plaza and informed the public that if they are interested in the purchase of the building they can contact Mya Toon. Proposals for the purchase of the building must be submitted by 5/4/23. He announced that, with the exception of the Coroners office, the balance of the county offices would be moving to Third Street Plaza. Mr. Metzger thanked the Sun Gazette for their reporting on the open House for the Health Center. Mr. Metzger pointed out the benefits of the Health Center for the County employees and retirees. and how it reduces the cost of Health Care for the County, therefore benefiting the taxpayers. Mr. Metzger expressed the potential for future expansion of the Heath Center by partnering with other government agencies and/or school districts.

Mr. Mirabito commented on the change's health care has undergone over the past 50 years and how these changes have impacted business, employers, employees and the general public. Mr. Mirabito expressed that the best way to drive down the cost of health care is to keep your employees healthy and invested in their own health care. The Health Center provides a way of doing this and taking back control of the costs of health care.

Mr. Mussare expressed his concerns about the American currency system and changes that may be made. He encouraged the American People to start paying attention to what is going on in the world regarding currency, about digital currency that our government is going to try to move toward. He urged people to do their research and try to understand the currency system. Mr. Mussare commented that the changes could have a devastating impact on America. He encouraged everyone to voice their opinion now or you may not have any say in it later.

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

Tom Adams, Williamsport Topics covered: Sacrifices of the people who have fought for our freedom, quoted proverbs and scriptures, treatment of women in Iran, immigration, also doesn't agree with censorship of reading materials just keeping it away from children's area and Lycoming College documentary on human trafficking.

Victoria Marks Montoursville-Clarified some points on Human trafficking- Local people guilty of human trafficking as well as trafficking their own family members. Target vulnerable boys and girls and groom them so they are ingratiated. Stressed that if you see something suspicious call. "If you see something, say something"

You tube Live Public Comments:

Jeff Will Try Since the commissioners chose to defend second amendment rights when there were fears about losing gun rights and establish a "safe" zone in the county, can we expect them to have a similar...



Jeff Will Try... response to fears about school children being shot, fears about transgender individuals not being safe to simply live, and fears about school/government agencies becoming too religious?



Jeff Will Try Lots of your constituents are very concerned about the sharia law being implemented in states like Texas (put a poster of the 10 commandments in every classroom) and...

Jeff-Will-Try Kansas. Some non-doctor needs to look at every child's genitalia is they want to play sport. Lots of us would love to know the Commissioners thought on keeping the area safe for people, all people regardless of their gender, religion or capital they own.

7.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, 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 follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8isphmL3Ayc>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

- Facilities Management – Elwood Hoover, Maintenance II, Full-Time New Position, \$20.80 per hour, 75 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 17, 2023.
- Facilities Management – Huntter Black, Maintenance II, Full-Time New Position, \$20.80 per hour, 75 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 24, 2023.
- Resource Management Services – Paul Nixon, Grounds Crew Mower, Part-Time New Position, \$14.00 per hour, Not to exceed 1000 hours, Anticipated Start Date: April 10, 2023.
- Resource Management Services – George Metzger, Grounds Crew Mower, Part-Time New Position, \$14.00 per hour, Not to exceed 1000 hours, Anticipated Start Date: April 10, 2023.
- Budget and Finance – David Burkhart, General Accountant, Full-Time Replacement, \$49,237.50 per year, 75 hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 17, 2023.



Pennsylvania 811

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of April 2023 recognized as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month", and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with over 50 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 811 received over 1 million excavation notifications in 2022, and transmitted approximately 6.8 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

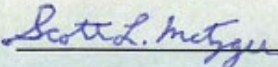
WHEREAS, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

WHEREAS, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, the work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

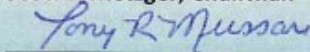
WHEREAS, upon receiving the notification from Pennsylvania 811, the facility owners and operators disperse to the said work site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with flags, paint, or both, to establish an eighteen-inch tolerance zone of the outside wall or edge of their line or facility, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LYCOMING COUNTY, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, we do hereby proclaim April 2023 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month", and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.pa1call.org for information about digging safely.

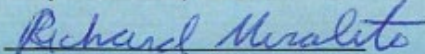
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