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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

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

**REVISED AGENDA:
Attachment B removed**

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

None

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Kalen Barnes – Vote to ratify invoices due through October 4th to be paid on September 27th in the amount of \$1,284,051.75.

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

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3.1 Jenny Picciano – Acknowledge Lycoming County will be accepting grant applications for Affordable Housing Projects (2023/2024 PHARE funds).

4.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 4.1 Matthew McDermott for Allison Wolfe – 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

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Tanya Collins – Vote to approve Amendment 1 to Subrecipient Agreement with STEP, Inc. for Homes-In-Need Program (2019 CDBG funds).

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

5.2 Tanya Collins – Vote to approve Amendment #1 to Professional & Administrative Service Agreement with SEDA-COG (2020 CDBG funds).

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

5.3 Nancy Ackley – Vote to approve Electronic Monitoring Service Agreement with GEO Reentry Services, LLC (2023 budgeted item).

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

5.4 Lauren Strausser – Vote to approve 904 Performance Grant application (2023 budgeted item).

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

5.5 Kelsey Green – Vote to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Borough of Muncy and Muncy Bank & Trust Co. (2023 budget funds available).

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

5.6 Kelsey Green – Vote to approve Amendment #1 to Letter of Agreement with the Department of the Army (2023 budget funds available).

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

5.7 Maleick Fleming – Vote to approve Amendment to Agreement with Transitional Living Centers, Inc. (2021 PHARE funds).

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

Mr. Mussare requested a quarterly report on the master leasing showing the success and challenges of the programs including the total amount.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Mussare commented on the potential shutdown of the government, preparing for its impact on county government and the need for the government to control spending across all parties. He also talked about the need for accountability for spending.

Mr. Mussare discussed the rise in the number of PFA's the Sheriff's Department has to serve and the dangers to the Deputies when serving PFA's especially when they have to remove weapons from the home. He provided some statistics and noted the need for a better system. Per Mr. Mussare, Lycoming County has one of the highest numbers of PFA's served in the state.

Mr. Metzger explained the PFA system and commented on the dangers to those serving the PFA's. He discussed the effects when the system is abused. He shared his opinions on the need for a better system that continues to protect those that need protection, as well as consequences for those that abuse the system. He also commented on the need to identify why the number of PFA's are increasing.

Mr. Metzger reported that they attended the Airport Authority Board Meeting. Mr. Metzger addressed the rumors that flights were bringing in illegal immigrants and assured

the public that this was not occurring. If someone has a concern about a flight they can track that flight through by the number on the planes tail.

Mr. Mirabito commented on getting the EAS service back at the airport and the subsidy from the federal government opened up which would then allow the airports that were excluded back in. He reported that the Airport Authority Board is organizing a coalition with other airports across that country that need to be an EAS airport to get Congress and the Senate to put it in a bill. He talked about a possible bill that would put EAS service back in and be funded by the community. Lycoming County has the funds to do this but many other communities do not. Per Mr. Mirabito it is unlikely that they would pass this.

Mr. Metzger encouraged everyone to contact their Senators and Congressmen emphasizing how essential getting air service returned to Central PA is to the local economy. Employers who want to come to the area need airline service. Per Mr. Metzger this area has 500,000 people and 9 Universities. Not having airline service is hurting the local economy. Other factors impacting this issue are the rising fuel costs, the shortage of pilots, pilots' high salaries and sign on bonuses.

Mr. Mussare reiterated that the Airport Authority Board is working hard to get an airline here.

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.

Tom Adams, Williamsport – Mr. Adams read a proverb. He also read a letter he wrote and sent to the Sun Gazette expressing his views on transgender adults and children. He commented on the need for society to return to God.

YOU TUBE COMMENT

None

8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 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 Click on The Link Below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qhz9TKcs_G0*

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

- Pre-Release Center – David Fox, Resident Supervisor I, Full-Time Replacement, \$18.10 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: October 9, 2023.
- Resource Management Services – Andy Miller, Truck Driver/Floater, Full-Time Replacement, \$21.05 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Transfer Date: October 1, 2023.
- Resource Management Services – Robert Geiser, Recycling Laborer, Full-Time Replacement, \$14.50 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: October 2, 2023.
- Prison – Allison Dieckmann, Licensed Practical Nurse, Full-Time Replacement, \$30.00 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: October 16, 2023.
- Prison – Benjamin Saar, Correctional Officer I, Full-Time Replacement, \$20.00 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: October 8, 2023.
- Prison – Matthew Walker, Correctional Officer I, Full-Time Replacement, \$20.00 per hour, 80 hours per Pay Period, Start Date: October 8, 2023.