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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

**Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina,
Director Matthew McDermott, and Solicitor Christopher H. Kenyon**

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. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0**
- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only **None**
- 1.6 Mike McMunn – Proclamation – Vietnam Veterans Day 50th Anniversary

2.0 BID OPENING

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall - Open the following bid:
 - Cattle Grazing 2025

Cattle Grazing 2025		
Company Name	Submitted Amount	Date Submitted
Lorson Angus Farms	\$3,001.00	3/21/2025
Paul-Haven Farms LLC	\$2,928.00	3/18/2025

3.0 REPORTS

- 3.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 4/2/25 to be paid on 3/26/25 in the amount of \$2,616,544.66.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

4.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 4.1 Mike Hagen – 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. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the Notice of Intent for the South Entrance NPDES permit with the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Mussina moved to table. Mr. Mussina 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.2 Beth Baylor – Vote to approve the Agreement with Lecce Electric, Inc. for professional services on an as needed basis for the 911 Center, Backup Center and remote radio towers. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.3 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Cooperation Agreement and Opinion of Counsel for the Valley View Project in the amount of \$2,500,000.00. This is a Pass-Through Grant. No County funds are involved

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.4 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Resolution 2025-06 authorizing Matt Long signatory approval for Lease Documents under the Cattle Chute Program on behalf of the County.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.5 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Resolution 2025-07 for the auction of miscellaneous IT surplus property

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.6 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Emergency Watershed Protection grant application for tropical storm Debbie damage in the amount of \$1,616,625.00.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.7 Adrienne Stahl – Vote to approve the Agreement with Elizabeth White, Esq. to provide legal representation in guardianship proceedings. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.8 Adrienne Stahl – Vote to approve the Agreement with Patricia A. Shipman for professional services as needed. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.9 Adrienne Stahl -Vote to approve the Agreement with Language Services Associates, Inc to provide telephonic interpretation services as needed. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.10 Adrienne Stahl – Vote to approve the Agreement with Dance Drier, Esq for professional services as needed. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

5.11 Kelsey Green – Vote to approve the CAP Subrecipient Agreement with Loyalsock Township for Millers Run in the amount of \$100,000.00. (2025 approved budgeted item)

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Metzger wished the Lady Lancers the best at the state championship.

Mr. Sortman gave a shoot-out to Loyalsock's basketball and favorite Lancer, Addy Fashion and wished the best of luck to the entire team. He also wished the best of luck to the Hugsheville wrestling team.

Mr. Mussina highlighted that today is the opening day for baseball season and recognized players and veterans like Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio who had to stop playing the sport to go fight for our country.

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.

John Sherman, Jersey Shore, commented and asked questions regarding the budget and bond amounts.

Denise Artley, Muncy Township, questioned about a post she saw on social media; she asked for clarification regarding Fam Vest potentially putting low-income housing in the area. She didn't want to put a strain on the emergency services in the area.

Mr. Mussina responded, how there hasn't been any discussion or iron-clad plan regarding low-income housing and so far the discussion have included the idea of market-rate housing. He also clarified that they also need to go to the local planning division to get approval for housing in the area.

Mr. Metzger expressed how we need the area to grow the taxbase,. He also added that they are good developers and want to work with doing what's best for the county. Mr. Metzger clarified rumors he considers nonsense; highlighting the one on illegal immigrants receiving housing.

Mr. Sortman commented that the unknown is scary but in the longrun receiving the taxes will help. He also reminded that their township has their own zoning and famvest still has to follow ordinances which ultimately gives the control regarding the destiny for housing.

Gary Jones, Muncy Township Zoning Hearing Board, praised the veterans for their service. He shared memoirs during the Vietnam war. He thanked the Commissioners for

clarifying the Lycoming Mall project. He reiterated that the zoning for the project, currently, is only for commercial usage.

YOUTUBE COMMENT

LycoSecrets: I'm encouraging all commissioners to attend the Medicaid funding community forum on March 31, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Williamsport Branch YMCA, 641 Walnut Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

LycoSecrets: It means so much to so many!!!

LycoSecrets: Thank you!!!

Emcee Gee: Very unfortunate that one of our brave Vietnam veterans chose this hallowed day to vent his personal misguided political opinions on this public platform.

Thomas Adams: It was a tragedy when the trash to steam plant was nixed by the fearful imaginations of county residents...over 10 years ago.

8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 3rd Floor, 33 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

To view this meeting click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGnDHot1k3M>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Facilities Management – Hailey Phillips, Custodial Worker, pay Grade 3, Full-Time, \$13.8112 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 7, 2025.

Facilities Management – Myanna Sampson, Custodial Worker, pay Grade 3, Full-Time, \$13.28 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 7, 2025.

Resource Management – Todd Shelow, Truck Driver / Transfer Station, pay Grade 6, Full-Time, \$18.00 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 7, 2025.

Resource Management – Louis Camphor, Truck Driver / Transfer Station, pay Grade 6, Full-Time, \$18.54 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: April 7, 2025.

Good Morning, Commissioners and Matt,

National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be commemorated on March 29, 2025. This year will be the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Era as it marks the formal end of the Vietnam War. Due to the lack of accurate records it is not possible to know how many men and women from Lycoming County served during the Vietnam War, but it was in the thousands. During that period, the draft was in effect so men either enlisted or were drafted; some were draft-induced enlistments where men volunteered so they had some choice of assignment.

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by U.S. President Donald J. Trump, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro has issued a formal proclamation designating March 29 as Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day and today the Lycoming County Board of Commissioners has issued a similar proclamation on behalf of the County.

Forty-three men from Lycoming County died during the war, including one who is listed as “missing in action – body not recovered.” That man was Major James M. Gehrig, a B-52 pilot whose aircraft crashed in the South China Sea following a mid-air collision.

As a veteran of the US Army and a veteran of the Vietnam War I served alongside thousands of individuals whose lives were disrupted by the war taking place half-way around the world in a place most had never heard of. I want to share my pride in the service of all the men and women who served during the Vietnam Era.

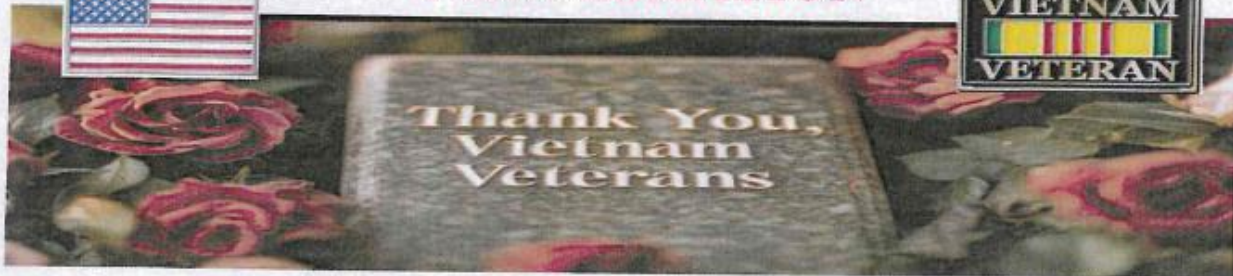
The residuals of the war are seen every day in the Veterans Affairs office where veterans apply for health care and compensation for their service-connected disabilities. Men and women regularly file for benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder, disabilities related to the effects of Agent Orange, and the residuals of combat injuries. I want you to know every day is Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day in the Veterans Affairs office.

At this time I would like to ask all of the Vietnam Era veterans in the audience to please stand and be recognized. Thank you.

Following this Meeting, everyone is invited to come to the Veterans Affairs office on the 2nd Floor for chili and hot dogs, coffee, cornbread, and camaraderie.

Thank you.

VIETNAM WAR ERA VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION



Whereas, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law in 2017 designating March 29th as the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, and

Whereas, by presidential proclamation the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War joins six other military-centric annual observances and

Whereas, the objectives for the Commemoration have been to thank and honor all the Veterans of the Vietnam War and their families for their service and sacrifice, and to recognize former Prisoners of War and the families of those still listed as Missing in Action, and

Whereas, no distinction is made between Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All were called to serve and none could self-determine where they would serve, and

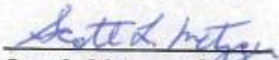
Whereas, in acknowledgement of the unspeakable hardships our Veterans suffered endangering their lives for the values of freedom and democracy for all, and

Whereas, today we remember the men and women of Lycoming County, and their families, who served our nation with honor, courage, valor and distinction from November 1955 to April 1975, as well as the Forty-Three Lycoming County Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen killed or missing in action, and

Whereas, today we thank them for their service and sacrifice, and we are forever grateful for the valuable contributions they continue to make today.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Lycoming County Commissioners, on behalf of the grateful citizens of our County, urge all citizens to join with us in recognizing March 29, 2025 as a tribute to the Veterans of the Vietnam Era War, the sacrifices they made, and continue to make, on our behalf.

Lycoming County Commissioners


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