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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina, Shannon Barnes, Director of Management & Operations, 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

2.0 BID OPENING

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall - Open the following bid:
 - Flood Acquisition Demolition Projects

Flood Acquisition Demolition Projects		
Company Name	Submitted Amount	Date Submitted
Cvejkus Paving and Excavating	\$35,054.00	8/22/2025
Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc.	\$27,268.00	8/20/2025

3.0 REPORTS

- 3.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to ratify the accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 9/3/25 to be paid on 8/27/25 in the amount of \$2,045,662.92.

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

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1 Mike Hagen – Elected Officials Personnel Actions:
 - Sheriff – Skylar Corbin, Deputy Sheriff 114, DS, Full-Time, \$23.2789 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: August 23, 2025.

Michael Hagen requested that Personnel Actions be added to the agenda.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0 to add Personnel Actions to the Agenda

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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).

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Kate Kiessling – Vote to approve the Agreement with Forensic Fluids Laboratories. (2025 approved budgeted item).

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

5.2 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Alternative Living Solutions. (2025 approved budgeted item).

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

5.3 Nancy Schenck– Vote to approve the Agreement with Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

5.4 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Families United Network, Inc. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

Commissioner Sortman inquired whether Families United provided justification for their significant price increase, to which Nancy Schenck explained that the rise is due to general inflation, prompting Families United to pass on higher costs.

5.5 Nancy Schenck– Vote to approve the Agreement with Kidspace National Centers, Inc. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

5.6 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

5.7 Leslie Kilpatrick – Vote to approve the quote for professional services from Integra One in the amount of \$2,137.50. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

5.8 Mya Toon– Vote to approve the bill of sale for miscellaneous IT equipment to M Hakim M Hashim in the amount of \$2,151.00.

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

- 5.9 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the bill of sale for miscellaneous IT equipment to M Hakim M Hashim in the amount of \$2,272.00.

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

- 5.10 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with NRCS for a time extension for EWP projects until September 27, 2025.

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

Commissioner Metzger asked if a tropical storm prompted additional work on the watershed; Mya Toon confirmed it did, but clarified there are no extra costs, only an extension for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) projects.

- 5.11 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the NRCS EWP Request #1 with DEP in the amount of \$123,235.50.

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

Commissioner Sortman questioned staff verification of change orders related to building costs; Mya Toon clarified that Lycoming County NRCS manages verification by writing project scopes and overseeing the process alongside engineers.

- 5.12 Mya Toon–Vote to approve the continuation of the grant application for RASA/VOJO funds from PCCD in the amount of \$122,201.00. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

- 5.13 Mya Toon – Vote to ratify the Lycoming County State Food Purchase Program grant application

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

- 5.14 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with Health Network Laboratories, d/b/a Forensic Pathology Associates. (2025 approved budgeted item)

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

- 5.15 Steve Whitenight – Vote to approve the agreement with ICON Fire in the amount of \$7,430.00. (not an approved budgeted item, but funds are available)

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

- 5.16 Steve Whitenight – Vote to approve the Agreement with Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$ 9,253.00. (not a budgeted item, but funds are available.)

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

Commissioner Metzger confirmed proceeds from the farm house sale will be used for demolition cost. He inquired about the construction start date for the farm house driveway, which Steven Whitenight confirmed is pending approval.

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Metzger shared personal reflections on Little League, emphasizing the unity and friendship among children from diverse backgrounds worldwide despite language barriers. He contrasted this with the tragic church shooting on August 27, 2025, highlighting the horror of such violence, especially the mental health issues and hate that fueled it. He called for increased awareness and reporting of mental health concerns, and praised the diverse community spirit, exemplified by international participation in local events. He stressed the importance of community values, and urged fostering core values and community involvement to promote a better future.

Commissioner Sortman discussed the upcoming county event at the County Farm aimed at community engagement, including efforts to enhance the farm complex. The Farm Advisory Committee is hosting the event. He cited plans to sell adjacent properties to fund repairs and improvements, highlighted the Farm to Table event scheduled for September 18, 2025, and expressed hope for community participation to establish an annual tradition noting the participation of 30 vendors this year. He emphasized the importance of community involvement as well as the importance of instilling values in youth through community activities and encouraged families to visit the farm highlighting the significance of the farm as a cultural and educational asset.

Commissioner Mussina noted that Lycoming County's neighboring counties are likely to attend the Farm to Table night, emphasizing it as an opportunity to showcase the county's uniqueness. He expressed optimism that the event will become an annual tradition, fostering community pride.

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.

Dove Gordon expressed concerns about billboards promoting narratives he perceives as erasing Jewish and Christian histories, linking them to radicalization and cultural genocide. As a scholar of Holocaust and genocide studies, he warned that such propaganda, coupled with recent violence, reflects attempts by extremist groups to influence youth and manipulate social justice narratives. He expressed concern over the potential influence of foreign-funded organizations linked to terrorist groups and highly recommended investigations into the origins of the billboards and noted that the Jewish Community is working on putting up a billboard that has factual information on it in response to these billboards. He noted personal opinions about how the Netanyahu government is going about the ongoing war is completely valid whether you are one side or the other but emphasized the importance of community unity and safeguarding historical integrity amid these challenges.

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Thank you, Commissioners, for speaking up about mental illness and unacceptable hatred. Many blessings

8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4th, 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 and For More Detailed Information Click on The Link Below:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/e89vVA4SleM?si=-lHDGKnVOeMiM16j>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Prison – Danielle Losinger, Licensed Practical Nurse, 10, Full-Time, \$30.00 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 2, 2025.

Resource Management Services – Summer Harris, Recycling Laborer, 4, Full-Time, \$14.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 8, 2025.