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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

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

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA NOT PREVIOUSLY POSTED

- Add Agenda Items 4.6 thru 4.9

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

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 REPORTS

- 2.1 Krista Rogers – Vote to ratify invoices due through 7/31/24
paid on 7/24/24 in the amount of \$1,493,738.79.

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

3.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 3.1 Michael 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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Nancy Schenck –Vote to approve the agreement with the County of Northampton
for professional services. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 4.2 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the agreement with Diversified Treatment and
Alternative Centers. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 4.3 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Amendment No. 1 to Retiree Employee Benefit Plan with Luminare Health Benefits, Inc. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 4.4 Mya Toon – Vote to approve Amendment No. 1 to Senior Employee Benefit Plan with Luminare Health Benefits, Inc. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 4.5 Matthew McDermott – Vote to ratify the Interstate participation allocation of the Wave 2 Settlements.

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

- 4.6 Katie de Silva - Vote to approve Resolution 2024 -10 authorizing the submission of a preapplication for funding from ARC in the amount of \$45,000.00.

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

- 4.7 Katie de Silva - Vote to approve grant application to ARC in the amount of \$45,000.00 for a feasibility study.

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

- 4.8 Katie de Silva - Vote to approve Resolution 2024-11 authorizing the submission of a grant request to Halliburton Corporation in the amount of \$25,000.00

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

- 4.9 Katie de Silva - Vote to approve grant application to Halliburton Corporation in the amount of \$25,000.

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

5.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Mussina commented on the presidential race over the weekend and he asked for all to look at this fascinating time in our country’s history; let’s teach our younger kids to look at elections academically and intellectually with respect to our beliefs and our wants, instead of emotionally and being angry with our differences.

Mr. Metzger brought awareness to tomorrow’s 34th Anniversary of The American Disabilities Act enacted by former president George Bush Sr. and the history of the Disability Pride Flag designed by Ann Magill, a writer with Cerebral Palsy. Mr. Metzger shared the meaning of the 6 colors included in the flag: each one representing various disabilities both known and unknown and asked the public to be mindful of those with disabilities and diversities; we should be educated and assist them. Mr. Metzger asked the community to visit the event in downtown on August 10th and enjoy all of the activities and volunteer if possible.

YOUTUBE COMMENT

LycoSecrets: hello Commissioners! It's a good day to be in Lycoming County.

Tony Cooper: A heartfelt thank you to the commissioners for acknowledging the critical role of the ADA. Your leadership in championing the rights of all individuals sets a commendable example

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.

John Shire, Jersey Shore, shared his concerns for the ADA upgrades necessary specifically for the voting polls to prevent physical barriers stopping anyone from voting such as accessing doors and parking. He also asked for an update regarding the Lawshee Run Project.

Mr. Metzger responded that he can follow up in a future meeting to update the status of the project.

Mr. Shire stated that the people of the county are entitled to have an update on the mall, even if it's speculative. He expressed his concerns with the terrible conditions of the paving specifically when going into Sam's club. Lastly, he asked that the Commissioners to set an example from the top regarding the positions that were eliminated in the county to save money, he mentioned the raises they received in 2023-24 be an example of practicing what they preached.

Mr. Metzger responded that no one has been laid off, the decisions to eliminate the positions were made because the departments felt they could continue efficiently without them in place.

Mr. Shire shared a memoir of his time training in Virginia for the Vietnam War and when Apollo 11 landed on the moon which is one of the greatest accomplishments of our time. Thanks to President Kennedy instituting the space program we have the technology in electronics we have today.

Sheriff Lusk asked the public to beware of phone scammers and to avoid being victimized, hang up on anyone stating they owe money to the Lycoming county Sheriff's Office; the Sheriff's department will not call you, they will show up at your door if you are wanted.

Larry Stahl, Montgomery, shared an inspiring memoir of traveling and sharing baseball while doing missionary work and how the magic of baseball brings people together; we take for granted that we live in heart of baseball.

7.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024, 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=OL8jFB33M2A>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Michael 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:

Public Defender – Giovanna Daniele, Temporary Law Clerk, 12, Full-Time, \$57,876 per Year, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: August 5, 2024