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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina, Financial Management Director Mya Toon and Solicitor Christopher H. Kenyon, Director of Administration Matthew McDermott was not in attendance.

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 Proclamation – Suicide Prevention Month- Kelly Gordon

2.0 BID OPENING

- 3.1 Krista Rogers- Open the following bid:
Landfill Gas Well Drilling

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Company Name	Submitted Amount	Date Submitted
Carlson Environmental Group	\$599,200.00	9/6/2024
Harnden Group LLC	\$340,100.00	9/6/2024
R & L Development Company	\$263,041.00	9/5/2024

3.0 REPORTS

- 3.1 Krista Rogers – Vote to ratify invoices due through 9/18/24 paid on 9/11/24 in the amount of \$1,039,433.67.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1 Michael Hagen – Elected Official Personnel Actions:
 - Courts, Judge Tira – Abigail Way, Law Clerk, Pay Grade 12, \$57,310.50 per Year, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 23, 2024
 - Sheriff – Keely Mahosky, Deputy 1st Class, DS, \$26.532 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: August 12, 2024.

5.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

7.1 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

Recess Commissioners' Public Meeting for the Board of Assessment Revisions

6.0 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

6.1 Convene Board of Assessment Revisions.

6.2 Brooke Wright – Approve the following real estate tax refunds:

- 41-353-205 - Muncy Greene LP - \$34,700.41

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

6.3 Adjourn Board of Assessment Revisions.

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Kelsey Green- Vote to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Smith Excavating & Construction in the amount of \$8,377.00. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.2 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the submission of the CY 2023 904 Grant to obtain PA DEP reimbursement for recycled materials. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.3 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the purchase of gas piping from ISCO Industries in the amount of \$22,030.00. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.4 Jason Yorks – Vote to approve the submission of a Minor Solid Waste Permit Modification to PADEP in the amount of \$300.00. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.5 Mya Toon - Vote to approve the Agreement with ScanTek in the amount of \$73,309.00. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.6 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the list of contracts approved by the Director of Administration for the month of August. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.7 Mya Toon – Vote to ratify the Agreement with Truveris (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

7.8 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with Julian G. Allatt, Esq (not a 2024 approved budgeted item, but funds are available)

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

10.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Metzger thanked the federal officials for coming to the county to assess the devastating flood damages and reporting back to President Biden. President Biden signed a major disaster declaration and Lycoming County will be receiving the assistance as well as other neighboring counties that were affected. Mr. Metzger expressed his thanks to the President and his team and that in the future we will have an update on the amounts that will be allocated to the county.

Mr. Mussina expressed that although the debate may have portrayed the division in our country, that does not hold true locally. Furthermore, he asked that if we focus more on kindness daily instead of political beliefs it will go a long way.

Mr. Metzger stated that government starts at the local level, that is what gets things done.

Mr. Sortman does not believe we are as divided as the national debate demonstrated, “locally we do get it done and we do not care who’s Republican or Who’s democrat. We are a team to move our county forward”.

YOUTUBE COMMENT

Thomas Adams Good morning commissioners and Lycoming County, thank-you for your dedication to our county and the many things you do for the positive spirit of our county. I really admire your highlighting of the many outreach organizations in our area. I think when we notice abnormal behavior in someone, we should try to reach-out in a non-threatening manner. I suppose 'abnormal' can be subjective, but at least ask or offer to talk and find out if there is a service that may be able to help, if there are deeper issues. Very nice message through the song...working through your pain to help others, Amen! I, also wish others to know, that our Constitution is not a Godless document, as has been taught by many institutions for decades. The book, 'The Godless Constitution', by Kramnick and Moore, professors from Cornell University, 1996 (I think?). The travesty of this work, as others like it, offer no original sources to prove their claims. The authors dispensed of footnotes. Anytime we read history, we absolutely should look for footnotes/references to original sources of the time period being studied. Modern authors as these will only mention other works from other modern authors with whom they agree. Truth is being eradicated in many ways in our world today, we all need to be vigilant to learn it and know it. I loved the copy of the historical document that was presented. Nice remarks, commissioners. There are people that don't believe the United States didn't land on the moon. Amen, Larry!

Em Gee: Where is the Election Board meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and is there an agenda?

Lycoming County Government: Hi, Em Gee, that information can be found on our website, at www.lyco.org/vote. It will be at 9:30am at the 3rd Street Plaza, 33 West 3rd Street in Williamsport.

Harper Will Try: I know a number of Lycoming county residents would like to hear who the commissioners endorse for the upcoming presidential election and why.

*I would also like to remind commissioner Metzger there are huge numbers of people who weren't *anywhere* on 9/11/01 (because they weren't yet born) — said people are now of legal voting age and most prioritize protecting our environment, progressive protections for endangered minorities, and normalizing compassion for every human (regardless of where the geographic lottery places them)*

Thomas Adams: I Absolutely agree with Beverly!

Harper Will Try: The levels of fluoride, PFAS, and other toxic [beyond certain levels] chemicals in the Williamsport municipal water supply are deeply disturbing.

Integrity Now: Please pass the Resolution.

11.0 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.

Larry Stout, Montgomery, shared positive experiences of the Lycoming County's 9/11 historic 42-mile motorcycle ride which has become a national phenomenon.

Beverly DeCer RN, Williamsport, shared detailed information on exposure to fluoride in our water supply and how it may affect our health.

12.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 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=rTDnnQbq_k

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Pre-Release Center – Timothy Perry, Resident Supervisor I, Union, Full-Time, \$18.64 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 23, 2024.

NATIONAL
SUICIDE
prevention
MONTH



Whereas, September has been designated National Suicide Prevention Month, a month to remember the lives lost to suicide, the millions of people who have struggled with suicidal ideation and acknowledge the individuals, families and communities that have been impacted; and

Whereas, Suicide is among the top 10 leading causes of death in the United States, resulting in about one death every 11 minutes. In addition, suicide attempts result in an even larger number of non-fatal, intentional self-harm injuries; and

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death for people 10 to 34 years of age, the fourth leading cause of death among people 35 to 54 years of age and the eighth-leading cause among people 55 to 64 years of age; and

Whereas, Despite the positive efforts suicide remains a public health issue that touches the lives of our communities causing serious emotional, physical, and economic impacts; and

Whereas, Suicide Prevention Month is a time in which mental health advocates, individuals, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and communities around the country unite to promote suicide prevention awareness; and

Whereas, The National Alliance of Northcentral PA (NCPA) hosts the Suicide Prevention Committee which aims to improve wellness within Lycoming and Clinton County through collaborative efforts surrounding suicide reduction, learn warning signs, promoting prevention and resilience, offering outreach, providing education, and encouraging community change and is supported by individuals who have struggled or lost loved ones to mental illness, local service agencies, providers, educators, county officials, and community partners; and

Whereas, Lycoming County strives to continue to support expansion of mental health resources and service, offer expanding crisis intervention services, and Provide Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to firsthand responders, and training; and

Whereas, All citizens are urged to play a role in suicide prevention and promote mental health and wellness as we strive towards reducing suicides and destigmatize it through education, advocacy, outreach, intervention, and promoting the wellness within our community.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Lycoming County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024, as National Suicide Prevention and Action Month in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

Lycoming County Commissioners

Scott L. Metzger, Chairman

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