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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
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 Proclamation – Hunger Action Month –Pam Hicks for Tracy Ungard
- 1.7 Proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – Krista Rogers

2.0 SERVICE AWARDS

- 2.1 Board of Commissioners – Recognize the following individual for her service to Lycoming County:
 - Mya Toon – 20 years

3.0 BID OPENING

- 3.1 Krista Rogers- Open the following bid:
ADA Ramp Replacement

4.0 REPORTS

- 4.1 Krista Rogers – Vote to ratify invoices due through 9/11/24 paid on 9/4/24 in the amount of \$1,187,548.00.
- 4.2 Krista Rogers – Vote to ratify purchases from 7/25/24 through 8/25/24 in the amount of \$11,771.84

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Maleick Fleming – Greater Williamsport Area Trail System Wayfinding Plan Survey Press Release.
- 5.2 Mya Toon – Acknowledge the County will be requesting proposals for a Hazard Mitigation Plan Consultant.

- 5.3 Michael Hagen – Elected Official Personnel Actions:
- Courts, MDJ Biichle – Rebecca Evans, Magisterial District Court Administrative Specialist, 5, \$18.11 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 23, 2024.
 - Controller -Noah Hunt, Accountant, 9. \$22.39 per hour, not to exceed 1000 hours annually, Anticipated Start Date: September 9,2024

Recess Commissioners' Public Meeting for the Salary Board

6.0 SALARY BOARD

- 6.1 Convene Salary Board.
- 6.2 Vote to approve the Salary Board minutes from the August 15, 2024 meeting.
- 6.3 Vote to approve the following Salary Board Actions:
- Controller's Office - Put FT Accountant I position on temporary hold
 - Controller's Office -Add temporary Accountant position, pay grade 9, not to exceed 1000 hours
- 6.4 Adjourn Salary Board.

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

7.0 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

8.0 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

- 8.1 Convene Board of Assessment Revisions.
- 8.2 Brooke Wright – Approve the following real estate tax refunds:
- 31-326-144-Robert Paucke- \$105.89

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

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

Mr. Mussina motioned to table this item. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 8.3 Adjourn Board of Assessment Revisions.

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 9.1 Monica Fox- Vote to approve Seda -Cog CDBG FFY2023 Professional & Administrative Services Agreement in the amount of \$121,000.00. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 9.2 Kelsey Green – Vote to approve BRIC Grant Agreement in the amount of \$157,000.00 (\$37,000.00 local share; \$120,000.00 Federal). (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 9.3 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the agreement with Centre County Youth Services Bureau. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 9.4 Mya Toon – Vote to ratify the Emergency Solutions Grant Program in the amount of \$1,943,500.00.

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

- 9.5 Mya Toon - Vote to approve the Change Order with J&M Construction Specialty credit in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

- 9.6 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Change Order with H&P Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,576.00. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 9.7 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with Lycoming County Industrial Authority. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 9.8 Mya Toon – Vote to approve the Agreement with West Branch Drug Abuse Commission and Williamsport Family Medical Center for medication assisted treatment services. (2024 approved budgeted item)

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

- 9.9 Mya Toon – Vote to approve agreement with Eric Williams, Esq. (not an approved 2024 budgeted item, but funds are available)

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

- 9.10 Mya Toon- Vote to approve the Agreement with Timothy Reitz, Esq. (not an approved 2024 budgeted item, but funds are available)

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

10.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Mr. Sortman expressed that the topic of pediatric cancer has brought on painful memories of the loss of his goddaughter to cancer.

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.

Chase Buttof, WVIA, asked for thoughts and plans on the potential Juvenile Detention Center.

Mr. Mussina responded to the inquiry stating that we are still in the informational gathering phase.

Mr. Metzger responded that we are in the infant stages to resolve the taxing need of a juvenile detention center and he is very confident that they will be able to overcome the challenge.

Director McDermott added that we are exploring grant opportunities to conduct a feasibility study that will help to identify the parameters necessary.

Mr. Sortman responded that we will be looking at different options including facilities that are under utilized to see if that is of value for our youth.

YOUTUBE COMMENT

Thomas Adams: good morning Lycoming County, thank-you for giving voice and recognition to our wonderful charities! My heartaches for the parents of children that must deal with cancer. Thank-you Krista and the others for your strength to have gone through such a nightmare; yet, because of the love for Christ, you have turned that pain into an avenue for helping, encouraging, comforting, caring and a light of Hope for others. As our days seem to be darker, because of the haters of light, we must shine brighter than ever, because darkness hates The Light. As we witness the constant attacks on our rights, especially speech and religion (or conscience). It is strange the only religion that people seem to be so concerned about silencing is Christianity. The more we see Christian principles and long politics. What lies in the hearts of men will effect how they govern and what they will allow to influence their families, friends and neighbors. Great job Mya! Thank-you for your opinion, I will not debate David here. I think the flooding issues can be mostly avoided if our state and federal offices support programs to clean up our waterways, roadways and hillsides along these areas. I know we are aware of this locally, but if our state and federal officials really cared, they would stop wasting the millions upon millions of dollars on green energy, carbon capture and programs of the like.

David Wilk: Hey Tom Adams you familiar with the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. With due respect to your beliefs, not all of us share them it is not for you to proselytize here. No, you're wrong but that's what makes secular America the greatest country you're free to be as uninformed and ignorant as you want to be and the rest of us are free to ignore your ignorance.

12.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 3rd Floor, 33 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

To watch this meeting click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quU9t30IptY>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

PRC – Josh Johnson, Resident Supervisor II, Union, Full-Time, \$20.51 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Transfer Date: September 15, 2024.



Proclamation



WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and;

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, and;

WHEREAS, 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., and;

WHEREAS, The average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, and;

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease, and;

WHEREAS, On average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years, and;

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening, and;

WHEREAS, Approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe, and;

WHEREAS, In the last 30 years only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out, and;

WHEREAS, Hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

WHEREAS, Researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer, and;

WHEREAS, Too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, We, Scott L. Metzger, Chairman, Marc C. Sortman, Vice Chairman, Mark Mussina, Secretary, Commissioners of the County of Lycoming, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We encourage all Americans to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our county and country.





WHEREAS, Hunger and food insecurity are issues of vital concern in Pennsylvania where, according to Feeding America, over 1.5 million individuals, one in eight Pennsylvanians, and one in every six children experience food insecurity. In Lycoming County one in eight neighbors and one in five children are food insecure; and

WHEREAS, Adequate nutritious food has become more expensive and out-of-reach for many neighbors with food costs increasing more than 27%, leading to record demand for charitable food; and

WHEREAS, Food insecurity, the condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food, is associated with numerous adverse social and health outcomes and is a critical public health issue; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every corner of our community, and to provide additional resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming County is committed to working with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank distributed over 68.5 million pounds of food in Fiscal Year 2024 to Pennsylvanians experiencing food insecurity. In Lycoming County alone, just shy of 4 million pounds of food were distributed; and

WHEREAS, Public and private entities, including policymakers, business leaders, community activists, farmers, concerned citizens, and hunger relief organizations, must collectively work to address food-insecurity within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated nationwide as "Hunger Action Month" to raise awareness of the issue of hunger and mobilize our legislature and the public to help end hunger in America.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Lycoming County Commissioners, do hereby recognize *September 2024*, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and we call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Lycoming County Commissioners

