A MEETING OF THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 10:00 AM.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON OR JOIN TODAY'S MEETING VIA ZOOM.

ATTENDING: COMMISSIONER LARRY PADORA; COMISSIONER BARRON L. HETHERINGTON; COMMISSIONER GARY J. HESS; COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR GARY BENDER; ASSISTANT COUNTY SOLICITOR SHELBY HOSTETTER; TREASURER LINDA YEICH; HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR ANTHONY KERN; CONTROLLER SHARYN YACKENCHICK; FINANCE DIRECTOR PAUL BUBER; SHERIFF JOSEPH GROODY; DIRECTOR REAL ESTATE / ENGINEERING LISA MAHALL; DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR DIANE ROWLAND; INTERIM CHIEF ASSESSOR CHRISTINE ZIMMERMAN; DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATOR PEARL ROBERTSON; PENN STATE EXTENSION CLIENT RELATIONSHIP MANAGER AMY BRADFORD; MARK MORGAN - SUSQUEHANNA ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING SOLUTIONS, INC; VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIM BARR AND CHIEF CLERK LINDA DEATRICH.

SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER PADORA.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

IN RE: REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD

THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS TO REPORT FOR TODAY'S MEETING.

PROCLAMATION – RED RIBBON WEEK

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZED AND PROCLAIMED OCTOBER 23-31, 2024, AS RED RIBBON WEEK AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION AND TO WEAR OR DISPLAY RED RIBBONS TO MAKE A VISIBLE SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES. DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR DIANE ROWLAND AND DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATOR PEARL ROBERTSON WERE ON HAND TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION.

DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR DIANE ROWLAND SHARED WITH THE GROUP THAT THIS CAMPAIGN THEME IS "LIFE IS A MOVIE. FILM DRUG FREE!". SHE SAID THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 40 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN RED RIBBON WEEK WHICH INCLUDES SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.

MOTION:

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER 23 - 31, 2024 AS RED RIBBON WEEK.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMISSIONER PADORA – AYE COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON – AYE

COMMISSIONER HESS -- AYE

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

TIM BARR FROM VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS (VGS), INFORMED THE GROUP THAT COMMERCIAL DATA COLLECTION IS OVER 90% COMPLETE AND THE RESIDENTIAL DATA ENTRY IS OVER 90% COMPLETE. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK HAPPENING WITH THE TAX ASSESSMENT OFFICE AND COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR INTEGRATION OF THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE AND BILLING FOR NEXT YEAR, WHICH WILL STILL BE BASED ON 30-YEAR-OLD VALUES AND WHATEVER MAINTENANCE HAS OCCURRED. REASSESSMENT TAKES EFFECT IN 2026. DATA VERIFICATION MAILERS WILL GO OUT TO OVER 40,000 PROPERTY OWNERS. THERE ARE INSTUCTIONS ON HOW TO LOG ON TO THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAIL. QUESTIONS LIKE "WHAT KIND OF HEAT DO YOU HAVE?", "DO YOU HAVE AIR CONDITIONING?", ARE INCLUDED ON THE MAILERS WHICH CAN BE MAILED BACK, SCANNED OR DROPPED OFF TO THE REASSESSMENT OFFICE. THIS IS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY PROPERTY OWNER TO GIVE FEEDBACK. HE SHARED THAT VGS' PHONE SYSTEM HAS BEEN UPGRADED TO HANDLE QUESTIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS WHEN THE MAILERS GO OUT.

JEFF DUNKEL, PALO ALTO, COMMENTED ON CHILDREN & YOUTH AND REGISTER OF WILLS. HE THANKED THE COUNTY FOR THE SUPPORT THAT WAS GIVEN FOR THE TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA TO HELP HURRICAN HELENE SURVIVORS.

GEORGE STENCOVAGE, PALO ALTO, COMMENTED ON VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND REASSESSMENT.

COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON TOLD THE GROUP THAT LAST NIGHT THERE WAS AN EOC EXERCISE WITH THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (JOHN BLICKLEY AND HIS STAFF). FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY CONDUCTED A MOCK DRILL OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AT THE

SUSQUEHANNA POWER STATION IN TOMAHAWKS CREEK. SCHUYLKILL COUNTY WILL BE AN EVACUATION AREA IF A DISASTER HAPPENS AT THE POWER STATION OR AT THREE MILE ISLAND.

HE ALSO INTRODUCED AMY BRADFORD FROM THE PENN STATE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AGENCY. AMY SAID THAT SHE WILL BE WORKING WITH SCHUYLKILL COUNTY TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS, SENIOR PROGRAMS, 4-H PROGRAMS, AND MASTER GARDENERS PROGRAMS. THIS IS ALL DONE IN AN EFFORT TO HELP WITH EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING CITIZENS OF ALL AGES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2024.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2024.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: CHILDREN & YOUTH – ONE (1) ADDENDUM & TWO (2) AGREEMENTS

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TEGNA BROADCAST HOLDING, LLC., DBA WNEP-TV, MOOSIC, PA, DATED JULY 10, 2024, TO EXTEND THE TERM PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025, WITH NO CHANGE TO THE TOTAL CAP OF THE AGREEMENT.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC., PRINCETON, NJ, FOR DUAL LICENSED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY HOME FOR INDIVIUALS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM SERVICES AT A PER DIEM RATE OF $953.68 WITH A TERM OF JULY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2025.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC IN PENNSYLVANIA, GROVE CITY, PA, FOR COMMUNITY BASED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WITH PER DIEM RATES AS FOLLOWS: REGULAR AT $313.62, SPECIAL NEEDS AT $392.56, SPECIAL NEEDS M.A. AT $431.31, DRUG & ALCOHOL AT $323.82, DIAGNOSTIC AT $336.62, INTENSIVE SUPERVISION AT $501.74, AND SECURE AT $730.99 WITH A TERM OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION – ONE (1) AGREEMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE OF AN “AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL JOINTLY IN PERPETUITY” FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF $191,340 IN WHICH THE COUNTY CONTRIBUTION TOTAL IS $65,000. THIS AGREEMENT IS FOR THE MASSER FARMS REALTY LTD FARM, UPI # 14-07-0006.000, CONSISTING OF 95.67 ACRES IN HUBLEY TOWNSHIP.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICE – ONE (1) APPLICATION & ONE (1) AGREEMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER PASS THRU FUNDS FOR THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION FOR IMPROVING JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE GRANT PACKAGE AMOUNT IS $1,767,671 (SCHUYLKILL STATEWIDE IMPACT) AND IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2025. THE AWARD NOTIFICATION / INVOICE FOR THE SCHUYLKILL STATEWIDE IMPACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,767,671 WILL BE SENT ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE TO EXECUTE THE JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES' COMMISSION FOR IMPROVING JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY. THE AWARD AMOUNT IS $ 250,042 (SCHUYLKILL) AND IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2025. THE AWARD NOTIFICATION / INVOICE FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,042 WILL BE SENT ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: GRANT WRITER'S – ONE (1) RESOLUTION & ONE (1) CONTRACT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,141,107 FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $53,016.80 TO PRO MAX FENCE SYSTEMS, LLC FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUILDING GRANT PROJECT IN TAMAQUA.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – ONE (1) GRANT APPLICATION

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD) RASA / VOJO GRANT #45512, WHICH FUNDS VICTIM SERVICE PERSONNEL THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THIS GRANT INVOLVES STATE MONIES THAT ARE ADMINISTERED THROUGH PCCD. THE TERM IS JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANT IS $132,109. THE GRANT CAN BE EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 2026 VIA AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION, BUT AN ADDITIONAL APPLICATION WILL NEED TO BE MADE IN SEPTEMBER 2025 AFTER AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY PCCD.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: PRISON – ONE (1) CONTRACT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH TEK84, POWAY, CA, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) WHOLE BODY SECURITY SCANNING SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY PRISON. THE TERM IS OCTOBER 25 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024. THE COST IS $162,00.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: 911 COMMUNICATIONS – ONE (1) AGREEMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PACE SCHEDULER OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS, FOR SCHEDULING SOFTWARE. THE TERMS ARE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AT A COST OF $ 2,240.00.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: PLANNING & ZONING – ONE (1) ADVERTISEMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AT 9:00 AM TO BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT IS TO SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND DECOMMISSIONING OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND TO ADD DEFINITIONS. THE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO ADD THAT A WIND TURBINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT IS TO SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING – CONTRACT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AND BARTON & LOGUIDICE. THE CONTRACT IS TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN UPDATING ITS 10-YEAR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PLAN, AID IN THE PREPARATION OF THE 901 GRANT APPLICATION, THE FORMATION OF THE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) AND TO AID THE COUNTY IN ITS REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION APPROVAL FOR ALL THE ABOVE SERVICES. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 23, 2024, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026. THE TOTAL COST OF THIS SERVICE WILL NOT EXCEED $75,000.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: TREAURER'S OFFICE – REPORT

IT WAS MOVED TO BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE TREAURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 AS PRESENTED AT THE WORK SESSION.

MONTHLY CASH STATEMENT TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	$4,477,312.35	$4,830,563.72	-$5,095,989.66	$4,211,886.41
OTHER COUNTY	$16,543,861.53	$14,881,159.83	-$12,480,204.21	$18,944,817.15
COUNTY AGENCIES	$11,374,891.69	$2,912,524.50	-$3,421,398.96	$10,866,017.23
INVESTMENTS	$78,196,378.61	$419,017.18	-$2,174,119.22	$76,441,276.57
WORKER COMPEN	$58,740.08	$226,184.48	-$13,789.70	$271,134.86
TOTALS	$110,651,184.26	$23,269,449.71	-$23,185,501.75	$110,735,132.22

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

IN RE: TAX CLAIM BUREAU – 10 REPOSITORY SALES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE LIST OF 10 REPOSITORY SALES AS PRESENTED AT THE WORK SESSION PURSUANT TO 72 P.S. § 5860.625.

REPOSITORY SALES				
Parcel Number	**Owner(s) of Record**	**Description**	**Bid Amount**	**Bidder(s)**
10-10-45.3	Lincoln W. Kukuk Donna Scully	Creek Road Eldred Township	$1,274.00	Mobile Home Solutions, LLC
15-2-22.3	River Realty Investment Company	Mountain Top Terrace Kline Township	$2,202.00	Collie Construction, Inc.
15-2-47	James B. Bugda	Mountain Top Terrace Kline Township	$1,940.00	Collie Construction, Inc.
17-5-41	Andy Miller	214 W. Mt. Laffee Rd. New Castle Township	$1,399.00	Global Properties, P.A. Inc.
17-7-8	Sapphire Schoffstall Christopher Schoffstall	321 Chestnut St. New Castle Township	$1,100.00	Global Properties, P.A. Inc.
19-13-119	Frank M. Cedrone	S. Spring Mountain Dr. North Union Township	$1,758.00	Cheyenne Gettle-Oxenrider
*45-3-23 DEMOLITION	John Weikel Heather Ennis	344 East Mahanoy Ave. Girardville Borough	$1.00	Borough of Girardville
*45-3-48	Alice Adams	627 E. Mahanoy Ave. Girardville Borough	$1.00	Borough of Girardville
*45-8-83	Charles W. Jones Jr.	231 W. Main St. Girardville Borough	$1.00	Borough of Girardville
48-6-228	Jim D. Jones	1309 E. Mahanoy Ave. Mahanoy City Borough	$2,072.00	Elinso Alejandro Diaz Dominguez

All parcels were previously approved by municipalities and school districts.
* The bids are less than the Repository price and approved by Municipalities and School Districts.
All other parcels are full Repository price.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE – PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

IN RE: CHILDREN & YOUTH – ONE (1) PROMOTION

IT WAS MOVED TO PROMOTE GUILLERMO BEITLER, POTTSVILLE, PA, FROM COUNTY CASEWORKER I POSITION TO A COUNTY CASEWORKER II POSITION, PSSU, PAY RANGE 35, AT $22.3836 PER HOUR, AS PER THE UNION CONTRACT. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2024.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

HUMAN RESOURCES – INFORMATIONAL

IN RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER – ONE (1) APPOINTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ANTHONY KERN, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT, DAHIRYS RIVERA, CASS TOWNSHIP, PA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SECRETARY I – PART TIME, COURT RELATED II, FROM CASE OFFICER AIDE-DOMESTIC RELATIONS, AS PER THE UNION CONTRACT. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2024.

IN RE: DOMESTIC RELATIONS – ONE (1) PROMOTION; TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ANTHONY KERN, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT, CODY STETSON, RYAN TOWNSHIP, PA, HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM A SECRETARY I POSITION TO A CASE OFFICER AIDE POSITION, COURT RELATED I, AS PER THE UNION CONTRACT. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2024.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ANTHONY KERN, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT COLLEEN KRUPO, POTTSVILLE, PA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO A SECRETARY I POSITION, COURT RELATED I, AS PER THE UNION CONTRACT. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2024.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ANTHONY KERN, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT MALINDA STOUDT, ST. CLAIR, PA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO A SECRETARY I POSITION, COURT RELATED I, AS PER THE UNION CONTRACT. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2024.

IN RE: ADULT PROBATION – ONE (1) TRANSFER

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ANTHONY KERN, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT CHRISTOPHER MARCOLLA, WAYNE TOWNSHIP, PA, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM A JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER I POSITION TO AN ADULT PROBATION OFFICER I POSITION, COURT RELATED I, AS PER THE UNION CONTRACT. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 21, 2024.

*ALL APPOINTMENTS ARE PENDING DRUG TEST AND PHYSICAL.
*ALL ACTIONS INVOLVING SALARY OR FOR POSITIONS BEING CREATED ARE PENDING SALARY BOARD APPROVAL.

NEW BUSINESS – PAUL BUBER

FOR INFORMATION ONLY – SIX (6) 2024 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

IN RE: HUMAN RESOURCES

ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $85 TO COVER SHORTFALL AND TO PAY INVOICES RELATED TO THE HEALTH FAIR FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

IN RE: CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $351 TO COVER SHORTFALL AND TO PAY INVOICES FOR LEASED COPIERS IN THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,683 TO COVER SHORTFALL AND TO PAY FOR INTERIM PAYROLL SPECIALIST. THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY.

IN RE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $376 TO COVER SHORTFALL AND TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE VICTIM ADVOCATE'S OFFICE.

IN RE: INSURANCES

ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $50,000 TO COVER SHORTFALL AND TO PAY OUTSTANDING WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR THE 3RD QUARTER / 2024.

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

ADJUST BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $410,772 TO ACCOMMODATE TRANSFER FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR LOSS REVENUE.

NEW BUSINESS

ON BEHALF OF PLANNING AND ZONING

DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE & ENGINEERING, LISA MAHALL, REQUESTED APPROVAL OF A LAND DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM OF THE COUNTY'S STANDARD DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE APPLICANT FOR THE "PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ASHLAND SOLAR PROJECT WHICH IS LOCATED IN BARRY TOWNSHIP AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS." THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AS REVISED, WAS REVIEWED BY THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND WAS CONDITIONALLY APPROVED BY THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AT THEIR OCTOBER 9, 2024, MEETING.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE REQUEST.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

ON BEHALF OF ENGINEERING / LIQUID FUELS

DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE & ENGINEERING, LISA MAHALL, REQUESTED APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MULTMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND. THE APPLICATION WILL BE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE 39, ATLAS ROAD OVER LITTLE SCHUYLKILL RIVER, WALKER TOWNSHIP. THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORATION FUND WOULD PROVIDE UP TO 70% WITH THE COUNTY'S MATCH PORTION BEING LIQUID FUELS AND LOCAL USE FUNDS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT $3,500,000. THE GRANT REQUEST WOULD BE FOR $2,400,000.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE REQUEST.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE & ENGINEERING, LISA MAHALL, REQUESTED APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE REQUESTED MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HETHERINGTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HESS TO APPROVE THE ABOVE REQUEST.

VOTE:

PADORA—AYE HETHERINGTON—AYE HESS—AYE

MOTION ADOPTED.

MARK MORGAN – SUSQUEHANNA ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING SOLUTIONS, INC.

MARK MORGAN, SUSQUEHANNA ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING SOLUTIONS, INC., PRESENTED THE 3RD QUARTER 2024 ARPA EXPENDITURES WHICH INCLUDES ONE (1) PROJECT: THE 911 HEGINS TOWER PROJECT EXPENDED $94,056.28. THE ONLY OPEN PROJECT IS THE 911 PROJECT AND AS THE 4TH QUARTER PROCEEDS THERE WILL BE MINOR EXPENDITURES WITH WRAPPING THAT PROJECT UP. THE BALANCE IN THE ARPA FUND WILL BE CLAIMED UNDER THE LOST REVENUE CATEGORY TO EXHAUST ALL OF THE FUNDS. THE LOST REVENUE TRANSFER WILL OCCUR DURING THE 4TH QUARTER.

BID OPENING

THERE WAS A BID OPENING THIS MORNING. THE PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED AND AWARDED AT A LATER DATE.

	PROJECT A COALDALE 138-140 6TH ST	PROJECT B SHENANDOAH 0 S. WHITE ST 0 E. POPLAR ST	PROJECT D GIRARDVILLE 129 W MAIN ST	BID BOND
TRENDSETTERS INVESTMENTS LLC	NO BID	$350,000	$38,000	X
CVEJKUS PAVING & EXCAVATING	NO BID	$913,605	NO BID	X
AMC ENTERPRISES	$24,222	NO BID	$38,444	X
KASS CONTRACTING	NO BID	$337,500	$79,000	X
BRDARIC EXCAVATING INC	$24,871	$169,000	NO BID	X
BILL DAVIS CEMENT CONTRACTOR	$63,789	NO BID	NO BID	X
AFFORDABLE CONSTR & DEMO	$50,000	NO BID	$39,444	X
NORTHEAST INDUSTRIAL SERVICES	NO BID	$244,270	NO BID	X

COMMISSIONER PADORA INFORMED EVERYONE THAT THE NEXT WORK SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER PADORA ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

ATTEST: _____