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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026
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 REPORTS

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 6/24/26 to be paid on 6/17/26 in the amount of \$780,945.99.

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

Commissioner Metzger welcomed everyone to the County and voiced his appreciation that more prison guards have been hired. He also welcomed the new Conservation District Manager who came from Bradford County.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Forest Lehman - Vote to approve the Invoice for NPC, Inc in the amount of \$11,085.50. (2026 approved budgeted item – EIGP Grant)

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

- 4.2 Jason Fink– Vote to approve Resolution 2026-15.

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

- 4.3 Gary Staggett– Vote to approve the purchase of Odor Control Product from Kroff Chemical in the amount of \$20,794.80. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.4 Gary Staggett-Vote to approve a rate increase for Recycling at the Lycoming County Resource Management Service.

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

Commissioner Sortman explained that glass will no longer be accepted in the single stream. Glass will have to be taken to a local drop off center. If you have a recycling truck that picks up your glass in a black bucket that will continue with no changes The County would like to continue to recycle glass but in a profitable manner.

Commissioner Mussina added that there is no longer value for recycled glass. He reiterated that they are trying to figure out how to run the operation more financially efficient while maintaining the positive environmental impact.

- 4.5 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Chester County Youth Center. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.6 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Justice Works Youth Care. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.7 Nancy Schenck – Vote to approve the Agreement with Jefferson County. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.8 Nancy Schenck– Vote to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with GEO Reentry Services (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.9 Tom Marino – Vote to approve the Agreement with Korrin Moon, Esq. (There is no cost for her services provided under this agreement)

A discussion was held regarding the Agreement with Ms. Moon and the need for attorneys in the District Attorney's office. The solicitor requested to review the agreement being presented.

Mr. Mussina moved to approve pending final Solicitor review. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 4.10 Jenny Picciano – Vote to approve Resolution 2026-16.

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

Commissioner Sortman thanked the Planning Commission and Planning Department for getting this done quickly. He explained that this is a stop gap measure allowing us to get a proper ordinance in place.

- 4.11 Cameron Boyer – Vote to approve the Agreement with NRG Natural Gas for service location at 2107 Lycoming Creek Road. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.12 Cameron Boyer- Vote to approve the Agreement with Direct Energy -Electric for all locations. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.13 Cameron Boyer – Vote to approve the Agreement with NRG Natural Gas for multiple service location. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.14 Cameron Boyer – Vote to approve the Agreement with NRG Natural Gas for service at the Prison. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.15 David Goodwin – Vote to approve the Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 Grant Award in the amount of \$221,457.00.

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

5.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Sortman statement attached.

Commissioner Mussina talked about the dates set aside between the end of May and the 4th of July that celebrate historical events. Commissioner Mussina listed several events taking place in the community focused on celebrating Juneteenth.

Director Barnes reminded everyone that the Job Fair will be taking place next Friday, June 26th on the 1st floor of TSP. People can submit their applications and some on the spot interviews will held. Director Barnes thanked Limor Laramy and the contributing departments for putting the job fair together.

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.

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None

7.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, 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/watch?v=fLYjBH8M1x0>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Facilities Management – Aubrey Hess, Operations Coordinator, Full-Time, PG6, \$17.8672 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: June 21, 2026.

Planning & Community Development – Emily Mrochko, Planner I, Full-Time, PG9, \$50,000 Annually, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: June 21, 2026.

Prison – Kari Borner, Correctional Officer, Full-Time, Union, \$21.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: June 29, 2026.

Prison – Arik Way, Correctional Officer, Full-Time, Union, \$21.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: June 29, 2026.

Prison – Craig Boyer, Correctional Officer, Full-Time, Union, \$21.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 13, 2026.

Prison – Beau Meixel, Correctional Officer, Full-Time, Union, \$21.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 13, 2026.

Soil Conservation – Cathy Yeakel, Conservation District Manager, Full-Time, PG12, \$65,907.075 Annually, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 6, 2026.

Commissioner Sortman's statement:

I think there may be some confusion on my comments last week to the resident who inquired about Data Centers, so I would like to just clarify.

The county does not receive applications for development except with the 19 municipalities that are part of our partnership that facilitates their planning and zoning. This is a service that the following municipalities pay for the service from the county. Bastress, Brown, Cogan House, Gamble, Jackson, Jordan, Limestone, McHenry, McIntyre, McNett, Mifflin, Moreland, Penn, Pine, Porter, Cascade, Lewis, Plunketts Creek Townships and Saladasburg Borough. The commissioners do not see these applications. The County planning department either approves or denies based upon the County ordinance. Commissioners do not vote on what is allowed or not allowed in any of the local municipalities. To be clear the commissioners did vote to approve the ordinances followed by the Planning Department.

Absolutely there can be companies that approach the chamber of Commerce and most definitely Jason Fink would update all County and State legislators of these. To date none have been brought to our attention with the exception of the current Muncy Twp one, that we too are only privy to what the news outlets have shared with us. Muncy Twp is awaiting some guidance, based upon what new ordinance is added at the county for Data Centers, but since they are not part of our partnership, they would have to adopt their own ordinance based upon the county's or some version of it. All other municipalities in the county will need to do the same. They all will have the county ordinance available to them for review but must adopt their own and as I said last week, I urge them to do that quickly. Again, I must repeat, we cannot deny any type of business, by Pennsylvania law all municipalities must allow any type of business somewhere within their ordinance but can add conditions.

We are following the Allenwood Data Center very closely, but have no part in any decisions or input.

Today we approved a "stop gap" on data centers to give us time to create a quality ordinance and tonight our Planning Commission will meet to discuss such ordinance and get it done. The meeting will be held in the public meeting room on the third floor of the Third St Plaza at 6:00pm. I encourage you to attend and not just be a keyboard warrior with speculations.