

THURSDAY, JANUARY 04, 2007

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, and Harold C. Yost, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2006 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution No. 1 of 2007 – Paul Dotterer Recognition  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Dotterer for his 20 years of service and guidance to the county. He is a mainstay and guiding light to the farming community. Mr. Bossert proclaimed him honoree of the day. Mary Ann Bower thanked Mr. Dotterer and stated that he has been a very important member of the board as a district director. She stated that the decisions he has made over the years have always been for the betterment of the county. Larry Butler was in attendance and thanked Mr. Dotterer for the guidance he has given him over the years. Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Dotterer was instrumental in his involvement on the board. Stuart Ramm was also in attendance and stated that when he became a director years ago, the district budget was about \$12,000, today it is around \$ 500,000. Mr. Dotterer stated that he was humbled by all of the kind comments. He stated that the district was one of the first in the state to adopt no till farming and he is very proud of that. RESOLUTION NO.1 of 2007

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reorganization of the 2007 appointed positions of the following individuals: Chief Clerk- Kathy Conrad, Chief Assessor – Keith Yearick, Tax Claim Director – Patricia Edwards, Public Defenders – Stephen Smith, Craig Miller and Paul Ryan and Solicitor – Lewis Steinberg. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. 2007 APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Yost made a motion to continue with the present structure of county administration for 2007 as: Thomas Bossert, Chairman, Harold C. Yost, Jr., Vice Chairman, and Richard K. Kyle, Commissioner. Mr. Bossert seconded the motion. Motion carried. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Tim Holladay stated that Ivan McElwain, Mike Miller and Bill Segal from SEDA-Cog were in attendance to announce a grant award in the amount of \$500,000 in CDBG funds for the Renovo Interconnect project. Mr. Holladay stated that the Army Corp. of Engineers is funding \$450,000, there is a local match from Renovo Borough for \$50,000 and the county has committed \$166,000 for the project. Bill Segal stated that Ivan McElwain will be moving the project forward but will be retiring soon. He stated that he and Mike Miller will then be overseeing the project. He thanked Mr. McElwain for his hard work and diligence on the project and for developing partnerships in these small communities to bring this project to fruition. Mr. Segal stated that his goal today was to ask the Board to consider an administrative agreement with SEDA-Cog for reimbursement for the cost of developing the application, and for all of the hard work Mr. McElwain has done, and to administer the grant through the next three or so years, including the environmental review and labor standards compliance. He stated that SEDA-Cog will be responsible for all aspects of the project. Mr. Segal reviewed the agreement with the Board. Lewis Steinberg was in attendance and also reviewed the agreement. Mr. Steinberg recommended that the agreement be accepted as presented. Mr. Yost made a motion to approve the agreement for professional and administrative services with SEDA-Cog for grant procedures for water system improvement for Renovo and South Renovo area. Seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. RENOVO BOROUGH INTERCONNECT PROJECT GRANT AWARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 28,394.00 for September 2006 expenses. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. IV-D FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve an agreement between Innovative Consulting Group, Inc. to serve as Grant Coordinators for the County of Clinton for a 12 month period consisting of January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Mr. Yost stated that Jessica Sheets has done a fabulous job over the past year. She has even found grant money to cover her expenses. He stated that the contract last year was for \$44,000 and only \$35,000 was billed. The contract for 2007 is for \$35,000. Mr. Yost stated that Ms. Sheets has generated approximately \$ 2.5 to \$3 million in funding. She has also assisted municipalities with their PennVest applications to help them acquire funds. INNOVATIVE CONSULTING GROUP AGREEMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve guaranteeing a \$500,000 line of credit for Susque-View Home, Inc. with the understanding that there is no expectation that the county will have to make any payment with the knowledge that there has never been a need to do so in the past. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Mr. Steinberg stated that it should be added to the motion that the term expires December 31, 2007. Mr. Yost amended the motion by adding that it is a term expiring December 31, 2007, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the certification for the Agricultural Preservation AG PRESERVATION

Funds for 2007 in the amount of \$30,000.00 as matching funds under Act 34. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	MATCH
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointments of Thomas Campbell and Mike Geyer to the Clinton County Planning Commission for 4 year terms to expire December 31, 2010. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	BOARD REAPPT.
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointments of Robert Rooney, Dan Duck, Jr., and Norma Hayes to the Clinton County Sewer Authority for three year terms to expire January 1, 2010. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	BOARD REAPPT.
Mr. Yost made a motion to appoint Wade Kieffer to the Clinton County Revolving Loan Fund Board for a 1 year term. Seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. He will replace Bill Marino.	BOARD APPT.
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of William Blair, full time Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility, effective January 2, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	FT NEW HIRE W BLAIR
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation from Karen Rockey, Caseworker in the Domestic Relations Office, effective January 5, 2007. Ms. Rockey is retiring. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Kathy Conrad stated that she has been a county employee since 1989. Mr. Bossert thanked Ms. Rockey for her years of service and stated that she has done an outstanding job for the county.	RESIGNATION K ROCKEY
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Jennifer Tipler, full time Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective December 31, 2006. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	RESIGNATION J TIPLER
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the termination of Joan Welfling, 1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy, Microfilmer/Scanner in the Prothonotary's Office effective January 3, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Mr. Steinberg clarified that Ms. Welfling's termination should be confirmed by the Commissioners not approved as the Prothonotary makes the decisions in her office.	TERMINATION J WELFLING
Mr. Yost made a motion to table all actions on the Salary Board until the next meeting for lack of a quorum. Seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 232,030.47; Payroll P/E 12/29/06 \$ 293,615.39 Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	COUNTY BILLS APPROVED
Tina McAfferty was in attendance from DEP. Mr. Bossert thanked her for being instrumental in the Renovo interconnect project. Mr. Yost also thanked her for her work with Whiskey Run in Farrandsville and for all of the work she has done in Clinton County.	COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Scott Johnson asked about the salary board issues and why there is no quorum. He stated that he saw Mr. McKnight before the meeting but he apparently left. Mr. Steinberg stated that Mr. McKnight knew that the Assistant District Attorney's salaries were on the agenda today but apparently chose not to attend the meeting. Mr. Yost stated that Pat Edwards, another member of the salary board, was very busy and could not attend the meeting. Commissioner Kyle was in Washington D.C.	
Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 AM seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.	ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.	MINUTES APPROVAL
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Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a loan in the amount of \$ 30,405.00 from the Clinton County Revolving Loan Fund to Emmanuel J. Cardinal to be used to partially finance the acquisition of a specialized vehicle, including carpet cleaning equipment therein, to be used in connection with his carpet business. The total project cost is \$91,218.00 and will result in the employment of two people. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Lewis Steinberg stated that the Factory Carpet Outlet located in Bald Eagle Township is expanding it's business to include carpet cleaning. Mark Sohmer	REVOLVING LOAN FUND
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asked about the terms of the loan. Mr. Steinberg stated that the loan term is for 7 years with an interest rate of 4%.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointments of Kathy Ebeling and Eric Fletcher to the Ross Library Board of Trustees for three year terms to expire January 1, 2010. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

BOARD REAPPTS.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation from Jeffrey Walker, Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Department effective January 26, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Scott Johnson asked how long Mr. Walker had worked for the county. Susan Conway stated that she thought it was close to three years. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Walker is going to the federal corrections system.

RESIGNATION  
J WALKER

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:21 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Yost stated that the county will be receiving about a 20% discount from Pcorp which is the county's insurance for workers compensation. It will amount to about \$28,000.00. He stated that Clinton County was rated number 4 on a poll of all counties. He thanked the Safety Director, Jim Leone and Kathy Conrad for their diligence. Kathy Conrad also thanked all of the department heads and employees for getting claims to her in a prompt manner.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mike Glasier from Congressman Peterson's Office was in attendance and stated that he is in town to attend a meeting with Anne McCloskey from the historical society at the Castanea Rail Station. He stated that the historical society wants to renovate the building but there is no federal funding available in the present budget. He stated that they will be looking for grant monies. Mr. Bossert thanked him for attending the meeting and stated that he will also be attending the meeting in Castanea. He also thanked Congressman Peterson's Office for the Renovo Interconnect project being back on track and for their help in getting the funding reinstated. Mr. Bossert asked about the bill the congressman sponsored for acid mine reclamation for \$ 1.5 billion for the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Glasier stated that the money is to be brought back here from out West. The cleanup period should be only 15 to 20 years for the state. He stated that the money was being diverted out West where they couldn't even use it. They were using it for building roads to mines and for schools and curriculum. They were using the funds for things it was not intended for. Pennsylvania needs to clean up the problems they have created over the past 100 years. Mr. Bossert asked if the Planning Department could be the administrators for these funds. He stated that Clinton County wants to correct their mine acid problems. Mr. Bossert would like to know specifically who will be disbursing this money. If there is a controlling agency he would like to have strong representation from Congressman Peterson. He stated that if the county can be instrumental in any way, we want to be. Mr. Glasier stated that it is possible that the money has been filtered down through the state level to DEP. He stated that he would find out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Morris asked if the Commissioners might be able to work out the Assistant District Attorney salary problem instead of going to court. Mr. Steinberg stated that the District Attorney's numbers that have been in the newspapers defy credibility. He stated that it is very difficult for him to believe that 130 hours are spent a week in the District Attorney's Office on behalf of the citizens of Clinton County.

Mr. Kyle stated that he has a list of all 6<sup>th</sup> class counties and the number of assistants they have, their salaries and the number of cases. He compared Columbia County to Clinton County because it has many similarities like a university, a major highway running through it and it is a growing county. The population is 64,151 and the population of Clinton County is 37,985. Columbia County has a part time district attorney with three assistants. The first assistant salary is \$22,279, the second is \$23,224, and the third is \$ 18,540. The caseload in that county in 2005 was 1,147 and in 2006 was 925. In Clinton County the two assistant district attorney's make \$ 47,653 each plus benefits. The caseload in 2005 was 345 and the caseload in 2006 was 360. That is just about ¼ of what it was in Columbia County. He stated that he got figures from about eight other counties and the salaries fall well below Clinton County's. Clinton County has the smallest caseload with the assistants being the highest paid. He stated that there are four counties on his list of statistics that the district attorney's have elected not to go full time. He stated that he is waiting for statistics from the court system to see how many cases actually went to trial. He stated that the salary reductions were looked at based on need not want.

Mr. Bossert stated that under County Code Section 1701 the county commissioners shall be the responsible managers and administrators of the fiscal affairs of their respective counties. He stated that he feels confident that they are doing the right thing and are in the right place with what they are doing by statute and by need. Mr. Steinberg stated that the district attorney needs to make a decision as to how to allocate the budget he receives each year. There is an amount included in the budget for salaries, and it is his responsibility to allocate their proper salaries. The revenues that are generated from any particular office are not relevant in terms of budgetary requirements. The needs are established by the responsibility and the workload.

Scott Johnson asked the Commissioners why they thought they knew the district attorney's office better than he does. Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Kyle's statistics that he presented earlier presents strong fact to them that they have a responsibility from county code to protect the taxpayers of this county. Therefore, they have the task to challenge elected officials or department heads

when they think their expenditures are becoming way out of line. He stated that all indications through their research has shown that he is way out of line. He stated that they have requested all departments be cut by 10% over the past two years to keep costs down and they have complied. The district attorneys office has had an 11% increase. Mr. Steinberg stated that it is understandable that an elected official knows what is required to run his office, but you cannot ignore the statistics Mr. Kyle has presented. Mr. Johnson asked if they were concerned about a lawsuit. Mr. Steinberg stated that it would be the responsibility of the judge and the court to resolve it. Mr. Yost stated that when you look at the overall picture from the last seven years, the boards of commissioners have been lobbied to make the position full time. The district attorney stated that he would not have to hire assistants for appeals if he was made full time. He stated that his problem is that the work load of the district attorney for the past 7 years has not increased, and prior to that, he stated that he was only going to do part time work for part time wages. Now that he is full time, why does it still take the same amount of people to do the same amount of work.

Mr. Kyle stated that there have been some criticisms in the paper recently stating that nobody gets along in the county. He stated that they do get along. There has always been some tension with the past four boards of commissioners and the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Kyle stated that his recent trip to Washington, D.C. was not paid for by the county.

Mr. Yost stated that his trip to Harrisburg last week was paid for by CCAP, not the county.

Mr. Steinberg stated that the commissioners meet twice a week for public meetings and they have never been asked to put the district attorney on any of the agendas.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 321,714.92. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, and Richard K. Kyle

Public Hearing for ESG: Bill Suydam called the hearing to order at 10:00 am. in reference to the Emergency Shelter Grant for the county. He stated that it is a competitive grant. There are two agencies that are going to be asking the state for funding. He stated the Salvation Army is requesting \$50,000, and the American Rescue Workers will be asking for \$101,475. Both agencies will have to match the funds they are applying for. Mr. Suydam stated that the commissioners will be signing the paperwork today to allow the agencies to apply for the funding. Dawn Astin was in attendance from the American Rescue Workers. Major Payne was in attendance from the Salvation Army and stated that if they are approved for the funding, they will be using the funds for rental assistance. The majority of phone calls they are getting right now are for rental assistance. The commissioners gave their approval of the two requests. Mr. Bossert stated that the hearing was concluded at 10:05 am.

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the replacement of all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate income housing as a direct result to activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act. Mr. Suydam stated that this along with the Executive Order and the Resolutions on the agenda are all part of the CDBG application process. Mr. Bossert stated that this is an agreement that is being created, that if there is low/moderate housing that is to be demolished, the county is obligated to provide another form of housing. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

Executive Order No. 1 of 2007 – Clinton County Statement of Goals.

EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 1

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve setting its goal for utilization of minority women in businesses throughout its contracts for public works, site clearance and demolition, supplies and services, targets of \$ 13,785 or 5.0 % of its 2007 CDBG budget for minority businesses, and \$ 8,270 or 3.0 % of its budget for women businesses. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2 of 2007 – American Rescue Workers

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert stated that this resolution is to authorize the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$101,475 for Emergency Shelter Grant funds. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

<p>Resolution No. 3 of 2007 – Salvation Army</p> <p>Mr. Bossert stated that this resolution is to authorize the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$50,000 for Emergency Shelter Grant funds. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Bill Suydam stated that the 2006 remaining ESG monies will need to be reallocated to both agencies if the state approves it. There is approximately \$30,000 left from when the Horizon House closed. As soon as he hears back from the state he will prepare the necessary paperwork to reallocate the funds.</p>	RESOLUTION
<p>Resolution No. 4 of 2007 – Fair Housing Act</p> <p>Mr. Suydam stated that this is required to be adopted each year. It provides for fair and equal housing opportunities within the county. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.</p>	RESOLUTION
<p>Resolution No. 5 of 2007 – Recognition of Outstanding Service to Rafko, Inc.</p> <p>Mike Flanagan stated that Rafko has about 160 employees who were unemployed at the time they were hired. Rafko has made a major contribution to Clinton County and it's residents. Mr. Flanagan stated that there was some negative publicity recently for the company, and on behalf of the Partnership he is glad they are part of the community. Mr. Bossert stated that he is pleased that there is employment and there are investors who want to invest in this county. He stated that you don't look a gift horse in the mouth. Mr. Kyle echoed Mr. Bossert's comments. He stated that as a commissioner one of the things that they are always looking at is job opportunities. He stated that Rafko is willing to give people an opportunity to work when they may not have otherwise had that opportunity. He stated that it is strictly a proposal at this point to come into the prison, no decisions have been made one way or the other. Warden Duran is looking at all options. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.</p>	RESOLUTION
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the promotion of Meredith Mahoney from Clerk/Typist Microfilmer Scanner to 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy/Microfilmer Scanner in the Prothonotary's Office, effective January 3, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.</p>	PROMOTION M MAHONEY
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Robert Rockey as a part time Security Officer at the Garden Building, effective January 18, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.</p>	NEW HIRE R ROCKEY
<p>The Salary Board was called to order at 10:38 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the minutes of the Salary Board.</p>	SALARY BOARD
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 183,492.77. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.</p>	COUNTY BILLS APPROVED
<p>Kathy Conrad stated that the Clinton County Sewer Authority meeting tonight at 6:00 pm is at the Arts Council Building on Main Street at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>Mr. Bossert asked Mike Flanagan if he would take the resolution to Rafko today. Mr. Flanagan stated that he would be happy to take it to them.</p>	
<p>Sherry Yarrison was in attendance and stated that her office is running smoothly. Pat Edwards stated that her office is very busy. Mr. Bossert asked Ms. Edwards if she has received a letter from Mill Hall Borough in regard to the collection of their taxes. She stated that she had not. Chuck Ankney stated that he is losing a deputy but his office will manage. Dawn Astin from the American Rescue Workers stated that she works at the Love Center in Jersey Shore which offers homeless prevention services.</p>	PUBLIC COMMENTS
<p>Mark Sohmer asked about the priorities that came out of the CCAP meetings. Mr. Kyle stated that he was on the committee that helped to set the priorities. He stated that the number one priority is tax fairness and to lobby the state legislature along with the house, the senate and the governor to come up with something that is more fair in terms of tax fairness to all taxpayers. He stated that it is unfair that property owners are paying for all services in terms of what revenues the counties and municipalities can raise. The number two priority is Health and Human Services. Part of that came from the shortfall that the state and federal government got into with some kind of reimbursement problem for services that the county is required to provide. There are a total of eight or ten priorities. He stated that there will be some pamphlets that will be circulated soon. He stated that CCAP is a very strong lobbying organization and spends a lot of time on the Hill. He stated that if it can be delivered to the governor's desk, he has stated that he will sign it. He encouraged everyone to write and call the governor and ask for tax fairness for property owners. He stated that they keep contract of all correspondence received. Scott Johnson asked if the county has filed a response to Ted McKnight's lawsuit. Mr. Bossert stated that it should be filed within the next week. There is no hearing date scheduled yet.</p>	
<p>Mr. Kyle stated that it was obviously last week that it was in the press that the study commission was interested in abolishing the prison board and that the prison is a big time business. He stated that the members of the prison board are elected officials. He stated that it is a big business for the county and the county hires professionals to run it. The prison board meets each month to oversee and question and give direction. They depend on their professionals to run the facility. He stated that last week he took it personally when statements were made that they don't know what they are doing. He stated that since 1993 the facility has cost the county money. Last</p>	

year there was a surplus of \$100,000 to the general fund from the prison by the proper running of what some people wanted to call a large business. He stated that he has never seen any of those folks attend one prison board meeting, which is an open meeting, to find out really what happens. He finds it distasteful that these folks can sit back and make comments about things they know nothing about. He stated that people in Clinton County are finally starting to realize that people are trying to make comments about things they have no knowledge about. He stated that the members of the prison board all have different personalities and are of different political parties and all of them are there to make the right decisions. All of them have their input and they may have their differences, and it is all taken into consideration when making decisions, and he feels they make good decisions. That is what makes good government.

Bill Suydam reminded the commissioners that they will be reviewing 14 projects tonight at a public hearing for the 2007 CDBG grant.

Mr. Kyle stated that he heard on PCN last night the governors plan for health insurance to cover all Pennsylvanians. He is not an expert on it, and there are probably issues. but for the very first time we have two service agencies here that will benefit them, as well as all Pennsylvanians who are not covered under health insurance. He is pleased that our state Government, under the leadership of Governor Rendell, is willing to tackle health insurance for all Pennsylvanians. The governor will be here on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Lock Haven Hospital to roll out the plan. He is doing a two week tour of all of Pennsylvania. He hopes that many of the things he is talking about in the plan can be achieved. It will all depend on our legislators, hopefully that will be responsive. He is glad that big government is finally looking at how a program can be put together that people don't feel like they cannot receive the proper medical attention. He commended the governor.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 AM seconded by Mr. Bossert.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Grant Allocation/Service Plan for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. John Kocziensky, Assistant Director of STEP, Inc. was in attendance and stated that this service plan is for the medical Assistance Transportation Program provided through STEP, Inc. He stated that in the last 6 months, There have 900 trips made in Clinton County for a cost of \$115,000. He is anticipating a 12% increase in the next 6 months. He stated that the STEP van's operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

STEP,INC.  
AGREEMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Loganton Borough in the amount of \$ 511.00 for their normal 2-007 allocation. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
LOGANTON BORO

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation from Laura MacMillen, Supervisor for the Domestic Relations Office effective January 31, 2007. Ms. MacMillen is retiring. Mr. Kyle stated that appreciates her dedication and work she has done over the past 25 years. It will be hard to replace all of those years of experience. Mr. Bossert also thanked her and wished her well in her retirement.

RESIGNATION  
L MACMILLEN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Gabriel Roan, Clerk Typist/Receptionist For the Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments effective January 29, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
G ROAN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Hannah Thompson, part time Casework Aide in the Independent Living and Health and Wellness Programs, effective January 15, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PT NEW HIRE  
H THOMPSON

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:21 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the minutes of the Salary Board.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 86,028.01; Payroll P/E 1/12/2007 \$ 325,563.32. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Jamie Aurand, Administrator for Susque-View was in attendance. He stated that he

Started with Susque-View on December 4, 2006. Since then, it has been a smooth transition. There are 131 beds full out of 146 beds and the numbers rising. He stated that they have not had to use outside agencies since the end of November. Mr. Bossert explained that what that means is that they have utilized the current staff instead of hiring outside help to come in. Scott Johnson asked what the bottom line was for 2006 for the home. Mr. Aurand stated that he does not have the final figures yet, but it should be close to a break even point. Mr. Kyle commended their unions for their cooperation. He stated that the home received good professional reviews and they will continue to give the best possible care. Mr. Johnson asked if overtime was paid to staff instead of using outside agencies. Mr. Aurand stated that overtime was paid to staff but it is usually comparable to they would have paid to an outside agency. Mr. Aurand stated that it is a well maintained facility and the staff are providing excellent care. Since he has started he has only had 2 minor complaints from families. He stated that they are in the process of implementing a program that will allow the staff to pursue their education if they desire. They also will be training staff to be formal mentors who will then train new staff. Mr. Bossert stated that he is pleased with Mr. Aurand's performance.

Richard Morris asked if they are still planning to turn a certain number of beds into independent living apartments. Mr. Kyle stated that it is no longer in the plans. He stated that they decided not to pursue it. Mr. Yost stated that the original plan was to take 26 beds offline. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Yost was against it from the beginning. It is not in the best interest of the home at this time.

Mr. Yost stated that last week he was in Harrisburg with CCAP to announce their new agenda and to set priorities. He stated that to his surprise he was greeted with open arms by the senators and legislators. He stated that in years past they were not treated very well. Their attitude this year has really changed. He stated that the senators that he spoke with were very upbeat and friendly.

Mr. Kyle stated that the PEL report is out. He urged all citizens to read the articles in the newspaper. He stated that public input would be appreciated as to how the county can partner with the university to make Clinton County a better community to live in. He stated that they welcome any comments.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Owner County Agreement between Central Counties Youth Center and Clinton County. Clinton County's allocation for 2007 will be \$ 146,000 or 22.71 % of the Owner County allocation. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Yost stated that the Central Counties Youth Center is owned by Clinton, Clearfield, Mifflin, Huntington and Centre Counties. The facility has 13 beds and is used while a child is waiting for placement in a facility. He stated that the average stay is around 5 days. Clinton County averages between 1-4 children placed there at any given time. Mr. Yost stated that Centre County has the highest number of children there right now. It has saved the county a lot of money over the years. If the County did not own the facility and had to place a child in there the cost is about 50% more. He stated that the Center is now taking children from non-owner counties for a fee, but the Owner counties have the first option on beds. Mr. Kyle stated that it is always good news bad news. Three years ago they went over the allotted days and had to pay the going rate, then one year they didn't use the facility as much and all five counties had to make up for the budget shortfall. Scott Johnson asked how long the county has been part owner of the facility. Mr. Yost stated that it has been at least 10 years.

OWNER  
COUNTY  
AGREEMENT  
CCYC

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the lease agreement for tower space between Clinton County and Metro Call for a 5 year lease on the tower at Susque-View. Kevin Fanning stated that the county has had a lease with this company for about 10 years and they are renewing it for another 5 years. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT  
METRO CALL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointments of the following individuals to the Communications Advisory Board Subcommittees for 1 year terms: City Government – Steve Stevenson, Primary, Robert Neff, Alternate, Law Enforcement Association – Dennis Grenninger, Clinton County Fire Chiefs Association – William Strunk, Primary, Brandon Coleman, Alternate, Clinton County EMS Association – Joe Walker and Gerard Banfill, Lock

BOARD REAPP.  
CAB

Haven City Police – Elwood Hocker, Primary, Keith Kibler, Alternate, 911 Communications Advisory Board – William Frantz, Primary, Chad Savrock, Alternate, Joanne Furl and Kevin Fanning effective February 1, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the termination of Mariah Polen, Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective January 25, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

TERMINATION  
M POLEN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Dean Wetzler, temporary part time Veterans Affairs Director effective January 26, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert commended Mr. Wetzler for a job well done. Mr. Wetzler has been handling the veterans affairs issues since Roy Cowfer resigned. Mr. Bossert stated that they recently met with the state V.A. Director and are moving forward to fill the position. Scott Johnson asked if the position will be full time or part time. Mr. Bossert stated that at this time they are leaning towards full time. Scott Johnson asked if this position has been budgeted for if it is full time. Mr. Yost stated that there is some money in the budget for the position. Mr. Yost stated that on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM there is a veterans ceremony at Price Auditorium to honor World War II veterans. He stated that Dean Wetzler will be part of the ceremony and will read the names of all of the veterans.

PT NEW HIRE  
D WETZLER

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Penny Croak, Clerk Typist/Microfilmer Scanner in the Prothonotary's Office effective January 30, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
P CROAK

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:28 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the minutes of the Salary Board.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 618,552.77; Payroll P/E 1/26/2007 \$ 330,005.18. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Kyle stated that the Commissioners and the President Judge received a letter from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) regarding courthouse security. There is a \$60,000 grant available for x-ray machines, card key access systems and wireless duress alarms. Mr. Bossert stated that the safety committee is currently addressing the safety issues at the courthouse so this will fit right in. Mr. Kyle made a motion to proceed and enter into an agreement with AOPC for security upgrades at the Clinton County Courthouse. Seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Yost stated that this is long overdue.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Bill Suydam stated that he just received word from DCED that the \$30,000 of the county's 2006 ESG money has been approved for reallocation to the Salvation Army and the American Rescue Worker's for rental assistance.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Lorraine Arcadipane from Susque-View was in attendance and stated that she has a marketing student from LHU in her office who has created a brochure for Whitetail Terrace Apartments. She stated that normally they would have had to pay for the publication. She stated that there is one apartment empty. There will be an open house on the February 16 from 2-4 pm. She also thanked Mr. Kyle for attending the downtown Rotary meeting and speaking. Mr. Kyle asked where someone would call if they wanted more information on Whitetail Terrace. Ms. Arcadipane stated that the number to call is 893-5959.

Richard Morris asked about the status of Pine Haven. Lewis Steinberg stated that he has not heard anything from the state. Mr. Kyle stated that it is typical of state government to wait 6 months and have absolutely no response and we have no idea why. He stated that the citizens of Clinton County deserve an answer. Ms. Arcadipane stated that she gets phone calls every day from people who are interested in going to Pine Haven.

Mr. Johnson also asked how soon the security measures at the court house would be put in place. Kathy Conrad stated that the county has to let AOPC know by March 15 that they intend to participate, and the projects have to be completed by June 15, 2007.

Mr. Bossert adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 10:45 am and convened a public hearing for Jersey Shore Steel regarding a \$5.5 million bond through the Industrial Development Authority.

Mr. Bossert reconvened the Commissioners meeting at 11:02 am.

Resolution No. 6 of 2007 – \$ 5.5 million Bond Issue for Jersey Shore Steel through IDA Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Kyle thanked Jersey Shore Steel for being a member of the community. He stated that they are using the methane gas from the landfill which has been a benefit to Jersey Shore Steel as well as the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority. He stated that the Solid Waste Authority has stepped up to the plate this past year and put forth about \$4 million to help out the new sewer authority. Mr. Kyle stated that it just shows what cooperation between government and private industry can do by the initiatives that are taking place. He stated that he appreciates the jobs Jersey Shore Steel creates and they are highly sustainable family jobs and he appreciates that. Mr. Bossert thanked them for having confidence in the community and the county.

Scott Johnson asked where the money will come from for Jersey Shore Steel. Mr. Steinberg stated

that it will come from a bond in which the financing is already in place. There is no government money involved. It is strictly public monies with the interest only being tax exempt. The interest rate will not be determined until the day of closing depending on the market. The term of the loan is 10 years.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Brett Griffin, Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional facility effective February 1, 2007.

RESIGNATION  
B GRIFFIN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 72,887.16 Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Kyle announced that there is federal grant funds available for local fire companies. If anyone needs more information they can call 814-329-8129.

Mr. Bossert stated that they received a letter from Bill Segal at Seda-Cog stating that Seda-Cog will no longer be participating with DCNR to acquire funding to rehab playgrounds. Mr. Bosert stated that two years ago 5 playgrounds were done in the county. There was a local match of \$42,000. He stated that from now the municipalities will need to make application to DCNR for funding. Mr. Bossert stated that they are still very enthusiastic about upgrading playgrounds. He stated that the county can help with grant writing through the planning department and Jessica Sheets. Mr. Bossert stated that the contact person is Wes Fahringer at DCNR in Williamsport at 326-3521.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Keith Yearick was in attendance and gave an update on the reassessment progress. He thanked the media for their coverage. He stated that Castanea is done and the next area will be the Avis/Pine Creek area. From there they will head to the City of Lock Haven. Mr. Yearick stated that he and Manatron have held a total of 18 public meetings with approximately 425 people attending all together. There were 11,000 flyers mailed out to date. He stated that Manatron has hired 12 people to date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Johnson asked why Seda-Cog will no longer be participating in the playground projects. Mr. Bossert stated that the letter from Bill Segal states that they were waiting as long as 18 months to get reimbursements from DCNR.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 7 of 2007 – CDBG Grant Application

Bill Suydam stated that this is the application for funding and required each year to be submitted to DCED. Mr. Suydam stated that there are 8 projects in the final selection for a total of \$216, 142.00. Mr. Bossert asked if Woodward Township had finished their surveys.

RESOLUTION  
CDBG GRANT  
APPLICATION

Mr. Suydam stated that they had. Bill Suydam stated that Woodward Township has finished their survey. Mr. Suydam stated that the following projects will be funded: Western Clinton County recreation Authority - \$ 5,350.00 to paint and resurface gym floor; Infant Development Program - \$ 10,000 for a special needs children minivan; Bucktail Medical Center - \$ 11,500 upgrade long term care heating/ac units; Renovo Borough - \$15,000 for demolition of old school; Western Clinton County Municipal

Authority - \$ 16,125 for oxidation ditch safety protect project; Renovo Borough - \$ 37,500 for revitalization of Erie Avenue; Woodward Township Municipal Authority - \$16,125 for replacing homeowner's laterals; Western Clinton County C.O.G. (interconnection) - \$ 66,667 for water interconnection. Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Kyle encouraged everyone to write to our state and federal legislators to restore the block grant funding to municipalities. These funds are a life saver for a lot of Western Clinton County because it is an area that is struggling with population and infrastructure. He stated that the county has been putting money into sewer, water and other public infrastructure in western Clinton County for years. He stated that there is a proposal to put the program under HUD which is dead wrong and he believes Clinton County would suffer greatly if that would happen. He stated that Ronald Reagan put this into effect in 1982 and he thinks it is a great program. Mr. Bossert stated that there is a lot of money in Washington D.C. that could be channeled into this program.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Pine Creek Township in the amount of \$4,395.00 for future paving township roads. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
PC TOWNSHIP

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 26,219.00 for October 2006 expenses, and \$25,263.00 for November 2006 expenses. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

IV-D FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Ken Yearick as Chairman of the Agricultural Preservation Board for a three year term expiring December 31, 2009. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

BOARD APPT.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Fred Lingle, Assistant District Attorney, effective February 13, 2007. Motion with regret by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
F LINGLE

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 148,428.11; Payroll P/E 2/9/07 \$ 308,932.39. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Yost stated that he attended a meeting on Tuesday regarding the designs for the new senior center . He stated that STEP met with the individuals who will be working in the building to make sure everyone was agreeable with the architects plans. He stated that they will be meeting again in March to finalize the plans. Mr. Yost stated that he was pleased that the project is moving forward. He stated that the new senior center will be much larger and nicer.

COMMISSIONERS  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle thanked Commissioner Yost for his hard work and involvement to see that the seniors in this community get a new center. He deserves a pat on the back for his diligence. He stated that Whitetail Terrace will be having an open house this afternoon at 2:00 PM. He stated that the Commissioners would be there, and it is open to the public. He stated that SusqueView ended the year with a slight profit. It was not what was anticipated in the budget. However, halfway through the year they could have been looking at a potential \$500,000 deficit from that facility which would have meant funding it from the general fund. There was corrective action taken on a couple different fronts. They challenged the management company that the county contracts with, and they did some things that they needed to do to change that scenario around. Since November 26, the number of outside nursing agencies has been greatly reduced. The staff has also stepped up and is working overtime. He stated that the facility struggles all the time with state and federal reimbursements. Mr. Kyle stated that Centre County has had to fund their home for the past few years from their general fund. They have recently hired the same management company as SusqueView. He commended the staff at SusqueView for their excellent care. SusqueView was able to pay an amount this year in lieu of taxes of \$12,000. Mr. Kyle stated that the Department of Emergency Services is located in the basement of Susque-View and used to pay rent of about \$50,000 a year. Now they pay no rent which is a great savings to the county. Mr. Bossert thanked Bob Yowell from DEP for his comments about the efforts that the Clinton County citizens have made in the progress with infrastructure.

Mr. Bossert encouraged Mr. McKnight to staff his office correctly in order to handle any prosecution that is necessary in the county now that his staff has been reduced. The citizens of this county need to be confident that the district attorney will continue his task of prosecuting criminals in this county. Scott Johnson asked if the salary of the other assistant district attorney will be doubled now. Mr. Bossert stated that it is a decision for Mr. McKnight to make. Their impression as Commissioners was to be in harmony with expenditures of "like" counties and adjacent counties in regard to salaries. The expenditures for the district attorneys' should be as they designated by the salary board in terms of salaries. It was a decision that was made based on need not want after reviewing all of the research. Salary Board determined that the salaries should be one half of what they were.

Mr. Kyle stated that the salary board is made up of the 3 Commissioners, the Treasurer and the department head for that department. He stated that Mr. McKnight is suing himself because in this case he happens to be a member of that salary board. He stated that he was out of town, Mr. McKnight was in this building when that decision could have been made and he did not choose to stay. That is his problem. Ms. Edwards was busy and could not attend the meeting. He stated that they ask for resolve and have been asking for meetings in regard to this issue and they do not receive anything. He stated that in his opinion Mr. Lingle should be the full time assistant district attorney. He stated that Mr. Lingle has served this county as a district attorney and has served the court well and he lives in the county.

He has been a great asset to the county. Mr. Kyle stated that he spoke with Mr. Lingle and he Stated that it was no longer possible for him to work under the current conditions.

Richard Morris stated that statistics show that Clinton County has the lowest rate of prosecution and the lowest ratios of prosecution per population. Mr. Bossert stated that these facts will probably be exposed in court. He stated that it appears that a judge has been assigned to hear the case. Mr. Bossert stated they will probably have an opportunity to testify in relation to their interpretation of the research that they have done. It would be for the court to determine which position is the correct one. Mr. Bossert stated that they have every confidence in the court that they can make an unprejudiced decision.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

Randy Bibey from Renovo Borough thanked the Commissioners for all of their help and monetary support over the years. George Simmons also thanked the Commissioners for all of their support.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 8 of 2007 – Robbie Gould

Mr. Bossert read a resolution of excellence for Robbie Gould. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Mill Hall Borough in the amount of \$ 1,987.00 to pave borough streets. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
MH BOROUGH

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a loan in the amount of \$250,000 from the Clinton County Revolving Loan Fund to Reese-Renninger, LLC, and Calico Creek, Inc. to be used to renovate the former Renninger Hardware complex to accommodate a Purina Mills feed dealership. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Lewis Steinberg stated that this will create 10 full time jobs. Richard Morris asked if this loan was a question of want or need. He stated that the building is about 40,000 square feet and there is already about \$570,000 worth of bank financing already into it over and above the purchase price. He stated that now they want another \$250,000 to put into it. By the time they are finished there will be about \$800,000 worth of renovations. He does not understand why they need \$800,000 worth of improvements to knock out horses. He stated that he is not second guessing the board of the revolving loan fund but it just seems like a lot of money. Mr. Steinberg stated that the analysis for the loan administration board is done for the county by Seda-Cog. The total project cost is in excess of \$1.8 million of which the real estate and renovations represents over \$1.1 million. Inventory and fixtures represent over \$600,000. The revolving loan fund proceeds will be used for renovations, machinery and inventory. Mr. Kyle stated that the Clinton County Revolving Loan Fund is what makes these funds available. They are not withholding anything from anybody and wish them the best in their entrepreneurial endeavor. Mr. Bossert stated that they are pleased that the revolving loan fund is working. A few years ago money had to be placed into escrow as it could not be used. Once the county could show a need for it then it was released. Mr. Steinberg stated that there are about \$40,000 in payments coming back into the fund each month, so it doesn't take long to generate more funding. Mr. Bossert asked how much money is currently loaned out. Mike Flanagan stated that there is about \$2.4 million out in loans.

CC REVOLVING  
LOAN FUND

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 163,623.04. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Scott Johnson asked if the Commissioners received the letter from Mike Hanna concerning Pine Haven and Lock Haven Hospital. He is requesting in his letter the Attorney General answer as to where the proceeds went from the sale of the hospital and also what the status is of the Pine Haven sale. Mr. Johnson stated that he was able to determine that the proceeds from the hospital went into the pension fund of the Health & Wellness Foundation Board. Mr. Yost asked who the contact person is for the hospital pension fund. Mr. Johnson stated that he contacted Ron Drury at First Quality. Mr. Johnson also asked what went on at the MH/MR Joinder Board meeting the day before with Lycoming County. Mr. Bossert stated that the board is governed with bylaws and Roberts Rules. Mr. Kyle stated that they were challenged yesterday by Lycoming County Commissioners who thought that the chair should be from Lycoming County. Mr. Kyle stated that there was not a unanimous vote so he has retained the chairman position. Mr. Kyle stated that he has never blocked any vote that would benefit

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

either county, so he is not sure what their reasons were for wanting the change. Mr. Yost stated that there is not a commissioner in Lycoming County that can do as good a job as Mr. Kyle is doing.

Scott Johnson stated that he contacted the Attorney Generals Office the day before but has not received a call back. Mr. Bossert stated that he appreciates the fact that Representative Hanna has written a letter to the Attorney General and hopes that Senator Wozniak might also get involved.

Mr. Yost stated that the county is going to have to pick up about 50% of the costs this year for juvenile's in detention centers. It could amount to about \$ 60,000 - \$80,000. He also stated that there has been a bill introduced to straighten out the salaries of full time district attorneys. He stated that it is one of CCAP's priority's this year.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Public Hearing: TEFRA Geisinger Health System Foundation  
Andrew Wargo, from Treasury Foundations of Geisinger Health Systems was in attendance to explain the TEFRA. He stated that this bond is for up to \$200 million in tax exempt bonds in May of this year. Of that amount \$ 120 million will be new money. Any remaining monies will be used to refinance current outstanding debt. They presented two resolutions to be adopted that are mandated by the Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act and the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945. Geisinger will be using some the proceeds of the bonds at their two Clinton County locations. He stated that Montour is the home county with 15 other counties involved. Mr. Bossert asked if this process will have any impact on the county. Mr. Wargo stated that this does not create any obligation to the taxpayers in any of the counties that are involved. Bud Price, Community Practice representative stated that this was also done in 2005 and the funds were used to upgrade x-ray equipment and to do some renovations at a cost of \$200,000. He stated that this new money will be used in the future to upgrade to digital imaging and to upgrade the aging ultrasound equipment.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

Resolution No. 9 of 2007 – Internal Revenue Code – TEFRA  
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 10 of 2007 – Health, Safety & Welfare  
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Public Hearing: Debt Act – General Obligation Bond  
Joe Pierce was in attendance and stated that this bond is to refinance the bond from 2002 for \$5,135,000,000. By refinancing the bond it will save the county about \$200,000. The bond is due on June 1, of 2007. The new bond will be for \$5,090,000,000 and will be for 10 years at an interest rate of 3.85%. It will be financed through M&T Bank. Doug Keener from Susquehanna Advisory Group was in attendance and stated that the 2002 bond outstanding balance is \$5,090,000. By refinancing this bond it will save the county about \$200,000 and the interest rate is lower. He stated that the loan will close on March 30 and the funds will sit in an interest earning account until June 1, 2007. At that point in time they will then use the proceeds of the loan to refund the 2002 bond. The debt service will be the same as it was with the 2002 bond. Mr. Kyle stated that as the Board of Commissioners they have an obligation and opportunity to save the county money. This is one of the reasons Susquehanna Advisory Group was hired. Scott Johnson asked what the yearly obligation to the county would be. Mr. Keener stated that the county will have a payment this year of around \$600,000, after that it will be about \$740,000 annually.

PUBLIC  
HEARING

Ordinance No. 1 of 2007 – General Obligation Note  
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the general obligation note. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE  
NO. 1 OF 2007

Proclamation: Red Cross Month  
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the proclamation. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Joy Hanner, Executive Director of the Red Cross and Kathy Stein, Emergency Services Director were in attendance and thanked the Commissioners for their on going support.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Bossert thanked Ms. Hanner and Ms. Stein for allowing them to make this declaration and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 12,591.50 for October, November and December 2006 expenses. Motion by Mr. Kyle seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

IV-D FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Greene Township in the amount of \$1,818.00 for base repair of T-416 Rocy Road. Motion by Mr. Kyle seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
GREENE TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Logan Township in the amount of \$1,140.00 for base repairs and paving to T-346. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
LOGAN TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 76,458.90; Payroll P/E 2/23/07 \$ 295,913.78. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert asked Richard Morris if he had a chance to check out the availability of information from the county on the public system and the internet. Mr. Morris stated that it is a well kept secret that all of the information from assessment, the recorder of deeds and the prothonotary is available through a portal on the county website. He stated that the information is available to the public on a fee basis. He stated that he tried to look up some information and the speed at which the information is downloaded is almost cost prohibitive. He stated that he waited almost three minutes which would have been \$3.00, and he stated the information he had requested never did download. He spoke to Suzy Watson and she was going to check with the vendor to see if the glitch was at his end or the server.

Jessica Sheets was in attendance and gave an update on the ongoing sewer upgrades in many municipalities. She stated that Flemington Borough's project should be completed by April. Penn Dot is planning to pave Woods Avenue in the summer so the project has to be completed sooner than anticipated and the contractor was on board with starting sooner. She also told the Commissioners to be watching for a letter from Woodward Township requesting a letter of support for the boat launch. Scott Johnson asked about the project and the funding. Ms. Sheets stated that there is a local match of \$14,500 and the Fish & Boat Commission and DCNR are also funding the project. Mr. Bossert stated that last year they facilitated about \$10 million in necessary infrastructure improvements. He asked if they should be as optimistic this year in facilitating another \$10 million. Ms. Sheets stated that it depends on the need. She stated that Castanea should be finished with their project by the end of the year. Flemington Borough has the western side of the borough to finish. Mill Hall Borough has the funds they need to comply with the DEP consent order. She stated that she would be meeting with Ron McGinness from Bald Eagle Township tonight. She is starting to look at other areas like Loganton Sewer Authority and some other areas.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

Scott Johnson asked if the Commissioners had heard anymore regarding the public auction for Pine Haven. Mr. Bossert stated that they do not have a date yet. Mr. Johnson also asked if the hearing was still on schedule for next Tuesday with the District Attorney. Mr. Bossert stated that it was on schedule and they had not been subpoenaed. Mr. Kyle stated that they were waiting for the District Attorney to approach the board regarding the salary for Lori Rexroth but it has not happened. Mr. Bossert stated that on March 8 at 11:00 am they will convene the salary board to discuss her salary. Mr. Kyle stated that it is highly unfair to ask Lori to do the work and not compensate her. Mr. Yost stated that Ted should request the increase. It is not Lori's position to ask for an increase. Mr. Bossert asked Kathy Conrad to send a letter to the District Attorney and all entities involved informing them of the meeting. He requested the letters be sent registered return receipt.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the contract amendment for HAVA regarding the proper inventory of any equipment purchased using HAVA funds, and a two year extension changing the grant period to June 30, 2009. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Tim Holladay stated that the ADA improvements at the voting precincts are about 98% completed. Mr. Yost asked if the 10% the state is with holding will be held up

HAVA  
CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT

if we agree to the contract amendment. Mr. Holladay stated that he is trying to set up a meeting with HAVA representatives to review quarterly reports and some other issues. He was not sure if the extension would hold up the 10% the county is owed but would ask once his meeting is scheduled. Mr. Bossert asked if the county was in full compliance to meet the previous deadline. He asked if it is safe to say that some other counties will be making this amendment as they are having trouble meeting the deadline. This amendment in know way puts the county in jeopardy.

Lewis Steinberg stated that the scheduled Salary Board meeting for 11:00 am should proceed. He read a letter from Ted McKnight indicating that he would not be present for the salary board meeting. Mr. McKnight's letter stated that he would not be present for two reasons, one was his position in regard to the procedure, and he would be participating in a radio program in regard to underage drinking at the time of this meeting. Mr. McKnight also stated in his letter that even if he were able to attend he would not have as he did not think the actions taken in January were appropriate. Mr. Steinberg stated that there was no need to wait until 11:00 am. since Mr. McKnight has no intentions of attending. Mr. Bossert asked if there was a receipt of service. Kathy Conrad stated that she has proof of service for the letters. Mr. Bossert asked if a letter was received from Mr. McKnight requesting a continuance. Mr. Steinberg stated that he has not received a request. Kathy Conrad stated that she has not received any correspondence. Mr. Steinberg stated that Mr. McKnight is not requesting an increase in salary for Ms. Rexroth. Mr. Bossert stated that as a board it is agreed that it is proper to call the salary board meeting to order now.

Mr. Bossert called the Salary Board to order at 10:21 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 229,481.90. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Kathy Conrad stated that under correspondence the prison board meeting on March 14 is at 11:00 am not noon.

Mr. Yost reminded everyone that The Meadows will be having an open house this afternoon from 3-6 pm at their new location on Route 64. Mr. Kyle stated that they are advocates of mental health in Clinton County, and how they can better serve those people who need those services. The new facility is larger and they hope to expand their services. Right now there is a waiting list. He stated that they will be doing everything possible to make sure people get the services they need in a timely manner.

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Mr. Bossert stated that there is no net gain in the number of state police at the local barracks. He stated that the situation with the PA state police and law enforcement in this county is basically no better than it was when they challenged Colonel Miller in this process. Mr. Bossert strongly suggested that the board of county commissioners continue this fight and become vocal again. In other words, don't depend on good words from any other source but fight the fight until we get there. They need to fight the fight again to make sure the people of this county are protected. That fight must go to Governor Rendell, the PA State Police Commander, Senator Wozniak and Representative Mike Hanna. Those guys need to begin to fight for their constituents and that is what he is advocating. They need to become very strong in that position.

Mr. Bossert stated that a decision has been made on Evergreen Commons. Lewis Steinberg stated that he has seen the opinion. Mr. Bossert stated that his understanding is that the county was not successful. Mr. Steinberg stated that he was correct. The Commonwealth Court reversed the decision of the Common Pleas Court. Mr. Bossert stated that they will need to have a conference with the City of Lock Haven and the school district as to whether they wish to appeal the decision. He stated that the important thing at this point in time is that this may be a setback as they advocate for the taxpayers. The commissioners success would have shared the tax burden. Mr. Bossert stated that this board of commissioners is still committed to the taxpayers of this county to give them as much relief as they can. Mr. Bossert stated that the setbacks they have with their shortchange in the budget with the Conservation District's cut of 20% statewide that will directly effect the county, and the setback from Act 72 that did not pass. Incorporated into that Act 72 was relief from the State of Pennsylvania from \$.40 an acre reimbursement to \$1.20 an acre which failed. Mr. Bossert aggressively challenged Representative Hanna and Senator Wozniak to get off their butts and do something for their constituents in this county. He stated that our constituents are their constituents as well, and they feel the pressure that property owners are suffering from at this time. He challenged those two gentlemen to do it in Harrisburg on their behalf. Mr. Bossert strongly feels that they are not doing their jobs.

Mr. Bossert stated that he received a notice from FEMA that new flood maps are available. He stated that if any community needs help or clarity with the maps the planning office is available.

Mr. Bossert stated that he has learned from the Economic Partnership that the State of Pennsylvania, PennDot, has agreed to make the connection to the existing water and sewer system at the Belles Springs interchange. Their letter does not indicate if they would be responsible for the financing but it does indicate they would go in that direction. He asked that the Partnership be diligent in making sure PennDot pays their fair share.

Keith Yearick was in attendance and stated that currently Manatron is data collecting in the City of Lock Haven and should be finished in about 3 weeks. They are about 60% done. After the City is done they will be heading back to Pine Creek II. He stated that he has had very few calls and it seems to be going quite smoothly. He stated that there have been about 25 public meetings held so far with close to 650 people in attendance. Mr. Yearick stated that the budgeted amount for 2007 real estate taxes was \$ 371,500,000, but when the tax bills were run there was a total of \$ 373,796,050 which is a gain of about \$2,296,050. He stated that Evergreen Commons' anticipated

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tax value was \$2,278,240. By not receiving that now, it will bring the additional revenue in taxes down to \$17,810.00.

Mr. Kyle asked Lorraine Arcadipane if the apartment at Whitetail Terrance has been rented. She stated that she has had a few calls on it but most of the people need to sell their homes first. She stated that she has moved her office up to Whitetail Terrace which is really working out for the better. She is more readily available there to the tenants. She will placing an ad in the paper this weekend for the apartment.

Richard Morris stated that in reference to the availability of information on the county website, he has visited the websites of all (24) sixth class counties and the county website is second to none. He stated that it is a model for other counties. The problem he had last week was actually due to a commercial server not the county. Richard Morris stated that there is a body of opinion out in the community that the county would be well served by a county controller. Dr. McQuaide's letter in the paper last night referred to that. He stated that in the county code somewhere, there is the option to elect to have a controller instead of 3 elected auditors. He asked if they thought it would be appropriate to put a question on the ballot, that would be an option so that people who think it is a good idea to have a controller, do not have to vote for a Home Rule Charter.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM, seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

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Resolution No. 11 of 2007 – DCED Grant Application  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Amidea Daniel was in attendance and stated that DCED has requested this new resolution and are awaiting this in order to review the grant proposal for \$ 424,866 for the Erie Avenue, Renovo project. She stated that there is \$100,000 local match required. Renovo Borough will be putting \$25,000 towards the project and CDBG funds allocated of \$37,500 for 2007 and 2008. The project will include new sidewalks, street lighting and facade improvements. Mr. Bossert asked what the timeline was for this grant. Ms. Daniel stated that after this resolution, she will also be in need of a letter of commitment from the Commissioners for the \$75,000 match. She stated that it could be 2-3 months until she finds out if the county is awarded the grant.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$ 10,000 for West Keating Township for road repairs. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
W KEATING TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$15,000 for Greene Township for paving of T-416 Rocky Road. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Kyle stated that he was under the impression the Borough wanted to encumber the funds. The liquid fuels application did not state that it was to be encumbered. Kathy Conrad stated that she would check with the Township to make sure they did not want to encumber the money. If they did, the item will be placed back on next week's agenda as old business and acted upon.

LIQUID FUELS  
GREENE TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$16,000 for Loganton Borough for repairs and repave of North and Hall Streets. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
LOGANTON BORO

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of Steven Yandell, Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Department effective March 19, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Sheriff Ankney stated that this is a replacement for Jeff Walker who resigned last month. Mr. Yandell will have to go to training at Penn State University for approximately 760 hours. Sheriff Ankney stated that the training is reimbursed by the State.

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S YANDELL

Mr. Bossert stated that at the recommendation of counsel, he is asking for motion to authorize counsel to file motion of "in bac" which is motion of re-argument of the Lock Haven University Foundation and the Clinton County Board of Assessment. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that the Commonwealth Court had a three member panel hear this case and as a result of that hearing, Judge Saxton's decision from the Common Pleas Court was reversed. It is the commissioners feeling at this time that the position assumed by the three panel judge does not reflect the opinion of the total commonwealth court. It has been suggested by CCAP attorneys and by the county's attorney that it would be proper to ask for re-argument. It is also understood by the commissioners at this time, that it would be a minimal amount of cost. It is a process where the full panel has a chance to look at evidence.

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It would be unadvisable for them not to go forward in this fashion. Mr. Kyle stated that if anyone is following the PEL articles in the paper, most people would understand the ramifications that decision will have on local municipalities, the school district and the state. Mr. Yost stated that they are moving forward on the advice of CCAP. Scott Johnson asked if the case will be reviewed and not appealed. Mr. Bossert stated that "in bac" means that it will have the full review of the panel. Mr. Yost stated that this does not mean they cannot appeal it at a later date. Mr. Johnson asked how many members were on the full panel. Mr. Kyle stated that there are a total of 9 members on the court panel. Mr. Johnson asked if the city and the school district were on board with this decision. Mr. Bossert stated that the county solicitor has been in contact with the solicitors for both entities and he has not received any negative response. Mr. Bossert stated that the whole process must be completed within 15 days of the decision so they are moving forward quite rapidly. They have not had the opportunity to create dialog with the other two entities, other than personal comments and contact made to board members and city council. He did ask the county solicitor to contact the other solicitors to see if there was any objection. Mr. Kyle stated that under the 6<sup>th</sup> class code it is the responsibility of the Clinton County Board of Assessment to determine what is taxable and what is not. Mr. Johnson asked if the Foundation would still receive a tax bill and if they are required to pay it. Mr. Bossert stated that as far as the commissioners are concerned they should pay the bill. Mr. Kyle stated that the school district and the city have received money from the Foundation for taxes and they have placed it in escrow accounts.

Salary Board was called to order at 10:30 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board Minutes.

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Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 114,976.54; Payroll P/E 3/9/07 \$ 315,030.43. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kyle made a motion to extend condolences on behalf of the Clinton County Commissioners to all of the citizens and workers at Woolrich for the loss of Roswell Braydon, Jr., CEO of Woolrich and an outstanding citizen, who passed away suddenly this week. Seconded by Mr. Yost, motion carried.

Mr. Bossert stated that he went to the public hearing last night held by the study commission, and there were various comments made and once again there was insinuation from a leading citizen in our community, who is our state representative, that the county commissioners failed in its procedure and task when a 36% tax increase was done. The accusations were that they did not adhere to Title 16. Mr. Hanna stated that it would not have occurred if there were different procedures in place. Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Hanna condemned himself when he made that statement. Mr. Bossert stated that the commissioners adhered 100% to that statute. Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Hanna is the only person in this county who is representing the citizens of this county. He has total jurisdiction over statute as he is the only person from this county who can amend or create state law. If he felt so strongly last night, why has he not introduced legislation to change Title 16 to advocate the position he assumes. He suggested very strongly to Mr. Yost and Mr. Kyle not to encourage Mr. Hanna to fix this. The commissioners have encouraged him for 10 years to fix the deer problem in this county. If what he has done is a fix, a fix of this problem in the county, could result in being eliminated as a county, or perhaps being relocated to New York State or Mississippi. Mr. Bossert stated that it is proper for them to respond. Mr. Bossert thanked Richard Morris for his comments made last night and stated they were eloquent. His analysis and comparative study is a document that should be recorded. He commended him on recognizing reality as it really is and they need that recognition and they need folks like him in this county to keep their feet on the ground. It was a gallant attempt last night. He thinks with a lot of folks he was successful. Mr. Morris stated that after attending 46 meetings he felt the need to vent. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Bossert for his comments but stated that he was not sure how successful he was. Scott Johnson asked if Mr. Hanna was referring to the budget process in his comments lastnight. Mr. Bossert stated that the accusations were in the event there would have been a charter in place, there would have been greater scrutiny by citizens in the budget process that was conducted by the county. The budget process was started in July and Mr. Morris was in constant attendance. To say they did not adhere to Title 16, when in fact they had the hearing they are required to have as per statute. Mr. Bossert stated that if Mr. Hanna does not like the way the statue is construed presently, he is the only person in the county who can do anything about. Therefore, don't condemn them, look at yourself in the mirror.

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Mr. Yost stated he was not at the meeting last night to hear what Mike Hanna had to say. He stated that if you would go back and compare the state budget with the county budget, the tax increase was the first in 17 years. In the last 17 years, the state budget increases are a lot higher than 36%. Mr. Yost stated that he does not like to criticize the state budget but if you look at all the funding the county has lost from the state in the past 17 years, you would find it well exceeds 36%. The state budget this year had a \$2 billion increase or 10%. He stated that the 36% tax increase was not something they wanted to do it was something they had to do.

Scott Johnson asked if there was any more thought about the Sunshine Law and contacting the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Bossert stated that their intent in contacting the AG Office has been misconstrued to some degree. The commissioners were wondering specifically, if false accusations had any judicial merit. It wasn't the fact they wanted to arrest themselves. They were concerned with the liability of someone making false accusations. The commissioners do not intend to have the AG Office investigate as there are no specific incidences.

Mr. Kyle asked if anyone knew how long the state budget had to be on display for review. No one had an answer. He stated that part of the reform was that they did not meet during the night and pass the budget. He stated that part of Mr. Hanna's accusation is that the budget in 2004 was not displayed. It was displayed as

required. To say they are not transparent is wrong. He stated that this word “transparency” seems to be a new buzz word that is in government. He stated that he has been a member of Clinton County government for four years now and as far as he is concerned it is very transparent. People can call him or come see him anytime. He has never done anything that is unlawful or unwillful in Clinton County nor will he. Mr. Bossert stated that in regard to government transparency, Pennsylvania rates as one of the worst. All documents that he has read indicate that Pennsylvania is one of the worst in the nation. Mr. Kyle asked Scott Johnson and Mark Sohmer if they have ever felt that the county has kept anything from them. Mr. Johnson stated that the purchase of Pine Haven was kind of slipped by them. Mr. Yost stated that it was a property purchase and there was no need for transparency, it was a decision that they were allowed to make. Mr. Johnson stated that he agreed with Richard Morris’ statements last night that the door is open, but no one chooses to come through.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, and Harold C. Yost, Jr.

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL

Old Business: Liquid Fuels

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to encumber liquid fuels in the amount of \$15,000 for Greene Township. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Kathy Conrad stated that this item was tabled at last week’s meeting as Mr. Kyle felt that the township wanted to encumber the money. Ms. Conrad stated that she contacted Mala Moore, Secretary/Treasurer for Greene Township, and she stated that they wish to encumber the funds for a future project.

LIQUID FUELS  
GREENE TWP.

Ordinance No. 2 of 2007 – Clinton County Guaranty of Notes

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the guaranty of notes for the Clinton County Economic Partnership to the Clinton County Sewer Authority and M&T Bank. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Joseph Pierce, bond counsel from Eckert, Seimens, Cherin & Mellot was in attendance to explain the notes. He stated that the county is incurring debt in the amount of \$4,196,451,000. Mr. Pierce reviewed the final draft of the Ordinance and stated that the form of the debt will be lease rental debt as opposed to non electoral debt, meaning they are guaranteeing someone else’s debt. The debt is being issued by the Clinton County Economic Partnership, and they are incurring 4 notes, of which the county is only guaranteeing 3 notes. The first note is a Series A Note for the principal amount of \$ 326,451.00. It is a loan that the CCEP is taking from the Clinton County Sewer Authority for the Lamar Business Park that the Clinton County Sewer Authority is borrowing from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the PennWorks program. That money together with a grant in the amount of \$220,634 will be used to make sewer improvements at the business park. The next 3 notes are all from M&T Bank pursuant to a commitment letter that M&T Bank has provided to CCEP. The Series B Note the county is not guaranteeing. The reason for that is the CCEP and M&T Bank are going to close more quickly on that because they don’t have to go through the approval process the county has to. They are going to use that money to refund the existing consortium note already on the property from 2004. The reason they are doing that is because they are also in the process of closing a loan with another program that the state through the DCED has offered them called a BIOS (Business In Our Sights) loan. Because of the requirements and conditions on this loan, they are paying off the existing loan on the property so that it will not have a mortgage on the property. This way the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will have a first lien on the property. The Series C Note will be guaranteed by the county. It is in the principal amount of \$670,000 which exactly matches the B Note because when the C Note is closed, it will pay off the B Note. The B/C Note of which the county is only guaranteeing the C note, is in effect refunding their existing debt which goes to the year 2016. The Series D Note is for \$3.2 million and has a two year life. It will be used to pay for capital improvements at the business park for sewer, water and roads. That \$3.2 million will be paid off with additional monies coming from various programs. All of these loans will be used to refund the existing debt at the business park or to finish all of the infrastructure improvements needed to make it ready. Mr. Pierce stated that as lease rental debt, the county is only responsible to pay the debt if the CCEP does not pay it. As lease rental debt it is still debt under the Debt Act and it still needs DCED approval. The Ordinance adopted today is formal action required by DCED. It will then be filed with DCED for their approval and then they can close all transactions and deliver the county’s guaranty agreement to the CCSA on the A Note and M&T Bank on the C and D Notes. Mr. Pierce stated that even though this is lease rental debt, the county still pledges its full faith, credit and taxing powers to see that there is sufficient revenues in the event that CCEP does not deliver sufficient revenues to pay this obligation. The A Note goes out 20 years and the closing is scheduled for April 26. The annual debt service is \$19,000.

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The C Note goes out to 2016, and the debt they already have is not being extended. The D Note goes out to 2029, and will be paid off with monies from various programs. Mr. Bossert asked if this total will go against the county's borrowing capacity. Mr. Pierce stated that it does, but it does not even compute to half of the county's borrowing capacity. Mr. Bossert asked if any of the payments create obligation to the county taxpayers. Mr. Pierce stated that it would only if the CCEP does not pay. Mr. Bossert stated that they are guaranteeing that if the Partnership fails to pay, the county will pay. Mr. Pierce stated that all of the notes are taxable and there is no penalty for prepayment. Mr. Yost stated that everyone involved in this process should be congratulated for their support and hard work. Mr. Pierce stated that in his opinion it probably would not have happened if the county had not stepped up and guaranteed the funds. Mr. Yost stated that the county has a board of very progressive commissioners. Some of the things they have done in the past few years has benefited a lot of people in Clinton County. This is another one of the things that is going to help Clinton County grow. It is very important this project succeeds, without it industrial development could come to a screeching halt. Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Pierce for his attendance. Mr. Bossert wanted a statement from the CCEP to assure the county commissioners that they can meet their financial obligations. Darlene Weaver stated that it was part of the commitment letter done by the bank. Mike Flanagan stated that he can assure the commissioners that the CCEP has extreme confidence. Darlene Weaver apologized for not giving the commissioners a copy of the commitment letter. She thanked the commissioners for stepping up to the plate. Mr. Pierce stated that there will be a reimbursement agreement added to the Ordinance at the time of closing between the CCEP and the county. Mr. Yost asked if they could imagine trying to get through this process if there were 7 board members and how the speed of government would be slowed down. Richard Morris asked if there was a debt statement available they would take into account these Notes. Mr. Pierce stated that the county debt is approximately \$ 29 million and the borrowing base is about \$ 59 million.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$ 1,940.00 for Lamar Township for maintaining lighting system on SR 220. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert reiterated that this is a state road.

LIQUID FUELS  
LAMAR TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$611.00 for Leidy Township for paving of Steward Hill Road. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
LEIDY TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 94,445.07. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Yost reminded everyone that Susque View will be having a craft show this Saturday from 9:00am to 3 pm. There will be 40 vendors. He encouraged the public to attend as the proceeds will go towards the tuition and activity fund. He also stated that he would be at a CCAP conference from Sunday until Tuesday. If anyone has anything they would like him to carry to our legislators please get in touch with him. Mr. Yost stated that he has been informed that the IU 10 Unit at West Branch Technology will be moving to West Decatur which is 70 miles away. He stated that they have been a real asset to the community and he hates to see them leave. There has been a lot of organizations in the community that have contributed a lot of money to that unit. The county itself has invested \$91,000. He stated that he has not heard anything directly from the IU 10 unit. He stated that the county has some contracts in place with West Branch Technology and he has the county solicitor looking into it. Some of the contracts go until 2014. The county has an indefinite guarantee from them to educate county employees on their networking and computer skills because of the fiber optic network and connections the county has supplied. He is waiting for advice from the solicitor. There has been a tremendous amount of money in the community invested in the program. It is going to take jobs out of the area and he hates to see it leave. Mike Flanagan stated that the Partnership wrote a support letter to keep the West Branch Technology Center in Clinton County. It has been relayed to them that they will be leaving the Penn School. He stated that he spoke to the executive director and in her mind it is a done deal and they will be relocating to West Decatur. He stated that according to the executive director, the IU board voted unanimously 2 weeks ago to move to the main headquarters in West Decatur. All of the employees will be offered jobs. Mr. Yost stated that what bothers him is that they haven't even contacted the county. He wonders if the executive director realizes that there are contracts with the county.

Mr. Bossert announced that the Army Corp of Engineers has reinstated the \$500,000 for the Renovo Interconnect project, so now they can proceed

Mike Flanagan thanked the commissioners for the financial transaction that took place today for the Partnership. He stated that it is very important to have this done for the future of the county. Darlene Weaver thanked the commissioners for their ongoing support. She stated that Rich Kouzca could not be in attendance. He is the government banking official from M&T Bank who works with the counties. She stated that Rich has commented to her many times that he uses Clinton County and the CCEP as an example when he is working with other counties on the way government and economic development need to work together. She stated that at times they may not always agree, but they figure out what needs to be done and they do it. She stated they have something to be very proud of in the county.

Wade Kieffer also thanked the commissioners for their financial support on behalf of the Partnership. He stated that economic development is very important and the commissioners' support of the project is a reflection of that.

Lorraine Arcadipane stated that her intern, Kate, had to leave to go to class, but she wanted to tell the

commissioners that she took her to the Partnership membership meeting the night before and she was so impressed. She stated that Kate never knew everything Clinton County did and what they are doing now. She was shocked. Ms. Arcadipane stated that the county needs to get more involved with the university students. Ms. Arcadipane stated that she cooked a pancake breakfast this morning for Whitetail Terrace that was a big success. She asked about the status of Pine Haven. Mr. Bossert stated that they have had no updates from the Attorney General as to what to expect. Mr. Bossert asked Kathy Conrad to make an official inquiry to the Attorney General through the county solicitor. Ms. Arcadipane stated that Susque View has 145 beds full right now. Two college students were in attendance to observe the meeting. Nicole Montarsi and Alysa Confer.

Richard Morris asked about the status of Evergreen Commons. Mr. Yost stated that their counsel has asked for review of the decision. There are 7 members on the full panel. The panel that reviews this time may not have the original three people on it. It is possible they could make a decision in their favor. If not, they still have the option to appeal. That recommendation came from legal counsel at CCAP. There has been no official response from the appellate court at this time. They assume that everything is proceeding. Mr. Morris stated that the lady that wrote the decision is now the President Judge so she very well could be on the full panel. Mr. Morris also asked about the status of Central Booking. Mr. Bossert stated that it is very close to being operational. They are in the process of doing trial runs. Judge Saxton has recently assigned a \$50.00 fee for all individuals who are arraigned. This will help to defray the costs.

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Scott Johnson asked about the Conservation District and the Act 105's they do. Mr. Yost stated that it is very likely the Conservation District will continue to do them. After reviewing the time spent on it, and the costs involved, and it would not have saved the county any money. It would have put a lot of the residents and contractors more at a loss of time to have to go to DEP for the permits.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 12 of 2007 – Shared Ride Program

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. John Kocziensky, Assistant Director of STEP, Inc. was in attendance. He stated that this resolution will allow STEP to act as an agent for the County, and includes an application to PennDot as well as a follow up acquisition, ownership and operation of replacement vehicles by the Shared Ride Program. The program serves Clinton and Lycoming Counties. This is the same resolution approved a year ago. STEP is proposing to acquire 5 new vehicles to replace 5 older vehicles. Mr. Kyle stated that they are doing a great job for our transportation needs. Mr. Bossert asked if people in Renovo and the Sugar Valley area have access to the program. Mr. Kocziensky stated that it encompasses the whole county. He stated that the Shared Ride Program through STEP is the only shared ride program in the state that operates 24/7.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$ 1,436.00 for Dunnstable Township for resurfacing of roads. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
DUNNSTABLE TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to encumber liquid fuels in the amount of \$810.00 for Noyes Township for a future project. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
NOYES TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to encumber liquid fuels in the amount of \$1,757.00 for Renovo Borough. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
RENOVO BORO

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Paul Ohl, Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective March 31, 2007. Mr. Ohl is retiring after 19 years of service. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Yost thanked him for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement. Mr. Bossert stated that he has done an outstanding job for the county over the years.

RESIGNATION  
P OHL

Resolution No. 13 of 2007 – Loss of Federal Financial Benefits

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Kyle stated that this resolution would pertain to those persons who are receiving VA benefits, retirement benefits or Medicare when they are incarcerated. Right now the way it is done those benefits stop once incarcerated and the county starts to incur the medical costs. Mr. Kyle stated that the county is a member of NACO who is asking the

counties to adopt this resolution. Scott Johnson asked if it has been a problem here. Mr. Kyle stated that from time to time it has been a problem. He stated that it could potentially be a big problem if an inmate who was receiving veteran benefits would have a heart attack at the prison and his benefits had ceased. The county would be responsible for paying all of his medical bills.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 302,153.29; Payroll P/E 3/23/07 \$ 320,968.73; Tax Collector Payroll \$ 17,865.00. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Jamie Aurand, Administrator at SusqueView was in attendance and stated that the Spring Craft Show over the weekend was a great success. There were 46 vendors and they were able to raise \$2000 for the employee activity fund and the tuition fund. Mr. Yost stated that it has been a problem hiring and keeping LPN's and RN's at the facility. Mr. Yost made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the SusqueView Employee Educational Fund as they feel it is a very important program. Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Yost encouraged businesses within the community to contribute money to the program to help with the educational process of nurses at SusqueView.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle stated that he wanted to review the county structure. He stated that one thing they have looked at as a Board is emergency preparedness, they have looked at building capacity and efficiency of the building. During that review there were some issues that came up regarding evacuation of the building if there was a fire or another reason to evacuate the building. He stated that a safety committee has been formed to address those issues. He stated that there would be a fire drill next week in the building.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle stated that they formed the health consortium (NCHIPC) last year, and alot of people were skeptical, but the county has saved \$72,000 this past year in terms of health insurance. They had hoped they would benefit more in savings to the county. He stated that they also did some refinancing of debt which saved the county in the first year of around \$190,000 to \$200,000. The financial restructuring of other debts with the Partnership of around \$4 million towards the financing of the Lamar Business Park. Mr. Kyle stated that the regional sewer authority was also involved in this process. He stated that they have looked at every possible way to save money. He stated that three years ago they floated a bond to cover the retirement ARC. He stated that they borrowed \$ 3.3 million at 5.09% and the return on that money was a little over 12.9 % last year. This is another large savings to the county and kept them from having to take a large portion of the retirement ARC out of the county budget. Mr. Kyle stated that the county's financial advisor looked at all forms of record keeping in the county. One of the areas that has come up recently is the county employee pension fund. The county's financial advisor tested the fund and found a few discrepancies. The county went into its own payroll system in 1999 and the figures for the retirement fund were entered manually. There is a possibility that some of the calculations may not be correct. He stated that no one has really checked the retirement fund since it went computerized to make sure those calculations were right. Mr. Kyle stated that they are hiring a certified public accountant to review and certify the records. The retirement fund is owned by the employees of the county. The trustees of the pension fund are the commissioners and the county treasurer. They feel it is in the best interest of the employees to make sure the figures are all correct. The accountant will be checking all employees and retirees. At the present time copies of all of the retirement records are being scanned for as a back up. He stated that this Board has been forthcoming on what they are doing and why they are doing it. They have no reason to believe there is a problem with this fund.

Mr. Kyle stated that he attended the public hearing last evening in Greene Township for the study commission. He stated that there were about 15-20 people present. This is the third public hearing held. He stated that one thing that has bothered him most about this whole process is that they have not publicly identified the weaknesses in the current three commissioner government. Mr. Kyle stated that a few of the members on the study commission have stated that they don't necessarily have a problem with the three commissioners. They can write in their charter that they can get rid of the jury commissioners and the auditors, and have a controller. One of the things that has never been addressed is the size of that board. If the board would be 7 members with an appointed controller, that person would not be responsible to the public only the 7 member board and those people would have the power of the community. Another option would be that the three commissioner form of government stay in Clinton County. That is another form of home rule but he has never heard it discussed. It has only ever been discussed as to what they want to change. He stated that this is actually being done in Lackawanna County if anyone wants to research it. Mr. Yost stated that Lehigh County was visited by the study commission. They have a 9 member board with the Chairman being Percy Dotterer who is also the Chairman of CCAP. He stated that he has gotten to know Mr. Dotterer and has talked to him about home rule. Mr. Dotterer believes it is better to have full time commissioners not 7 part time people working that get nothing done. He stated that Mr. Dotterer was pretty adamant about that but no one listened. Mr. Kyle stated that another thing that is being thrown around is the amount of savings to the county. He stated that he would like that proved to him. They don't take into account the additional staff. He stated that the study commission keeps bringing up the 36% tax increase but that had nothing to do with the form of government. He stated that the budget came out in November that there would be a 5 mill increase. When the budget was adopted in December they did add 1 extra mill. He stated that the budget was posted for the required amount of time and no one came forward. Mr. Kyle stated that Lehigh County, which is a home rule county with an elected county executive and a 9 member board, had a 70% tax increase in 2004. For people to say that that is the wherewithal to make it work he takes exception to it.

Scott Johnson asked if there was a problem with the county pension. Mr. Kyle stated that the county's financial advisor suggested that it be checked by an outside firm. If our financial advisor would do it he could not issue a report. The outside firm is Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC. He stated that the commissioners are criticized for not using CPA's so that is why they chose to go out and do it. This fund has about \$28 million in it. The range will be about \$125,000 to do it and will take about 4 months. The cost will come

out of the pension fund not the general fund. Mr. Kyle read a letter of commitment from Z.A. and the extent at which the figures and the employees will be checked. Scott Johnson asked how many former employees are in the pension plan. Mr. Kyle stated that there are about 400 members in the plan with close to 90 retirees drawing a monthly pension.

Mr. Bossert stated that last week he challenged Representative Hanna and Wozniak to get off their butts and do something. Today he congratulated them and stated that the county appreciates the fact that they have received Act 102 monies that was part of the original Act 72 for the additional \$.80 per acre on state game lands and state forest lands. The total received amounts to \$239,796.00. He also congratulated them both on the Title IV-E monies that have been cleared, and there has been a settlement with the state and federal government. The county will be reimbursed approximately \$150,000 which had been a deficit until this time. He stated that today they are \$400,000 happier.

Susie Peters was in attendance from the Conservation District and stated that their annual tree sale is going on right now. Mr. Bossert stated that they are looking to purchase about 400 trees for the prison to create a visual barrier. Mr. Bossert asked what kind of tree is the fastest growing. Mary Ann Bower stated a scotch pine or white pine grows the fastest. Ms. Bower said to let her know if they need 400 trees so she can order them. Ms. Bower handed out their 2006 annual report which will be published in the newspaper tomorrow. She stated that it is required by the state each year.

Richard Morris asked if the funds the county received from Act 102 belongs to the county or if it has to be disbursed to municipalities. Mr. Bossert stated that from what he understands, that money is the county's. The municipalities should be receiving checks also.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 14 of 2007 – DCNR Grant Application

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Amidea Daniel was in attendance and stated that this grant is for \$100,000 from DCNR. It is for a Clinton County Greenway and Open Space Plan and will include 2 feasibility studies. One for the river access areas and one for the connector trail from the Pine Creek Rail Trail to the City of Lock Haven. The resolution is for the Clinton County Commissioners to apply for this grant through the Clinton County Planning Commission. The county's local match will be \$12,500 a year. She stated that \$50,000 would be from staff of the county through the GIS department and is still being worked out. Tim Holladay stated that the \$12,500 would not be needed until 2008 and 2009.

The feasibility studies are required to be able to apply for DCNR funding in the future. The County has to have a Greenway Plan in place before DCNR will fund any activities. Mr. Bossert asked what the multiplier would be for these funds. Mr. Holladay stated that it is about 8:1. Mr. Bossert stated that it is good news.

Mark Sohmer asked what path this trail is going to follow. Mr. Holladay stated that it will follow the New York Central Railroad to Castanea at the Historical Society's Train Station. Mr. Holladay stated that Wayne Township has offered their river road for the trail to get around the landfill. Wayne Township has plans to begin this process this year.

Scott Johnson asked when the county would know if they got the grant. Amidea Daniel stated that she is hoping to hear by November of this year.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 for reimbursement of power and maintenance costs to the City of Lock Haven for highway lighting on Paul Mack Boulevard. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to encumber liquid fuels in the amount of \$8000.00 for Gallagher Township for road maintenance. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
GALLAGHER TWP.b

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Matthew Getz, Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective April 15, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
M GETZ

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Jeremy Herr, part time Dispatcher at the Department of Emergency Services effective April 16, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Kevin Fanning stated this will fill a vacant position from December.

PT NEW HIRE  
J HERR

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of David Yetter, Jr., and Bryan Cramer, Corrections Officers at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective April 16, 2007.

NEW HIRES  
D YETTER

Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.	B CRAMER
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the transfer of Noreen Simpson, Cook to Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective April 15, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.	TRANSFER N SIMPSON
The Salary Board was called to order at 10:21 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.	SALARY BOARD
Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 165,602.70; Payroll P/E 4/5/07 \$ 315,781.24. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.	COUNTY BILLS APPROVED
Richard Morris asked if the Commissioners would be presenting a public report for the year end performance. Mr. Kyle stated that it is almost complete. Mr. Bossert stated that he has asked for graphs and pie charts to show the intricate financial references within the county so they can easily determine the direction they are going. He thanked Mr. Morris for suggesting the charts.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
Kevin Fanning stated that he is making progress with the tower project in the Haneyville area. He has found space available on an existing tower and will soon be signing a lease agreement. He hopes to have it operational by late Spring or early Summer.	
Scott Johnson asked if there was an update on Pine Haven. Mr. Bossert asked Kathy Conrad to get in touch with Lewis Steinberg and ask for him to give an update at the next Commissioners meeting. Mr. Kyle stated that the residents of Pine Haven have written a letter to Representatives Hanna and Wozniak. Mr. Kyle stated that rumors are going around that the facility is going to be turned into student housing.	
Mr. Yost stated that he received a letter of invitation from Dennis Wolfe, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, for the Farmland Preservation Board. They are celebrating the milestone of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in preserving 350,000 acres of farmland due to the Farmland Preservation Program. The celebration will be held at the farm of Fred and Grace Yearick on Fox Hollow Road in Mill Hall on April 19 at noon .	COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Mr. Kyle stated that there will be an official dedication of the pump station and the equalization tank at 2:00 pm today on Draketown Road. Many of the people who played a major part in the project will be in attendance. It was about a \$3.5 to \$4 million project. In trying to make that happen the Clinton County Sewer Authority was formed. He thanked the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority for building the holding tank. It has also opened up development in the East Nittany Valley corridor in which there have been millions of dollars spent on the Lamar Business Park. He stated that they are pleased to attend. Mr. Kyle stated that they are the trustees for SusqueView. On Tuesday they received a positive report from their independent auditors. The home will have a surplus of \$50,000. He stated that over all of the criticisms that the Board takes, they do look at every issue whether it is good or bad, and do whatever they need to do. SusqueView is one of the few county homes that does not require funding from the county. He stated that in the middle of the year last year it looked like SusqueView was going to have a pretty substantial deficit. He stated that the numbers were down, so they asked the management company to watch the numbers. They made what changes they thought were necessary.	
Mr. Bossert stated that at next week's meeting there will be students from Robb Elementary School here. They are going to invite the Commissioners back to the school to show them their Mobile Ag Lab. It will be at the school for three days next week.	
Mr. Bossert stated that on Tuesday of this week the county had an emergency evacuation drill of the Garden Building. He stated that it was very successful. All employees and visitors were out of the building within 3 minutes. Kevin Fanning stated that he was surprised how well it went. He stated that from the time the fire alarm was pulled until the alarm company notified the Communications Center took only 1 minute 15 seconds. He stated that the emergency responders should be here within 4 to 5 minutes.	
Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 AM seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.	ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.	MINUTES APPROVAL
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Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Porter Township in the amount of \$ 1,911.00 for road repairs. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.	LIQUID FUELS PORTER TWP.
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Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Bald Eagle Township in the amount of \$ 2,486.00 for repairs to Keystone Central Drive. Motion by Mr. Kyle, Seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. LIQUID FUELS  
BALD EAGLE TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 35,498.00 for December 2006 expenses. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. IV-D FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 275,495.10. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Lorraine Arcadipane was in attendance from SusqueView. She asked about the status of Pine Haven. Mr. Bossert stated that they have not heard anything and asked Kathy Conrad to follow up with the County Solicitor. Ms. Arcadipane stated that they have implemented the Look Good Feel Better Program at SusqueView for cancer patients. In the past they had to travel to Williamsport. She stated that the facility has about 139 beds full. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Sheets from Innovative Consulting Group (ICG) was in attendance and gave a brief update on municipal sewer projects. She stated that they have branched out to some new areas. Western Clinton County has attended a meeting and Loganton Borough has attended a meeting. She stated that Western Clinton County has changed their regular meeting dates in order to attend the sewer authority meetings twice a month. She stated that Loganton Borough will also be in attendance. She will be sending out additional letters to some of the other municipalities to show that there is some availability there if they would like to attend and see what is transpiring with the sewer authority from an outside perspective. If anyone needs funding it can be applied for through the sewer authority. Mr. Bossert stated that at the last sewer authority meeting there was a suggestion by the Board of Commissioners that the minutes from the meetings be sent to outside authority members. He stated that there were five authorities identified, Wayne Township, Pine Creek Township, Beech Creek Township, Loganton Borough Western Clinton County. Ms. Sheets stated that there are a number of things as far as equipment that could be used by other entities. She stated that there is equipment that has been scrapped that might be of use. She stated that she will be applying for PennVest funding in the Fall for Castanea Township, Woodward Township and Bald Eagle Township. The total amount will be around \$2 million. Mr. Bossert stated that everything that has been done by the sewer authority has been to address emergencies. Ms. Sheets stated that so far the sewer projects that have been done in municipalities have been done because of immediate need. Ms. Sheets stated that there are two other large counties that have tried to form a regional sewer authority and they have been unsuccessful. She stated that the Commissioners deserve a pat on the back. She stated that in other counties the Commissioners are not willing to stick their necks out. Mr. Kyle asked Ms. Sheets how much money the Commissioners and ICG have saved municipalities and taxpayers. He asked if it was around \$5 million. Ms. Sheets stated that the number is probably closer to \$6 million. Mr. Bossert also stated that the county received Growing Greener II monies that they allotted for several sewer projects. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Yost was challenged the other night at the Borough's Association meeting and Mr. Yost made the comment that they saved the county taxpayers in excess of \$5 million. He stated that a council member from Mill Hall approached him after the meeting and stated that they didn't save them any money. Ms. Sheets stated that she would give the Commissioners a breakdown of the funding.

Richard Morris stated that in McKean County 2 of the 3 sitting commissioners are running for re-election. They are being opposed by 9 other candidates. Almost all of those nine are dedicated to the decision that the commissioners were wrong in hiring a county administrator. There is considerable question as to what the county administrator does that the commissioners don't do. In the meantime, that county administrator has left his \$ 87,000 a year job to go and be the manager of a town in South Carolina that is half the size of Lock Haven. When the commissioners appointed this controller, they decided to forego a portion of their salary to fund it. Those commissioners who are now running for re-election now think that that was not a good idea.

Scott Johnson stated that the county commissioners in Centre County have decided to take over the management of their nursing home. He asked if they thought it was an option for Clinton County. Mr. Kyle stated that Premier Health Services runs SusqueView, the Commissioners sit as the Board of Trustees to oversee the operation. SusqueView is a nonprofit 501c3. He stated that in Centre County the employees at their home are county employees. Centre County is using Premier Health Systems as a consulting firm. He stated that SusqueView, Inc. had a \$50,000 surplus last year because it is run by professionals that they hired. Centre County, through no fault of the commissioners, which are involved on a day to day basis, and at times it becomes more political than it should be. They had to borrow \$1.5 million from their reserve fund to fund the operation of Centre Crest Home. In his opinion, the structure that is in place in Clinton County is proper and is done by professional people. They attend the Board meetings and ratify information that is presented to them. He stated that this Board of Commissioners for the most part is pleased. He does not feel they should be involved in the day to day operation of the home. Mr. Bossert stated that he is very comfortable with the operation of SusqueView. Mr. Yost stated that they had some very serious concerns last year and Premier did a good job at addressing them. He stated that they are doing a remarkable job considering where they were headed a year ago.

Mr. Yost stated that petitions have been made up for House Bill 760. He stated that he and Mr. Bossert figure that there are about 100 million guns in Pennsylvania at \$10 per gun is an awful lot of money. They can only figure that the money will be used in Philadelphia for a mass transit system, 20% for extra police protection, 10% for the crack in the liberty bell, and the remainder will go into their general fund. He encouraged gun owners and the sportsman's clubs to contact their state legislators. This Bill is only going to benefit the criminals if it passes.

Mr. Yost stated that he spoke to Terry Roller from Step, Inc. In the last 4 years in Clinton County, they

were able to amass \$917,561.00 through grants. The County has been able to upgrade over the past 4 years 88 different houses within the county. That same program was able to leverage another \$1 million for their weatherization program. These programs enable the county to keep property values up and the tax base up.

The fourth and fifth grade classes from Robb Elementary School joined the Commissioners meeting at 10:30 a.m. They invited the Commissioners back to the school to see the Mobile Ag Lab. The Lab was at the school for three days. It offered the students many hands on learning opportunities about the importance of agricultural in the community. The Lab is administered by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, and Richard Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert stated that Commissioner Yost was in Harrisburg at a CCAP conference.

Resolution No. 15 of 2007 – Alcohol Awareness Month

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Patty Carroll from Valley Prevention Services was in attendance to accept the resolution. She stated that this is a serious issue in this country. She stated that research has shown that children are becoming addicts at a very early age. New research has shown that alcohol can alter the adolescent brain. It is doing things to the adolescent brain that it does not do to the adult brain. She stated that underage drinking is a big business for alcohol producers. It is marketed to children even though they say it is not. She stated that some of the statistics read in the resolution are local numbers. The 26% of 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders having had alcohol in the last 30 days was taken from local surveys. Also, the 30% of seniors who have admitted to driving under the influence sometime in their lifetime is a local number. Mr. Bossert thanked Ms. Carroll for the resolution and asked what was being done to prevent this. He asked what their remedy was. Ms. Carroll stated that there are laws in place that need to be enforced. The grant she is working with provides for grant money for law enforcement. She stated that formal dances are coming up at the schools and there will be extra officers at the school and out patrolling. There is also an anonymous phone number (888-863-3721) to call to report underage drinking. She also stated that there have been numerous articles in the newspaper in reference to underage drinking and they have had an impact in the community. She stated that the officers are also concentrating on charging the providers of the alcohol. Through the grant in the past 18 months, police have arrested 23 different people. Mr. Bossert also suggested a review of the current curriculum at the schools. Ms. Carroll stated that the schools do have a curriculum and they should be using it soon. It is research based which means it is one that research shows works.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for West Keating Township in the amount of \$ 696.00 for the purchase of stone for Keating Mountain Road. Motion by Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
W KEATING TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 32,370.00 for January 2007 expenses. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

IV-D FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Design Agreement between the Clinton County Commissioners and Kerry Uhler & Associates, Inc. for design services for the Renovo Water Interconnect Project. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Tim Holladay stated that this agreement pertains to separate services having to do with the \$500,000 in CDBG funding. He stated that the scope of services is for the actual river crossing under the river between Renovo and South Renovo, a 60,000 gallon water storage tank in Chapman Township, and for water line replacement in Boroughs of Renovo and South Renovo and the village of Farwell. The Army Corp. of Engineers money will be for the actual interconnect between the high school and the Chapman Township system and some other portions of the system so there is adequate flow within the interconnect. He stated that this money will be paid out of the competitive CDBG grant that is being administered by SEDA-Cog.

DESIGN AGREEMENT  
UHLER & ASSOCIATES

Mr. Holladay stated that the meeting he attended last week with DEP was a very productive meeting. He stated that through the delays in this project, Chapman Township had fallen behind on their consent order and agreement. They had a deadline last fall that they were to be proceeding with the interconnect or applying for PennVest funding to drill more wells. He stated that DEP agreed at the end of the meeting to re-write the consent order and agreement in order to give Chapman Township

more time to get connected, and change the timeline so they were not penalized daily like is being done to some other municipalities. Mr. Holladay stated that DEP was very helpful and cooperative. Mr. Holladay stated that the design agreement is for \$ 30,670. Mr. Bossert stated that this project must have some stern deadlines so it does not fall behind as in the past. He stated that this has to happen this year. The folks up there have been boiling their water for 9 years. Mr. Kyle stated that when he first came on board as a Commissioner 4 years ago, this topic was being discussed. He stated that the relationship this Board has been able to develop with the DEP has had a lot to do with it's success. He stated that the DEP appreciates what they are doing and he hopes the people in those communities appreciate what they are doing.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 159,065.42. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Kyle stated that there were two articles in the paper recently from two entities that are A part of the sewer authority. He stated that he hopes that these folks in East Nittany Valley and Mill Hall who were both reluctant to talk about a grinder system to alleviate the problems at the pump station. It was over finances and certain amount of money. He reminded everyone that there was basically \$3.5 million spent up there. For some reason there is a glitch in the engineering at the pumps. He asked those folks to not be short sited and to reconsider their thinking. It is in the best interest of their customers. He asked that they get back to the table and resolve the problem in order for future growth.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Bossert stated that Amidea Daniel is working on a number of grant applications that she has made requests for. He stated that he has received a letter from the Lumber Heritage Region praising Ms. Daniel for her enthusiasm and hard work, and states that she has already impacted Clinton County.

Mr. Bossert stated that he received notification from Judge Saxton that the Foundation can proceed in filing a petition for a court supervised auction of Pine Haven.

Mr. Bossert stated that he received notification that the FY 2005/2006 child welfare expenditures from the Department of Public Welfare will be reinstated for \$ 261,357.

Mr. Bossert also announced that a new Veterans Affairs Director has been hired. His name is David Bower. He is currently a Cadet Commander in the ROTC program at Slippery Rock University.

Mr. Bossert also reminded everyone that at 10:00 am this morning, the Pennsylvania Ag Land Preservation Board will meet at the Fred and Mary Yearick Farm. At noon there will be a dedication ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of the AG Land Preservation Program in Clinton County. He stated that there are 350,000 acres preserved in Clinton County. The Yearick Farm is what put the numbers over.

Mr. Bossert stated that House Bill 811 has been introduced in Congress. It pertains to HAVA.

Mr. Holladay stated that the bill calls for an entirely new voting system before the 2008 Presidential Election.

Richard Morris asked who sits on the county board of election. Mr. Bossert stated that normally the Commissioners do but since they are up for re-election, the Judge will appoint someone else. Kathy Conrad stated that Judge Saxton has already appointed Miles Kessinger, Tom Mills, Lewis Steinberg and himself.

Scott Johnson asked if the Pine Haven auction would take place in the next two weeks. Mr. Kyle stated that the petition can be filed with the court within the next two weeks. Mr. Bossert stated that there could be some confusion as to who is supposed to file the petition for the auction. Scott Johnson also asked about the voting machines and if they have a printer. Mr. Holladay stated that they do have printers that are attached to get the results off at the end of the night. He stated that this new house bill practically wants us to go back to paper ballots so they can be verified. The other piece of the bill is the privacy issue. They don't want anyone to be able to see how someone voted. Mr. Bossert stated that this Board of Commissioners is totally in compliance with the HAVA. Mr. Holladay stated that he is concerned if this bill passes that there will not be enough funding available this time around.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 AM seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Gallagher Township in the amount of \$ 592.00 for snow removal equipment. Motion by Yost, seconded Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
GALLAGHER TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of David Bower, Veterans Affairs Director

NEW HIRE

effective April 30, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. D BOWER  
Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Bower is very highly qualified for the position. He stated that they narrowed down the candidates to 4 for the final interviews, and all four were highly qualified. Mr. Bossert publicly thanked Dean Wetzler for filling in until a replacement could be hired. Mr. Wetzler stated that he was in attendance at some of the interviews and stated that the Commissioners had a very difficult decision to make, as all of the candidates were very qualified. He stated that he has met with Mr. Bower. He believes that he will work well for the county and the veteran population. He thanked the Commissioners for including him in the interview process.

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:08 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes. SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 354,440.48; Payroll 4/20/07 \$ 309,271.05; Tax Collector Payroll \$ 16,313.95. COUNTY BILLS APPROVED  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

Denise Shoemaker from Leadership Clinton County attended the meeting.

Elisabeth Lynch stated that Bobby Maguire has taken it upon himself to clean up a large section of Route 120. Ms. Lynch reminded the Commissioners that their 2 mile section of the highway on Route 120 that they adopted last year is going to need cleaned soon. Mr. Bossert arranged for the Commissioners to meet at the 40 et 8 next Wednesday, May 2 at 1:00 PM. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
Scott Johnson asked how many miles Bobby Maguire was cleaning up. Ms. Lynch stated that they just had the Hyner Hike/Run, and Mr. Maguire did not want people seeing all of that trash along the road. She stated that the sections of the highway that are adopted only have to be cleaned 4 times a year. Mr. Yost stated that the Bald Eagle Boys Camp also has cleaned sections of Route 120 in the past.

Mr. Morris stated that he attended a Headwaters RC&D meeting in St. Mary's this week. He stated that there are a lot of communities that are attempting to do trails of one kind or another. He stated that this may be an area where some kind of an umbrella program might benefit all of these individual programs to get off the ground. There is more weight and more money in larger projects. He stated that he also tried to discuss the topic of abandoned mine drainage but the room seemed to clear out. Mr. Morris asked if the county had an all embracing storm water management plan. Mr. Bossert stated that the plans are based on the watersheds and their surrounding municipalities. Mr. Morris stated that the next RC&D meeting will be held in Clinton County. He stated that Mary Ann Bower will be coordinating it. It will probably be held in the Learning Resource Center. Mr. Morris thanked the Commissioners for attending Meet the Candidates Night last night at Project Coffeehouse. He stated that he thought the forum went quite well. He stated that many of the people there now understand what infrastructure is. He stated that there is a whole generation of people out there who do not understand infrastructure and how important it is.

Keith Yearick was in attendance and stated that Manatron is in Wayne Township right now and is also finishing up Woodward and Dunnstable Townships. He stated that there are a few Data Collector positions open. Mr. Yearick stated that the next public meeting will be in Crawford Township on May 7. He stated that his office is getting very few calls from residents with questions or concerns. He stated that he will be out of town next Wednesday, but will pass the word at the Courthouse as far as the clean up on Route 120. Mr. Yearick also thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Farmland Preservation Banquet held at the Fred Yearick Farm last week. He stated that it was well attended and the food was very good. He stated that Fred Yearick roasted a pig, and the rest of the food was catered.

Scott Johnson asked Mr. Yearick what percentage of the county had been reassessed so far. Mr. Yearick stated that there have been about 5,000 residential parcels done. There are a total of 23,000 parcels.

Mr. Wetzler stated that the county Memorial Day observation will be at Mill Hall Memorial Park on May 27 at 2:00 PM. He stated that the speaker will be David Bower. The Sugar Valley Community Band has agreed to play a concert starting at 1:30 PM, with the ceremony at 2:00 PM. He is in the process of establishing a list of all veterans who have passed away since last May 15. He stated that there are currently 4,000 veterans in the county and the numbers are going up. He invited the Commissioners to attend the ceremony. Mr. Wetzler also stated that Mr. Bower will be starting employment with the county on April 30, and he has been asked to stay on to train him. The phone number to the Veterans Affairs Office will be 893-4339.

Mr. Yost thanked Mr. Morris for running the meeting last night and stated that he did a good job. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS  
Mr. Kyle stated that the only problem with those forums is that they do not give the candidate a chance to make any argument on their positions.

Mr. Bossert reminded everyone that the Kiwanis Outdoor Show is going on from April 30 – May 5. There will be voting machines at the Republican and Democratic party booths. Keith Yearick stated that there is a voting machine available for view in the Assessment Office in the Courthouse. Kathy Conrad stated that there is a machine in the hall outside of Voter Registration in the Garden Building.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. ADJOURNMENT  
Motion carried.

Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Proclamation – National Foster Care Month  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Jacki Hoy was in attendance and thanked the Commissioners for their support. Ms. Hoy stated that the Foster Care Program won two awards last year. She stated that the Pennsylvania State Foster Parent Association voted Clinton County Foster Parent Association first in the State. Then Clinton County Foster Parents Association nominated Clinton County Children & Youth, and they also won first in the State. She stated that this a pretty significant experience when you compare the sizes of other counties with the size of Clinton County. She stated that she is only as good at her job as her people are just like the proclamation states.

Proclamation – Child Care Provider Appreciation Day May 11, 2007  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Laurie Welch was in attendance to accept the proclamation. She thanked the Commissioners for their support. She stated that she receives a grant each year from the Department of Public Welfare for \$45,000 that is a pass through grant for the county. Mr. Bossert asked who were the partners she is involved with. She stated that she works closely with Headstart, KCSD and the DPW. Jacki Hoy stated that Ms. Welch has also helped her out with training sessions for the Foster Parents. They are required to take 6 hours of training. Mr. Bossert asked if the foster parents were drug tested. Ms. Hoy stated that they are not. Mr. Bossert offered the county's drug policy to use for the foster parents. Ms. Hoy stated that she was willing to meet and discuss it.

Jeff Weiss – Financial Report

Jeff Weiss, from Susquehanna Consulting Group was in attendance to give the 2006 end of year financial analysis. He stated that the county did have a good 2006. The ending fund balance did increase. Cash and investments at the end of the year were approximately \$59,000 lower than in 2005. Receivable which are mostly driven by the prison are \$165,000 higher at the end of 2006 than at years end in 2005. Overall net assets are approximately \$880,000 higher than 2005 year end. In total, the nets assets are slightly over \$1.2 million for the general fund. The Strategic Plan he did in 2004 stated that they were hoping to get to that figure by the end of 2008. The county is about 2 years ahead of schedule. He stated that one thing he did put in his Strategic Plan was that the county did need to rejuvenate its fund balance for numerous reasons, and they are well on the way to doing that. He stated that tax revenues were up about \$380,000 from 2005 and that was without a tax increase. Interest revenue is up over \$182,000. Prison revenue is over budget by \$520,000 and prison expenditures were over budget by \$ 440,000. He stated that the Communications Center is going through the 911 wireless project and they were hoping for more state revenue than what was received, so they were over budget by approximately \$220,000. The Foster Care program was also over budget by \$ 240,000 due to the increase in utilization of foster care home services. These expenditures are mostly covered by increases in grant revenue. He stated that the contingency budget was not utilized resulting in a favorable variance of \$360,000. Overall, 2006 operating results are about \$550,000 ahead of 2005, and exceeded budget for 2006 by approximately \$880,000. Mr. Weiss stated that in 2007 the county did receive some unbudgeted revenue from state forest and state game lands that are in the county, in the amount of \$240,000. He stated that he has created a few graphs in the back of his handout. He stated that the county's debt limitation is around 72%. He stated that there is another graph showing how much Clinton County spent on each function of government. The graph shows how much of the expenses are covered by tax dollars and general revenues and what expenses are covered by program income. He stated that Human Services expenditures from the state and federal government will continue to go up due to unfunded mandates. The percentage of tax dollars required to fund those services will continue to go up. It is just a fact of life that they put more mandates out and give you less money to do it with. He stated that the debt service has continued to go up over the past 3 years. His 2004 Strategic Plan recommended that capital projects be funded through debt and not cash from the general fund. It should be paid for over the span of the capital project. The next graph showed where the tax dollars and general revenues get utilized. In 2006, 29% was for general government, 26% for judicial government, 12% debt service, 13% Human Services, 8% Conservation/Recreation, Prison 0% and 12% Public Safety.

Mr. Bossert asked what percentage is recommended to keep in reserve. Mr. Weiss stated that it should be between 5%-15%, he recommended 10% as a good number. Mr. Bossert asked if the trend in which the county was going, does he anticipate that number for the end of 2007. Mr. Weiss stated that he is anticipating the county will be between \$1.5 and \$1.2 million.

Dan Harger asked about the unanticipated tax income that came into the county. He asked where that

money came from. He asked if the unanticipated monies from the state is going to come in yearly. Mr. Weiss stated that it is yearly. Mr. Harger asked if that money would be returned to the tax payers. Mr. Weiss stated that it would be factored into the revenues at the end of the year in order to do the next year's budget. It could effect the tax rate next year. Mr. Harger asked if the Sheriff's Department was included in the scenario at the prison. He asked if the debt load of the Prison and Sheriff's department are included in the debt load. Mr. Weiss stated that the debt load is not included, but the operating expenses of the prison are included. He stated that the Sheriff's Department is not included in the Prison's budget. Deb Day asked that when the statement is made that the prison is not costing the taxpayers any money, it strictly means operating expenses. Mr. Weiss stated that she is correct. Mr. Kyle stated that the Sheriff's Department is attached to the courts not the prison. He stated that the prisoners that are transported are for court reasons. Mr. Harger stated that that cost is attributed to the prison. Mr. Bossert stated that out of county prisoners are not being transported anywhere by the Sheriff's Department, that county transports their own prisoners. Mr. Harger stated that he is simply saying that transportation costs have increased. Mr. Bossert agreed. Nancy Renninger asked why the authorities in the county are not addressed in this report. Mr. Weiss stated that they are separate entities. The only way they would be addressed is if the county was required to make a contribution. Lewis Steinberg stated that they are independent legal entities. The only thing the county does is appoint their members. They are creations of the state not the county. Scott Johnson asked Mr. Weiss if there was some reason why this report is coming out right now, a 2 weeks before the election. Mr. Weiss stated that it had nothing to do with the election. He usually has it done by the middle of April but was on vacation. Nancy Renninger asked if the taxes for Evergreen Commons are included in this report as revenue or if they are in escrow. Mr. Weiss stated that the money is in escrow. Ernie Renninger asked how much of the \$1.2 million was generated by the tax increase. Mr. Weiss stated that there is no way of knowing that. There are tax increases, revenue sources and budget cuts. There are multiple factors involved. The tax increase does contribute in getting to that number which is where the county needs to be. Richard Morris stated that the balance of revenue over expenditures is about \$59,0000. Therefore the surplus would go into the general fund, and out of the general fund the county pays its debt service. It would be possible to say that the prison is able to service it's own debt. Mr. Weiss stated that he does not have those figures in front of him right now. Debra Day questioned the 2004 financial report prepared by Mr. Weiss. She stated that in the report it stated that the prison was over budget by \$840,000 to so the taxpayers were funding the prison in 2004. Mr. Weiss stated that she is correct. Mr. Kyle stated that in 2004 was when the addition was built at the prison and did not open until late 2004. He stated that 2005 was the first year the prison operated at full capacity. Mr. Weiss stated that if he would compare that \$840,000 to another county this size, that amount would be low to operate the size of the prison. Mr. Weiss stated that the prison is not kept separate. He stated that he does know that it costs nothing to house a prisoner from this county. Mr. Bossert stated that in 2004 when new contracts came up for renewal with other counties, they were reviewed and the cost per day was increased so the numbers would be revenue neutral. Some of those contracts were increased up to \$10 per day. Mr. Harger stated that it is safe to say then that the \$840,000 for the prison was the catalyst for the tax increase. Mr. Weiss stated that he is only looking at one part of the budget, he has to look at all aspects that caused the tax increase. You cannot single out one thing. Mr. Bossert stated that they never tried to determine what the inherited debt came from they just recognized it. Mr. Harger's assumption that some of the debt came from the prison is correct. Mr. Harger stated that now that they are moving forward, that \$840,000 should be a seen as a plus to the county. Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the report. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of Richard Straub, full time Cook at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective May 7, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:55 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 52,013.21. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Kathy Conrad stated that she received a letter regarding Young Author's Day at the Ross Library May 3, 4, and 5.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Conrad stated that she also has a letter from Ernie Renninger addressed to Commissioner Kyle.

Ernie Renninger stated that he had asked to be put on the agenda today. He stated that he and Nancy have lived and worked in Clinton County for the past 30 years. He stated that they have dealt with 100's of realtors and business people and no one has ever called them dishonest except Mr. Kyle. He asked Kathy Conrad that his letter be read into the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Conrad read Mr. Renninger's letter as follows: This letter is dated April 23, 2007 and is addressed to Commissioner Richard K. Kyle, the purpose of this letter is to object to the defamatory statements you made in October of 2006 against our character and reputation. This letter is also for the purpose of setting the record correct and demanding a public apology from you.

Your public statements were made in regard to a bid submitted by me for the purchase of Pine Haven and a real estate appraisal done by Nancy. You wrongly impugned the integrity, ethics, and fair business dealings of both of us. It was perfectly proper for Ernie to submit a bid for the purchase of Pine Haven. By the public advertisement, the Court requested higher bids that that submitted by the County. The advertisements states in part: "...the Court will entertain higher or better offers...". Ernie was unaware of the appraisal or that Nancy did the appraisal until he read the advertisement in the newspaper. Any information that he used in formulating his bid he obtained directly from other sources than Nancy. In one of your public statements you suggested that the fact that Nancy did the

appraisal and Ernie submitted a bid should be referred to the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office is aware of this and has concurred in an open bidding process to be conducted by the court that we suggested and agreed to. You may also be aware that the appraisal was not done for the County. Pine Haven through its president, Thomas Davis, requested and paid for the appraisal. The County had no right to the information in the appraisal other than the ultimate figure for the value. We have evidence that would indicate you used information from the appraisal that you had no right to, e.g. as to actual rent and possible rent. Further, you reported incorrect figures to the Express. We will be present at the Commissioners Meeting on May 3, 2007, and will expect a public apology and response from you. Very Truly Yours, Nancy S. Renninger, Ernest E. Renninger.

Mr. Kyle stated that he has prepared a statement which he read as follows:

Frustrations: First I would like to set the record straight. As Chairman of the Board of Susque-View and my position as a Clinton County Commissioner, I became very frustrated over the two year long negotiations we were having with the owners of Pine Haven. We had originally asked them to convey the property to the county at no cost, since it was built with donations received by the then Lock Haven Hospital, a non profit corporation; therefore, the dollars could be conveyed back to the taxpayers of Clinton County rather than to a for profit company or individual. They in turn told us that their fiduciary responsibility was to establish a reasonable amount for that property that would be acceptable to the Attorney General's Office who had the responsibility for approving any sale of Pine Haven. At that point, I believe they hired Mrs. Renninger to do an appraisal to determine the fair market value for that facility. That price would then be considered a reasonable amount for the sale between the owners of Pine Haven and the county. This information was provided to the county by the owner. At this point, my frustrations were elevated by the actions of the Attorney General's Office and their handling of this sale when they decided they would consider other proposals which were more than the county's, even if just one dollar more. It was wrong on my part to have speculated that Mr. Renninger received his information from Mrs. Renninger, his wife, when in fact he could have received that information from the same source as did the county. The seller has the right to share that appraisal with whom ever they want. In no way did I intend to wrongly impugn the integrity and ethics of Mrs. Renninger. I will withdraw my unreasonable speculation on that matter. Having said that, the county believed the appraisal price gave us an opportunity to facilitate what we believe to be our long range growing obligation to assist the elderly population of Clinton County, before they need the specialized care given at Susque-View. It was also conveyed to us by the owners that they wanted the facility to be maintained for a minimum of ten years for its intended use, that being for elderly residents. That use fell within our long range plans for the operations of Susque-View. The purpose of buying Pine Haven was not for speculation nor should it be, but we could not turn our back on an opportunity which is consistent with our obligation to give care to the elderly population of Clinton County. Real estate transactions are not usually conducted in this manner and our reference to the Attorney General's Office was only to inform them of our frustrations of how this entire matter was handled by their office. I hope this clarifies all those pent up frustrations shared by all. Mr. Kyle stated that he wrote this for everyone's information. He stated that he has had various real estate transactions in this county over the last 10 years and they were with Renninger Realty. He stated that his intentions were never to impugn their integrity.

Mike Flanagan stated that the Partnership was notified they will be receiving a planning grant for the Clinton County Enterprise Zone from the State. The County supported that grant. There are 17 municipalities included now. It is expanding the existing Lock Haven Enterprise Zone to include 17 other municipalities that have the potential for Commercial or Industrial growth. He stated as of July 1, they should have funds to move forward. This will enable them to have low interest funding for potential businesses. The municipalities currently in the Enterprise Zone are Lock Haven, Woodward Township, Bald Eagle Township and Castanea. They will be adding Allison, Avis Borough, Beech Creek Township, Dunnstable Township, Flemington Borough, Lamar Township, Mill Hall Borough, Pine Creek Township, Porter Township, Wayne Township, Chapman Township, Renovo Borough, South Renovo Borough. Mr. Bossert asked what the amount of the grant was. Mr. Flanagan stated that it is for \$50,000. Mr. Flanagan reminded everyone that Croda, Inc. will be having an open house on Sunday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. He stated that the office area and the laboratory is beautiful. They have 125 employees. Mr. Flanagan thanked the Commissioners for the \$4 million loan and a line of credit they guaranteed on April 25, to help the Partnership with the Lamar Business Park. He stated without the County's help, they would have had to piece meal a lot of the work that needs to be done. He stated that they are moving ahead with the infrastructure out at the park. Mr. Flanagan stated that the Heckman Gap road bid is in. The water and sewer lines should be done soon and the water tank should be in soon. Mr. Bossert asked about the site for the water tank. Mr. Flanagan stated that they have decided on a site for the tank. They are waiting to get environmental clearance. Mr. Bossert asked Tim Holladay if they will be within the window for Growing Greener monies. Mr. Holladay stated that they will but should submit a request for the funds as soon as they are ready to move forward with the tank. Mr. Steinberg stated that the county did just guarantee almost \$4 million of Partnership debt; however, \$3.2 million is a line of credit. That line of credit is for the purpose of expending monies prior to obtaining other loans or grants because the way the state works you have to spend it first then they reimburse. The county's exposure with regard to that \$3.2 million is nominal because there are loans that will not be secured by the county and there are grants that will reimburse for the great majority of that \$3 million.

Lorraine Arcadipane stated that she would like to clarify a statement that was made by Joel Long the other night. Mr. Long stated that if Susqueview Home is not full why should the County buy Pine Haven. She stated that Susqueview is a nursing home and Pine Haven is an independent living facility. They are two separate entities. She also reminded everyone of the Downtown Rotary Wing Fest this weekend at Triangle Park from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Craig Fleming was in attendance to give an update on the Hyner View Trail Challenge. He stated that

it was a great success. It was on April 21 at the Western Clinton Sportsman's Association. There were 432 people they started the race. There were 9 states represented. The winner was from Boulder, Colorado. There were 150 people from Clinton County that participated. He stated that there were 35 local sponsors. He stated that they have a website available at hikerun.com. All participants received a free T-shirt. The T-shirt design was done by Alice Tarr.

Mr. Bossert asked Mr. Fleming to pass around the finishers medal for everyone to see. Mr. Fleming stated that everyone that completed the run got one. He stated that they are anticipating around 700-800 people next year since they had so many participants this first year.

Dan Harger stated that for years the tourist committee has been working on a major project for Hyner View. This would tie in with that if they could put the hang gliding events together with some of these ideas. He stated that there is a capital improvement project set to go for Hyner View that has been on the dockets for 10 years. This kind of thing will help with that. Mr. Fleming stated that he has been in touch with the hang gliders and they were there the day of the Challenge. They are speaking with them now about a joint event and possibly tandem jumps. Mr. Harger stated that the project includes a bus turning lane along with improved restroom facilities.

Bob Wise stated that he was unaware of the Hyner View Trail Challenge. He stated that he owned a place in New York at one time and used to travel through Emporium on his way to New York.

He stated that it was a delight to see the Elk. If the Game Commission comes under control and out of the insurance people's pocket, the potential for Clinton County is tremendous. He stated that he knows nothing about Pine Haven or what is going on. He asked if the owners were not successful, why else would they be selling it. Mr. Wise asked if SusqueView was full. Ms. Arcadipane stated that the SusqueView Home has nothing to do with Pine Haven. Mr. Wise also asked if the county did purchase Pine Haven, would it take it off of the tax rolls. He asked what the current taxes on it were right now. Mr. Bossert stated that SusqueView is efficient when there are 136 beds full.

Deb Day stated that the current taxes on Pine Haven are \$52,000 a year. Mr. Kyle stated that the building is actually assessed higher than it should be. Mr. Wise asked if the building is turn key or if it would need some work. Mr. Kyle stated that there are certain parts that will have to be brought up to standards. He stated that last year a sprinkler system was installed, and there are some heat plant issues as they get their heat from the hospital. There are various issues in that whole scenario and they were covered in the appraisal. Structurally the place is sound.

Mr. Renninger stated that there was concern by the people that are still in Pine Haven that if someone besides the county bought the facility, it would be used for something else and they may not have a place to live. He stated that there was also a comment made at a commissioners work session that if someone else bought the property, it could be turned into student housing. He stated he wants to make it absolutely clear that if he and Nancy bought that property, it would be maintained as it is now, for elderly housing. He is not sure where the student housing came from. He stated that originally the Commissioners budgeted \$100,000 for repairs in addition to the purchase price so the county cost to purchase and renovate would be \$450,000 - \$500,000. There would be approximately \$52,000 taken off the tax rolls. If purchased by someone else it would remain on the tax rolls. He stated that Mr. Kyle is right, the assessed value of the property is almost double what it should be. He stated that the county also stated that they would pay in lieu of taxes. The property is not making a profit. He stated that it is not possible to turn that property around and make enough money in excess of \$52,000. Mr. Kyle stated that there was a study done 4 or 5 years ago for SusqueView regarding building additional elderly housing on the property. The study showed that the county could support a 24 bed facility like Pine Haven. The cost to the county would have been about \$4 or \$5 million and the County said no way. So when Pine Haven came up for sale, they were very interested. He stated that Premier Health Care did all of the work and presented it to them. They created a cash flow and he stated that they were not interested unless they were able to pay an amount in lieu of taxes, which SusqueView does now anyway. The study that came back was that they could support it. The study was done by an outside firm. Mr. Renninger stated that originally the county wanted the facility for nothing. He stated that they ended up coming in with a figure that both sides were happy with. Mr. Renninger stated that one of the comments made by Mr. Kyle was that if it was sold to the outside public it should bring in \$500,000 - \$600,000. Mr. Renninger asked if the proceeds from the sale of this property would be going towards the hospital employee retirement fund. Mr. Kyle stated that they are. Mr. Renninger stated that if the county would get the property for \$300,000 or \$344,000, instead of the \$500,000 or \$600,000, they are short falling the retirees of the Lock Haven Hospital out of \$200,000. Mr. Kyle stated that it is not a correct statement because the Foundation at this point is not funded and they are going to have to turn over what is left to the Pension Guaranteed Fund of the United States of America. He stated that the money is not there to fund it. That is the problem they are having and they should have done that 4 or 5 years ago. The hospital, when they made that sale, wanted no part of it. He stated that legally he is not sure the hospital does not have some obligations there. He agreed with Mr. Renninger that if it was built with donations from people from this community, then the county or organization should benefit from the sale. Mr. Kyle stated that he was glad to hear Mr. Renninger say that he if he would buy it, he plans to keep it as elderly housing. He stated that he does not care at this point who gets it. He has nothing to gain personally from it. He stated that they have been dealing with frustrations for months in this process.

Les Robinson stated that he has a few questions for Jeff Weiss. Mr. Bossert stated that he should give his question to Kathy Conrad who will forward it to Mr. Weiss. Mr. Robinson stated that he had asked a question a few months ago and was promised an answer but never got one.

Richard Morris stated that when a building goes from private ownership into public ownership it is coming off of the tax rolls. He stated that if Pine Haven went off of the tax rolls, the burden to the county taxpayers would be one cent per week. The whole of the tax bill for Pine Haven would be four cents per week. Therefore the issue of whether it is on the tax rolls or not is irrelevant when you compare it with the principal of what ought to happen to Pine Haven. He stated that there are two things that really irritate him. One is the current owners of Pine Haven don't seem to give a rats behind what happens to it. They have no concept as to what they should be doing with it. The second thing is

who should be responsible for the growing number of aging in this community. He stated that he tends to disagree with Mr. Kyle. There is an issue as to whether that is a public responsibility or a private responsibility. In his own mind he believes it is a public responsibility until he has seen evidence from other counties that have tried to shift this problem into private ownership. He stated that this is not going to be solved here today but there does need to be discussion that needs to be held on the future of Pine Haven. He stated that this should not be a political football between public and private ownership. It needs to be resolved in a real and meaningful way.

Jeff Weiss apologized for not getting back to anyone that may have had questions that did not get answered. Scott Johnson asked how the auction was coming along for Pine Haven. Lewis Steinberg stated that he has not heard anything. Mr. Bossert stated that the sale is in the hands of the Attorney General. The Attorney General's role is due to the possibility of the funds going to a non-profit organization. The owner needs to have a process that will be acceptable to the Attorney General. He stated that it appears to him that the Attorney General has signed off on the process that would allow for the community at large to submit a bid. That petition authorizing that would go through our local court. The Judge would enter an order saying this is what is going to happen and this is the timeframe. The only entity that can do that is the owner of the property. Mr. Kyle stated that as of yesterday, no petition had been filed. Scott Johnson asked if Pine Haven is required to accept the highest bid. Mr. Steinberg stated that Pine Haven would accept in their opinion what is the best bid in concurrence with the Attorney General. The proposed use of the facility would be taken into account. Bob Wise asked to have Richard Morris' statement clarified. Did Mr. Morris state that the property should go to the county. Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Morris stated that there should be ample amount of discussion and diligence as per direction that they should go considering elderly people and the purpose of this. He did not have an opinion, he was just giving advice to everyone in the room that he thought it was appropriate in considering elderly people. Mr. Bossert did not disagree with him and he does not think Mr. Wise should disagree with him either. Mr. Wise stated Mr. Morris is socialistic and he is capitalistic, but he does not think Mr. Morris should be shoving his socialistic opinions on everyone here. Mr. Renninger stated that Mr. Bossert asked if anyone had any more information regarding Pine Haven. He stated that there was an article in the Express that said Pine Haven was going to be put up for auction and the bids had to be \$2,500 higher than the County's bid. He stated that if the owners or court system would put a contingency on that property that it has to maintain the home for the elderly, it would take care of anyone who is thinking of doing something else with it.

Mr. Kyle stated that there was an article in the paper last night by Mr. Wayne Shultz. Obviously it is election year, but he has made some comments that were so off the wall for someone that is so uninformed about the county pension fund. He stated that the \$3.3 million bond the county borrowed was to help fund the pension fund liability. The county is responsible to make sure the fund is sound. The money in the fund comes from every employee who puts 9% of their salary in each pay. There is an actuarial done each year that shows how much the pension fund needs to be funded. Because of the stock market in early 2000, the report said that it was not 100% funded. At that point they needed to know what the county would need to contribute to make the fund solvent. He stated that each year the number was going up anywhere from \$95,000 to \$400,000 over the past few years. Mr. Weiss stated that in 2011 it would have been up to about \$750,000. The Commissioners decided that rather than tax the taxpayers, they brought in their investors, actuarial and legal counsel and decided to take out a bond to cover the retirement fund ARC each year. He stated that the bond market was good and would yield about 4.5%, so if they could borrow the money at about 4.5% it was a good idea. He stated that the bond percentage is 5.09%. He stated that they are running higher than that right now. If the market would start to go the other way, the investors would move the money. He wanted to stress that the money is not at risk. It is actually earning a great deal more in interest than what is being paid on it. Mr. Kyle stated that the Retirement Board is responsible as the trustees for each employees monies they will receive upon retirement. He stated that when the county went from a paper system to a computerized system in 1999, at no time has it ever been checked out. He stated this year when the county was looking at the retirement, they found a few glitches. He stated that a sampling was made of the entire program and there were some more glitches found. There is no fraud, there is no one taking the money, there is no one stealing the money, but they know they have an obligation to pay a retiree the proper amount. This went on for six weeks when they decided it was prudent responsibility of the Retirement Board to make sure everyone's figures were correct. Right now all of the retirement records are being scanned as a back up. He stated that with the letter in the newspaper, he feels the public should know that they are protecting the pension fund and the employees.

Mr. Bossert reported that the Commissioners have successfully cleaned their 2 mile section of Route 120.

Bob Wise asked if there is a county match for the retirement. Mr. Kyle stated that there is not a match. Mr. Weiss stated that the county has a defined benefit plan. There is a formula driven pension annuity amount that is figured when they retire that is based on salary and years of service. The employees can contribute anywhere from 9% to 19%. What the employee contributes has nothing to do with the county's ARC. There are two different annuities. The member annuity and county annuity. The county portion of the annuity is calculated by an actuary. It is not a percent of salary. The actuary determines how the plan is funded and how much money the county needs to contribute to insure that the defined benefit can be met. That number can fluctuate depending on the market conditions. They use a five year smoothing method. They smooth the market value of the assets based upon the return over the past 5 years. The reason that the beginning of this decade has so drastically affected the pension plan is a couple of years ago was when they got to the years of 2002 and 2003. It dropped off excellent market return years and picked up horrible market return years. It dropped through that smoothing method. It dropped the actuarial valuation of the assets. There is one more bad year to drop. There is a county requirement to fund the plan to ensure the benefits are there. Mr. Wise asked if the additional monies coming in from interest will come back to the taxpayer. Mr. Weiss stated that it will reduce the county requirement to the plan. Mr. Renninger asked what the interest being earned on the plan was. Mr. Weiss stated

that it is around 11%. The employees are earning 5.5% on their retirement funds.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 PM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Karri Hull Recognition: Gina Foresman, Probation Supervisor was in attendance to congratulate Ms. Hall for her work as a Placement Coordinator for Juvenile Probation. She is in charge of the juveniles that are in detention centers. Ms. Hall stated that there are 18 children in placement right now. Mr. Kyle asked what the county cost was of placement per day. Ms. Hull stated that it is anywhere between \$150 - \$300 a day. She stated that there are only 2 Juvenile Probation Officers on staff with the help of two Adult Probation Officers. She stated that the county does get state reimbursements. Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to extend a certification of recognition to Karri Hull. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION  
K HULL

Proclamation – Corrections Employee Week May 6 – 12, 2007

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Bossert stated that they are in support of this Proclamation and are all wearing their correctional shirts they were given. Warden Tom Duran was in attendance and thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the Corrections Officers. He also thanked the Commissioners for their support on the Prison Board. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Kyle asked Mr. Duran if there were any other county prisons in the state that were operating in the black. Mr. Duran stated that Clinton County is the only prison in the state that is not operating in the red. He stated that there are a few that are operating 50/50 and costing their county a lot of money. Renovo Mayor, Don Pagnotto stated that there should be another proclamation for Law Day for the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> honoring all police officers. Mr. Duran stated that there will be some law enforcement officers from the county going to Washington, D.C. this weekend for National Law Day, so the county will be represented there.

Proclamation – Rotary Club of Lock Haven Week – May 14

PROCLAMATION

Rotary member Bob Lynch was in attendance and thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Rotary Week. Also in attendance were Bob Chu, Loretta Coltrane, and Mary Jane Karstetter. Mr. Lynch stated that the Rotary Club was formed in 1921 at the Fallon Hotel. Renovo Mayor, Don Pagnotto stated that two years later the Lock Haven Rotary Club sponsored the Renovo Rotary Club in 1923. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

DCED Grant for Renovo Project – Amidea Daniel was in attendance and announced that the County has received a grant in the amount of \$ 424,866.00 from DCED for the Erie Avenue project in Renovo. She stated that the county is contributing \$75,000 of CDBG funds over the next two years, and the Borough is contributing \$ 25,000. She stated that in the past 20 years, Western Clinton County has received over \$5 million in CDBG funding. The Erie Avenue project will consist of a new road, new sidewalks, lighting, curbing, concrete retaining wall, new tree planting. There is a 50/50 grant program to improve façade improvements to businesses. She stated that the whole project is focused on the historic railroad era of the Borough. Ms. Daniel stated that this is basically step one of the project. It all comes back to partnerships and a cooperative effort. Mr. Bossert thanked Ms. Daniel for the update and stated that they are delighted with her success. Ms. Daniel stated that her counterparts in the Planning Office provided her with many of the statistics. She stated that if you divide the \$5 million by the population census of 2000 for the Western Clinton County area, it comes out \$2,033.00 per person for all of the projects that were completed in the past 20 years. Alice Tarr was in attendance to represent the Heritage Park Committee and the Western Clinton Sportsman Association. She stated that she got involved in both organizations because they are very interested in maintaining the heritage but also using that heritage to move forward, and she thanked the Commissioners for all of their support over the years with all of their projects. She stated that she is looking forward to working with Ms. Daniel for a long time in the future. Mr. Kyle thanked Ms. Daniel for all of her hard work, and stated that this is another indication of the cooperation they have fostered in Clinton County. He stated that those folks here from the government and private sector of Renovo, this is what needs to take place in Clinton County for them to prosper and grow. He stated that over the past 4 years he has seen major cooperation between the organizations. He stated that it is not always easy. He stated that the leaders in municipal government in both Renovo and South Renovo are working hard to make this a reality and the Commissioners are here to support them. Mr. Flanagan stated that he is the acting president of the Partnership right now. He stated that he has heard that there are some rifts between the Partnership and the County. He stated that if there are he wants to know about it. He is not aware of any. He stated that whenever he has come over here and asks for something or needs to talk about something,

DCED GRANT

there has always been cooperation.

Randy Bibey thanked the Commissioners and everyone in the room for their efforts. It will help to make a lot of things a reality in Renovo. Mayor Pagnotto also thanked the Commissioners for their support and also thanked Ms. Daniel for all of her hard work on the project. Dick Thompson also thanked the Commissioners on behalf of Renovo. Mr. Yost stated he wanted to make sure that Mike Hanna and Senator Wozniak were aware of the grant. Ms. Daniel stated that they are aware of the grant. Mr. Yost stated that he appreciates what Mike Flanagan said. He stated that they have always been very cooperative in trying to give them everything they need to do their jobs. He stated that Ms. Daniel's job is very different from the tourist promotion at the Partnership. They promote Clinton County and try to bring people here. Ms. Daniel's job is special. She is out there looking for money so people can fix up their community so when the people do come here it is attractive and they appreciate what they see. This is another side to tourist promotion that needs to be accomplished. He stated that when the Governor came here for the Pennsylvania Wilds, he was a little premature because when people started to come here and were on Route 6, there were no facilities. He stated that this Board of Commissioners believes in countywide cooperation for infrastructure, to commercial to industrial and anything else they can work with. Mr. Kyle stated that tomorrow he will be attending a meeting in Renovo for mental health/mental retardation in the Western Clinton County area, to try to bring them these services. This is a project that those folks have approached them with over the past year. Mr. Bossert thanked all of the people who are participating in this process at this time and they should have great satisfaction that they have accomplished something that is very unique and very special. Mr. Bossert asked how long they have to spend the funds. Ms. Daniel stated that they have three years. She stated that she is hoping to have the project completed within the next 2 ½ years.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to appoint Kathy Conrad, Susan Conway, Michele Kunes and Kathy Merrill to the Recanvassing Board for the May 15, 2007 Primary Election. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RECAVASSING  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the encumbrance of liquid fuels for Beech Creek Borough in the amount of \$ 842.00. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
BC BOROUGH

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Lamar Township in the amount of \$ 3,321.00 for road repairs. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
LAMAR TOWNSHIP

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Levi Zellers, Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective April 20, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
LEVI ZELLERS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of Walter Kutza, full time Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective May 14, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
W KUTZA

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Victoria Cruse Motter, Supervisor of the Family Counseling Program effective May 18, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Kyle stated that this is a loss for the county. He stated that she just received her degree for Family Counseling and she is leaving to look at some other avenues in her life. He is sorry to see her go, she was an asset to the county.

RESIGNATION  
V MOTTER

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of Sonya Wolfrom, Senior Counselor to Supervisor in the Family Counseling Program effective May 21, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

TRANSFER  
S WOLFROM

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of Tina Deavor, Counselor to Senior Counselor in the Family Counseling Program effective May 21, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

TRANSFER  
T DEAVOR

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the additional role for Erin Rutt, Big Brother Big Sister Coordinator to Coordinator for the Second Mile Program effective May 14, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADD'L DUTIES  
E RUTT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of Rochelle Oswald, part time Assistant to full time Case Manager in the Big Brother Big Sister Program effective May 14, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

FT STATUS  
R OSWALD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to consider the hiring of Candace Clauss, full time Children & Youth Case Manager effective May 14, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
C CLAUSS

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:52 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert stated that they have just gone through a lengthy reorganization in various departments. There are 8 personnel changes. They are in great anticipation that these arrangements and reassignments continue the efficiency of that department. They are looking

forward to working with these individuals in the capacity that they have and are anticipating greater services for folks in Clinton County. Mr. Kyle stated that the Case Manager position of Candace Clauss is a newly created position and is a much needed position due to the caseload. Scott Johnson asked what the reimbursement rate was for these positions. Mr. Kyle stated that it was 70% from the state and feds and 30% from the county. However, over the last 2 years the state and federal government has shortchanged the county about 18% which then gets pushed back onto the county taxpayers. Mr. Yost stated that the county has lost about 40% of the funding for juvenile detention centers.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 164,093.00; Payroll 5/4/07 \$ 306,314.11 Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Kathy Conrad stated that she received notice from PennDot that state bridge SR3003 between Avis and Jersey Shore has been closed due to safety concerns.

Mayor Pagnotto asked about the heavy equipment First Quality will be moving through the area. Mike Flanagan stated that there are going to be some traffic tie ups. They have a certain route they will follow. They will be going the wrong way on Route 220 for a few miles. Scott Johnson stated that it has been changed to Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Johnson asked about the recent decision for Evergreen Commons. Mr. Bossert stated that he was not aware of it until right now. Scott Johnson stated that the Judge has decided that he will not review the re-argument the Commissioners filed.

Mr. Johnson also asked about the latest lawsuit with the District Attorney. Mr. Kyle stated that Jason Williamson, the court stenographer, stated that due to the lengthy transcript, it could take 3 months to transcribe the hearing. They expect to hear something probably in early Fall. Mr. Bossert stated that it would take 90 days to prepare the transcript, then there is 45 days to respond, then another 30 days. Mr. Bossert stated that it would be about 6 ½ months from the hearing. Mr. Kyle stated that the hearing was on March 6, 2007.

Scott Johnson asked how many houses have burned in Renovo in the past few months. Randy Bibey stated that they have had 10 fires in the past 2 months. Mr. Bibey stated that they have had Rick Vilello, Code Enforcement Officer up to the Borough to look at the houses to see if they were salvageable. Even if they are salvageable, it is up to the homeowner to decide what they want to do. Dick Thompson stated that the Borough has an Ordinance in place to hold the insurance money until the property is rebuilt or torn down. Randy Bibey stated that they have had to get aggressive lately with residents who do not want to keep their properties clean and take care of the neighborhood. There is a problem with a lot of absentee landlords. He stated that they filed 31 warning citations in the past 2 weeks. Since then, they have seen a lot of progress. He stated that each day it is not cleaned up they are subject to a fine.

Scott Johnson asked who decides if a property needs cleaned up. Mr. Bibey stated that it is basically common sense. There should not be bags of garbage lying around. He stated that they are trying to follow the City's lead. Dick Thompson stated that there were 15 citations for junk vehicles.

Mr. Bibey stated that the gentleman who purchased the old school at the Judicial sale is getting ready to go into the phase of bringing in people to dismantle the school. He stated there were no vehicles sitting behind the school, in three weeks time there are now three junk vehicles sitting there.

Someone is dropping off junk vehicles in the Borough. Mr. Kyle stated that he spoke to Rick Vilello last night and he stated that there should be kudos given to the Renovo Fire Department. If they had not responded as quickly as they had, the whole block would have burned. Mr. Bibey stated that a policeman actually saw the fire and helped the fireman as soon as they got to the scene. Mr. Bibey stated that they recommended a commendation be placed in the officers file last night.

Mr. Yost reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle commended the mayor and council people for their cooperation and leadership in the Borough. Dick Thompson stated that they have recently had some cooperation with the City. They had a police cruiser break down in Renovo, and the City brought them one to use until they could get it repaired.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 AM seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Proclamation – American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Amy Weaver and Beth Knarr were attendance to accept the proclamation. They thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Relay for Life. Ms. Weaver stated that the Relay

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for Life will be held on May 19 and 20. This year it will be held at Riverview Park in Woodward Township. She stated that it will start at 10:00am on Saturday. There is a Survivor's Dinner Saturday at 6 pm followed by a victory lap. There will also be a butterfly release at 3pm at the Bucktail Medical Center called Wings of Hope. Monarch butterflies can be purchased for \$10.00 in memory or in honor of a cancer survivor. Mayor Vilello will be speaking at the opening ceremonies. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the encumbrance of liquid fuels for Beech Creek Township in the amount of \$ 2,205.00. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
BC TOWNSHIP

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Richard P. Vilello, Jr. to the SEDA Foundation Board for a one year term. This is a replacement for Marci Williams. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

BOARD APPT.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the rehiring of Joan Welfling, Microfilmer/Scanner/ Clerk Typist II in the Prothonotary's Office effective May 14, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

REHIRE  
J WELFLING

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:16 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 148,474.27; Payroll 5/18/07 \$ 307,744.60 Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Kathy Conrad stated that on May 21 there will be a work session.

Mr. Bossert asked that agenda's and work session schedules, along with a list of committees that the commissioners sit on, be sent to all commissioner candidates so they can get up to speed.

Richard Morris stated that he has observed this Board of Commissioners quite closely for more than 2 years now. He stated that he has never seen them take or contemplate any action that they have not carefully evaluated and judged to be in the best interest of the citizens of the County. He congratulated Mr. Bossert on his success in the Primary. He thinks it is a personal sadness and it bodes ill for the county that citizens who have not observed them as closely as he has judged your colleagues differently. He believes that judgment is perverse. He stated that you could probably comb the streets for a week and you would not find anybody who would tell you that they voted against you because Mr. Poorman told them to, but that does not even matter. People who offer themselves as public servants do not deserve that kind of crude political assassination. It relied on the same kind of porage of half truths and fabrications that 2 years ago rocketed the government study commission to prominence. It was a shame that it happened then, it is a disgrace that it happened now. It is taint upon its author and its a stain upon the work of the puppet operation across the street. It dishonors those and it does no dishonor to you. Mr. Morris stated that he hopes they will not be discouraged from continuing to render whole heartily their service for this county for the balance of their terms. If you adopt Mr. Poorman's doctrine that success in private business is a prerequisite for being a county commissioner, then at least we will get the democratic majority on the next board of commissioners. He stated that it is probably no consolation to you, but you deserve much better. He stated that the county will regret the decision that they have made.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Morris for his comments. He stated that his statements are very appropriate and on point. It is gratifying when somebody shows appreciation for the efforts they have done. There is no question in his mind that this board has made unquestionable contributions to this county and his thoughts not being fathomed may take time. Looking backwards on this board, he thinks time will judge that this board did their job and they did it with class and imagination. It is unusual to find a working group as county commissioners who have created the amount of success they have. Criticism is easy. He is pleased and thankful that he had the opportunity to work with these two guys as unselfish as they were and who worked as hard as they did. It is his loss, but he is sure these two guys will go on to bigger and better things with the talent and tenaciousness about them, they will be successful and he wishes them well. We still have them for another 6 months so they will be challenged as they have in the past.

Scott Johnson asked Mr. Yost if he would like to make a comment. Mr. Yost stated that he has lifted himself above the class of people that rallied against them. A lot of what Richard Morris said was the same with Harry Truman when he left the Presidency. Just about everyone hated him because he had to make the hard decisions. They too had to make the hard decisions and they made them and it cost them. In time, with a new set of commissioners, they will find out just what kind of a good job they did. He stated that he hopes they can all work together as well as he, Tom and Rich have. He stated that there is life after death. He plans to fish, hunt, raise more rabbits and have a good time. One thing they haven't done is kill him. He stated that his family worked so hard.

COMMISSIONERS  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle congratulated all of the winners that ran for office. There is a lot to learn in the county, and it is the way of the political life. It is the democracy of our country. They sat up there and said if people don't like us vote us out. That appears to be what took place. He stated that his biggest issue is personalities. He believes they took it on the chin personality wise. Time will only tell how much their work meant to Clinton County. He hopes the new commissioner candidates will find the time, which at this point he has not seen them show any interest other than they want to be commissioners. They need to come

here and learn what we do. He really appreciates Richard's comments. He stated that when Mr. Morris first came around they were a little skeptical and thought he might belong in the enemy camp. He quickly learned over a period of time with a lot of conversations with him that he was interested in government. He has the time and interest as to what is going on. He wished more people would do it. He stated that Mr. Morris is a true observer and took criticisms from the government study commission for his comments there when they left him speak. He feels they could have been well served had they learned to listen to some of his comments. He stated that he was well served listening to some of his comments about what they do. He appreciates his remarks and his attendance at their meetings and the government study commission meetings. Mr. Kyle stated that he makes no apologies to anybody in Clinton County for his actions during his period of time in office. He will continue to serve and do the right thing for Clinton County. He has never done anything that benefited him personally. There are no rewards on this job. There are no lobbyists slipping them thousands of dollars, there is no one giving them lots of kudos for what they do. He stated that Harry Truman said the buck stops here, and he agrees with him, the buck stopped here for the past five years as far as he is concerned and he is proud of what he did and he would do it again. He is proud of the employees who work for the Clinton County. They work hard. The people who criticize the employees don't have a clue what they put up with. He appreciates all of them and he does not even know their political affiliation. He stated that when the union contract was opened 18 months ago he is very proud that they did it and he is glad that these people are being rewarded in a proper manner. He stated that he does not think that the people who do public service get the credit they deserve. He hopes that the new people coming here realize quickly what kind of job and what kind of support they will need from these folks. He heard a comment the other night at a meeting that what got him into hot water was that he was outspoken. He is glad he is outspoken. You hear everyday how politicians lie and talk out of both sides of their mouths. He doesn't talk out of both sides of his mouth and never has. He is proud that he can live up to his convictions to do what he thinks is right. He stated that Adam and Joel will have a lot to learn. He cannot say much about the other party nominees because he thinks that is a very poor choice. At least his party put up good candidates and they beat him and so be it. The person that was put up on the other side of the party has been a divisive person in this community, and has cost the Partnership thousands of dollars because of his mouth, he doesn't know what he is talking about and there are people out there in the community who are supporting him. He takes great exceptions to him and he will haunt him if he has to. He also made a comment the other night criticizing the government study commission. He wants to apologize to Coreena Meyer, Kathleen McQuaide, Terry O'Connor, June Houser, Mike Hanna, Jr. and Richard Novosel. He believes that these candidates took the job on the study commission to try to do the right thing. He does not agree with all of their decisions, but he believes those individuals went there with an open mind to try to do the right thing. He believes that Deb Day, Ernie Renninger, Dr. Wise Lester Robinson and Dan Harger did not have an open mind. Outside of Dan Harger, those people represented large land owners and people who had a lot to gain by changing the form of government so that they can control what goes on in this courthouse. In his mind, that will be the biggest shambles that ever happened if they get an appointed executive. With three commissioners you can vote them out but with an appointed executive, you cannot vote him out. If you have 5 members that sit in these offices, they will only be ratifying what the county executive says. If he is elected that is a different story, you can counter balance that. But those other people had their minds made up when they went in there. The people in this community are being hoodwinked by them and the other person who is not on there but is behind it is Mr. Poorman. He does not believe Mr. Poorman's article beat him. When he ran his campaign he did not attack his opponents and he commended them for not attacking him. He invited the commissioner candidates to all meetings so they don't come in here in January and try to learn this job. He stated that it is a good 12-14 month learning process. He doesn't believe you need professionals to do this job, you need common sense, and a willingness to learn. The President of the United States didn't go to college to learn to be President. You have to be willing to listen to people and make good common sense decisions.

Scott Johnson asked Mr. Kyle why he was not going to the CCAP meeting. He stated that it does not serve the county well and it costs the county money for him to go. There is no reason for him to spend a couple hundred dollars. He can represent the county right here. Scott Johnson asked if they had contemplated a write-in campaign in the Fall. Mr. Yost and Mr. Kyle stated that they are not considering it at this time. Mr. Yost stated that if he would run a write in campaign, it would only benefit his opponent. All of his backing will go to Mr. Bossert now. He feels evil won over good. Mr. Kyle stated that he is a democrat and he will back the two democratic candidates. He will also be a major supporter of Tom Bossert. He stated that he and Tom Bossert have formed a friendship that will last. He stated that this County needs Tom Bossert as one of the county commissioners this November because it is going to take someone to provide the kind of leadership that he has shown. Mr. Kyle stated that it has been a pleasure working this board and it's been fun. Mr. Yost stated that they are still going to get things done by the end of the year.

Mr. Johnson asked about the appeal for Evergreen Commons. Mr. Bossert stated that the only information they have is what they read in the paper. Mr. Bossert stated that they will have an official review of the decision at Monday's work session. Mr. Johnson asked about the status of Pine Haven. Mr. Yost stated that it is in Pine Haven's hands to petition the local court for public auction.

Mr. Kyle stated that they will be attending a Susqueview Luncheon today at noon to honor the volunteers. There is one gentleman who volunteers more hours a year than what most people work.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Old Business:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the job title change for Joan Welfling, Microfilmer/Scanner/Clerk Typist II to Microfilmer/Scanner in the Prothonotary's Office effective May 14, 2007. Mr. Steinberg stated that what was negotiated and agreed to by Sherry Yarrison, the county and the union did not include Clerk Typist II in the title. Ms. Yarrison's letter stated that Ms. Welfling would be a Microfilmer/Scanner. Mr. Steinberg stated that it would put the county in an extremely awkward situation if it were to be grieved. Kathy Conrad stated that on last weeks agenda under personnel it was inadvertently put on the agenda as a Microfilmer/Scanner/Clerk Typist II. The Clerk Typist II was an error. That is why on today's agenda under old business it is being corrected. Mr. Steinberg stated that Ms. Welfling is not a Clerk Typist II. Mr. Bossert asked if she was a Clerk Typist before. Ms. Conrad stated that she was a 1st Deputy before. Mr. Bossert suggested that the motion be tabled until they walk through this again. Mr. Kyle asked if there was a job description for a Microfilmer/Scanner. Susan Conway stated that a new job description was created for that position. Mr. Steinberg recommended tabling the motion for the next meeting so this can be discussed. Mr. Yost made a motion to table the issue for further discussion. Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert suggested they meet after this meeting is over. Ms. Yarrison stated that she would like her solicitor at the meeting. Mr. Bossert suggested that Ms. Yarrison set up the meeting with Kathy Conrad. Ms. Yarrison stated that she would also like to have Gail Gephart and Pat Edwards at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Flemington Borough in the amount of \$ 1,528.00 for a street project. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
FLEMINGTON BORO

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Castanea Township in the amount of \$1,473.00 for road repairs. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
CASTANEA TWP

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 165,708.84. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Richard Morris asked if the Commissioners had a copy of the employee survey that was conducted by the government study commission last year. Kathy Conrad stated that she will look for the report. Mr. Morris also suggested that all of the services that the county provides should be promoted between now and November, not what it costs to run the county. He stated that it is time that the people start to understand what the county government does and why. Mr. Bossert agreed with Mr. Morris.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deb Day was in attendance to present 2 copies of the Home Rule Charter for review by any citizens who may want to read it. She also presented a copy of it on CD for the IT Department to place on their website.

David Harger read a letter on behalf of his father, Dan Harger as a rebuttal to Mr. Kyle's comments made at last weeks commissioners meeting. Mr. Harger read his statement as follows: The reason I am here today is in direct response to some quotes that were in an article that were printed in the Express last week after the Commissioners meeting. If these quotes are accurate, I find that the statements made by Mr. Kyle to be unwarranted, and I am here to defend my fathers honorable record as any son that loves his father would do. As you can see, my sister Elizabeth is also here as well to show her support for him. My father, Dan Harger is a man of honor, integrity, selfless service and he is one of the hardest working, caring giving people in Clinton County. He has spent more time and more effort working for the County than any current commissioner or any candidate for commissioner and I will challenge anyone to prove different. He has been active in tourism, infrastructure, employment, roadways, industry, and sportsmen's issues in Clinton County for over 40 years. Second, I take direct issue with Mr. Kyle's statements last week and do not appreciate that they were not factual but also totally unnecessary. In fact, he should consider his emotional rhetoric and publicly apologize. Mr. Kyle, I challenge you to come up with any support for your opinion that Dan Harger has cost the Partnership money. Sir, the facts are that my father has worked for the Partnership since its inception and has done this tirelessly and he has saved the county unknown thousands of dollars in their endeavors. He has been at the forefront of almost every major project in Clinton County and has done all of this as a volunteer. I am also sure that Mr. Kyle did not come to regular commissioner meetings prior to taking office to see how things worked. But the fact is that dad has been to countless meetings over the years for a wide variety of issues. Third, as far as Mr. Kyle's comments about the study commission, it was the desire of the voters of Clinton County, not Dan Harger that voted in the study commission. The voters have spoken and

they asked for change. They wanted an independent look at the way things are done. That is the desire that my father brings into it, nothing personal just an honest look at the way things are and ways they possibly could be done better. It has been Mr. Kyle with his comments that have now made it personal not Dan Harger. In the end it will be up to the voters of Clinton County to decide the path they will take, not Dan Harger. Mr. Kyle is not being a divisive person as you claim, this is how he managed leadership. Fourth, I, myself found the article in the Express by Mr. Steve Poorman prior to the election also was not warranted. There was no need for cartoons. We can disagree on issues and they are always open to debate. I would never endorse such types of articles and I feel people should be judged fairly on the facts and let the voters decide on merits not mud. With this being said, I find that Mr. Kyle's comments may have lowered himself into a category that he may be uncomfortable with. In closing, the members of this board are either part of my family or have been my good friends for years. I have never missed the opportunity to greet each one of you with the respect and dignity you rightfully deserve. Although I may not have always agreed with all of your decisions on certain issues, I feel it does not give me the right to make ugly statements against you on the grounds of disagreements. You should be proud of your honorable service to Clinton County and in the end you being gracious or you being spiteful can define you in defeat. It is up to you on how you want people of Clinton County to remember your service. Gentleman, I thank you for your time, thank you for your valuable services and God Bless Clinton County.

Scott Johnson asked for clarification on Ms. Welfling's position. Mr. Bossert stated that they will need to meet and discuss the issue with each party before they make any decisions. He asked Ms. Yarrison who her solicitor was. Ms. Yarrison stated that it is Paul Ryan.

Mr. Kyle stated to Mr. Harger that he will stand by the comments he made last week. He made a political statement just as Mr. Harger has now done.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Old Business:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the job title change for Joan Welfling, Microfilmer/Scanner/Clerk Typist II to Scanner and any other related duties to the Office of the Clerk of Courts and Prothonotary effective May 14, 2007.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS  
J WELFLING

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the encumbrance of liquid fuels for Wayne Township in the amount of \$ 1,302.00. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
WAYNE TWP

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Rachel McKernan, Summer Assistant at the Cooperative Extension Office effective June 4, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

PT NEW HIRE  
R MCKERNAN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of Noah DeCapria, full time Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective May 29, 2007.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
N DECAPRIA

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Terry Butts, Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective May 25, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
T BUTTS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of John Lodek and Brad Moore, Summer Interns in the Assessment Office effective June 11, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Keith Yearick was in attendance and stated that that these two individuals have been doing assessment work for the county every summer for about 5 years now. This summer they will be verifying the data collection on the reassessment side and also going out in the field to check on building permits. Mr. Yost asked if they would be paid out of Keith's budget or the reassessment bond. Mr. Yearick stated that their salaries are in his budget. It would be up to the board to decide if they should be taken out of the bond. Kathy Conrad requested that they look at the balance of the bond before making a decision today. She stated that there is going to be ongoing costs for mailings. Mr. Bossert asked what date the interns would be finished working, Mr. Yearick stated that it would be around the middle of August.

NEW HIRES  
J LODEK  
B MOORE

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:13 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 122,950.21. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Jamie Aurand, CEO at Susqueview was in attendance to announce that there will be a rededication ceremony on June 11 at 2 pm for the homes 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will also be a street fair on June 15 from noon to 3pm. Mr. Kyle has agreed to participate in the pie throwing contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Yearick gave a reassessment update. He stated that next week there are 5 borough and township meetings scheduled. The reassessment project is going very well. They are in Greene Township right now and are getting ready to start Porter Township. The meetings next week will be in Colebrook Township, Beech Creek Township, Gallagher Township, Allison Township and Beech Creek Borough. Mr. Yearick stated that he would give the schedule to the commissioners at Monday's Steering Committee meeting.

Susan Conway asked if the city was done being reassessed. Mr. Yearick stated that the majority of residential properties are done. The commercial and industrial properties still need to be done.

Mr. Bossert thanked Adam Coleman for attending the meeting and showing an interest.

Scott Johnson asked if the funding for the summer interns in assessment was decided today. Mr. Bossert stated that they need to look at anticipated costs for the reassessment. There are already commitments made for the bond but at this point they don't have hard figures. Mr. Johnson asked about the past actions taken for Joan Welfling and her job title. He asked if her firing was termed unjust. Mr. Bossert stated that it was. Mr. Johnson asked how much Ms. Welfling's would be paid in back pay. Kathy Conrad stated that the difference between her unemployment and her wage is \$6,833.68. There are also insurance premiums that the county is responsible for. Mr. Bossert stated that there is also additional costs because there are 5 people in that office now. The fifth person was brought on almost immediately upon termination of Ms. Welfling. There is almost a 20% increase in that office now. Mr. Bossert stated that by this time you can see that he is fed up with this issue. They are constantly stirring and stirring the pot. He hopes that at this point in time they are able to move forward. Mr. Johnson asked if the county was able to trim the staff by one. Mr. Kyle stated that the most disturbing thing about the whole matter is that this board of commissioners will be criticized for what goes on there. He stated that the commissioners have little or no control over what happens in that office. They do not have direct responsibility of the personnel in that office, however they do have direct responsibility of what happens. In his opinion, that is unfortunate. They have had proper legal counsel in this matter and have looked at the issues and this is what they are stuck with. He stated that he takes no responsibility nor should Tom or Bud. Mr. Johnson asked that when doing the budget for next year, will they recommend that the office be cut back to 4 staff members. Mr. Yost stated that the Prothonotary's Office had a problem with record storage. With the records being scanned now, the back up records can be moved to the storage barn. He stated that even though there is a fifth person in that office, she is performing a service that could have cost the county a lot of money to do. Mr. Bossert stated that all of the staff in that office already have the Scanner title in their job description. Mr. Johnson stated that the office will be over budget now. Mr. Johnson stated that the commissioners did finalize the termination when it was on the agenda. Mr. Kyle stated that they confirmed it. Mr. Johnson asked about the status of Pine Haven. Mr. Yost suggested he contact the members on the board at Pine Haven.

Mr. Bossert stated that there was another tragedy in Renovo. Apparently 2 or 3 more structures have burned with a possible fatality. He stated that as commissioners they need to be aware of the fact that Renovo is struggling. There have been 14 structure fires in Renovo in the past year. He stated that these dilapidated structures have the potential to injure people and are health and safety issues. As county commissioners they are responsible for health and safety issues. The people in Renovo need to know that this present board of commissioners is aware of the problems that they face and also be aware that this board of commissioners will assume as much of the responsibility to correct this problem as possible. They have already begun this morning to work through this process.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle thanked Adam Coleman for attending the meeting. He encouraged him to attend as many meetings as he can. Mr. Kyle stated that it is ludicrous in his mind that they have gone almost 4 years and nothing has happened with Pine Haven except money being drained out of the assets of that property. He cannot understand why no one can get answers. There are all kinds of issues that can be resolved and no one moves forward. It doesn't make sense when people have a fiduciary responsibility, why they don't move forward. He stated that Mr. Renninger came to the meeting a few weeks ago and stated that if the county bought it for \$350,000 it would not fund the pension fund. It is the responsibility of the board of directors who drained the fund, not the county commissioners. They offered to take it off their hands and put it in the hands of the people of this community. He believes that piece of property was built with donations from this community and that piece of property should be conveyed back at a reasonable price, which was established, to the county for the residents of this county and not to private enterprise. Maybe that is one of the reasons it is being held up. Maybe they feel that another board of commissioners would like it

to happen that way. He feels that this issue should have been resolved 6-8 months ago. Our Attorney General has dropped the ball from day one as far as he is concerned. He stated that he looked at the original ad in the paper that stated what the facility was appraised for, what the county offered, and that they would consider any other bids. There was a bid of \$1,500 over the county's bid and they think that should go to private enterprise. He stated that the people of this community are being hoodwinked.

Mr. Johnson stated that he saw Richard Thompson in Mr. Bossert's office this morning. Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Thompson was concerned about the burned out buildings in Renovo and wanted to understand what can be done. He stated that they are in the process of exploring the possibility of reassigning CDBG monies that are available. They may need to redirect some monies that were allotted in Renovo. He stated that they assured Mr. Thompson that they would do that. Mr. Yost stated that this is a very odd time of year for fires and he hopes that the fires are being thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Proclamation: Susqueview Home 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Lorraine Arcadipane was in attendance to accept the proclamation. She thanked the Commissioners for the recognition. There will be a rededication ceremony on June 11, 2007 at 2pm, and a street fair on June 15 from noon to 3pm. Mr. Kyle stated that they had their formal board meeting on Tuesday at Susqueview, and it was reported that their financial status is very good. He stated that Clinton County has been fortunate to be able to run the home without using county tax dollars. He stated that he feels it is the county's obligation to own, run and manage that facility for the citizens of Clinton County. Ms. Arcadipane stated that Whitetail Terrace is now full. Mr. Yost stated that the turn around at Susqueview in the past year has made Susqueview a very sound facility.

Resolution No. 16 of 2007 – USDA Housing Preservation Grant Application  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Amidea Daniel was in attendance and stated that this grant is in conjunction with STEP, Inc. and is for \$150,000. It will be for low income housing rehab projects in Renovo. The projects will focus on individuals who are 65 years old or older. Ms. Daniel stated that they will also be applying for a Home Grant in the Fall for \$500,000 of which \$350,000 of it will also be used for the Renovo area. There is a county match required and they will be requesting to use Act 137 funds for the match. Tim Holladay stated that STEP has been doing a wonderful job with housing rehab as well as with all of the other programs that the county has partnered with them. They now have 4 or 5 funding sources and have packaged enough programs so that STEP does not have to turn anyone away. There is a tremendous waiting list in Clinton County, right now there are 50 homes on the list from Renovo. There is definitely a need there.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 57,193.00 for February and March 2007 expenses. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Adam Coleman asked what type of expenses it covers. Mr. Kyle stated that it covers expenses in the domestic relations department.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 111,241.48; Payroll 6/1/07 \$ 322,883.30. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Lorraine Arcadipane stated that there were 32 people from the senior center this morning for bingo. She stated that they are upset with Mr. Yost that the senior center is still not completed and it is going to be smaller. Mr. Yost stated that the center is not going to be smaller. He stated that they originally tried to get the architect to see if they could make use of the whole building. He stated that there would have been a lot of remodeling to do that would have been expensive. He stated that they are waiting for new plans from the architect. Ms. Arcadipane also stated that there were 32 people present last night to hear Dr. Alexander Moya, who is a plastic surgeon, speak.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Runkle asked about the good financial status for Susqueview and if there were any solid figures. Mr. Kyle stated that their meetings are public and he should attend them. Mr. Bossert stated that they do not have the records in front of them right now. Mr. Kyle stated that it is difficult to answer

that question when they are only 5 months into the year. It is positive right now, but in September the numbers could be down. Right now they are running ahead in revenue and a little ahead in expenditures. Mr. Runkle stated that the Express will probably be covering the rededication ceremony next week, and it would be nice to have those numbers. Mr. Kyle stated that it will probably be reported in percentages instead of numbers as it is all based on reimbursements. One of the problems facing Susqueview is that the state only wants to give a 2% COLA to operating homes, and Susqueview's expenses are 6%. The state is putting it back on the county to make up for the shortfall. He stated that this is just another unfunded mandate.

Amidea Daniel stated that the Community Trade Association, Western Clinton County Cog and Renovo Borough have all sent letters of support today for the USDA grant application. This will show that the county has community support.

Tim Holladay stated that at 2:00 PM this afternoon there will be a shad release at Bald Eagle Creek boat launch in Castanea. Mr. Bossert asked about the status of the fish ladders. Mr. Holladay stated that they are still under design and the process is moving forward. He stated that he would try to get an update for next weeks meeting. There are plans to redo the Williamsport dam and the Sunbury dam. Mr. Holladay stated that there was money set aside to build fish ladders at Tidlow dam and Bald Eagle Creek dam.

Mr. Yost thanked Ms. Daniel for her work on the Renovo projects and stated that she is doing a nice job. Ms. Daniel stated that it all comes down to the partnerships that have been formed. It cannot be done with just one person.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle stated that he would like to make a public apology to Richard Morris for the remarks that were made about him in the local paper. He stated that it has sunk to an all time low for the paper to print an article such as that. Mr. Morris is not a public figure although he attends all of the meetings. He stated that he appreciates Mr. Morris' presence and input at the meetings. He stated that Mr. Morris was one of the few people besides the school board that understood Act 72 which is now Act 1. He was asked to be the chairman of that commission and to decide how that money should be spent, and whether it should be an earned income tax. The community seems to have a few individuals who want to print misinformation or mistruths, and he objects to that as it influences people in this community by arousing undue suspicion on how government actually runs. He feels bad about that and blames the local media because they want to sensationalize on it. Mr. Yost stated he recently spoke with a few school board members who feel the same way about Mr. Morris and are very appreciative of his input. Mr. Kyle stated that he will be here for another 6 months and he will have his opportunity to speak about that. The voting citizens, which is about 35% are deciding the future of Clinton County, not every voter. However, voters need to have the ability to understand what government does here in Clinton County. The present form of Clinton County government should be considered. All we have heard in the past year and a half is what they want to change it to, there has never been anything defined as to what is wrong. The government study commission only brings up one issue and that is for the county treasurer to collect all of the taxes. That is the only thing mentioned in their report that is wrong with the county. He stated that the county commissioners feel the same way. However, there are laws in this state that do not allow them to do that. The county has been willing to step up and collect the taxes for any municipality that does not have a tax collector. Mr. Kyle stated that people need to read and understand what is in the report. There will not be a money savings, that has never been defined. In the six counties that are home rule, it has not been proven to save money. If people don't like the way the commissioners run it they will replace them like they just did. He believes the new members of the board will be able to run the county. They will have to work at it and learn like everybody else. This county does not need a change in the form of government and he believes the media has a responsibility to print the truth not just their opinions.

Mr. Bossert stated that he received a report from CCAP in reference to the county's workers compensation insurance and it's rating. He stated that Clinton County is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among all counties with PCorp. It equates to a savings of \$ 28,446.00 which is a substantial savings. He stated that the staff and employees of this county are doing an excellent job along with the Safety Committee's work with accident prevention. It is good for the taxpayers to hear that they have saved \$28,000. This the highest rating the county has ever received with the exception of 2002.

Mr. Kyle apologized once again to Mr. Morris as he was not in the room earlier when he made his public apology.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, and Richard K. Kyle.

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Bossert, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. MINUTES APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointments of Bob Chu, Susan Hanna, James Maguire, Jr., and Steve Bason to the Clinton County Loan Administration Board for a 1 year term to expire June 30, 2008. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. BOARD APPTS.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 412,644.80. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. COUNTY BILLS APPROVED

Jamie Aurand was in attendance from Susqueview and reminded everyone of the street fair that will be held this Friday from noon to 3:00 PM. He stated that the pie throwing booth will open around 2:00 PM, and Commissioner Kyle has volunteered to be in the booth. The cost is \$ .35 a pie. Mr. Aurand stated that they had a very nice ceremony on Monday, unfortunately a lot of the public could not attend. They are all very appreciative of the people that took part in the ceremony. Mr. Bossert stated that the speeches were outstanding and Mr. Aurand's information was invigorating in recognition of the fact that Clinton County did something right. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Morris stated that he would like to clarify the thinking on Painter Stadium and the TIF. He stated that if that development is assisted by a TIF, assuming that the three taxing bodies can find it in their hearts to describe Painter Stadium as blighted, and the TIF is granted, he assumes that the City will convey the grounds to the developers. At that point, whatever assessed value Keith has on that ground will become active and the taxes on that ground at that level will become due and payable to the three taxing bodies. The difference between the amount of taxes the developer pays and what the perceived value of the final development will be is money that will be conveyed through the usual conduit back to the developer as debt service. Mr. Bossert stated that he does not know the tax formula that will be used since the property really had no tax base to start with. However, his evaluation may be accurate. Mr. Morris stated that Keith has assessed values for properties even though they do not attract taxes. There will at least be a nominal amount of taxes being paid by the developer to the three taxing bodies. Mr. Bossert stated that whatever the amount is it will be 100% more than what is being paid on the property right now. Because there are no taxes being paid on it now. Mr. Bossert stated that sooner or later they will be receiving that request from the new owner, whatever it may be. Mr. Bossert Stated that most of this conversation is speculation and is not cast in stone. They are talking in theory not actual numbers. Mr. Bossert stated that one thing is fact and that is there will be taxes generated on this property. Mr. Morris stated that he does not want people to think they are giving all of the taxes away. Mr. Morris stated as a follow up to their conversation on Monday, regarding the court ruling in Allegheny County about whether or not the assessment process violates the uniformity code in the constitution; he that it does, and the way the judgment reads, it basically impugns the whole process that every county uses. Mr. Bossert stated that the judgment is only in Allegheny County. In order to become law it has to be appealed to the appellate court. Mr. Morris stated that this puts the whole thing back to the General Assembly so it would appear that all of the arguments about Act 72 and Act 1 are all moot because they now have to address the fact that they have no system to generate taxes. Scott Johnson asked about the status of Pine Haven. Mr. Bossert stated that he has heard nothing. Mr. Bossert stated that Commissioner Yost was absent as he was at a CCAP meeting in Allentown. Mr. Bossert stated that they will be starting budget sessions in July and challenged the chief clerk to start scheduling department heads and creating an agenda. He stated that the sessions are all open to the public. Scott Johnson asked if they would be requesting a 10% reduction by each department again this year. Mr. Bossert stated that it has not really been discussed at this point, but they will ask each department to take a conservative approach.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 AM seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle.

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. MINUTES APPROVAL

<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 25,629.00 for April 2007 expenses. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.</p>	<p>IV-D FUNDS</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the change of employment status for Jeremy Herr, Dispatcher Trainee to Part time Dispatcher at the Department of Emergency Services effective June 10, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.</p>	<p>PT STATUS J HERR</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Trey Prough, part time Corrections Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective April 20, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIGNATION T PROUGH</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 208,175.82; Payroll 6/15/07 \$ 317,357.27. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.</p>	<p>COUNTY BILLS APPROVED</p>
<p>Scott Johnson asked what was on the agenda for the election board meeting next Tuesday. Kathy Conrad stated that they will be reviewing election reports. Mr. Bossert asked if the meeting was open to the public. Ms. Conrad stated that it would be. Mr. Kyle stated that there may be more on the agenda than just those reports but would not elaborate.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>Mr. Kyle stated that there was an editorial in the Lock Haven Express last night by Alvin Snowiss regarding the history of Susqueview. Mr. Snowiss's article was about the people that were involved in the project. Norval Remick, Carl Kephart and Fred Munro were Commissioners of record when Susqueview was built. Also involved with the project were Jack Bryerton, Dan Shamroy, Al Speth, M.S. Irvin and Warren Ohl. It was financed with a \$3.9 million bond. He stated that Mr. Snowiss was the Solicitor at that time. Mr. Kyle stated that Max Bossert, who is Tom's father was responsible for an amendment to the law that allowed the county to raise taxes. He stated that Mr. Bossert did the right thing or this would not have been built. A few days prior to that election the people used that against Mr. Bossert to defeat him. It just lets people understand that when they do the right thing they don't often get rewarded, they get booted out. Mr. Bossert was in the House of Representatives at the time. Carl Kephart was the one who insisted they keep the atrium in the building which he believes adds to the value of Susqueview. Mr. Kyle stated that he appreciates what those people did, and advocates to the new Board of Commissioners to make sure that the home stays a viable asset to the community. Mr. Bossert stated that as Chair he wants to recognize that Mr. Kyle did the right thing by recognizing those people.</p> <p>Mr. Bossert handed out a map that is in circulation and was developed by Penn State Extension and the Partnership. He stated that the map was created to recognize farm fresh produce and the availability of it in each county. In Clinton County they only recognize one on the map which is the farmers market in Lock Haven. Mr. Bossert stated that he is very disturbed by this. He stated that he has marked his map with 13 other locations that he is aware of in the county. He stated that Clinton County should have a red face as a result of the deficiencies in this map. To name a few, Hillcrest in Woolrich is an outstanding market opportunity, there is a strawberry farm along the Renovo Road, there is an Amish market in Renovo, Adam Waltz has a stand along Route 120, the island road has a market, and there are many in Loganton. He stated that he will carry this information to Penn State Extension and he will express his frustrations with this map.</p> <p>Mr. Bossert stated that today is Clinton County's 168<sup>th</sup> birthday. He stated that in 1839 Clinton County was created as part of Centre and Lycoming counties by DeWitt Clinton who was then Governor of New York state, and a promoter of the Erie canal. The canal ran to Farrandville and ran through the county to Bellefonte. Mr. Clinton was instrumental in its construction. Mr. Bossert stated that there is a birthday cake to celebrate. Mr. Kyle stated that in the history of Clinton County in 168 years this county has survived no matter who was in charge, we survived. He believes that the people who figured out how this state, this nation and the government should run were pretty smart individuals. In the last 168 years, there have been a lot of people who would like to tinker with how this government should run and the type of government we should have. He does not think most of those would have lasted 168 years. Most of those would fail miserably. The people that sit around in Harrisburg and figure out what should be changed, get nothing done. Local government gets more done than any other form of government. He believes Clinton County is in good hands now and will be in good hands in the future. It does not need a change in the form of government. He urged the citizens of Clinton County to be very vigilant in their thoughts when it comes time to vote for a change this form of government. It would be ill advised.</p>	<p>COMMISSIONER COMMENTS</p>
<p>A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the canal and the locks in Clinton County. Mr. Bossert stated that there are still 4 intact in the county and are all on private land.</p> <p>Scott Johnson asked who was to blame for the farmers market map being deficient. Mr. Bossert stated that he accepts some of the blame as a county commissioner and he is on the Penn State Extension Board. He stated that he was unaware of this or consulted with in connection with this map. Apparently it was an agreement between the Partnership and Penn State Extension that he was unaware of; but to produce a map like that and only have one location in the county where you can buy farm fresh produce is an insult. It is an insult to the commissioners and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and all of the people that are trying to make a living farming. Mr. Bossert stated that to rectify this he would like 75% of their money back from the \$1,000 that was spent. He stated that it is not his business, he did not create that contract. He stated that he was approached by Pete Lopes this morning at the Tourist Promotion meeting. Pete Lopes is the tourism director at the Partnership.</p>	

Scott Johnson asked what the county budget was for the Partnership. Mr. Bossert stated that it was around \$130,000 and includes the hotel tax.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, and Harold C. Yost, Jr.

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Proclamation of Excellence: CCCF Employees

PROCLAMATION

Motion by Mr. Bossert, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Deputy Warden Dave Harkey was in attendance to accept the proclamation. Mr. Harkey reported that the facility has achieved 3 milestones in the month of June. He reported that the facility received a 100% compliance with the State Department of Corrections. There are only 10 other counties that received a score that high. They are proud of their facility and the achievements they have received but they are exceptionally proud of the staff for their dedication and hard work. He stated that the Department of Corrections would like to attend the Commissioners meeting on August 2 and present the Commissioners with a Certificate of Achievement for a 100% rating. Mr. Harkey stated that one of the biggest factors that helped them reach this milestone is the dedication and support of the facility by the Commissioners. Mr. Harkey stated that before the pay raises were given out the average length of employment was 9 months. Today they average about 4.41 years of employment at the Facility. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and also thanked the entire Prison Board for their support. Mr. Harkey stated that the American Jail Association is a nationally recognized organization. It has members from all levels of corrections. They have a certification program not only for officers but also for management. Mr. Harkey stated that the American Jail Association promotes the concept of voluntary certification of all jail managers. The certification is one part of the process called credentials and focuses specifically on the individual and is an indication of current competency in specialized fields. Jail managers who become Certified Jail Managers (CJM) will be distinguished as individuals who have reached one of the highest levels of achievement in their field. The purpose of their certification is to provide documentation evidence to the public that the individual has been examined by an independent professional organization and found to possess current competency in the field of jail management. The certification document, the mastery of a strong level of knowledge in this specialty, to encourage growth, education and professional growth, to indicate to ones peers that the individual has taken time and effort beyond job experience to learn the body of knowledge thus exhibiting the certificate commitment to working in the profession of jail management, to provide a form of recognition and achievement certified jail managers will receive personal recognition at the national level for a high standard of achievement and competency, to evaluate professional standards of general operations by providing better educated professionals in the field. Mr. Harkey stated that to be able to sit for this exam you must apply and obtain a 500 out of a possible 775 points to be able to even take the test. He stated that there is nothing to study, it is all based on knowledge and experience. There are no books to study. The test is in three sections. The first is education and training, the second is jail management paid experience, and the third is leadership activities. Mr. Harkey stated that he was honored to say that Deputy Warden Motter, himself and Warden Duran were eligible to sit for the test. He stated that they went to New Cumberland on May 25 to take the test. They received notice this past Monday that they all passed the test. He stated that all three names will be featured in the upcoming American Jails magazine. Mr. Harkey stated that they are 3 of only 7 people in the State of Pennsylvania that hold this certification. Mr. Bossert congratulated Mr. Harkey, Deputy Warden Motter and Warden Duran on their achievement. Scott Johnson asked how many employees were at the prison. Mr. Harkey stated that there have close to 80 employees.

Resolution No. 17 of 2007 – Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Mr. Yost stated that the legislature is waffling on this one. He stated that even though they passed resolutions, they left a lot of holes in it because they didn't want their slot parlors not to have the ability to let people smoke. He stated that they are cutting off their nose to spite their face because they can't stand up for legislation that should be pure and simple, you don't smoke indoors. They are still encouraging them to pass better laws so people don't have to be abused by other peoples smoke. He stated that the legislators have a habit of waffling when they have to pass something that may cost them votes.

Resolution No. 18 of 2007 – Shared Ride Program – Step, Inc.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert stated that Janet Alling, President/CEO of Step, Inc. was in attendance. Ms. Alling stated that she was in attendance to recommend that they continue the Shared Ride Program through Step, Inc. She stated that the contract is for \$534,000 for the Shared Ride Program and \$93,000 for the persons with disabilities. This year they are in one contract. She stated that they get to those amounts

by looking at their history and giving them an allocated amount for what they project will be needed. Mr. Bossert asked what is a shared ride, who can use it and where can they go. Ms. Alling stated that the program is for people 65 years old and older. It is open to the public so there are other organizations that pay the full share. She stated that the lottery fund pays for 90% of the shared ride program for people who are 65 and over. She stated that she is very proud that the program is the only one in the state that offers rides 24/7 365 days a year. They also contract with the taxi company. She stated that it is possible to go anywhere in Lycoming and Clinton Counties. Mr. Bossert stated that he qualifies as being over 65 and if he wants to go fishing in Pine Creek can he call for a ride. Ms. Alling stated that they would take him fishing and drop him off if there is a road. Mr. Bossert stated that he thought the program was only for medical purposes. Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. Mr. Yost thanked Ms. Alling for picking up individuals that live right across the county line in Centre County and they did not want to go the distance. Scott Johnson asked what the estimated number of rides were in 2006. Ms. Alling stated that there are around 600 one way trips a day that averages out to 400-500 trips daily.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of Keith Miller to the Central PA Workforce Development Corp. for a three year term to expire June 30, 2010. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

BOARD APPT.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of Deputy Warden Jackie Motter to the Human Services Advisory Board for a one year term to expire June 30, 2008. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

BOARD APPT.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 267,264.50; Tax Collector Payroll 6/15/07 \$ 2,650.23. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert stated that beginning on July 2, to meet the standards required by AOPC, the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, Clinton County will have in effect the procedure for security for the Courthouse. All public will enter through the Water Street entrance for the Courthouse. The security equipment granted to the county will be in operation at that time. It includes an x-ray machine and a walk through metal detector. The back entrance will be limited to employees only now. This process has been suggested by AOPC. Mr. Yost asked who would be working the security as he has not seen any requests to hire new employees. Richard Morris asked if the same visitor badge identification system will be used as it is in the Garden Building. Mr. Bossert stated that there will be visitor badges and eventually there will be new employee identification badges. Mr. Yost stated that AOPC funded the equipment and mandated the security upgrade but it will be the counties expense and responsibility to pay new security officers required to man it.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Bossert stated that he and Commissioner Yost were in Renovo the day before and had the opportunity to inquire about the employees that the pipeline system had arriving at that sight on a daily basis. He stated that the job foreman stated that there were 300 employees working on the pipeline.

Mr. Yost stated that there is a payment of \$36,000 listed on the bills this week for Central Counties Youth that they didn't used to have to pay. The county used to receive TANF funding for it lost it.

Lorraine Arcadipane stated that Whitetail Terrace is full and she has 3 people on a waiting list.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Jamie Aurand stated that there are 145 beds full at Susqueview. He reminded everyone of the Job Fair this afternoon from 1- 6pm. They are looking for nursing staff in particular. He stated that Susqueview is a sponsor of Clinton County Community Night at the Crosscutters Game on July 8 at 6:05 pm. As a sponsor he has tickets available if anyone would like some. He stated that since Deputy Warden Harkey was in attendance he wanted to thank the Clinton County Prison for doing their linens on a daily basis. He stated that Susqueview does have a contract with the Prison to do their linens and it is important to recognize that. Richard Morris made the point that with the recent certifications of the Warden and his team, you have to wonder why it is that there are people in this community who deem it necessary to propose a professional manager over a raft of professional managers we already have.

Lorraine Arcadipane stated that when she went through Leadership Clinton County she was required to tour the prison with a guard for 1 hour and she was impressed at how clean the facility was.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 AM seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. AND Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the adoption of a policy for the collection and custody of county receipts and fees. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that this policy is not included in the current Policy and Procedure Manual, therefore it is important that it be adopted today. He stated that there has been money received by a department that has not been accounted for. It occurred after working hours last Tuesday and was a small amount of money from the Planning Department. Mr. Bossert stated that the city police have been called to investigate.

NEW POLICY  
COUNTY RECEIPTS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 185,999.26; Payroll 6/29/07 \$ 310,080.65. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Keith Yearick, Chief Assessor was in attendance and gave an update on the reassessment process. He stated that Manatron is now assessing homes in Bald Eagle and Lamar Townships and is finishing up work in Allison and Porter Townships and Mill Hall Borough. He stated that so far about 11,000 residential parcels have been assessed as part of the \$1 million countywide reassessment. He stated that it has been running smoothly and they have not encountered any major problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie Aurand from Susqueview was in attendance and stated that there are 146 beds full at the facility. Mr. Yost stated that he has not heard of that high of a number since he has been in office. Mr. Aurand stated that Susqueview has entered into a contract as of July 1 with the county to provide computer support to the county-owned building. Mr. Aurand stated that he still has tickets available for the Crosscutters game on July 8. He stated that Commissioner Kyle will be throwing out the first pitch at 6:05 pm in Williamsport.

Lisa Brown, Human Resource Director for Susqueview was also in attendance and presented the Commissioners with a thank you "candy bar" card for the \$1,000 contribution they made to the employee education fund.

Mr. Kyle thanked Mr. Aurand and his staff for doing a great job for the past 4 ½ years that he has been a Commissioner. He stated that they received a financially good report at Tuesdays meeting.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 19 of 2007 Resolution of Excellence for Dan Schrack  
Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Schrack was one of the 4 or 5 Master Farmer's in Clinton County. He stated that Dan will be sorely missed by the members of that local community. He was a real asset to the county. Mr. Yost stated that he always enjoyed going over to Mr. Schrack's farm and taking a tour of it. He stated that they were always trying something different every year. He stated that this year they were using cow manure to create methane gas that is powering the farm and possibly 13 other houses. He stated that he will miss him. Mr. Bossert stated that this resolution is just and proper as Dan Schrack has been a distinguished Clinton Countian for a long time. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy & Procedure Manual for Security Responsibilities and Priorities in reference to Security Codes and Pass ID Cards issued to employees. Kathy Conrad read the new amendment which will be Section 44. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that security at the Courthouse has been deficient. Mr. Kyle stated that the article in the Lock Haven Express made it sound like they are trying to lock out the public. He stated that they are following procedures that have been mandated by AOPC. He stated that he believes it will work and he hopes the employees understand what they are doing. Mr. Yost stated that he does not have a problem with the employees being required to have ID cards. He does have a problem with AOPC mandating this security but yet they do not give the county the funds to pay for the

POLICY AMEND.

added security personnel that will need to be hired. Richard Morris stated that he believes Jim Runkle's complaint was more on the lines of whether certain people from the public will be allowed to use the backdoor. Mr. Bossert stated that the back door will be an employee entrance only.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the agreement between County of Clinton and Susque-View Home, Inc. to provide information technology (IT) support services for \$99,000 over a three year period beginning July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that two years ago a Network Engineer was hired in the IT Department with the intent to outsource this person in order to supplement the IT department for expenses.

SUSQUE-VIEW  
AGREEMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for East Keating Township in the amount of \$274.00 for road repairs. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
E KEATING TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 74,706.53. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Rick Hendricks from Rock, River and Trail was in attendance to present the Commissioners with a plaque on behalf of the Great Island Adventure Triathlon Committee. He stated that it was a great success. He also presented Mr. Yost with a T-shirt from the event and thanked him for being the official starter person. Mr. Hendricks stated that they made up a list of all of the local contributors to thank them. This will be the ad that will run in the paper. He stated that there are people already planning for next years event. Amidea Daniel was also in attendance and stated that there were 85 participants in the event. Of that number, 18-20 were from Clinton county and the rest were all from outside the area. Mr. Hendricks stated that a lot of the local participants were working with Fitness Unlimited to get ready for the event. It created a lot of income for the area. Mr. Yost complimented the Clinton County Correctional Facility for the help their employees provided. Elisabeth Lynch stated that they are working with AAA for next year to try to get discounts for hotels and also perhaps a story in their magazine about all three events. Tim Holladay stated that the Triathlon was held in conjunction with the Best of Clinton County Days with cooperation from the City. He stated that the Committee did a great job. He stated that people are coming into the area weeks before to get familiar with the trails. He stated that next year they will be working closer with the City to coordinate their schedules. Mr. Holladay stated that Clinton County is pretty high on the list in hospitality and good food. He stated that our hospitality rating is higher than some of the other communities offering these same kinds of events. Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Holladay for his donation of a handcarved paddle to the winner.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

George Farley, a resident of Gallagher Township and also the President of the Haneyville Volunteer Fire Company was in attendance. He stated that he had written a letter to the Commissioners back in December bringing it to their attention the communication problem the fire company has in Gallagher Township. There are times when their radios and pagers do not work. He stated that he received a response in January from the Commissioners assuring him that the problem would be rectified in late Spring or early Summer. He stated that he was back at the tower site on Monday morning and nothing has been done yet. He stated that there is a liability to the county. He asked if the tower was going to happen or not. Mr. Yost stated that he knows it is being worked on and it is going to happen. Mr. Kyle stated that he spoke with Kevin Fanning on Monday and he stated that there are some obstacles that are holding up the process. He stated that Williams originally gave them permission to use the tower but now they are saying they want a propagation study done first to see how much equipment load they will be adding. He stated that they seem to take one step forward and two steps back. He stated that the cost to do this study is going to be around \$10,000. He stated that the county has a tower in storage that we may just use it if they continue to run into obstacles. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Farley is welcome to call Mr. Fanning to get a better idea of the status. Kathy Conrad stated that Kevin Fanning will be at Monday's work session. Mr. Bossert invited Mr. Farley to attend the work session as it is open to the public. Richard Morris asked if there were specifics in the contract with Susque-View as to how much time will be spent there. Lewis Steinberg stated that it will be on an as needed basis. Mr. Morris was concerned as to which facility will be priority if there is a need at both facilities. Mr. Kyle stated that the county would be priority. He stated that a lot of the counties equipment is already at the site and the IT staff is also capable of taking care of support issues.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.</p>	<p>MINUTES APPROVAL</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Assurance of Compliance for the Homeless Assistance Program for FY 2007-2008. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Bill Suydam was in attendance and stated that the Children &amp; Youth Department will now run the program. He stated that they will assist homeless families. Mr. Bossert asked if any additional staff would be needed to run the program. Mr. Suydam stated that he spoke with Jerry Rosamilia and he stated that his current staff could administer the program. Mr. Suydam stated that last year when the Horizon House closed, the remaining funds were disbursed to the Salvation Army and the American Rescue Workers. Both entities have applied for Emergency Shelter Grant money. Mr. Suydam was concerned that there were no programs in place to help single, non veteran homeless men. Mr. Bossert stated that maybe they need to add that as a stipulation for the grant money. Mr. Suydam stated that he would check into adding it. Mr. Bossert asked if the database was in place in Williamsport that would allow the monies for these programs to be tracked. Mr. Suydam stated that the program is in place, but not for the county as they have not received any grant funds yet. He stated that once the grants are awarded, the county should be added and tracked. John Kociensky from Step, Inc. was in attendance and stated that he would try to get an answer for the Commissioners as to the status of the database.</p>	<p>HAP GRANT</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Assurance of Compliance for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program for FY 2007-2008. John Kociensky from Step, Inc. stated that this document is required by the Department of Public Welfare. The grant amount is \$ 327,962.00. He stated that there are 985 trips made a month just in Clinton County provided through this program which accounts for about 40% of the overall rides.</p>	<p>MATP GRANT</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation from Julie Dorwart, Caseworker in the Children &amp; Youth Department effective July 13, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIGNATION J DORWART</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Jose Colon, Lieutenant at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective July 23, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIGNATION J COLON</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation from Robert Rockey, part time Security Officer in the Sheriff's Department effective July 13, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.</p>	<p>RESIGNATION R ROCKEY</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Gene McCauley, part time Security Officer in the Sheriff's Department effective July 23, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.</p>	<p>PT NEW HIRE G MCCAULEY</p>
<p>The Salary Board was called to order at 10:25 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.</p>	<p>SALARY BOARD</p>
<p>Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 237,059.08; Payroll 7/13/07 \$ 306,593.87; Tax Collector Payroll 7/13/07 \$546.62. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.</p>	<p>COUNTY BILLS APPROVED</p>
<p>Pat Edwards stated that she and Gail Gephart were at the meeting to ask the Commissioners if they would consider making Friday's a dress down day. She stated that the employees could pay \$1.00 to be able to wear jeans that day, and they would donate the money to a charity. Mr. Bossert stated that they would need to make an amendment to the policy. He asked what stipulations should be added. Ms. Edwards stated that there should be jeans with no holes or frayed at the bottoms. No halter tops and the jeans should not be faded or stonewashed. Sheriff Ankney asked that a stipulation be put in the policy that the department head has the discretion of the dress code. He does not want his deputies dressing down. Mr. Kyle stated that he was opposed to the idea. He stated that there is a dress code policy in place and it should be adhered to. He stated that he is turned off when he walks into a place of business and the employees are wearing jeans. He stated that the charge should be \$10 to wear the jeans if they want to do it. He stated that he does not like spending time on such frivolous bullcrap. Mr. Bossert asked Sheriff Ankney when the security will be in place at the Courthouse. He stated that he hopes to have his new security personnel on the agenda next Thursday. Mr. Bossert asked if it was possible to have a new keypad entry system that was not scrambled but had hard numbers as it is so hard see the numbers. Sheriff Ankney stated that he would check into it. Kathy Conrad asked if the last piece of security equipment had been received yet. Sheriff Ankney stated that it has not arrived yet. Mr. Bossert stated that they have requested (6) 15 minute parking spaces from the City on Water Street since the entrance has been moved out there. Mr. Bossert stated that it would be up to the employees to contact the Sheriff if they see someone in the building without identification. He also asked the Sheriff if he saw an employee let a member of the public in the back door that he notify the Commissioners as this would be insubordination. Mr. Bossert suggested a memo to the department heads informing them of this responsibility. Sheriff Ankney stated that he is going to have a problem on busy court days if he has to make everyone wait in line for a visitor badge. He does not want them to be late for court because they were waiting for a badge. He stated that they will be scanned before going into the courtroom. Mr. Bossert stated that it may be a problem that needs addressed. Mr. Bossert</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>

asked what good it was to have security in place then.

Jessica Sheets was in attendance and stated that she will be meeting with the state representatives from Pennvest regarding the sewer authority's upcoming sewer projects. She stated that it is good news for the sewer authority.

Adam Coleman invited everyone to attend a benefit dinner that night at the Elks for Kevin Eichenlaub. He is a former county employee and veteran who served in Iraq and is now home. He has since been diagnosed with some form of cancer. The benefit is \$10 for the all you can eat spaghetti dinner. There will also be a band.

Bill Suydam gave an update on the First Time Home Buyers Program. He stated that there have been 74 homebuyers in the past 4 years he has assisted for around \$185,000. He stated that the fund balance right now is around \$50,000. He has assisted 13 homebuyers so far this year.

Scott Johnson asked if there has been any resolution to the missing money from the Planning Department. Kathy Conrad stated that she has not heard anything. Mr. Bossert stated that it has been 3 weeks, perhaps there needs to be an inquiry made.

Mr. Kyle stated that people need to realize how successful the Clinton County Sewer Authority has been. He does not believe that they would be as far along allowing development in the East Nittany Valley corridor along with the help of the solid waste authority. It just shows good sound cooperation in governmental structure. There are so many positive things going on in Clinton County today. He hopes people realize this.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Yost stated that in regard to the dress code policy, the reason he voted against it before was he believes it is up to the department heads not the county commissioners to police how their employees dress.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 20 of 2007 – TIF Painter Stadium/Hanson Field  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Lewis Steinberg stated that this resolution is only stating that the county is willing to proceed with the investigation of the possibility of a Tax Incremental Financing to see if it is feasible. Mr. Bossert stated that it is a declaration of intention. Mr. Steinberg stated that the first step is for the City to declare the property blighted. The City would also have to adopt this same resolution. When the City does move forward, they would then need to have a public hearing. Since the project is within the City of Lock Haven it will involve the Redevelopment Authority as they would be the financing conduit for the TIF. Scott Johnson asked about the timeframe. Mr. Steinberg stated that the developer would like a final resolution by the end of the year. Mr. Johnson asked why it would take so long. Mr. Steinberg stated that there are built-in time limits. He stated that there will need to be a committee formed to study the TIF with people designated from each taxing body. The county and the school district will need to approve the plan before the public hearing. The time period does not suggest that there will be long protracted negotiations. Mr. Steinberg stated that the maximum time allowed by law is up to 20 years for the TIF. Mr. Steinberg stated that the TIF is based on the difference between the current tax and what the taxes would be with the new development as it is a tax exempt property. The base tax would be 100% of the base value because it is zero now. The term would have to be negotiated along with the term of the TIF. Mr. Steinberg stated that the Assessment office and Manatron have worked with the developer to try to decide what the new taxes will be. It is anticipated that the TIF will be used for infrastructure not necessarily construction. Mr. Kyle stated that without the TIF, the burden would fall on the taxpayers to do the infrastructure work. Richard Morris asked when the property would convey from the school district to the City. Mr. Steinberg stated that the City has an agreement with the school district that the property will be turned over within so many days of the last final home football game. He was not sure if it was within 15 or 30 days. The agreement has already been made for the purchase price of \$1,250,000.00. Mr. Yost stated that it would be unique if companies that have a TIF for 20 years would be required to not appeal their taxes for those 20 years. Mr. Yost stated that 8 years ago there was money asked to be put in the state budget to purchase the vo-tech building, the administration building and Painter stadium. He stated that the Mayor of the City, at that time, was very upset that they would want to take the football stadium without any future plans for one. He stated that at the time, the Mayor was for turning it into

commercial use and a tax base for the City. Today, he finally gets his wishes. Richard Morris asked who would own the land while it is being developed. Mr. Steinberg stated that the developer (Shaner) will own the land. Even though the developer will own the land, it has still been designated as a TIF district prior to that transaction happening. They would not be required to pay any taxes on it.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 234,079.47. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to pay Byrle R. Shirey, Jr. for settlement on property located at 220 Susquehanna Avenue, South Renovo the sum of \$7,500. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Steinberg stated that this past Spring at the Judicial Sale, a property located at 220 Susquehanna Avenue was sold. It appears that the owner, Mr. Shirey also owns other properties in the Borough of South Renovo. Prior to the Judicial Sale, Mr. Shirey went to the tax office and indicated that he would like to pay the taxes on 220 Susquehanna Avenue. He stated that he did not care about his other property which was on Pennsylvania Avenue. As late as the time of the sale, Mr. Shirey made sure the property on Susquehanna Avenue was not subject to the sale. It turns out that there was a mistake made in the Assessment office and the parcel number for the Susquehanna Avenue property was in fact used with the plot for Pennsylvania Avenue. The bottom line is the sale goes by parcel number. He stated that in the mix up of these two properties, the Susquehanna Avenue property was sold. The new owner very quickly went into the property and gutted it in order to start renovations. He stated that Mr. Shirey went up to stay at the property and found it gutted. The County has assumed the responsibility of this mistake and has determined that Mr. Shirey is entitled to the fair market value of that property. He stated that the \$7,500 settlement was obtained from an appraisal. Mr. Shirey will sign a quitclaim deed in exchange for this settlement. Mr. Bossert asked Mr. Steinberg if the Assessment office has Errors & Omissions Insurance. Mr. Steinberg stated that the Assessment office does not have insurance for cases like this.

Mr. Yost stated that the front page of the Renovo Record yesterday had a picture of the Renovo High School and what an eyesore it has become. He stated that they have talked with Borough Council and told them when they take ownership of the building, there are CDBG funds available for its demolition. The ball is in their court right now. Mr. Bossert stated that it is a health and safety issue. There is \$15,000 in CDBG funds dedicated for the demolition of buildings in the Borough. Mr. Kyle stated that the Borough needed to acquire it at the Judicial Sale but they were not able to do that so it is in private hands right now. Mr. Bossert stated that the Borough needs to create an ordinance for dangerous structures.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Yost stated that the area Little League players deserve a pat on the back for a great season. Jamie Aurand from Susque-View was in attendance and stated that they had their annual inspection with 4 inspectors over 4 days. There were three deficiencies identified primarily in recordkeeping. He stated that in past years there were a lot more deficiencies, so he is very pleased with the outcome. He stated that they have 144 beds full.

Richard Morris stated that regardless of the comment in the paper last night that the county should not be in the rental business, he is convinced that the county has an absolute moral imperative to maintain Susque-View.

Jim Leone stated that he was involved with the mistake made on the Shirey property. He stated that Mr. Shirey came into the office to make a payment and had no tax notice with him or any paperwork. The money he paid went to the wrong property. It was an error in the Assessment department but it was also an error on his (Mr. Shirey's) side too.

Scott Johnson asked if there has been any thought to the length of the TIF. Mr. Bossert stated that it has not been decided yet. Mr. Steinberg stated that the committee will decide what it should be and present a proposal to the taxing bodies. The term can be impacted by the percentage of the taxes subject to the TIF. Mr. Bossert asked who has the responsibility to convene the committee. Mr. Steinberg stated that it should be the redevelopment authority or the City of Lock Haven.

Scott Johnson asked about dress down Friday and the status. He asked if it is still being worked on or if it went by the wayside. Mr. Yost stated that they have not been presented with anything yet.

Mr. Kyle stated that the sale of Pine Haven will be in about two weeks and he has not heard any comments from the public. He stated that he would like to hear comments from the public as to how they feel.

Scott Johnson stated that there is an online poll right now running for a week on the Express website. Mr. Kyle stated that the only time anyone ever gets upset is when they raise taxes. He stated that this board of commissioners has taken the bull by the horns and done what they had to do. They didn't raise taxes because they wanted to, they did it because they had to. If people aren't willing to at least state their feelings, how are they to know what they want. He stated that at this point in the game, there is nothing to convince him to vote for it or against it. He stated that he is a firm believer that the county has a distinct responsibility for the elderly of this county. If it would go to private enterprise, they could turn people away. He stated that 85-90% of the residents at Susque-View are on medical assistance when they go in there. If you have private enterprise, they can say we're sorry we don't have to take you. Therefore, they don't have a lot of other opportunities. He feels the whole community up there can fit into a campus that can be worked out very significantly for long term health care. The only thing that is not up there is assisted living. Mr. Kyle stated that the dollars that helped build Pine Haven were tax payers of Clinton County who donated to the hospital for that facility to be built. He stated that for the facility to be conveyed to the private sector at an extremely low price is morally not correct.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Bid Opening: Peale Avenue Bridge Project

BID OPENING

Mr. Bossert opened the bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker in the amount of \$112,689.00. He stated that this is the only bid submitted and they will take it under consideration. Brian Clapper, from the EADS Group was in attendance as the architect for the project. Mr. Clapper stated that he would review the bid and make recommendation to the Board. He stated that the estimated cost by the engineer was \$80,000.

Resolution No. 21 of 2007 – Local Economic Development Assistance Program (LEDA)

RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mike Flanagan from the Economic Partnership was in attendance and thanked the Commissioners for designating them as the industrial development organization to represent the county for the purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law. Mr. Flanagan stated that this is required on an annual basis. Kathy Conrad stated that the amount awarded this year is \$ 25,554.00.

Clinton County Arts Council: Mr. Bossert stated that he had a check for \$4,450.00 to present to Ron McGinnis, President of the Arts Council. Mr. McGinness thanked the commissioners and invited them to visit their consignment shop beside the Express building. He stated that the Council is in the process of painting 16 mural boards that will be placed in the vacant lot where the Opera House once stood. Scott Johnson asked what the funds would be used for. Mr. McGinness stated that they would be used for everyday operations and some renovations of the building.

CC ARTS  
COUNCIL

Department of Corrections Presentation: Edward Pfister from the Department of Corrections was in attendance to present the Commissioners with a Certificate of Achievement for the 100% compliance received on the Prison's recent inspection. He read a congratulatory letter from the Secretary of Corrections, Dr. Jeffrey A. Beard. Warden Tom Duran was in attendance and thanked all of his employees for their hard work and dedication to the facility. He also thanked the commissioners and the prison board for their ongoing support. Deputy Wardens Dave Harkey and Jackie Motter were also in attendance. Mr. Bossert stated that he would like to give the employees a token of their appreciation. Mr. Yost stated that they have lapel pins of the county flag to give each employee at the prison for a job well done. Warden Duran thanked the commissioners.

D.O.C.  
AWARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to accept the HAVA Title II Section 261 Fiscal Year 2007 grant funds in the amount of \$ 5,895.15. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Tim Holladay stated that this will be an amendment to the original contract. This extra money is to be used strictly for accessibility issues and training of poll workers. He stated that he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with HAVA officials in Harrisburg to try to get things moving.

HAVA  
CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for South Renovo Borough in the amount of \$670.00 for street lighting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
S RENOVO BORO

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Matthew Allegretto, Caseworker in the Children & Youth Department effective August 6, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that this is not additional staff, it is to replace someone who has left.

NEW HIRE  
M ALLEGRETTO

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of Megan Armstrong, Chad Kerstetter, and Dustin Toner, Correctional Officers at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective July 31, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Warden Duran stated that these new hires are also replacements.

NEW HIRES  
M ARMSTRONG  
C KERSTETTER  
D TONER

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation from Cody Lepley, Correctional Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective August 2, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Warden Duran stated that Mr. Lepley was looking for a job with weekends off.

RESIGNATION  
C LEPLEY

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:35 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 105,171.04; Payroll P/E 7/27/07 \$ 317,387.11. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert stated that Mike Hanna had been invited to the meeting to discuss the I-80 tolls.

Kathy Conrad stated that she contacted his office and asked that he attend the meeting.

Mike Flanagan gave a brief update on county projects. He stated that they are moving ahead with the road project at the Lamar Business Park. The bids actually came in less than what was anticipated. He also stated that First Quality has a total of 1,280 employees at all of their facilities combined. He stated that at the operating committee meeting yesterday of the Partnership they took a vote on the I-80 toll and it was a no vote 8 to 5 in support of Congressman Peterson. Richard Morris asked if the auction for Pine Haven will start with new bids or will the prior bids still be valid. Mr. Bossert stated that it is his understanding that the bidding process will start all over. Skip Hocker, City Police Chief was in attendance and asked for clarification on the letter he received from the commissioners regarding the request from the commissioners for (6) 15 minute parking spaces added to Water Street in front of the courthouse. Mr. Yost stated that they would like 6 more metered spaces in addition to the ones that are already there. They would like to have a turn over. Chief Hocker stated that he would take that information back to the City Manager and Council for them to make a decision. He stated that it will require an ordinance change. He stated that there are currently spaces that are marked for 15 minute parking with flashers. Mr. Yost stated that the 15 minute flashing spaces are for UPS or other deliveries. Mr. Yost stated that they would like to keep those spaces in addition to 6 more spaces. Mr. Bossert stated that last week they went online with central booking. Chief Hocker complimented the prison staff and the success of the new central booking project. He stated that his detective took an inmate down to the prison and was in and out of the facility in 4 minutes. He stated that this is positively the largest step he has seen the county take in his 5 ½ years here. He also thanked the commissioners for their support of the project. He stated that it will be a huge plus for the county. Scott Johnson asked Chief Hocker if there were any updates with the missing money from the Planning Department. He stated that the investigation is still ongoing, but he is unable to give an update at this time. Dan Harger stated that he will be testifying in Williamsport tomorrow for the PennDot 12 year plan. It includes federal and state monies for major highway projects. He stated that they will continue to ask for funding for Route 220 which needs upgrades after 30 years. He stated that there will be a major betterment project in Renovo. He stated that he supports Congressman Peterson's efforts in trying to stall the I-80 tolls right now until we have more information. He stated that they have to look at their testimony as if it will take place. Included in their testimony for tomorrow are major expansions that are taking place at Belles Springs. They will also be addressing some safety projects in Lamar Township. They will be asking to take the two lane and treat it like a four lane and re-route it over top of the fairground road intersection. The only crossover in Route 220 is there and it is after you come off of a high speed highway. He stated that this will be a high impact area that they will be testifying for. They will also be testifying very heavily on the engineering for the I-99 corridor and will probably be able to acquire some information about the I-80 toll. The other issue is a new road for First Quality. They are going to use Flemington for the next three years for road traffic. The third endeavor will be a new entrance road for Avis Homes/Jersey Shore Steel. It is in the 12 year plan. Mr. Harger stated that he would get a copy of the testimony to the commissioners.

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COMMENT

Adam Coleman asked where and when the auction was on Tuesday for Pine Haven. Kathy Conrad stated that it is at 11:00 am in the small courtroom of the courthouse. He also suggested that the requested parking meters only be between the hours of 8-5 pm Monday through Friday. Mr. Bossert stated that they had not even thought about that, but stated they will be metered spaces. Mr. Bossert stated that he is only concerned with the courthouse hours of operation. Chief Hocker stated that there is a way to mark on the meter the hours of operation.

Mr. Kyle stated that the prison is self sufficient and they do not need county taxpayer money to fund it. He stated that it is being run by professionals and this Certificate of Compliance is proof that it is working. Mr. Kyle stated that with the recent tragedy in Minnesota, he stated that he heard that 40% of the bridges in the United States are substandard bridges. He stated that the tolling of Interstate 80 has become a very political situation, but when we have bridge structures in this country that are at 40%, we've got to raise fuel taxes, or we are going to pay to use major highways. If we do not come up with ways to fix infrastructure in this country, there are going to be more accidents like this latest one. He stated that as the government, there are people in Washington who cannot figure out how to pay for infrastructure in this country. Instead of arguing with each other, they need to sit down and figure it out. Mr. Kyle stated that it is often said that the county should be run by a professional manager. He stated that the county is being run by professional managers. He pointed out Warden Duran and Tim Holladay. He stated that the county commissioners oversee what these gentlemen do. They don't make the everyday decisions that need to be made. If that changes, and we have a small board that meets every so often and have a county manager, which is what is proposed by Home Rule, we are asking to never have a vote again for key representation. At least we are represented by three people right now. He stated that his friend at the radio station who states that the county is not being run properly, can come down here any day of the week and sit down with the professional managers in the county and he challenges him to say that the county is not being run properly.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Kyle stated that Chief Hocker actually brought the county the grant information for the central booking project about 2 years ago. He stated that it has been a worthwhile endeavor. It shows the leadership that Clinton County took on that. He stated that Centre County is now in the process of implementing central booking at their new prison.

Dan Harger stated that he challenges anyone in this room to find out how much the state takes in on licensing taxes and highway taxes. If the money was going to be spent on infrastructure and not mass transit he would agree with a toll on I-80.

Mr. Yost thanked Mr. Pfister for his presentation. Mr. Bossert stated that he has a statistical report that he was prepared to give Mr. Hanna regarding Magistrate 25-03-02 deficiencies from July 2006 to July 2007. There was \$92,000 in generated income in 2006 and it is \$ 50,000 this year. This deficiency

has been used as a yardstick to reflect the amount of police protection that we have in this county. The latest numbers show that the Lamar barracks is down by 3 officers.

Mr. Bossert also commended the Clinton County Cleanscapes Program. He stated that they have hauled many tons of rubbish out of Woodward Township and the river. He stated that he is pleased with that agency. Tim Holladay stated that he is President of the Board and founder of that organization. He stated that they have almost all of the flood debris cleaned up in and around the river. He stated that they are mostly finding beer cans at the bottom of the river right now. He stated that there are two more clean ups scheduled this summer. One will be the section of the river from the confluence of Pine Creek to Jersey Shore and a section of the river in Grugan Township. He stated that they have divers who go out weeks in advance of the clean up and stage the tires so when the clean up crew comes they just need to load them. He stated that the divers sent them pictures of the tires underwater and there were a lot of bass around them. He stated that all of the efforts that are taking place on the river for the clean ups and the acid mine abatement is having an effect on the water quality and the use of the river will continue to increase.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Old Business:

Kathy Conrad stated that she received a letter from Brian Clapper from the EADS Group. The letter stated that after reviewing the bid for the Peale Avenue bridge project he is recommending that the county reject the bid as he feels it is too high. He suggests going out to bid again in about three months and to do the project in the Spring. Mr. Yost made a motion to reject the bid, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

BID REJECTION  
PEALE AVE  
BRIDGE

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Grugan Township in the amount of \$936.00 for the placement of a concrete retaining block wall and backfill. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
GRUGAN TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of Kim Crossen, Court Services Coordinator in the Children & Youth Department to Supervisor in the Children & Youth Department effective August 13, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

TRANSFER  
K CROSSEN

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:11 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 243,083.85. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Kyle read a Commendation that was given to Commissioner Yost at the recent CCAP conference in York thanking him for his dedicated service to CCAP and to the counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Yost is the Second Vice President on the Board of Directors of CCAP. The Commendation was from Percy H. Dougherty from the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners and who is also the current CCAP President.

CCAP COMMEND.  
COMMISSIONER  
YOST

Mr. Kyle echoed the sentiments in the Commendation and thanked Mr. Yost for his hard work and dedication on the board. He stated that to become an officer for CCAP you have to have the respect of the other county commissioners. It is a leadership position and is earned. The citizens of Clinton County need to realize that Mr. Yost has done a great job. He stated that Mr. Yost was conducting a meeting yesterday and did a great job. He believes Mr. Yost would have made a great President of that organization. Mr. Bossert also commended Mr. Yost and thanked him for getting him involved on the Courts and Corrections Board.

Kathy Conrad stated that under Correspondence on the Agenda, DEP has issued a drought watch for 58 counties. Also, Wayne Township Landfill is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on August 10 & 11.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bossert stated the DEP declaration indicates that it is a 5% voluntary reduction in non-essential water use. He spoke to Kevin Fanning who stated that the water in local reservoirs is adequate right now. Mr. Bossert stated that the waste collection event will take place this Friday and Saturday. Mr. Bossert asked if there was a scheduled time for this event. Mr. Kyle stated that he would find out the time on for both days.

Lorraine Arcadipane was in attendance and stated that she was given a donation of a county hat

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and pin for the Golden K Kiwanis convention in State College. She stated that she has gotten numerous donations from the community.

Richard Morris stated that the TIF for the stadium is based on blight conditions. He stated that he looked up the definition of blight and one of the definitions is “a nuisance that would be attractive to children.” He stated that since the students play football in that stadium and hold graduations there they might want to find a different definition. He stated that there is a stipulation in the Tax Incremental Law that enables a taxing body to determine how much of the TIF it will devote to the project. Therefore, there is not an automatic assumption that the whole of the difference between the current taxation and the proposed taxation needs to be applied to that project. He wondered if the Commissioners would research it and see whether there is any discretion on the part of the municipalities to withhold a small portion of the TIF during the life of the project. Mr. Morris stated that he had a concern as to whether it is appropriate in this form of government for any person to mobilize his personal wealth in order to stand in the way of the direction determined by the elected government. It might not have been Mr. Renninger’s motive, but in principal he has a concern about that. Mr. Morris stated that he had the opportunity to watch some of the CCAP conference on television and he was impressed by the site of Mr. Yost who seemed to be the only one at the top table who was paying attention. He stated that by looking around that he could see that Clinton County was being well represented.

Mr. Bossert stated that the definition of blight should be declared by the city. He stated that they have appointed two people to that board as required.

Mr. Yost stated that he still feels the Attorney General’s office fumbled the ball on Pine Haven. He stated that since Pine Haven was paid for with taxpayers money, it should have just been transferred over to the county. He still wonders why they would have to pay for something with taxpayers dollars that is already owned by the taxpayers. So for him to spend \$700,000 did not make a whole lot of sense. He still believes it should have been turned over to the county. The other part he doesn’t understand is where all of the money went. He stated that the board for the Lock Haven Hospital must have mismanaged it. He stated that there are employees there now that do not even know where their retirement money is or how much they have. He stated that the county was to get a portion of that money, but it never happened.

Mr. Kyle stated that he agrees with Mr. Yost. He stated that Lock Haven Hospital received \$7 million dollars for the sale of the hospital and some of that money was supposed to come back to the community. He stated that the pension fund should have been funded properly. He stated that no one to his knowledge knows what happened to that money. Mr. Kyle stated that someone needs to ask what happened to that money and someone on that board needs to be accountable. He stated that as an elected official he is hammered every day about that issue and he is getting tired of it. The people who are responsible do not have to answer that question. The last piece of assets of that hospital were sold for \$655,000 and not one cent of it is coming back to the community. The people that put money into that hospital and made those donations got nothing back. It is all going to the government for the pension. It should have been sold 5 years ago, the money put into the pension fund and then gotten rid of it.

Richard Morris asked if the people representing the Shaner Investment Group will be meeting with the Commissioners with their presentation. He stated that they are going before the school board tonight. Mr. Bossert stated that they attended the presentation at City Hall.

Randy Bibey stated that he was at the meeting at the request of the Army Corp. of Engineers. There is an executed PCA in place. The project for the interconnect will be released and submitted for bids the week of August 13. On September 14, bids will be due in and the bid award will take place the 1st of October. He asked the Commissioners to formally release 75% of the agreed upon funding for the 25% matching share. The figure was \$133,333.00 and 75% of that will need to be sent to the Army Corp. of Engineers immediately. Mr. Bossert asked what that figure would be. Tim Holladay stated that it is \$98,497.50. Mr. Bossert stated that their agreement was to fund the money within 30 days of the executed PCA. Tim Holladay stated that CDBG regulations do not allow them to cut a check before their signed contract with constructional progress. It was discussed previously in work sessions that the money would need to come out of another fund, then the county can be reimbursed with CDBG funds. Mr. Yost made a motion to take \$98,497.50 out of the Environmental Fund and forward it to Mary Dan at the Army Corp of Engineers within 7 days of the official notice for the Renovo Water Interconnect Project. Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Holladay stated that this project struggled and it has been a long time coming, and the Army Corp. of Engineers complimented things greatly but a lot of people put in a lot of work on this project including Randy and Alan Uhler. The bid opening schedule is a tremendous step forward.

Randy Bibey stated that the construction phase is to start at Chapman Township and work backwards. It would make more sense to do it this way they can get the township off of their consent order with DEP. Mr. Bibey stated that demolition in the greater Renovo area has taken a lot of big steps recently. They have taken down a lot of blighted structures in the past few years. He stated that it has been a major undertaking with the 14 homes burned this year. He stated that they have all been torn down now except for 4. He thanked the Commissioners for their help. He also stated that the Borough has made several offers to the group that purchased the school to allow them to step out so they could take the school down quicker. He stated that the new owners have informed the Borough that they will be tearing down the building themselves. He stated that there was noticeable shifting with the recent storms we just had. He did ask the new owner to put some kind of safety fence around it. They do have a dangerous structure ordinance that they will need to abide by. The new owner has stated that he will donate some of the materials from the school to the greater Renovo area.

Scott Johnson asked what the county’s highest bid was for Pine Haven. Mr. Yost stated that he told Mr. Bossert to bid \$500,000 and no more. He didn’t think it was worth more than that.

Mr. Kyle stated that the Attorney General’s Office stated that the county could not own it for

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\$345,000 and were not willing to give it to them at that point. Why didn't they ever open their mouth and say they couldn't bid on it any further than that. There was never anything that was ever said. County government is again stifled by what the state does. He stated that after being at CCAP for the past few days, the Commissioners in the State of Pennsylvania are dismayed by what our state legislators and state senators do that just put the burden back on the county. He stated that the speaker yesterday was from the capitol in Harrisburg and the information that was going on. He stated that Congressman Peterson sponsored a bill three years ago in favor of tolling I-80. It made headline news. Now he backslides because it is appropriate for the voters in his district that they don't do it because so much of it goes through. He has now lost favor with his fellow legislators because he told them he wouldn't put in the bill so they didn't go represent themselves, and he turned around and did it. So now he is in trouble with the democrats and the republicans.

Mr. Yost stated that they did have an open invitation to our legislator to come and talk about tolling I-80 but he has never showed up. He stated that Clinton County is going to be a real problem. He is an advocate against tolling I-80, we should not be spending our money and having it used for mass transit Philadelphia. If they need mass transit in Philadelphia, then the past mayor of Philadelphia screwed up. Apparently he didn't do that so he ran for Governor and trying to find the money to do it now. He does not think it is right for central Pennsylvanians and the rural counties to have to pay for it. Mr. Yost stated that he would like to have someone come and explain to them exactly what they want to do. It would be appropriate for our legislator to come by and explain it.

Mr. Bossert stated that they had recently made an inquiry about an expenditure of money that the county had made to facilitate a map which indicated curb markets in the county. In that process of inquiry, they knew that there were only 2 sites listed, one was the Farmers Market on Main Street in Lock Haven and the other was the Partnership Office as compared to other counties that had numerous locations. He stated that the inquiry to Penn State Extension and Jim Ladlee has prompted him to respond with a four page explanation about what is going on with direct marketing of agriculture products in the county to the extent that there is an outline as to facilitating the farmers markets and curb markets in Clinton County. Grant applications have been made by Penn State Extension to the Foundation for a grant of \$8,000. He stated that the agricultural community should be pleased that there is going to be promotion of direct marketing.

Mr. Yost stated that he has received several complaints in the Loganton area about smoke, flies and stench coming from the incineration of chickens. He stated that this time of year it is a huge problem in Sugar Valley. Mr. Yost stated that he spoke to the Secretary of Agriculture, Wolfe and the Penn State Extension Office, ADP and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He stated that he was told there are ways and methods through Penn State Extension that they can work with the farmers to reduce the problem of flies. They are able to eliminate any kind of pests. He stated that there are people looking into ways to eliminate the smoke and stench also.

Mr. Kyle reminded everyone that the Clinton County Fair is going on this week and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for the City of Lock Haven in the amount of \$ 10,115.00 for paving of various streets. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried. Kathy Conrad stated that this is their 2007 normal allocation.

LIQUID FUELS  
LOCK HAVEN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Kim Savrock, Steven Hinman, and Kenneth Englert, part time Security Officers in the Sheriff's Department effective August 20, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Sheriff Chuck Ankney was in attendance and stated that starting on Monday there will be security at the Courthouse front doors.

PT NEW HIRES  
SAVROCK  
ENGLERT  
HINMAN

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:07 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 275,349.67; Payroll P/E 8/10/07 \$ 315,319.48. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mike Flanagan stated that he was in attendance at the request of the county planner. He stated

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that he was officially requesting in writing \$115,000 from Growing Greener II funds for the Lamar Business Park. A discussion ensued with Mr. Bossert tabling the issue until Monday's work session as there seemed to be some confusion as to the amounts of money Mr. Flanagan was requesting.

Lorraine Arcadipane was in attendance and thanked Commissioner Bossert for moving a piano into Whitetail Terrace on his own free time. She presented him a picture of the move in progress. She stated that the residents are very excited to have it. They are up at 8:00 am having sing a longs every morning.

Mary Ann Bower was in attendance from the Conservation District and stated that the board meeting that was scheduled for tonight has been moved to August 23, 2007 at 5:30 pm. It will be a joint picnic with the Cooperative Extension office.

Mr. Bossert asked Sheriff Ankney the status of the security equipment and if it was all here. Mr. Ankney stated that he is waiting for a computer that will control the doors and the rest of the system. It should be here next Monday. Kathy Conrad asked about the employee ID cards. Mr. Ankney stated that his office will be making the cards. He will start doing a department at a time. Mr. Bossert asked about the handicapped ramp and how security will be handled. Mr. Ankney stated that right now people will push the button at the door and a deputy will let them in and probably scan them with the wand. Mr. Bossert asked about the ramp during the winter months. There was a discussion about having the people come through the garage entrance and maybe placing a button at the door outside the garage. Susan Conway stated that this is an issue that the safety committee has been discussing. Mr. Bossert asked that the committee continue to explore it. Scott Johnson asked what exactly would be in place on Monday for security at the Courthouse. Mr. Ankney stated that it is a court day, so the people coming into the building will now be scanned on the first floor instead of the second floor. He stated that he will not be giving out visitor badges on busy court days. Mr. Kyle stated that he is opposed to that as it defeats the whole purpose of having security there in the first place. He believes the court feels the same way. Mr. Kyle stated that they may need to put more staff on for those days.

Mr. Yost suggested that they take another look at putting an elevator in the Courthouse. He asked that it be an agenda item on Monday's work session. It had been discussed a few years ago. He suggested using CDBG money over a period of a few years. He stated that CDBG money can be used for handicapped accessibility. Jim Leone asked if the Commissioners would consider fully enclosing the handicapped ramp. Mr. Yost stated that it would hurt the appearance of the building. Mr. Leone stated that it would be a cheaper alternative to putting in an elevator.

Mr. Kyle thanked Adam Coleman and Joel Long for attending the meeting. He asked Mr. Long what his position was on the TIF for Painter Stadium and the City since in the primary election he stated that he was against TIF's. Mr. Long stated that he was against the Lowes TIF, but stated that he looks at each project as its own project and it needs to be judged on its own merit. He is in favor of the TIF for the City. Mr. Kyle stated that the TIF for the City is fine, but if it is for the county it is a different story.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 22 of 2007 – Substance Abuse Policy for Outside Youth Agencies  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Adam Coleman stated that he is on the Board of Directors of the YMCA and they have had 3 meetings regarding their drug policy and they have a new policy in place for all employees. Scott Johnson asked Mr. Bossert what prompted them to implement this policy. Mr. Bossert stated that all youth in Clinton County should be entitled to a drug free environment. He stated that the county's current drug policy states that all new employees must take a pre-employment drug test and all safety sensitive employees will be tested randomly. Mr. Bossert stated that the county will share it's policy with anyone who wishes to have it. Mr. Johnson asked if the incident at the YMCA is what prompted this. Mr. Bossert stated that the incident drew it to their attention and to the attention of the whole community and they are stepping up.

Mr. Kyle stated that through MH/MR and the school they have a school officer who is funded by the county and MH/MR. He asked what they were going to ask the school system to do. Mr. Kyle asked if the school district has a drug policy in place. Bill Brigman stated that he recently applied to be a substitute teacher with the school district and he was never asked to have a pre-employment drug test.

Scott Johnson stated that some of the agencies are concerned about the cost of the testing. Mr. Bossert stated that it would be possible for them to get into the county's random drug pool. Scott Johnson asked which employees were safety sensitive. Susan Conway stated that it includes Caseworkers, Probation Officers, Deputies, Dispatchers and Correctional Officers. Mr. Bossert stated that there are also a few elected officials who have volunteered to be on it. There are also two study commission members on it.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve liquid fuels for Woodward Township in the amount of \$ 3,635.00 for HMA wearing course on Route 410, Cider Press Road. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIQUID FUELS  
WOODWARD TWP.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the donation of 3.42 acres of land in Wayne Township to the County from Maguires, Big Woods and Partners. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Lewis Steinberg suggested the motion be amended to add that they are entering into an agreement. Mr. Bossert read the new motion as: Board of Commissioners will consider the agreement dated August 21, 2007 and donation of 3.42 acres of land in Wayne Township to the county from Maguires, Big Woods and Partners. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Steinberg stated that the land is on the south side of the prison. The county will be building a storage facility on the site and will relocate Shoemaker Road with the existing road being vacated. Scott Johnson asked what the Maguires would be getting out of the deal. Mr. Steinberg stated that the Maguires will be getting a flowage easement for storm water for the development they are proposing. Mr. Steinberg stated that the agreement is with James Maguire Sr., James Maguire, Jr. and Bobby Maguire.

LAND DONATION  
AGREEMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$ 17,605.00 to Pizza King. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Steinberg stated that the owners of Pizza King, Mr. and Mrs. Chatham, will be relocating next door into the old news agency building. The total project cost is \$ 52,816.00. They currently have 1 full time and 5 part time employees. They plan to add 2 more part time positions.

REVOLVING LOAN  
FUND

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a loan from the Revolving Loan fund in the amount of \$ 27,092.00 to the Gedon Funeral Home. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mr. Steinberg stated that the Gedon family will be purchasing the property next to the funeral home. They plan to demolish the existing structure and put a parking lot there for the funeral home. The total project cost is \$ 81,275.00.

REVOLVING LOAN  
FUND

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the donation of \$12,500.00 towards the new foundation for the Train Station when it is moved to Lock Haven. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

TRAIN STATION  
RELOCATION

Bill Brigman stated that he met Leonora Hannagan the City Planner. He stated that there obviously is not room for a caboose at the site but they do need donations. He stated that the donations would be tax deductible. He stated that he has a friend who is a professional engineer and asked him to donate his services to the project.

Mr. Bossert asked Councilman Joel Long where the two sites for the Train Station are in the City. Mr. Long stated that they are looking at a piece of land at the corner of Liberty and Bald Eagle Streets and the other site is over at the Painter Stadium/Hanson Field site.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to appoint Amy Wolfe to the RC&D Council to represent the county for the remainder of the 2007 year. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that Ms. Wolfe currently works for Trout Unlimited and is an advocate of mine acid abatement.

BOARD APPT.  
RC&D

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve Growing Greener II funds in the amount of \$115,000 to the Clinton County Economic Partnership for the Lamar Business Park. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Mike Flanagan thanked the Commissioners and stated that the money will be used as part of the cost to move the water storage tank to a higher elevation.

GROWING GREENER II  
FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation from Donnie White, Maintenance Worker at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective August 10, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Yost stated that Mr. White has been a very good employee and he hates to see him go.

RESIGNATION  
D WHITE

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the hiring of Zachery Maffett, full time temporary Correctional Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective September 4, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
Z MAFFETT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Hunter, part time Security Officer in the Sheriff's Department effective August 27, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

PT NEW HIRE  
T HUNTER

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:40 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 122,209.57. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Robin Young and Tracy Bletz were in attendance from the Clinton County Women's Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Young stated that they were at the meeting as they were concerned about the resolution adopted today regarding a Substance Abuse Policy. Mr. Bossert asked Ms. Young if she thought they were one of the groups that would be affected by the resolution. Ms. Young stated that at this time she does not believe they are getting any funding from the county pertaining to youths.

Mr. Steinberg stated that he wanted to make it clear that the Salary Board issue that was tabled had nothing to do with the employee, it is strictly a procedural matter.

Mr. Kyle stated that now would be a good time for the union to step up and say they will adopt a Drug policy since they are negotiating a contract right now.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Mr. Yost asked Mr. Kyle if he is contemplating a write-in campaign in November. Mr. Kyle stated He is taking it into consideration, it is not out of the question. Mr. Yost stated that there was an article in last night's Express about a wooden spoon that was found on Boom Island. He stated that his ancestor John Yost came to this country from England in 1724. In 1781, one of his decedents John Yost II, moved to the Lock Haven area. One of his sons who was Henry Yost owned 29 acres in the Queens Run area. While he was living there he made wooden axe handles, rolling pins and household wooden items for the kitchen. He traded them up and down the Susquehanna River with the Indians. They were the corn planter Indians at the time. He then sold the 29 acres and bought 300 acres at the mouth of Lick Run in Farrandsville which he owned for 5 years. He then sold that and bought Boom Island where he did his trading and also had a fishery. Mr. Yost believes there is a pretty good chance that one of his ancestors made that spoon. Mr. Bossert suggested he contact the Clinton County Historical Society as they are in possession of the spoon, and ask them if they would allow it to be put on display at the Courthouse along with the arrowhead display.

Bill Brigman asked if this means Mr. Yost was born with a wooden spoon in his mouth.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 23 of 2007 – Greenway & Open Space Plan Allocation  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Amidea Daniel was in attendance and stated that the \$25,000 county match will be utilized to leverage \$200,000 for a project within Clinton County. The Greenway plan will help set forth the community connections from one community to the next and business connections from communities to their businesses and also connections to public state forest and game lands within Clinton County. This will set the infrastructure that will be built upon in the future for other projects. She thanked the Commissioners for their support and local match. Mr. Bossert stated that this money could come out of the Environmental Fund in the restricted part. Mr. Kyle stated that the \$25,000 is being used to leverage \$200,000 which is about 8 times the local match. He stated that this is something that this board has continued to do. He stated that this will benefit the citizens of Clinton County not the Commissioners.

RESOLUTION

Proclamation – DuWayne Kunes Recognition

Mr. Yost stated that Mr. Kunes has been a very active volunteer for the Jaycees and is a past Jaycee member. He stated that without Mr. Kunes hard work for the Labor Day Regatta it probably would not happen. Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Kunes for his hard work and dedication to the community.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Gary Litz, full time Maintenance Worker at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective September 4, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
G LITZ

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Brenda Johnson, Administrative Assistant/ Office Manager in the District Attorney's office effective August 20, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
B JOHNSON

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the re-hiring of Brenda Johnson, part time Administrative Assistant/Office Manager in the District Attorney's office effective August 23, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that Ms. Johnson has found new employment but will continue to work part time in the District Attorney's office.

PT REHIRE  
B JOHNSON

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Donna Keeler, part time Administrative Assistant/Office Manager in the District Attorney's office effective August 30, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PT NEW HIRE  
D KEELER

Salary Board was called to order at 10:21 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board Minutes.

SALARY  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 88,390.51; Payroll P/E 8/24/07 \$ 306,209.50; Tax Collector Payroll P/E 8/27/07 \$ 2,662.49. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Richard Morris asked when the county budget sessions would begin. Kathy Conrad stated that they are scheduled to start on Monday afternoon, September 10 at 1:30pm. They will also be on Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. They are scheduled for Monday and Thursday afternoons, and Tuesday mornings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Novosel was in attendance to represent the government study commission. He asked if they could use the county's bulk rate mailing permit to mail out the home rule charter summary. Mr. Kyle asked if the charter would also include the minority report. Mr. Novosel stated that it would not. Mr. Kyle stated that his answer is "no" unless they mail out the minority report too. Mr. Novosel stated that they are not sending out the full charter just a summary of it which is about 12 pages. He stated that if they are allowed to use the permit, it will cost \$8,500 if not, it will cost \$10,825 to send it out first class mail. Mr. Kyle stated that the citizens of Clinton County deserve to know what is in the minority report. He does not understand why the commission is reluctant to print the report. He stated that Mr. Poorman is the number one person in this community who has been disruptive and has tried to change the form of government. The minority report gives everyone the opportunity to make a good challenge. Mr. Novosel stated that they will be mailed to every household. Mr. Kyle stated that he would be willing to give extra funding if the mailing includes the minority report. Mr. Yost stated that he agrees with Mr. Kyle. He stated that the people of Clinton County need to know the full story. The November election will be one of the most important elections in this county. He is in favor of sending out the whole charter and the minority report. Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to send out the charter using the county's bulk rate mailing permit. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Kyle asked Mr. Novosel to come back in two weeks with a response from the study commission. Mr. Novosel stated that he would also get new prices from the printer to include the minority report.

Richard Morris stated that the charter is 88 pages. He believes that the summary is quite informational and would be appropriate to send along with the minority report. That way people would have two sides to the argument. He stated that it would be a fair package to send out. He stated that to be fair to the study commission, the minority report has been posted on the county website since it was first released.

Miles Houseknecht was in attendance and stated that the Violence Against Women Act grant that he works with has had a 14% reduction for FY 2008. The federal grant is administered by PCCD and runs from July 2007 – July 2008. He has just been informed of the reduction. He stated that the total grant will now be \$65,498.00, so the county match is going to be less than originally stated. Mr. Houseknecht stated that violence has drastically decreased since the program was first implemented in 1997. Violent acts have decreased about 50% in the county. Mr. Houseknecht stated that when he first started this program he went to every police department in the county and counted every violent act committed in the last 6 months. He is using those statistics and keeps track of it annually through this grant. In 1996, there were 222 incidents in the county in 6 months of which 14 were felony level crimes. The average now is about 115 – 120 per year now, and maybe one or two felonies per year. Mr. Bossert stated that this report is outstanding and is a phenomenal reversal of attitude and trend. He commended Mr. Houseknecht for his efforts and training. Mr. Houseknecht stated that it is a joint effort by the Womens Center, the police and the district attorney's office.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Proclamation – Crafts of Clinton County, Inc. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Scott Moore, Director of Crafts, Inc. was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

He thanked the Commissioners for their support and recognition. He invited the Commissioners to the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 12 at noon. Mr. Moore stated that they will be changing their name to Clinton County Community Connections, Inc. and their mission statement will also change. Mr. Moore stated that they hope to build a new facility within the next 5 years.

Mr. Bossert asked about the name change and when it would occur. Mr. Moore stated that it was a recommendation by the Board and will be official next Wednesday at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Kyle thanked Mr. Moore and his organization for their efforts, dedication and what they bring to the community and disadvantaged citizens.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the allocation of \$25,000 out of the restricted Environmental Fund to the Porter Township Municipal Authority to complete the water line at the Lamar interchange. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert stated that this project is one of the infrastructure projects the present Board of Commissioners thought was absolutely necessary in this county. The Board realized there was a deficiency in the amount of available water at the interchange of Route 64 and Interstate 80. They created opportunity through the Growing Greener fund for this project to begin. They made a contribution of \$ 150,000 to the Municipal Authority in Porter Township two years ago. This project was nearing completion and they got into a situation when they had to act fast at the opposite side of the road, they needed an additional \$25,000 to get under Route 64 and to complete the job. Mr. Bossert stated that today they are celebrating, this is one of the first projects to be completed. Mr. Yost stated that the line they put in helps loop their system and give them more volume during times of high usage. It doesn't give them any more water to use. It is hoped that someday they will be able to hook onto Suburban Water. Mr. Kyle stated that all of those people have depended on wells and the nitrates in the water supply were not very good. It will help serve the businesses in that area and they will now have fire protection. He stated that the municipal authority also put in some of their own money, it wasn't all county money. He stated that within the next 10 years, when you come down Nittany Valley, development will not stop at the county line like it currently does. Development will now come beyond that because there is sufficient water, restrictions have been lifted on the sewer projects that have been completed. Major advantages to Clinton County are in the offing.

ENVIRONMENTAL  
FUND ALLOCATION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Cocciardi and Associates, Inc. "Consultant" to develop a template for a Pandemic Plan that may be used for both the County and Task Force Level with William Frantz as the County representative. Cost of the template will be \$3,000. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Bill Frantz was in attendance and stated that the funds will be reimbursable to the county by a grant from the Department of Health. The template will be the same as the other 6 counties they work with. All plans will be standardized to they can continue to work together.

PANDEMIC  
PLAN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve entering into a Housing Preservation grant agreement with Rural Development in the amount of \$69,275.00. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Amidea Daniel stated that the \$69,275.00 is through the USDA and Step, Inc. It will be for weatherization projects for the Renovo Borough area. The grant funding will also be used to leverage another Home grant that the county and Step, Inc. are currently working on for \$500,000. \$350,000 would be spent in the Renovo area and the remainder in the rest of the county. The individuals who will qualify for this funding are 65 and older and a low income category. There are 720 housing units in Renovo with 610 of those occupied and 510 built prior to 1939. The Borough has lost 15 homes in the past few months.

USDA GRANT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve being discharged from the performance of obligations on a PCCD sub grant awarded December 12, 2006, providing funding to the Clinton County District Attorney's office Action Team Against Drugs with the provisions that Valley Prevention Services perform the obligations and to be bound by the terms of the original sub grant. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Lewis Steinberg stated that there was a meeting earlier in the day today between the current district attorney and Mike Salisbury. It was decided at that meeting that Valley Prevention Services would now administer the PCCD grant for \$200,000. The county has been the conduit for these funds but has no knowledge of how this money has been spent. Mr. McKnight stated that during Mr. Salisbury's campaigning he stated that he would not be involved with these programs. He stated that Ted McKnight will now be the person responsible for handling this program through Valley Prevention Services. The program will continue for another year with Valley Prevention Services being the conduit now. Richard Morris asked if the county receives an administrative fee. Mr. Steinberg stated that as far as he knows the county does not but the question should be asked of Mr. McKnight.

PCCD GRANT  
DISCHARGE

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the resignation of Angela Olson, Correctional Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective September 10, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded By Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
A OLSON

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to tentatively approve, pending the Prison Board meeting with Commissioners and Salary Board, the transfer of Paul Risley from Correctional Officer to Lieutenant at the Clinton County Correctional Facility, effective September 2, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

LIEUTENANT  
P RISLEY

Salary Board was called to order at 10:34 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board Minutes.

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Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 211,483.42. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

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Lewis Steinberg stated that he was asked for his opinion on the request from the government study commission to use the county's bulk mailing permit to mail out the charter. He stated that the real question is if it is an appropriate use of funds by the county to in fact print and disseminate copies of the report to the citizens of the county. In his opinion, it is not an appropriate use of funds allocated by the county pursuant to the applicable law. The law states that the

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county is to provide for the necessary expenses performed in their duties. In his opinion, those duties have been fulfilled by the completion of the report. The law also states that once the report has been completed, it shall publish or cause to be published sufficient copies of its final report for public study and information and deliver to the municipal clerk sufficient copies of the report to supply to any interested citizens upon request. He believes that is appropriate. He feels the allocation of the money is for the study commission to get to this point. Mr. Steinberg read from the DCED Home Rule Charter book as to what qualifies as an expense. It does not include postage as an expenditure. He stated that regardless of whether it is mailed as bulk mail or first class it is not a governmental expense. Mr. Bossert asked if it would be appropriate at this time for the county commissioners to make a request to the study commission for the return of the balance of funds. Mr. Steinberg asked if they have the money or if they turn in a request for funds when needed. He stated that perhaps they need to know that if there are still funds in their budget, that does not mean they need to spend it. Kathy Conrad asked Mr. Steinberg about the advertisement of the question on the November ballot. She asked if the advertising fee should come out of the study commission budget. Mr. Steinberg stated that he would review the law and get back to her. Mr. Bossert asked if the Board should create a motion to instruct the county solicitor to inform the study commission that postage for circulation will not be a recognized expense. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

Scott Johnson asked about the water situation in the county. Bill Frantz stated that they are in contact with water authority's to find out the status of their water. He stated that only Renovo is on a voluntary restriction right now.

Bill Bergman stated that he has studied the proposed Home Rule Charter and the minority report. He stated that there are a lot of big words in that report that may be difficult for the average voter to understand. He stated that the archives on the Express website only go back two weeks. He stated that it is unfair to tell the average voter that if they missed the opinion in the newspaper they should go back and read it because it is not readily available. He believes the people need to know what the commissioners opinion is and why.

Adam Coleman asked about the Environmental Fund and what projects it would be used for besides infrastructure. Mr. Yost stated that it will be earmarked for some acid mine drainage projects and some more infrastructure projects.

Bill Frantz stated that CRODA will be testing its sirens today at noon. It should cover a 1 mile radius.

Mary Ann Bower was in attendance and invited everyone to attend the Clinton County Farm City Family Festival and Wellness Fair that will be held on September 22, 2007 from 9-4 pm. She also stated that they are planning a flood plain seminar for municipal officials on October 22, 2007. Sarah Ogden, Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Management Technician was in attendance and gave a brief update on projects going on in the county.

Mr. Yost congratulated the Jaycees on a very successful weekend. The weather was great and they did a fantastic job.

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Mr. Kyle stated that it is the medias obligation to create a lot of debate and discussion in the next six weeks, because he believes on November 6<sup>th</sup> the most significant vote will take place. Other than say we advocate or we don't, the study commission needs to bring in outside people from counties who have Home Rule and those who have turned it down and why. He wants to know what their counties that changed 30 years ago have over our county.

Mr. Bossert stated that he wanted to reiterate that there was a significant occurrence here today and it was the fact that one of the infrastructure projects that they have been pushing has been completed. They went from a 4" supply line to an 8" supply line.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL

Resolution No. 24 of 2007 – Implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Bill Frantz was in attendance and stated that the Department of Emergency

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Services is already following NIMS. This resolution is just a formality. He stated that failure to adopt it would mean they can no longer qualify for federal grants including PEMA and FEMA. Mr. Frantz stated that the municipalities are also required to adopt a resolution or they will lose their federal funding. He stated that so far only a few have done it. Mr. Frantz stated that there is no cost to the county for this program as it has already been implemented. Mr. Yost suggested that the Commissioners send a letter to the municipalities reminding them of the importance of doing the resolution. Mr. Frantz stated that there is a completion date of January 2008. Mr. Bossert stated that there is a Clinton County Township and Borough's Association meeting this Saturday and he would take a copy of the resolution. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 25 of 2007 – Clinton County Criminal Justice Advisory Board  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

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Suzy Watson was in attendance and stated that the board has been functioning since 2003 when the central booking project was in the early stages. She stated that the Board is made up of people from the criminal justice community with many different law enforcement agencies. She stated that this resolution is required to formally recognize the board. She stated that their most recent accomplishment was the grant they wrote for the central booking project. It is a state of the art center. Everyone who is arrested in the county is taken to the prison to be booked. They are fingerprinted electronically, photographed side to side and any markings are photographed. That information is then sent statewide within minutes and within hours it is federal. She stated that this allows for the individuals to be quickly identified with their criminal history before they leave the prison. In the past, it would take at least 2 weeks to a month to see if there was a match. The old prints with ink a lot of times were not clear. Ms. Watson stated that they are working on another federal grant that will allow the local police to chat car to car and put them into a common records system that can be shared. Mr. Bossert asked if the Board has created bylaws. Ms. Watson stated that the bylaws have been created and are ready for adoption. Mr. Bossert asked if the commissioners would be appointing members to this Board. Ms. Watson stated that they would. Mr. Bossert suggested that the members be appointed on a staggered year basis so there is always someone remaining on the Board with experience.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the proposal to provide architectural services for the investigation of the Clinton County 911 Center space utilization and restroom handicapped accessibility study along with providing systems furniture options for more efficient utilization of the existing offices. Proposed fee from EADS is \$2,500.00. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

EADS PROPOSAL  
911 CENTER

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the proposal to provide concept design drawings and opinion of costs for the addition of an exterior handicapped lift at the Clinton County Courthouse. Proposed fee from EADS is \$2,700.00. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

EADS PROPOSAL  
HANDICAPPED  
LIFT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the encumbrance of liquid fuels for Avis Borough in the amount of \$1,809.00. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the transfer of IV-D Funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$ 27,052.00 for May 2007 expenses. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

IV-D FUNDS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to confirm the transfer of Zachery Maffett, temporary full time Correctional Officer to full time Correctional Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility effective September 4, 2007, with no salary change. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

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Z MAFFETT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 89,106.57; Payroll P/E 9/7/07 \$ 305,447.34. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

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APPROVED

Susan Bardo was in attendance from Leadership Clinton County.

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Richard Morris asked the commissioners how many new ordinances have been adopted this year. Kathy Conrad stated that there were two ordinances adopted for the bonds. Mr. Bossert stated that local government does not have a great need to create ordinances. Mr. Kyle stated that one of the issues of the government study commission is about all of the ordinances. He stated that they really don't create ordinances and when they do it has to do with financial matters.

Wes Graham from Manatron was in attendance and stated that a large portion of the reassessment should be completed by the end of September. Right now there are only two townships that aren't done, yet, East and West Keating. He stated that in March of 2008 property owners will be receiving a preliminary value of their property. Mr. Bossert asked if they were on schedule. Mr. Graham stated that they are about two weeks behind. Mr. Bossert stated that he always wonders if the citizens of this county have spent money wisely when it comes to a reassessment. He asked Mr. Graham if there will be fairness in the future. Mr. Graham stated that there will be. He has not found any lost cities, mostly outbuildings on farms that were not on the tax rolls.

Keith Yearick, Chief Assessor stated that his office has received minimal phone calls from the public with questions regarding the reassessment. He stated that he would like to talk to the press again and maybe go on Talkback to answer questions.

Scott Johnson stated that the study commission's solicitor believes that the county solicitor is wrong in his opinion of the expense of the bulk mailing of the charter. Mr. Bossert stated that the county solicitor has given them an opinion and that is what they will follow. If the study commission submits a bill, they have advice from their solicitor not to sign it. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Steinberg has been the county solicitor for 30 plus years and has given many Boards advice. He considers his opinion to be sound, fair advice. Unless he advises them otherwise, he will follow his advice. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Robinson's remark about going to jail, he isn't the one going to jail. This is typical of people not understanding what the procedure is. The people that would go to jail for spending the money inappropriately would be the three commissioners not him. But that is typical of how decisions have been made on that board. They don't know what they are talking about. Scott Johnson asked if the study commission's solicitor's opinion was reviewed by the county solicitor. He stated that it was received and reviewed but he has not changed his opinion. Mr. Bossert stated that the three commissioners are the ones to make the final decision not the solicitors.' Mr. Johnson asked if they were prepared to go to court. Mr. Bossert stated that it would be the study commission that would have to sue, not them. Mr. Kyle stated that the rendered opinion in Chester County was made at the local court level and is not a law. It is strictly an opinion.

Mr. Kyle stated that he would like to officially recognize from the Board the fine job that Ellen DiDominico from the Clinton /Lycoming MH/MR Program has done. She is the Executive Director and will be leaving next Monday. He stated that in his opinion Ellen will be sadly missed and it is a loss for both counties. He wished her the best. He stated that he has taken a fair amount of criticism from one of the local media because he was very outspoken about it and maybe now they will finally look into the matter. His part here was always to protect the interest of Clinton County not someone else.

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Mr. Kyle stated that the Domestic Relations department is rated very high in the state compared to other counties. The Home Rule counties are at the bottom of the list. He stated that this shows that Home Rule counties are not as efficient as what Clinton County is. 60% - 70% of the county's budget is spent on the first and second floors. So as far as efficiency goes, the proof is in the pudding. A lot of people were upset about the raises given a few years ago to these people, but right here proves their performance and efficiency. Mr. Kyle stated that this is part of a "did you know" effort that everyone will be hearing more about from him in the weeks to come.

Mr. Yost challenged the new board of commissioners to find a replacement for Ellen DiDominico. He stated that it is going to be a real challenge. He stated that the organization is on a \$60 million budget. Mr. Yost asked Adam Coleman what his position was on Home Rule. Mr. Coleman had no comment. Mr. Bossert stated that there was nothing in discovery that indicates that there is a better form of government for Clinton County.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

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Proclamation – Clinton County Farm - City Day

Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Jim Ladlee from the Penn State Extension Office was in attendance and invited everyone to attend the festival. He stated that there will be a lot of family activities along with the County's Health Fair. Some of the activities include a pig roast, a chicken wing cook-off, a pie auction, pie eating contest, horse shoe pitch, straw bale pitch, pumpkin decorating and scarecrow making. Gloria Stinson was also in attendance and stated that there will be many vendors at the Health Fair who will be offering blood pressure screenings, hearing tests, vision tests, a chiropractor, a celebrity golf contest and many more. It will be the biggest event the county has ever had. She invited everyone to attend this Saturday. Jim Ladlee thanked everyone for their hard work on this event.

PROCLAMATION

Resolution No. 26 of 2007 – TIF Painter Stadium/Hanson Field

Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.  
Lewis Steinberg was in attendance and stated that this is the formal approval of the TIF by the County. He stated that Shaner Development is proposing a hotel with 2 restaurants and 18 condos. He stated that the school board would be adopting a resolution tonight and

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the City would adopt it in the coming weeks. The Tax Increment Financing is the process by which the difference between the current taxes and what they would be at the time of the completion of the project would be used to partially fund infrastructure and the acquisition of the property itself. In this case, the property has been tax exempt since as long as it has been owned by Keystone Central. Since there has never been any taxes on it, the difference would be between zero and what the taxes would be upon the completion of the project. That figure has been estimated by Manatron to be \$360,000. The term of the TIF will actually be longer than the period of time in which it will take to pay it off. It will be a borrowing with a maximum of \$3,725,000 with a term not to exceed 15 or 16 years. However, included in the borrowing is what would be necessary to pay the last year and a half of it and enough to pay the first two years of interest only. That money will be put into an interest bearing account to generate interest. The maximum term would be more like 12 to 13 years. The proceeds will be used for the acquisition of the property at \$1.25 million, that money will be the matching funds to permit the school district to obtain the equal amount from the State for the construction of the new football stadium in Bald Eagle Township. That match is contingent upon the development of the current site. The \$360,000 will be used to pay for the loan itself. It is necessary for the three taxing districts to approve this as it is their taxes that will be affected. Mr. Bossert asked if the City ever declared the stadium area as blighted. Mr. Steinberg stated that they have made the declaration. The City Planning Commission has met and recommended to City Council that it be declared as blighted. He stated that it may not have been done yet formally as they had to go through all of the steps. Mr. Bossert asked about the time frame of the TIF and stated that it is not mentioned in the TIF plan. Mr. Steinberg stated that it is not in the resolution, but is referred to in the plan. Mr. Bossert asked if they adopt the resolution today and the City has not declared the area blighted, will this resolution become null and void. Mr. Steinberg stated that it would not. The project cannot proceed without that occurring. The county's participation is based on that pre-condition. The action today would be mute if it was not declared blighted.

Richard Morris asked if the tax flows to the taxing bodies as soon as the debt obligation is actually satisfied, not on the expiration of the TIF. Mr. Steinberg stated that he is correct. If the property would be reassessed and the value went up, that increase would come immediately. If the taxes go up by any of the taxing districts, those additional taxes will not flow to the taxing district at that time but will shorten the time for their repayment of the debt as it will put more money towards the principal. Mr. Bossert asked who keeps track of all of the math. Mr. Steinberg stated that a lending institution will be appointed and will be responsible to handle the collection of the payments etc. Scott Johnson asked how soon development would start once the TIF resolution is adopted by all taxing bodies. Mr. Steinberg stated that Shaner hopes to start by the end of the year.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Facilities Use Lease Agreement between Clinton County and Keystone Community Network, Inc. for a one year period. KCnet will be installing computer networking equipment on the roof of the Garden Building for their high speed wireless communication network. Lewis Steinberg stated that he reviewed the contract and found some minor issues that he would like to go over with them. Mr. Yost made a motion to table the issue until it can be reviewed with the Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Adam Coleman asked what the monetary consideration would be for the lease. Mr. Steinberg stated that it is one of the issues he would like to discuss with the commissioners.

FACILITIES  
USE LEASE  
AGREEMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 186,926.76. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert stated that the agenda for the commissioners is on page 2, they have been challenged that their agendas are not available. These agendas have been available on a weekly basis since day one. Each commissioner has been assigned to meetings for the 30 or so agencies that they participate with, he did not think it was necessary to send them to Joel Long. He needs to know that they are available here. Kathy Conrad stated that there is a change on today's agenda, there is no sewer authority meeting tonight, they have changed the meetings to the first Thursday of every month.

Richard Morris asked if there has been anymore communication with the government study commission as how and whether they will be issuing a report. Mr. Bossert stated that he has had no contact nor has the other two commissioners or the chief clerk. Lewis Steinberg stated that he has not had any further communication with them either. Mr. Morris asked if a member of the public came in and stated that they do not have a computer, would the county be willing to download a copy and give it to the individual. Mr. Steinberg stated that the county should do that, as the law states that copies are to be available to the public. Mr. Morris also asked about the changes to the concept of the old Kmart building. Mr. Yost stated that the building is 55,000 square feet. When the different groups of people were in there and making a wish list, they wanted to develop the whole 55,000 square feet. In order to get that done and the extra rooms, the costs would be very high. Each group that planned on going in there sat down and redid their absolute necessary needs and came up to 25,000 square feet. That went back to the architect to redesign the area. There will be room for future expansion. The senior center is larger than what they have now but not as large as they had hoped. Mr. Morris asked if all of the groups that originally had an interest in that building will be accommodated. Mr. Yost stated that they will be. Mr. Morris stated that he would like to go on record as saying that it would not be in the best interest of the county to sell Susque-View or the county prison and any talk of that the

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other night was asinine.

Mr. Kyle stated that he took exception to the comment made by Mr. Harger that the bond issue is not considered in the revenue of the prison. He stated that the bond payment was originally \$168,000 a year for \$3.5 million. Last year, the prison had an excess of \$160,000 in revenues over expenses. Only about \$3 million was used to build the prison. So if you do the math, the person who made that comment is pretty typical of not understanding what the finances were and does not understand what the facts are. He objects when they try to tell the taxpayers of this community that it is not taken into account. He wants to make sure the facts are on the table and he has the financial statements to back it up. He stated that the county prison is revenue neutral and does not cost the county. The prison is run very well and is run by professionals.

Elisabeth Lynch thanked the local media for their coverage of the Train Station project and also the commissioners for their support and donation. She also thanked Verizon, Comcast, PPL, and Norfolk Southern. She stated that they have all guaranteed and donated in-kind services to move all utility lines. The only one there is a charge for is Embarq as they do not have a contractor to move the lines and had to subcontract the work out. It will cost about \$925.00. Lock Haven Rotary has pledged a \$1,000 towards the deficit they are currently facing. They are challenging all community organizations in Clinton County to match their donation. She stated that all donations need to be in to Leonora Hannagan by Monday. She stated that the current deficit is \$22,400.00 by Monday. Ms. Lynch stated that last night they had an anonymous donor come forward who is willing to match dollar for dollar all donations. She stated that this project has become extremely symbolic. It is not just about historic preservation or moving a train station. It is about the city working with the county and the county working with the citizens and the citizens working with the city. She stated that Representative Hanna is very proud of the community and has pledged \$10,000 for the restoration of the building. Mr. Bossert asked if it was personal or state monies. Ms. Lynch stated that it was state monies he pledged.

Jamie Aurand was in attendance from Susque-View and stated that they had their re-visit from the Department of Health, a follow up visit from their annual inspection, on September 11. He stated that they are in compliance and got a clean bill of health as far as the operations. He stated that today they have one empty bed. Mr. Bossert thanked Mr. Aurand for giving his report at a public meeting. Mr. Yost asked about the homes financial situation. Mr. Aurand stated that last year at this time, they were about break even, right now they are about \$300,000 - \$400,000 in the black. Mr. Yost stated that he wanted to make sure people understand that Susque-View is doing extremely well besides the prison. Mr. Kyle stated that he saw in the Centre Daily Times this morning that a personal care home in Centre County was closed by the Department of Public Welfare. He stated that there is a website that rates nursing homes. He asked Mr. Aurand to check the website and see where Susque-View is rated compared to privately run homes. He asked him to come back to a meeting and give a report on his findings. Mr. Aurand stated that they are in the process of several cosmetic upgrades to the facility. He stated that it needs a facelift. Mr. Kyle stated that the citizens of Clinton County need to realize that the State of Pennsylvania has continually whacked away at their reimbursements to county owned facilities. He stated that the max was 4% this year and health care costs are around 6% - 7%. The fact that they can still operate a facility in that manner, speaks volumes of their management style and the choices they have made. Mr. Aurand stated that they have two labor unions that they are working with who have been very helpful through the process.

Dan Harger stated that it was interesting that Richard (Morris) can come to a public meeting and insinuate that people are going to do something or sell something that will forward his cause. He stated that there was never any discussion about selling Susque-View or the prison. It appears that Richie is a madman with ideas that he thinks are disseminated through a meeting that he was not present at. He stated that the question that was asked of them the other night was if they felt the additional out of county prisoners being brought in had an influence on this community. He stated that he never made the comment that the county was losing money at the prison. His question was whether the \$4 million taken in from out of county prisoners was being used to pay for all of the expenses plus the \$160,000 surplus. He stated that he is trying to gather information as a candidate. No comment was made to sell the prison or Susque-View. He stated that he will be attending meetings at Susque-View. He stated that if the financial person who made that statement made a mistake, he would like to know that. Mr. Bossert asked Mr. Harger what his question was. Mr. Harger asked if the \$1.5 million coming out of tax payers money up front in the budget and adding \$2.5 million made up by out of town prisoners, or is the full \$4 million being brought in by out of county prisoners. Mr. Yost stated that the full \$4 million was brought in by out of county prisoners. His second question was whether the financial person answered correctly on the debt load. Mr. Kyle stated that he answered correctly. Mr. Harger stated that the transportation booklet is completed for this year. He gave a copy to the commissioners and asked for a letter of recommendation for the projects. He stated that the I-80 toll debate is still going on. He stated that there is a representative from Harrisburg who is willing to come here and speak about it. Mr. Bossert stated that they have extended an open invitation to Mike Hanna for a month now to come to a public meeting and discuss it.

Carol Hanna was in attendance for Leadership Clinton County.

Scott Johnson stated that the study commission has a public meeting tonight to discuss whether or not to send out the minority report with the mailing. He stated that the commission's solicitor has recommended they send the report. Mr. Bossert stated that if both the minority and majority report are sent out, it becomes more palatable.

Mr. Kyle stated that John Lipez has quite an article in the paper today. Mr. Lipez states in his article

that Mr. Kyle has a pathological hatred for the government study commission proposal. Mr. Kyle stated that he looked up the definition of pathological and the definition states: of or relating to manifested behavior that is habitual, manipulative, and compulsive. He does not know if he fits any of them. Mr. Lipez has power of the pen and continues to write as he wishes. He stated that Mr. Lipez has continued to write to encourage to change the form of government. Mr. Kyle stated that Mr. Lipez tells him that he does not want that or he hasn't made up his mind but his writings say otherwise. He has only seen Mr. Lipez at a few meetings over the last 5 years. He stated that Mr. Lipez's comment was he would be back in two years when they are all fighting about it. Mr. Kyle wanted to clarify Mr. Lipez's comments about the comments he made about the city and the school district. He stated that he has lived in this community for 62 years and has been a taxpayer for the past 35 years in the city and he pays the highest rate of taxes in the county. When you live in the city you pay the highest rate of taxes. If the form of government is responsible for that then so be it. The City is basically fairly close to being bankrupt. They are at their taxing limit, there is worn out equipment being patched every day. He stated that there are comments being made that when you change the form of government you change all of that. The City changed the form of government in 1970 in the City to a third class charter from a strong mayor. Maybe at that time it was the right thing. He stated that he voted for it, and he is not sure it was the right thing. Mr. Kyle stated that another misconception is changing the form of government is related to jobs created in counties. He would like someone to prove that to him. The City has not been successful in attracting new industry. They have a problem. There are a lot of restrictions on land use that caused that to happen. They have a park at the airport that has been there for years and they have not been able to attract any industry because they won't sell the ground, they want to lease it out. There have been various prospects interested, but only if they could buy it. If not for community development block grant money and different grants, the project on Main Street would not have happened. He stated that community block grant monies may be going away. If that happens, it would be disastrous for the City of Lock Haven and also the county. Mr. Lipez states in his article that Mr. Kyle blindsided the school district. He did not blind side them, he has made some of those comments before. The school district paid for 2 administrators who were left go a year before their contract was up and paid them for services they did not receive. If you want to see how this government will work under the proposed charter, he thinks people need to read that charter and read what the people say in the minority report. Where are the findings. The study has been done but where are the findings. There has been one finding in the charter and the rest has been manufactured by the people who think that is what it should be. He is a madman and he will be a madman until it's over. He is not mad at anyone, but he is not going to hide what he is thinking. Mr. Yost stated that the county needs all municipalities to become NIMS compliant in order for them to qualify for state and federal grants. He asked the media to get the word out to municipalities to become compliant before the end of the year. He stated that if we would have a disaster tomorrow and the municipality is not NIMS compliant, they cannot get any funding.

Mr. Bossert strongly urged folks to conserve water.

Mr. Yost made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr. and Richard K. Kyle

The Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Proclamation – Skritch Family Day - September 29, 2007  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Bossert stated that this is a fundraiser for 7 year old Jacob Skritch who is in need of a liver transplant. This event will take place at the Beech Creek ball field. He asked everyone to please try to attend this very important event.

Resolution No. 27 of 2007 – DCNR Grant Proposal  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Amidea Daniel was in attendance and stated that this grant will be for a feasibility study of the historic canal trail in Clinton and Centre counties. There is a local match of in-kind services of 100 hours from each county. There is no monetary match required.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to remove from the tax rolls a 1 acre parcel (UPI # 28-14033) (Tiadaghton Elm) in Pine Creek Township owned by DCNR. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion did not carry. Mr. Yost made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kyle to table the issue until they can find out how the property was purchased. Mr. Bossert stated that the property was purchased by the Conservancy and given to DCNR. DCNR did not adhere to the

TAX EXCLUSION  
TIADAGHTON ELM

resolution the county passed in 2004 requesting the commissioners have the final say on all purchases of county property by the State. Mr. Yost stated that he only tabled the issue because he did not know who purchased the land. Mr. Kyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the Facilities Use Lease Agreement between Clinton County and Keystone Community Network, Inc. for a one year period. Kcnet will be installing computer networking equipment on the roof of the Garden Building for their high speed wireless communication network. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Sue Foust was in attendance and stated that this will allow the downtown area to have wireless internet service on Sundays for free. She stated that their goal is to attract people to the downtown area.

FACILITIES USE  
AGREEMENT  
KCNET

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$65,000.00 for Process Control Specialties, Inc. located in Pine Creek Township. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Mike Flanagan was in attendance and stated that they build vacuum kiln products. The funds will be used for an addition to the current building. They have 4 employees that will be retained. The total project cost is \$195,000.00. Mr. Flanagan stated that there is about \$350,000.00 in the fund right now for entrepreneurs. The loans are at 4% and up to 1/3 of a project cost.

CC REVOLVING  
LOAN FUND

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Heather Mogish-Persun, Independent Living Coordinator in the Children & Youth Department effective September 14, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
H MOGISH-PERSUN

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Jennifer Weaver, Caseworker in the Children & Youth Department effective September 24, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
J WEAVER

Salary Board was called to order at 10:35 am. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 392,183.32; Payroll P/E 9/21/07 \$ 312,822.18; Tax Collector Payroll P/E 9/15/07 \$ 761.40. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Marchal Rote was in attendance with four other members of Leadership Clinton County. Kim Coleman, Tammy Russell, Steve Stevenson and Crissy Meeker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Love was in attendance and announced that she is the new Executive Director of the Women's Center.

David Bower, Veterans Affairs Director was in attendance and reported that his office, in conjunction with Maria Boileau from the City, is planning a Hometown Heroes celebration of all current and past veterans in the county. Ms. Boileau stated that the city will be placing banners on the light poles with a picture of each veteran, downtown and on the dike. They will be on display until Veterans Day when they will be presented to the family at a ceremony. She asked that pictures be submitted to David Bower. Mr. Bower stated that there will be a Veterans Day parade on November 10. Mr. Bower stated that the two federal veterans interns have reported to work in his office. Mr. Bossert commended him for acquiring the volunteer help. Mr. Harger suggested that the banners be placed in other communities if it is a success. Ms. Boileau stated that she was open to sharing the information she has.

Jeff Weiss, financial consultant for the county was in attendance and gave an update on county finances of the second quarter. He stated that cash and investments are almost equal to last years numbers. He stated that overall net assets are approximately \$1 million higher than 2006. There are some receivables out on the prison revenue and some receivables from the State. He stated that more money has been reinvested into a CD compared to what will need to be paid on the TRAN at the end of the year. The county also has \$3.5 million sitting in a certificate of deposit that was invested by the Treasurer's Office and will mature close to year end. The TRAN is slightly over \$3.2 million so there is more money sitting in a reserve. Last year there was about \$3 million invested and about a \$3.5 million TRAN. Tax revenue is up slightly compared to last year. Charges for services intergovernmental revenues are slightly up. General government expenses are running a little higher mainly accounted for by the reassessment project. Those expenditures are covered by funds coming in from the debt issuance so it really has no effect on the ending fund balance. One of the items that is bringing some of the numbers down is prison revenue. It is running slightly below budget this year as there are more Clinton County prisoners being held. He stated that he does not expect that to change by year end. Interest earnings will be higher than budgeted because more money was put into the certificate of deposit this year. He stated that at the end of the year, the county should end up about \$600,000.00 ahead of budget. The end of year fund balance should be in the range of \$1.8 million. When the strategic plan was done in 2004, \$1.8 million was what they were shooting for or a little more. He believes the county should have 5%-10% of its operating expenses in reserve. Scott Johnson asked about a discussion he has heard about a tax decrease. Mr. Weiss stated that he has been working with the prison trying to get more money for federal inmates. Right now the number they are paying is significantly lower than what they pay other counties. He is hoping to get that number increased for 2008. He stated that until the two union

contracts are settled this year you cannot figure costs. In the next month, he should have a better idea of the budget. Larry Glenn asked if the prison revenues included work release prisoners. Mr. Weiss stated that it is included in that number. He asked if he has looked at house arrest versus work release. Mr. Weiss stated that he has no control over the court system. Richard Morris asked if the increase in Clinton County prisoners was custodial or pre-trial. Mr. Weiss did not have an answer. Mr. Bossert stated that they are mostly custodial. He stated that the traditional number is around 90, but the number has increased in the past few months.

Mr. Kyle stated that a significant number in the Children & Youth Department was the county's match which increased somewhere between \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00. That is money that will not be reimbursed by the State. He stated that the services in Clinton County have increased. Mr. Yost asked Mr. Weiss to explain why they only get \$45 a day for federal inmates. It is based on the cost to house a prisoner and they allow a 10% profit. Mr. Weiss stated that he is in the process of doing a cost analysis for the prison.

Scott Johnson stated that at last night's study commission meeting they approved including the minority report as a double sided sheet. He stated that Chairman Hanna indicated that the printing cost of that one page double sided report would come out of the county's budget. Mr. Bossert stated that all of the money being spent by the study commission comes from county taxpayers. Mr. Hanna's statement is correct, the taxpayers are paying for it. Scott Johnson stated that Mr. Hanna indicated that there would be two separate bills. Dan Harger stated that their balance last night was around 10,000.00 and the cost to mail out the reports is around \$7,500.00.

Mr. Kyle stated that they are doing what they agreed to do. This way the voters have good accurate documents to make their decisions on.

Mr. Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 AM, seconded by Mr. Bossert.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:75 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 04, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Pauline Kinley, part-time Conservation District Office Assistance effective October 11, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle

APPROVED  
NEW HIRE  
PAULINE KINLEY

The salary Board was called to order at 10:15 AM. Details of the Salary Board may be found in the Minutes of the Salary Board,

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve County Bills in the amount of \$13,193.07; Payroll P/E 10/05/07 \$305,858.30. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Lorraine Arcadipane thanked the Commissioners for the piano. Seniors want more information on the senior center. Commissioner Yost will stop in Center and talk to seniors.

AUDIENCE  
COMMENTS

Cindy Love – Women's Center Director is trying to reconnect with the college for more interns and more work study. I have an intern with me right now to observe how county government is handled she would like to invite everybody to the Candle Light Vigil next Friday night, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Triangle Park. Come and support the Awareness for Domestic Violence in Clinton County.

Richard Morris – I have a question and a bit of a speech. Are you able to confirm that the County has done everything that it needs to do to expedite the printing and the distribution of the Government Study Commission Report.

Commissioner Bossert replied that the quick answer is yes. To back that yes up I think an explanation is required. We had a communication from the printing company indicating that they were prepared to print but they had no pay voucher which is practice. County practice is that when there is an expenditure there is a pay voucher that satisfies the transaction with the outside agency so the outside agency is confident so that they can proceed with knowing that they are going to get made. That's the basic intent of the pay voucher. They had no pay voucher, we had not been requested to create a pay voucher by Study Commission so it didn't go through the tracking process. We had a discussion about it and felt it was legitimate as far as printing was concerned even though study commission didn't present the pay voucher and we took the initiative and called Reese's Printing and indicated to them it was an legitimate expense

of the County and we would pay the bill even though there was no pay voucher in process. So, that was the communication that we had and the response to Reese's. Now as far as the progress of the printing I'm unaware and we have not had follow-up on the mailing. Rich you correct me on that you're the expert. That stamping or mailing fee would go right with the printing of it wouldn't it? Commissioner Kyle states no he would have to put it on detail on the piece and then when it goes to the Post office you must present the check to pay for it before they will mail it. And we have actually agreed to do that also, but nobody from the proper, I mean the study commission to my knowledge has made no attempts to do any of that work that they are requested to do. But that's fairly typical. But anyway that's where we are. So as far as County Government is concerned it is my impression at this time that we are not a hindrance in any fashion in the production of this document. And therefore stepped outside of the rule of process and facilitating the best we can. But I think the ball is in the other party's court at this point in time to move forward. That leads me to my speech. The Study as you know has the obligation to provide sufficient copies of its report to stimulate public analysis of the debate. As I read the statute it has an obligation to initiate that debate or to even participate in it, and it seems to be significant that one time the study commission very credible said they would have two meetings in October for informing the public and as soon as it was revealed that the report that they are in the process of disseminating was actually intellectually of a whole different county and that meeting was cancelled and they seemed to have disappeared somewhere below the surface. But I not think that in anyway minimizes the requirement that the public should have the opportunity to read this report in the charter and have the opportunity to debate it. Absent to any facility from the government study commission to do so would you perceive it as the function of the existing county government to facilitate at time of debate. And I ask of you that question, because something occurred to me the other day when you that in the budget process it appeared that the County might be able to expand considerable more money on children at risk than had been budgeted for and I guess the county has the ability to do it or not to as it sees fit. My reading of the charter and the part of the charter that deals with budget and finance totally excludes that possibility that once any department is at its budget and small margins above it funds for that department are automatically cut-off. And therefore there is a claim from the study commission that the charter would improve efficiency and economy my perception is that that efficiency and economy would be purchased at the expense of, in this particular case children at risk. How many children would need to be left in an abrasive and neglectful conditions because the charter as automatically cut-off the funds to the department that protects them. Now that maybe an incorrect reading on my part of the charter, I don't know and if I'm correct there are no more problems, if I'm incorrect funds would continue to flow in exactly the same way it seems to me that they do in the present. So why do we need to change the budgeting and financing? But there is no forum for those issues to be put before the public, the public has no ability to choose rather it wants it children protected or whether it wants fiscal economy. Because there is no medium in which it may be debated.

Commission Bossert- I'm not going to chose to rebuttal what you offer; I will choose to say that at the AAUW Debate or forum, what ever it was called, there were offers made to both the charter, minority and Majority report and it is my understanding through observation at that occasion that the majority was not spoken but the minority report was revealed and spoken about my Terry O'Connor. I think equal opportunity was given to both parties. There was an opportunity at that location for debate but there was very little debate. Do I know of any forums of debate in the future, I do not. Do I know if this document is going to be printed and mailed, I do not. Do I know if the County commissioners will pay for the printing and mailing? I do know that we have agreed to do so and have facilitated. Those things I know. I cannot speak for the Study Commission on those two matters. Your challenge may be in some sort of public forum or public mode directly to those folks that are doing that study. Bud/Rich do you which to comment? It was a direct challenge to us as to if we create a forum.

COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS

Commissioner Kyle- in my personal opinion that obviously the lack that nobody seemingly wants to do it I think we should have some form of a county wide public meeting and those who care to come and listen And both sides can present their case because it obviously looks like the board is under a bushel basket at the present moment and you know you can't see a light when the bushel basket is on top. You all know where that comes from – let the light shine through. But, I made an overture to Mr. Lipez in early summer that I would be willing to come on, I'm not a candidate anymore, so I really don't have any axes to grind other than what I see how local government works, how this form of government works with local government I gave him that opportunity to come on his program and debate it with one of the other people who have certainly taken another elected official who has basically taken pretty much of a public stand that he's in favor of that change Even though he as yet to make that a public statement. Of yes we'll set that up, we'll do that. Well its 27 days before an election. That has not happened, I don't expect it to happen, however when you read this Paper this morning it's very clear where that gentleman stands so I guess maybe that speaks for it self that I will not have that opportunity. That's fine, therefore I would recommend, that I suggest that we do Sponsor some form of forum because I believe that this form of county government that we presently have Has been attacked by people that don't understand it, that aren't willing to come here to listen to it and Those who are self serving. In last weeks article in the paper on Your Opinion was a self serving opinion By somebody who doesn't know who only once to do something because it benefits him individually. And I don't care what he said it does benefit him.

Opportunity of enlightenment to communities. Meaning that if you felt so inclined to create opportunities for Low cal municipalities to her this subject and then would facilitate both parties have the opportunity to Be there and debate. Commissioner Kyle – Yes! I would be more than happy. Bud I don't exclude you From that. I think the offer is made to facilitate forum for debate. I would suggest that inquire with any local Community, regular monthly meetings with boroughs and townships and what have you and I will leave that at your discretion. Feel free to call me at 570-660-6727 and that would like to talk about it. I would like to talk

about it and I would take along Mr. Morris who has probably has attended more commission meetings than the commission members themselves have and has a well rounded knowledge and he doesn't disagree with everything that they have said but there is an awful lot in there that been that you can join the ranks.

Commissioner Yost – he has just explained something to us that they wrote into a charter, because by state Statute and by county code that we have now which they can't touch anyhow, any child that need help by The county by law we must do it. You know you can't exclude anyone regardless whether your budget goes in the bucket or not and that's the part of this whole damn process that's scary to me because after seeing how the voters voted in the last election and now we've got probably, it's probably the biggest decision in the history of this county for the voters to come up with a decision whether they want to stay with the present form of government or change it and they don't understand it. They can't even read that charter and understand it that they are going to be making a big mistake and that's the scary part. They've already made a big mistake in the last election and now they are going to make an even bigger mistake it they vote for this charter.

Commissioner Bosseret – Ok there has been a general offer to any municipality, any organization in this County that Rich Kyle will facilitate opportunity for debate. If any citizen, any group of citizens, any organization wishes to explore and I would suggest that this would be neutral in its bases and location and that both sides will have an opportunity to present it self. I think they are rules of procedure that could be adhered to. Do you agree with rules of procedures? Rich – yes, Bud do you agree with rule of procedure – yes. And you have offered your contact and suggest scholar at any point of time any municipality any organization wish to create an opportunity to be heard Rich's telephone number has been presented. Richard I thank you very much for your observation and your suggestion and I don't disagree that if you want to vote for something for or against it you must have knowledge. Knowledge doesn't hurt. Thank you very much. Do you have anything else.

Mr. Morris – just very quickly. Actually Bud I think it we decided on November 7<sup>th</sup> that they probably got it wrong and it would take a decade to correct it. And the other thing is that we keep talking about the two sides of the commission the fact that there is a minority does not create two commissions anymore than the minority opinion in the Supreme Court creates to courts and I don't see therefore any reason why the members of the Study Commission can't appear in public and what is essentially the work of one committee with condescending members on it.

Susan Peters and Cassie George visiting – Leadership Clinton County.

Commissioner Kyle – Every time I open my mouth I get myself deeper in it, but you know what I've lived in Clinton County for 62 years of my life, I've been a member of this community in the business community. My live has been supported here by the people here in this area, I have deep roots here, I have family roots here and if I didn't say what I have to say wouldn't been worth a plug nickel I guess. So I wanted to make again my urging of people to understand the study commission and the report hopefully we will get it out there, we need to do that. But we are in election period and I guess I need to say something. We have four candidates, two of those candidates have probably publicly gone on record at this point saying that they oppose the Study Commission Report that we don't need to change the form of government. I don't think either one of those two people think that everything in that report is bad but some of it can be changed within the present structure of government that we currently have. I applaud those two candidates and that is Adam and Tom for at least taking the stand to say that they don't believe that we need a change in the form of government. We have one of those candidates who sits on the fence and could fall either way depending and it seems like it's a politically statement for him to not make any statement about it, therefore it may cost him some votes. I always have reservations of those kind people being in office that you can't make a decision. When I took this job I said I could make decisions and I made tough decisions and they are tough to do sometimes and they do offend people and you do have to make them and I've never made to many statements that were political correct. Then we have one of the other members of that who has undertaking the position that he wants to be a County Commissioner but he also was in a situation where he recommended that we do away with this form of government and then he turns around and runs for the job. Somebody has to explain to me how you can take that position, I've never been able to quite understand, other than it was an eighteen month form building position that that gentleman took and now he wants to be a County Commissioner. I don't understand how you can take that position. Now I can publicity speak of it, it probably won't be Written about, you people here have the chance to listen to it, it probably will never leave this room, but I Think it's a terrible injustice to the citizens of Clinton County if they don't know that. Why and how you can Support a gentleman who said I'm willing to make this change but I want that job for the next two years. Why Does that guy want that job for the next two years? Tell me, is it the money? What is it? (Bud) – he needs a Job. (Rich) I'm just asking the questions. Somebody needs to explain to me how you can do and the puppet That persons a puppet of many other people in this community think that they have a lot to gain because they Are going to be able to control somebody. I think that's the problem with what has happened, is that this board Has been a very strong board, do we listen to constitutes, yes we listen to them but you can't always make the Decision that everybody wants to come in here, we would be sitting on the fence post, that's what we have in Harrisburg and we have in the federal government. All they do when you have larger government, and what Are we creating here; a larger form of government. Were going to have five people, how do you think that's Going to happen. And then your going to have somebody that's going to sits there and only do what he wishes to do because in this charter it's an appointed official, its not an elected official he can't tell them, the five legislators that I don't agree with you. I can tell you what he'll do, he'll stick it in the top drawer of his desk and do nothing with it if he doesn't want to. And the elected people in this community will be directly affected, and I don't care what kind of professional and I take direct opposition to Mr. Lipez's article that there are people who are not qualified to do this job. I'm sorry about that, there are a lot of people in this community qualified to do the job and it will continue with the next board of commissioners, it will continue to be a good form of government. I'm not in this situation to want to be elected, I'm not going to be elected, there are going to be new people. But those people will be capable of doing the job. And I give Tom and Adam Coleman is the

only candidate who has come to budget meetings during this time and who has attended meetings here. And I give him credit for that and I think its shameful that the other two have not done that. If you want to know You better be here. Don't tell people you want the job and don't know anything about it.

Scott – I take that as an endorsement then for Tom and Adam? (Rich) Absolutely.

Rich – I'm not in this job because I'm a Democrat or I'm Republican I'm in this job to do the job to do. I didn't make decisions because it was the democratic way to do it or the republican way to do it. I did this And made decision in this job which I thought were always in the best interest of the county. Where everyone of those decisions in the best interest, probably not, but I didn't make that decision because it was a wrong one without thinking about it, sometimes they just don't turn out the way you'd hope they would. Yes to answer your question Scott.

Lorraine – I'm sure this won't go anywhere, Adam is taking the time tomorrow to come up to Susque-View, meet Everybody, check it out, see what it's all about. He's been there before but I'm going to tour him tomorrow. I have to say he's taking time out to do that.

Bud – you know after that last one we just made him an honorary republican anyhow. I have to agree with what Rich said in a way. But it really does depend on who does get elected if the government will be run very efficient or not. I just hope the citizens of this county get out and vote, it's going to be very important. If they don't get out and vote. There were more people come up to me after the last election an apologize to me for not voting and the results of the election would have been different. That's bad.

Adam – two years ago when the study commission was voted on, do you remember what the voter turn out was?  
Tom - 13% of the elector of the county voted for that document.

Richard – 2800 and change voted in favor of the government study commission. More people did not vote on that Question than voted against it and if you assume that if you want something thing you go and vote for it and if you don't you stay at home. You kind of have to have add the people that didn't vote to the no's.

Richard – 2800 people voted for it; 1600 people didn't vote at all and I think there were 6200 votes all together which leaves the balance that votes no. The way you add the no's and the didn't votes that exceeds the number who voted for it. So when the study commission says that they were overwhelmingly elected that is – don't even say it.

Commissioner Bossert – I want to bring to your attention something that I think is important and we have been Working on and I've giving Erin and Scott each a news release. We were successful in receiving a grant from the Department of Agricultural on Housing Preservation in the amount of \$69,275.00 and that money will be used in as a multiplier factor in applying for home grants and rehabilitation and that grant application is in the amount of \$500,000.00. We were successful in the first round of this and hopefully we are very successful in the next round. And we have reason to feel that way too. So one of the good things that has happen is that some of the low income Properties and low to moderate income folks and in particular we ever there location is in the county there is no Discrimination about it can go any place in the county rather than having to qualify as a community these monies are going to be assisting elderly and low to moderate income folks. So we're proud of that. And I've each of you a document.

Scott – who wrote this? Amidea was instrumental in doing this.  
Commissioner – what's your point?

Scott – I'm just interested. Can this be attributed to Amidea.

Commissioner Bossert – Yes, Amidea Daniels was instrumental in this process and we know that as Infrastructure Planner is as identified areas in the county where Pennsylvania Wilds can be enhanced and has felt that her opinion is that we have to create opportunities for business by creating a community where people would want to stop by and visit. This is some of the basic emphasis at this point in time. That revitalization of Erie Avenue is on going and we haven't announced that specifically. That's going to happy as well. That hasn't been announced publicly, but that is gong to happen. We feel very confident that the funding for Erie Avenue and Renovo will come through and that again is one of Amidea Daniels infrastructure projects that she feels is important and we feel that way too.  
Erin – A question from Erin – Everybody hold your breath. When will you know if you have receive the home Grants. I know you haven't applied for it yet, but how is that process? You asked me a question I can't answer you. Amidea was unavailable to be here today, I asked her to be here today, she is at Penn State University today and she is speaking with University Professors and Department Heads at the university in the attempt to get Penn State assistance in Western Clinton County as directive for interns that would directly through our Planning Office, that's where she is. That was her mission this morning. I can't answer that question but I will have Amides get back to you. Erin how do I get her to reach you 717-433-5842. Expect a call from Amidea.  
Anything else come before this board at this time?

Motion to adjourn. Susan Conway do you want to do the burn ban – Mill Hall Borough – See Attached Public Notice from President Daniel Duck, Jr. and Major Thomas E. Bittner.

Commissioner Bossert this is the first community that has informed us, County Government, that they have instituted an outside burning ban we've begun to talk about this knowing that the lack of water and the dryness in the area and of all days it begins to rain when we start this process we know that there is not much water in the pipe if we have to fight a fire. So there is to fold thing here. Number one the limited water supply if it is limited we've run out of good communication on our water system as per the two or three meetings that we've had by we assume there is water in the pipe to some extent, but I'm not knowledgeable here to tell you that we can fight a sustained fire with the

present water system. That is a consideration the other consideration is when the fall is here and the leaves come off the trees and the dryness and everybody has a tendency to want to burn leaves we felt that we're going to put in jeopardy our community and our neighbors and we are as County Commissioners considering motions and in some direction here to try to conserve the outside burning and its gratifying to see that Mill hall Borough has stepped forward at this point in time and said there is an outside burning ban in Mill Hall Borough and the effective date is October 12, 2007. And that will be tomorrow. Thank you  
I didn't know we had this. That's good.

Scott – do we have to wait – Tom – procedure on County Burn Ban. The last discussion was that Doug D'Amore would Call the fire chiefs in each of the communities and if he reached a point where 50% the fire chiefs would indicate a Problem to what degree I do not know, he then turns to us, the Forester and then suggests to us that we create the burn ban; and that would be at our discretion. Although it appears that Mill Hall Borough is moving forward at this time and I don't know what the status is of Doug at this point in time, however yesterday I did have a chance to talk to Kevin Fanning and I asked Kevin Fanning to specifically call Doug D'Amore of the Bureau of Forestry and inquiry about the progress or whether he is doing that evaluation. I have not heard anything back from Kevin Fanning at this point in time. But we as County Commissioners at this point in time are concerned about this. We feel that we have one of those emergency situations and we don't want to be doing a lot of after thought, we want some forward thinking in this process.

Scott/Erin - anything else to come before this Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVE

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the re-appointment of Barbara Mastriana to the Western Clinton County Recreation Authority for a five-year term expiring September 01, 2012.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Last night was Western Clinton County Rec Authority Meeting and I was unable to attend because I attended the Partnership dinner; but I can Report to you that they are functioning and there is all anticipation that they will be open. There is a motion and there is a second, motion carried.

BOARD  
RE-  
APPOINTMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Matthew Linberg to the Western Clinton County Recreation Authority to fulfill the unexpired term of Diane Gentyzel whose term would have expired June 30, 2011. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

BOARD  
APPOINTMENT

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the County bills; Accounts Payable in the amount of \$87,701.66. (Bud)The other thing that is really interesting here is do you see Youth Services, Inc., Intermediate Secure Programs, September 2007, one month, three individuals \$21,150.00. (Rich) Divide \$21,150.00 by three and its \$7,000/month for each individual and I'm telling you that's the problem were having now with Children & Youth and the amount were spending. (Rich) It's not Children & Youth's fault, its just when you have to place people that's what the cost is. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion Carried.

COUNTY BILLS

Gentlemen on Monday we had a pubic meeting and at that public meeting we talked about Environmental Fund money and we made a declaration at that as to how that money was to Be spent. This is a legislative meeting and therefore we have the opportunity at this time to approve these Expenditures. This is not part of our agenda, I have a outline and I think we all, you may have your outlines with you, (Bud) no I don't. Do you want me to formulate this into a motion, do you wish to consider it today. Yes. The following municipalities and organizations will receive from the Environmental Fund – Porter Township Municipal Authority-\$25,000. That is an expenditure that is completed, but I think it should be included in this motion so it has an accurate record; Clinton County Planning-Greenway match-\$25,000; Clinton County Cleanscape, this is for a two year fund-\$25,000; Clinton County Economic Partnership, we've talked about this before that amount is stated here-\$200,000; Friends of Mill Hall Pool-\$50,000; Loganton Boro-Sewer Cleanup Grades-\$45,000 Noyes Township-537 Study-\$10,000; Clinton County Economic Partnership-\$9,000-as for the Business Park Expansion GIO Study; Avis Borough Sewer Line Replacement-\$45,000; Renovo-By-Pass Water Line-\$20,000; Dunnstable Township ADA Accessible bathrooms-\$23,000; South Renovo Borough-Spruce Street Waterline Replacement-\$39,500. That totals \$516,500. Any questions or comments. Is there a motion to approve? Motion By Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Mr. Kyle hasn't seen the percentage but he believes that probably about 80 or 90% of them were totally Environmental. Would that be about right, do you think? Well the park does because that's all sewer and water. We only gave one or two projects there that wasn't strictly environmental. Bathrooms could

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be an environmental issue out there. That right. Mr. Coleman asked again what Noyes Township got the \$10,000 for. Mr. Yost replied-537 Plan. That's so they can in the future probably come up with the plan to put sewer lines in the community because right now there are none. Mr. Holladay explains that DEP mandated that they do a sewer facility plan study. Mr. Holladay feels that there were several malfunction systems up there, so they were initially asked to look at extending the lines out of Renovo up to Dwery's Run and extending the lines out of South Renovo up 144. Mr. Kyle stated that the fact is these projects went to extremely worthy projects. They weren't just piece mill hand-me outs. The requested amount was \$2,274,633.52 and that lets the people how much need there is out there, some of those were not but the fact is we were able to at least give some of them, which is good. Mr. Bossert states that the number would have leveraged if we would have full amount \$16,921,000. So the leverage that we asked for is obvious in this process. In other words where the criteria was to use as leverage the request of 2.2M. If we would have had 2.2 M we could have leveraged 16.9M. Of course its obvious we didn't have that much according to our numbers we had \$534,00 and of that we have dedicated \$516,500. Total amount we thought we had in restricted and had available was \$534,00 and expenditures we have declared indicated \$516,500. Scott Johnson asked how much is the dedicated to environmental projects, I know there is two different funds. Mr. Bossert answered there is a portion of it is restricted and the other portion unrestricted. The unrestricted amount is the interest that is earned. The restricted would be the direct payment for the dollar per ton and I don't know what those numbers are. Scott was asking of the allocation today. Mr. Yost stated the allocations today are well above any of the restricted funds that are there. There are only a couple that would not qualify from the restricted funds because they all have to do with environmental problems for sewer and water projects. Can we detail again the priorities how we decided on. Mr. Yost-need-it is pretty simple you go down through there you can see that they are extremely needed. Mr. Bossert – the criteria's that we have established were environmental, that's obvious and we created a list of four, mine acid embatement was part of that, that was not are headliner, headliner basically in the matter was environmental, infrastructure, environmental, sewer and water projects. Tim Holladay – we were looking for leverage for projects that had additionally funding besides the environmental. That was one of the original stimulations, leverage. We were looking for projects that were ready to go in leverage. They all met the criteria as basically as ready to go and all met the criteria as leverage and are all meeting the criteria as far as environmental. Scott Johnson – why didn't we allocate the remaining what ever it is \$18,000 I guess. Mr. Bossert – we didn't allocate those because we felt that if one of these projects would fail because of a small amount of money that we wanted to have that small amount of money available. In other words if Porter Township Municipal Authority would fail on the project of \$218,000 total because we lacked a \$1,000 there we wanted to have a little bit of flexibility, notice we saved very little, be ale to say okay its worthy we recognize it we don't want this process to fail because of a small amount of money. Mr. Yost, that's what happened, that's why we gave them the \$25,000. We had already given them money and they ran short. That \$25,000 is to finish the project. Mr. Kyle – that project is complete isn't it – Mr. Bossert that project is complete there is water under the road, they are tapped into on the other side of the road and they are selling water out of their new pipe. I had the opportunity to talk to two authority members yesterday afternoon. Great project. Motion carried. Mr. Bossert – I think we need also to establish criteria's on these expenditures and I think that should be of the next motion.

Tim, we talked about this and you may have a document prepared which would allude to those criteria's. Tim Holladay – I worked on a draft letter of commitment to be sent out to the selected organizations for The projects the Commissioners are funded with the commitment and the statement of the project with the indication that project was selected based on the application that was submitted and that's the project we expect them to do and not to change their mind and do another project. We are also looking at an agreement that they will undertake and complete it by he end of December 31, 2009 and to process payment the recipient would have to show contract for the work or invoices and receipts.

Mr. Bossert – Motion would read – Environmental fund expenditures will meet these County criteria's. Expended within two years; within two-year date December 31, 2009 closing date; County will process payment to the recipient when excluded contract is presented to us.

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FUND CRITERIA'S  
APPROVED

That's important. This money stays in County hands until we are requested with documentation a request has to be submitted indicating that there is an excluded contract, or pay voucher is required for County payment. Basically we initially said there were three we stated two. Is there a requirement for any other conditions of payment? Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost.

Tim when you and I talked yesterday we talked about three criteria's we have it narrowed down to basically two criteria's. Rich – the project it self would be one criteria. Motion carried.

Chief Clerk – Kathy Conrad gave you all a copy of a memo to Kevin Fanning an update on the Lock Haven Water shortage. Would you like to read it for informational purposes. This is to Kevin Fanning from Frantz at our request. "After speaking with you this afternoon I was able to make contact with the city manager. The following information was provided to me. At this time, things are going better than expected in regards to the pumps. They now have three (3) pumps on site. Two (2) pumping at all times and a third as a back up. They are currently pumping 3 to 3.5 million gallons per day. Any excess water is being back fed to the Kellar reservoir. Kellar is also recovering some what naturally as well. It is now above the middle discharge and if needed they can switch over to the reservoir temporarily. The Ohl reservoir is also recovering, however, much slower. The project there is expected to be completed by mid January. Additionally, I will now be included in all daily reports put out by the City of Lock Haven on all flows and reservoir levels."

Keith Yearick –Reassessment Update: As of right now the residential date collection is coming to an end. They are sill doing some scattered follow-up work and there one person who had to follow-up with taking some pictures. As of right now Manatron is in Castanea Township doing field reviews where there not basically knocking on doors but going back in front of the property, rechecking pictures. They are looking hopefully to have a lot of commercial and industrials within the next month also. As far as it been about a year now and I know of no problems that have come up of the project, it's moving along very smoothly the public is receiving the project very well I have had very few calls, I'd to commend the Commissioners, Manatron and the Express with the education that has been given to the people I think that why there has been very few problems so far with the project. As far as with the budget part everything

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COMMENTS

seems to be right in line that way also. We are on a good timeframe, right in line and on budget. Our next Steering Committee Meeting will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM here in this office. There will not be on in November.

Another issue is that the County has had to maintain since 1999 for the School District and things from out Of Harrisburg the Home Owners Tax Relief Act. We filled out an application several months ago between Tm, and myself and we got the contract back in which were finishing that up for the County to be reimbursed \$20,471. While its cost the County a lot more than \$20,000 plus the School District. Right now its costing us at least \$150.00 a month for the computer program, plus at the beginning of the year we have to mail the applications out again with the County having to pay for that. County must continue this expenditure, it is mandated by law and a requirement to maintain a list every year. Eventually it will become procedure, but when. Per Commissioner Bossert we need to request our Legislator to come to a meeting. Either a staff person, Mike Hanna or someone. Do this request via letter with a copy to Scott Johnson and Aaron.

Mary Ann Bower from the Conservation District came a report on the Flood Plain Meeting. Fourteen people were in attendance. Tim Holladay was in attendance and a new elevation level for Mill Hall was approved.

Richard Morris – Study Commission and Tax Assessment Appeals. Home Rule Counties are bond by the Tax Assessment Law. If Home rule passes county will not have three Commissioners - therefore Home Rule Charter will not have an Assessment Board.

Commissioner Yost – since Mr. Harger isn't here – I wanted to ask him about selling Susque-View. but since he isn't I'm afraid I'm going to have to put all my pressure on poor Adam because you need to consider the answer before you answer because maybe you might even want to ask your dad. because I want to know what your feeling is about selling Susque-View. Because it was brought up on Saturday at the bazaar and has an awful lot of people at Susque-View right now up-set because someone made the comment that if Adam Coleman got elected that he would sell Susque-View. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Adam – to answer that question, and its actually pretty funny that you heard that because I was asked by three people when I was there on Saturday what I would do about it and I said as long as I can see were making a profit here and were not in the hole continually with this facility there is no need to sell it. I said but from what I've heard if the Home Rule gets there way on it then it will be sold. I'll stand out on the sidewalk and scream up and down the street that if I'm elected and Susque-View shows a profit and I was up there for a tour last Friday and I believe when I was their there were two empty beds the day that I was there. Two empty beds in that whole place. To me right there that's reason alone to say no; were interested in selling it to a private company. It's making for us, it a home for the County people. I mean if you sell it to a private company, if anyone would be dumb enough to sell it to a private company any county citizen need it be me, Rich Keith or anybody and we get to the age where we need to be in a home like that we are we going to go. We are you going to go that's affordable if it a private company that owns it I can guarantee you it not going to be affordable to the average joe that needs it so I'm in favor of the County keeping it, that's my answer.

Tom – with that statement rest assured that the County home will not be sold. It won't happen with my vote, everybody knows that.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM seconded by Mr. Yost Motion carried. ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. MINUTES APPROVED  
Resolution No. 31 of 2007: Core Community Housing Program – The County Commissioners authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$100,000.00 for prevention of blight under Section 4© of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law. RESOLUTION  
Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Tim Holladay – I just want to add a little bit. This grant is for \$100,750 and were matching that with our USDA Grant. We have other housing rehab projects going on that are borough wide and with USDA money we had to specifically target everything with the interest of the community to try and make the target areas the block of the borough of Renovo. The time line that we hope to have, with the USDA money we are going to start in March. That's going to perceive the application, we probably won't know whether we've received the money or not until April or May if it's approved. That appears to me that the whole process will begin during this next year. We're trying to keep the continuity of funds because were currently during housing rehab projects in Renovo Borough and Western Clinton County with home funds and with access funds.

Resolution No. 32 of 2007 – Tolling Route I-80. On July 18, 2007 Governor Edward G. Rendell signed House Bill 1590 into law as Act 44 of 2007 and this landmark legislation for both public transportation and highways and bridges. This legislation creates a partnership between PennDOT and the PA Turnpike Commission based upon leasing Interstate 80 to PA Turnpike Commission to convert it to a toll road, which in turn will provide annual payments back to PennDOT to fund highway, bridge and public transit improvements and operations. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Bossert. Commissioner Kyle opposed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the appointments of the Kathy Conrad, Brenda Ballard, Kathy Merrill and Michelle Kunes to the re-canvassing board for the November 6, 2007 Municipal Election. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

RECANVASSING  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$366,000 for Thomas Neil Cocolin-Kentucky Fried Chicken, in Lock Haven to upgrade the property which will include new interior and new equipment. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle.

REVOLVING  
LOAN FUND

Lewis made mention of an error; the loan is in the amount of \$101,400. The project is a \$366,000 project of which as I said \$101,400 would be from the Revolving Loan Fund \$50,000 would be from the City of Lock Haven Enterprise Zone; \$164,600 would be from a lender, a Bank and there would be equity of \$55,000. This project as I indicated is a project that is being requested through both the Revolving Loan Fund and the Enterprise Zone. It's for major upgrades at the Kentucky Fried Chicken facility on Bellefonte Avenue and to purchase new equipment. Frankly they have been mandated by KFC to upgrade the facility and if it were not done KFC the franchise would be in jeopardy. The total current employment full and part time is sixteen, with anticipation of five full and part time employees within three years. It is a project that does meet the criteria of the state, federal and local laws and regulations. The Loan Administration Board is recommending approval from you.

Is there a motion to amend the amount of the motion to \$101,400. Motion to amend By Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried. Therefore the original motion there is a motion, there is a second, the amendment reads from \$366,000 to \$101,400.

Mr. Morris – Two questions – When the Revolving Loan Fund asked for money to be given out it normally is an indication that future employment of that facility could be increasing – is there is provision that the increased employment is a condition of the law.

Lewis – the condition of the law requires either retention or an increase of employment. In this case and the guidelines are one for \$25,000 for the Enterprise Zone it is actually one job for \$10,000, but that's not why we are here. Job creation and job retention are both considered and are required for the project.

Mr. Morris – how much money is left in the fund after this?

Lewis – I don't have that answer, but if you were to either call or I can get the answer by calling Mike Flanigan. My recollection is that there is a considerable amount and I don't know what it is at this time.

Commissioner Bossert – I recall from the last meeting that we had \$366,000. But this thing changes all the time, it changes rapidly because of money and I don't know, but some time ago it was at \$30,000 a month that came back. The answer is that there is still a significant amount available for loans and the loan administration board would be very happy to entertain requests for it; to be either commercial or industrial.

Lewis -First I can say that no eligible loan has ever been denied, there has always been the funding available or I can recall historically maybe once or twice where they had to wait maybe two months before they had the money. But there has never been a project denied. Secondly, there is an obligation to fund projects. There was a period of time when there was too much money and there had not been loans and the Federal Government because this is all through the government took back the money on an interim basis because they didn't want the fund to be inactive and basically the loan interest rate is 4%. So in a sense they don't want you to be keeping the money and making money on it and so they took the money back when it was too high so they got the interest and we lost that interest. It took a while before we got that released. The third issue is that the Loan Administration Board has looked into what might happen if that scenario were to hopefully occur and they have considered the fact that they might be able to borrow money on a short term basis to fund projects if there were project that are substantial and significant and the money wasn't available at that time. It is something that has been addressed.

Commissioner Yost – the other thing you have to consider and Lewis was very accurate in what he had to say. We had a hard time giving out loans because back at that time when the state said they wanted the money back, people could get loans

for less than the 4% we were charging, so it put us in a ketch twenty-two at that time. We even requested to lower the interest rate for a short period of time. They refused us.

Lewis – There was a time when we had over \$600,000 and it wasn't because there was any attempt to hoard it, it was just that we didn't have the applicants and in response to what Mr. Yost just said the Federal Regulations prevented us from reducing interest rate at that point while the Loan Administration Board recommended that with the fees it had previously charged for processing, the application fee would be waived so now there are no application or funding fees for the projects.

Scott Johnson – Do you have any indication when they want to start the project?

Lewis – I think very quickly, I have not spoken to them, but I where a couple of hats and one of them is I'm also the attorney for the Enterprise Zone Fund and I'm being called regularly as said how soon can we do it and that's why this got on the agenda at the last minute because I got called yesterday evening and that's probably the reason for the confusion. But the answer is I anticipate it will be started very quickly.

Mr. Bossert – any further questions? The motion before us at this time is approve a loan to Kentucky Fried Chicken, not for kitty litter as has been alluded to in the amount of \$101,400. There is a motion There is a second, motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the resignation of Bryan Cramer, full time Correctional Officer at the Clinton County Correctional Facility Effective November 2, 2007. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION  
BRYAN CRAMER

Mr. Bossert as for a motion to approve the hiring of Martie Young, full time Independent Living Coordinator/Parent Partner & Wellness Coordinator effective November 5, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle. Seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE  
MARTIE YOUNG

The Salary Board was called o order at 10:45 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Mr. Bossert made a motion to consider the approval of county bills; Accounts Payable in The amount of \$256,896.72. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS

Mr. Bossert made a motion to consider the adoption of the 2008 Preliminary Budget Effective November 1, 2007. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Questions and discussion. First I would like to lead in discussion with our Financial Advisor. Are you prepared to talk to us today.

ADOPTION OF 2008  
PRELIMINARY  
BUDGET

Commissioner Kyle – Jeff. I would like to do something prior to you discussing this. I'm going To put you on the spot. This is obviously is somewhat opinionated so I will say it Okay, and I think it could be printed by both media's without anything. Would you please state your professional qualifications to do the job that we have hired you to do and give us your credentials and your professional stands. I should have done a resume, you can do a resume, but I'm tired of hearing people say that we don't have professionalism so would you please state that for us.

Jeff Weiss – Personally I'm a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Pennsylvania and I have Been doing government work since 1991 when I went to work in a county controllers office, served A couple of years as an Auditor and Deputy Controller and then as the Controller of that county. Since that time since I left the county, I've worked for a CPA firm since 1995. In 2001 I started my Own Consultant business. I still do audits, contract myself out to do audit work, but I'm doing Consultant in the governmental and non-profit arena; auditing and consulting since 1995. I deal in twenty-three Counties across Pennsylvania in varying levels of consulting help audit, one way or the other. I do budgets, or at least work on the budgets currently for four counties, audits for four others; and I do a bunch of consulting for other counties and I do five year plans in a few. How far do you want me to go?

Commissioner Kyle – I have one other question, do you do any consulting in Home Rule Counties.

Jeff Weiss – auditing but not consulting. Do not do consulting in any Home Rule Counties.

Commissioner Kyle – next question – when auditing Home rule Counties do you see major differences the ay those counties are run versus the commission form of counties in Home Rule Counties.

Jeff Weiss – now your putting me on the spot. I don't care how you answer it. Any county that I work in And operate is different even if there are three board of commissioners or home rule. Everybody has a Different block, for example some have tax collectors. Some do not. Some have full blown internal audit Departments while others do not. Okay, so even in the two home rule counties where I do audits the Controller basically does two different things. One is a totally independent audit and the other actually provides some accounting where the other counties it does not. Some to be able to compare them its very difficult. It's how every county has there issues and every county does there good things, its how

everything is structured and done. I've seen Home Rule county that has had significant tax increases over the past few through years same as Commissioner counties have. I don't know if that answers your question. It's all dependent on the County. How its structured and operated.

Commissioner Bossert – Okay Jeff we understand your qualifications. Would you like to proceed.

Jeff Weiss – I have the budget that was printed out this morning for you to consider. The tax rate remains Constant from 2007 in this preliminary budget at 22.7 mills. All the numbers work off of that. Significant changes are fairly limited from 2007 to 2008. There is some changes in the funding stream for Children and Youth. As you go through the budget you'll see certain things up, certain things down in the Children and Youth area and then also if you would run the total you would also find out that the match continues to go up in Children and Youth the amount that the County has to pay towards operations of Children & Youth as it increases. Of course the County has to match more money towards placements, which the county has no control over, when placements are up then the county has to pick-up the additional funding that they can't get from the so you'll see some changes there. One of the few big changes in the revenues is now that we are budgeting for the money that is coming from the gambling, and it's the state forest and state game land money. Kind of in lieu of taxes, but there is additional money coming from that, that you'll see in the budget. It comes to about \$240,000. There is a new bond issuance that was issued last year for partial County Projects and also the Woodward Twp. Sewer Project; and the Woodward portion is showing as coming back to the County. There are some items that are still unresolved as we all know the County is involved in union negotiations; however there are some contingencies built in this budget to allow flexibility for the Commissioners in the negotiation. It is a balanced budget at this time we have the beginning fund balance at 1.8million and ending fund balance at 1.8 million revenues are matching and as we discussed at the end of September the commissioners, when I came with my estimate through the end of the year that is where I had it at about 1.8 million. That's the number we still have in here for the estimate for the beginning of the year and we expect that to carry forward which is kind of the number they wanted to reach, the board of commissioners and myself wanted to reach two years When we talked about being in the 5 to 10% fund balance range in comparison to operating expenses.

Commissioner Bossert – Jeff do you have anything else initially you would like to speak to us about?

Jeff Weiss – No, I think I've covered the major points I wanted to cover.

Commissioner Bossert – Ok – there should be a large volume of questions at this point in time and I would open it up to anybody that would have a question.

Mr. Long – One question that sticks out, Prothonotary, in 2007 versus 2008 at least \$35,000 higher.

Jeff Weiss- That's the 4<sup>th</sup> employee plus benefits.

Richard Morris – will it be posted on the WEB. Ms. Conrad also stated it will be posed on the bulletin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Mr. Bossert, stated we will make copies if needed. Mr. Kyle, It was mentioned every week at a public hearing to listen to any questions that anybody has on this budget as we have been for the five years that I have been a commissioner. Commissioner Yost stated it will be at least on review a lot longer than out state budget.

The expenses have gone up above a half a million dollars over 2007 half of which is offset by the money that comes back from Woodward Township. As I figure it the county obligation has gone up, is that totally attributed to the bond, the portion of the bond that is not Woodward.

Jeff Weiss – Reassessment and purchase of Pine Haven. Actually 1.3M and \$450,000.

Commissioner Bossert – we have a bond issuance for Manatron-reassessment for 1,095,000. 1.3M, the difference in that is our cost in reassessment and \$450,000 for Pine Haven. They are the numbers on our end.

Mr. Morris – is that interest bearing – Commissioner Kyle – yes. Only at the rate that we borrowed it at. We cannot arbitrage that money, we would have loved to have done it but no, weren't allowed to.

Will the tax anticipation be the same as last year?

Jeff Weiss – We need to calculate that and we have to wait till closer to the end of the year to do that. Right now I have the same amount budgeted. It should be fairly close to the same amount, the TRAN could be a little lower.

Lewis – the questions was – could you use the 1.8M in lieu of borrowing, was the question. The way it is calculated? Is Yes, you'll carry over some of that. You have to remember part of the 1.8M may not all be in cash. Some of it may be in receivables. The prison runs a quarter of a million lag in receivables.

Commissioner Bossert – I was just going to ask for clarity on the budget procedure and of course we are all here to listen to this, we have the expertise, how long does this budget stand before we have to adopt final. Minimum 20 days. But you have to adopt it before the end of the year. Commissioner Bossert- another question-this budget can change by statute but what amount between now and final adoption – Lewis – there is not limit in turn in what you can do, there are limits in what could happen after the adoption. Commissioner Bossert – if we found for some reason we could reduce either the tax load or some portion of the budget is there limitation on reduction. Jeff stated, I believe it is only on an

increase. My understanding was only 10%, but Lewis is the attorney he can research it. There is not limit on reduction. Commissioner Bossert – no limit on reduction, but were playing with the idea that there is a limit on increase. 10% would be about 2M. There's no indication that we're going to increase 2M, I just want to understand the rules specifically here, but we have the potential to reduce. Jeff – yes you can reduce as much as you want, there is not limitation on reduction. Commissioner Bossert – we have too many things there, we're negotiating, were fortunate at this point in time we have not had to increase over the last couple of years because if I recall your recommendation when you established this financial business for us you had an increase consecutive increase year after year from the original. Jeff – stated – yes that is correct but I don't remember what the exact numbers that are in there now. Under the original it would have been 24.3Mils for 2007 and by next subsequent increase would have been ½ mil in 2008.

Commissioner Bossert – we are still in question mode here any other questions?

Scott Johnson – I've circled several here. Elections - \$113 to \$88 – HAVA or not. Commissioner Bossert, the State still owes us \$40,000 for HAVA payments too. Were hoping that they recognize there obligation, were hoping the Legislators do their business in Harrisburg and quit running around the countryside and tend to business. I think that's a concern that all County Commissioners have in this state in this point in time because the state many time balances their budget on the backs of the County Commissioners because they short change us on so many things. Tim, confirm that I'm accurate in saying they owe us \$40,000 for the HAVA transaction. Tim, stated that's correct. We've been writing nasty letters and Bud hasn't resorted to calling them cock-roaches again, but he may here, he only has a couple of months to go; but one of the problems that counties have with there budget is the fact that the state makes a mandate and then short changes the reimbursement and if Adam recalls what I said the other night the list is becoming as long as a rod and that's an interesting fact.

Courts – down around \$70,000 or so.

Lewis – while someone is getting the book, let me revisit the question you asked me Tom to clarify the answer. And I'll tell you legally we both are correct. You have that window of 10% without having to repost-it for twenty days. So if you were within this month and I'm not suggesting that you were considering it, but as long as you had that more time than 20 days you could adjust it more but because it would need to be posted if its going to change by more than 10% it needs to be posted more than 20 days for the public to have that review period. But you would have that flexibility up to 10 % at any time without any additional preliminary budget. No limitation on lower the budget. You can do that at any time.

Jeff Weiss – I'm going to try to answer Scott's question. There are numerous line items that are going down with the new judge coming in. But also one of them is dealing with number will drop in 2008. Hopefully there won't be any other issues related to that.

Clarify Sheriff - \$70,000 that's mostly for additional part-time deputy for the Court House. Jeff – stated – that is correct.

Tom – that was a state mandated service that we had to protect the court with no reimbursement they paid for the testing machine but the provisional statute would not substantiate personnel. It was a mandate by AOPC by the Pennsylvania Office of the Court and the Legislator did provide the cost of the testing machine, the entrance stuff, but there is not provision for cost entailed for manning the booths.

Page 4 of 7 – 3335 – Housing Authority – At time of budget it was suggested that we would ask them to increase that line item – any word on that. Commissioner Bossert – we have had no response from them. This process moved along quite rapidly and we wanted to go along with what we had, there is still time in the balance of year that we can go back to that subject and encourage them to go back to their original number. Commissioner Kyle – I think I can answer that question with reasonable certainty. That number is generated Scott by there income less charged and expense and there is a formula and I believe I'm correct on, and you can call the Housing and they would probably do this. There is formula that HUD uses to allow them to give us the money, they require them to give us, so that's a formula that's actually developed by HUD, so for them they cannot arbitrarily make that number whatever they want to make it and we can't ask them to do either, they have got to do that. I'm reasonably certain that that's exactly how it works. Jeff – there is a HUD formula for that. Rich – again that's a Federal mandate. It's something that they do or don't choose to do.

On the other side 4727-debt – 467,366 number, I believe that's Woodward Township offset. Jeff – part of it is offset by Woodward, you'll see the back \$257,843. Commissioner – Something Scott I might want to interject a little bit. In Lieu of Taxes No. 12 – Nature Conservancy – when that piece of property was purchased originally they vowed to pay in lieu of taxes, now their trying to skip out on us. And when it was brought to their attention last year, they did pay in Lieu of taxes but said they wouldn't pay us anymore. So they are not keeping up with their bargain. Right off of Richey Road.

Going back one page – 4411 – Last year the county Home cost the county \$56,175 this year it's nothing. That's the Susque-View bond payment. That bond payment ended in June of 2007. And off setting the prison expenses and revenues it comes out to like \$300,000 more revenues this year is what they are projecting. Jeff – as I stated back in September we had, did some lengthy analysis on the prison operation and submitted to the Federal Government for an increase in the daily housing charge. We had heard back an exact number, we are pretty close to being able to assume at least a minimum number the County is going to get. That's why that number is in there. And Jeff what do you attribute to do tax increase for the first three years now? Jeff – Will the expenditures, I believe have

been controlled even more than what we talked about in the beginning when I did the original strategic plan. By building the cash balance also increases the ability to earn more money off of interest and paid less in interest when we took out the TRAN. All those factors come together that the original Strategic Plan lowered, it lowered the original Strategic Plan.

Tim Holladay – I have good news – page 3 – Revenues – Affordable Housing Trust Fund should be \$40,000 there. Jeff Weiss stated it is there on Page 6 under 3609 –Transfer From Afford Housing Fund \$40,000. Tim continues on Page 4 HAVA is in there twice under 3312 and 3322. One on page 3 and one on page 4. Page 3-3312 numbers are correct for 2007 and the 3322 numbers are correct for 2008. Jeff- once again they are not State Grants. They are Federal and that’s why I moved them for 2008.

Commissioner Bossert – Tim any other concerns. Anyone else have any other concerns about this budget today. This is a motion and a second all in favor say I, motion carried.

Ed Long- I’m not sure if your aware or not of these two bills; house bill and senate bill. House Bill 32 and Senate Bill 1127 dealing with state lands and the oil and gas leases. What it does, it removes DCNR’s Power to control what happens on there own land. The bills order the DCNR to hold an auction and grant Oil or gas leases to the highest bidder in any case where two or more companies are interested. They also Force DCNR to grant rights of way across state parks or state forests to “facilitate the gathering of or Delivery to market of oil and gas produced on adjacent public or private lands. If this were not bad enough, HB32 goes one step further than SB1127. The House version would require the DCNR to turn over half of the revenue generated from the oil and gas leases to the Department of Public Welfare. It’s kind of a slap in the face, what’s Public Welfare doing taking oil and gas lease money? If it takes money from the development of forestry and that sort of thing, it helps hunters in the end. The proposed plan would require DCNR to conduct a lease sale for oil/gas drilling on almost every ace o the state’s 2.1 million acres of state forest lands. Hunters would be required to stay back a minimum of 150 yards in all directions from a well structure, and access roads would disrupt large amounts of habitat and wildlife. Large numbers of trees and other habitat would need to be removed to site the wells. In one recent shallow gas well project, 730 wells were drilled in an area which totaled 290 square miles. Wells were drilled on a 40-acre grid, resulting in a maze of well access roads and pipelines. This fragmented over 120,000 acres of state forest land into 40-acre woodlots, totally unacceptable as far as I’m concerned. In the most recent well drilling we talked to Adam Waltz and it isn’t all shallow wells. A lot of times they’re going a lot deeper. The new legislation could impact 1.6 million acres of DCNR Bureau of Forestry lands. Some of the people that are for this is are friend Kerry Benninghoff from Centre County, Rick Geist and Jerry Stern from Blair County. Now on the Senate side, Mary Jo White from Forest, Venango, Warren; Joseph Scarnati from Cameron, elk, McKean, Potter and Tioga and John Wozniak is backing it. What I Would like to ask the Commissioners to do is consider this and file a protest off to these people. They Don’t realize the impact it could have. I’ve seen what the gas wells have done and how they stand right now and I agree with it. What they do and what they can do. They are opening up four more roads because of Mike Hanna jumping into the middle of the situation. I’m asking you folks to consider it, adopt a resolution or send a letter of protest.

AUDIENCE  
COMMENTS

Commissioner Bossert – Kathy to follow-up on Ed’s suggestion here, did you invite Mr. Hanna, Representative Hanna to this meeting today as per the discussion we had at last weeks meeting. Kathy’s response was yes. What was the subject we were going to discuss with him? Kathy – we were going to talk about the Homestead Act that Keith Yearick brought to our attention last week. Did you have any response from his office in relation to that subject. Kathy – when I called and talked to the secretary up there and they said they would relay the message to him, but I’ve heard nothing from anyone. Tom – would again invite Mr. Hanna to this meeting to talk about not only Homestead, but also we would like to speak to him in relation to HB32 and Senate Bill 1127. Mr. Long, we basically have had a standing invitation to Mr. Hanna over the six months on subjects that we started with tolling of route 80 before the resolve and direction as we wanted to understand it, we are into that subject again today and we’ve created a resolution today but there are questions that we then had about Route 80 and what the impact would be on industries and communication, transportation in this county. He has not responded by letter he has not give us any opportunity to discuss. Here is another subject as of 1st week we asked for some understanding of the Homestead Act and our concerns and why we are being short changed in the number that was quote to us last week by Mr. Yearick was \$20,000, so we have some concerns. At this point in time I think county government needs to begin to work much closed to with Legislature. The impact the Legislature has upon us is dramatic and we trying to create some public dialog, I think it should be a public Meeting. Dialog with Mr. Hanna, but he refuses to appear and that is the most aggressive statement that I Have made in relation to this but time and time and time again we’ve made that invitation and it goes no where. Anyway, Kathy the point is would you proceed to keep that standing invitation to, if he would please keep us abreast of concerns and we will have a secretary delivery copy to him. Mr. Long thank you very much for your comments and its still open to the floor.

Commissioner Kyle – by the way ed you made a statement that Senator Wozniak pushed his way in here. He did not. Those legislative districts were drawn up by the Republican party and he was forced in here And he lives in Cameron County and how they ever gave up with those districts, god only knows. I Understand what your trying to say, but he didn’t have anything in drawing them up, because I think if they had his way of drawing up that district he wouldn’t be up here.

Scott – The Resolution tolling I80 – I think for the two Commissioners that voted for it, it’s pretty self Explanatory Rich do you want to explain your vote against it? Rich – Yes, I do believe it does need some Clarification. I’m not saying that I’m in favor of it, I just said I was opposed to the resolution. My opinion Is that gas tax in Penn in order to improve or roads, bridge, infrastructure is going to have to be raised.

For gods sake I'm paying and so is everybody else anywhere from \$2.95 to \$3.10 a gallon now. In order to Make sure are infrastructure is correct the legislature who does not have the intestinal fortitude to raise gas Taxes 5 to 8 cents, and that's pretty much the number what they've all said it would have to take 5 to 8 Cents to do it. In Pennsylvania I don't believe the trucking industry that comes through Pennsylvania pays An additional tax to use the roads that run through Pennsylvania. So therefore my issue is this; local people Here could maneuver around Clinton County very easily without using Interstate 80. Interstate 80 makes It more convenient and I use the convenience like everybody else. If that's a convenience then I should be Able to pay for it. I think the Pennsylvania Trucking Industry pays certainly a great deal of money; however If those out-of-state-truckers and I'll guarantee you when I go on 80 and drive 80 as well as anybody else You look at the license plates of all those trucks; my opinion is and I'm not against the trucking industry I don't want to cause cost of goods to go up; however my belief is that the infrastructure in Pennsylvania is To be done that should be shared by a greater number of people; not just the people of Pennsylvania, that's Why I'm opposed, I'm opposed to saying I don't want to toll 80. Do I want to toll 80, no I don't; however My opinion, somebody has to put a plan on the table, I want somebody to put a plan on the table to tell me how they are going to fund bridges. No body wants bridges and roads, nobody wants to pay more taxes, nobody wants to anything, but do you know what, the last time I looked at dollar bills and things don't come out of the sky. So that's my stand on it, not that I want to toll it but where is the plan to get the money to do it. Everybody says they want to go to Philadelphia and find infrastructure and parking in Pittsburgh and so on and so forth. Let me tell you folks, there's a lot of roads in central Pennsylvania that needs fixed and there's a lot of money that comes to Central Pennsylvania to fix those roads and bridges, guess what are we just going to let them crumble, because nobody wants to take a stand, I don't think not. That's where I come from Scott. Lengthy answer to probably a short question.

Commissioner Kyle – Last night there appeared in the paper an article by Ms. Day that said ugly politics. Ugly politics didn't start in the Commissioners Office. Ugly politics started with the group called ACT Who had personally and publicly attacked this board of commissioners for actions that they needed to Take and I have problem when people call me a liar, they call me a thief and a call me dishonorable. I've Never been any of those. I'm outspoken, I say what I think on my mind, I don't worry about my political Aspirations because I got defeated probably because of that outspokenness and that's fine, that's the way It should be. If more politicians would take that stand I think our country would be a better country To be run instead of worrying how you keep your job for x about of years so you can get a large Retirement. I do not have a large retirement as Mr. Poorman would like everyone to believe and that's Not the case. But I don't like that, so the ugly politics didn't start here it started here it started out Some place else. Next thing is that Ms. Day; somebody called the other day and wanted one of the Study commission pamphlets and wanted her. She told that person that the Commissioners refused to Give them the money for us to print those pamphlets and send then to those people. I want to say Something – record – August the 30<sup>th</sup> 2007. Mr. Novosel was here and asked (this is in the minutes) Mr. Kyle stated that he would be willing to give extra funding if the mailing included the minority Report. I made that statement, I had to go find this because I knew I made it. And I believe that Commissioner Bossert and Commissioner Yost were in agreement with me at the time, you can Ask that question yourself, so for them to blame the Commissioners for the mailing not going out There is a total outright fabrication, you can use the lie if you like, but fabrication. I do not want to Be labeled that I stopped it. I believed that it needed to be sent out, I believe the format that it Was sent out was fine. I don't have a problem with that. Matter of fact I sent out people to Reese's Printing to pick-up the extra copies and because this week the people that have post office boxes People in Woolrich didn't get it, Avis, McElhattan, Mackeyville, Lamar probably Salona, Castanea, Pine Creek. There were hundred's of homes that never received that report and I do not want to be Labeled that I stopped that. As far as I'm concerned I don't know if the Study Commission understood What they did, I have do idea. I don't know there intent, did they want to keep it from people, didn't Want to answer those questions, I don't know. But you know what, I attended an ACT Meeting two Ago, a week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> I believe it was where there was a question and talking about all this Information and guess what, when it came time to ask questions, we're not accepting questions we're just taking donations here tonight and guess who the major speaker was, we all know who the major speaker was. We don't ask questions we just want your money. I get a little fired-up when I get in here. I'm going to start here with two other things. Next Tuesday is election I congratulate the four candidates who have been successful to run for that office, I hope they all were able to deliver there message to the voters and whom ever is elected out of those three or those four, three people; I'm sure will be able to run Clinton County. Will they have some learning curves to go, absolutely Everyone except Mr. Bossert who has had the experience and I'm not saying right now that I'm endorsing him, even though I do and I've said that publicly and that won't get printed and that's fine, that's alright I don't have any problem with that either. But any how they'll be able to run it, I think the voters in this county have realize that the Commissioners set the priorities, basically, hopefully and the intention of that group will be that the implementation will be done by the professional people and that's where the professionalism in this county comes from. The county will go on, it won't stop, it won't dye, it won't anything else those people will be here the professional people. The other question is the most important decision that will effect Clinton County for the next 50 to 100 years will be made on Tuesday. I'm asking people and I'm not Going to sit here and say vote no I'm just going to say please be informed on your decision. If Your informed well enough and you say yes then that's fine, but don't make a decision based on What somebody else told you is going to happen. The people who write the Constitution of the United States were far smarter than a small little group in Clinton County who wants to change The form of government, I'm sorry it has stood since 1776 when we had a revolution. George Miller wrote probably the strongest argument in the paper a week ago or so on his letter on the Constitution. Do not give up your rights to vote for somebody who you are going to appoint to Run this county. You have the right to elect and the four candidates that are out there, next week you elect them and you know what in four years just like this time you're not happy with

those four people you change them. You voted home rule and here I go you vote home rule you're not going to change that in four years. It will take twenty to fifty to ever change it if it ever gets changed. If it were ever to get changed. Now let me tell you something, your giving up a lot of rights. Two things – if more representation by the five elected councilmember as proposed and two appoint a executive then way doesn't Pennsylvania who elects representative over 258 representatives are elected from all over the state of Pennsylvania are elected to go to the house and make representation, well if that is the proper form then why doesn't that group appoint the governor of Pennsylvania. Somebody has to explain that to me why doesn't that group do it. You know what as far as I'm concerned the house legislation people don't get the job done because all they want to do is politically fight to keep their jobs. Pay raises, keep the job make a great retirement for themselves. If they were to do what they were sent to Harrisburg to do and run it properly we probably wouldn't be sitting here with this information because the County Commissioners Association has asked them as long as I been there to do tax reform, to give use the ability to eliminate jury commissioners if that's the way, you could eliminate the auditors and appoint a controller and collect your own taxes and they didn't do it. So don't tell me that's a county deal that's totally wrong.

Now the other thing is, its on local news so I don't have to do this. Lackawanna County Last year, home rule county, Home Rule County folks. Remember when your going to vote this in, if that's what your going to do, Lackawanna County a Home Rule had a 48% tax increase last year. Big issue with the County Commissioners who are running up there. That's a three county commissioner home rule county. The year before Clinton County had there 36% Lehigh County had a 76% increase. So if anyone tells you that home rule is going to lessen your taxes, tell me where. Two out of six counties and I don't know what Pittsburgh does, I'll leave Pittsburgh out of it. Two out of the six home rule counties had larger tax increases than Clinton County had in 76. And Clinton County hasn't had one since, and hopefully that next year the board of commissioners because we put in on staple thing might and I say might because they have other issues, might be able to reduce taxes.

Commissioner Yost – Ugly politics is really interesting though. Because ugly politics did wear its head in the primary. I hope it doesn't yet at this election here because ugly politics should not have taken place in the primary. It should have been a fair election, I don't think it was. To be perfectly honest with you, but that's my problem with the ant artist that are out there today and the ACT group. The A stands for an artist the T stands for terrorist so as far as I'm concerned that particularly group of people definitely had an impact on the results of the last election. I don't ever think that it was for the good. That's my personal opinion. But I do urge people to please get out and vote, keep in mind what Rich said, this is the most important election in the history of this county and if Home Rule would actually win the day it would be the worst disaster this County has had since the 1972 flood.

Scott – on the timing of this preliminary budget, what four or five days before the election. I guess every four years this obviously comes up.

Commissioner Bossert – we started the budget early, in August we started to do this budget. Started to discuss, work through it and so forth and we just progressed to the point that it was available today. At which means that we have about sixty days before we have to do final adoption and of course we know the window is twenty. So it was appropriate to do it at this time. I'm pleased that we got it done that we have accomplished as much as we have.

Commissioner Yost – I don't ever remember when we didn't have a budget ready by the beginning of November. So why would you ask such a question?

Kathy Conrad – we never adopted a budget the first week of November, usually closer to the Thanksgiving break.

Commissioner Kyle – Lets put it this way, the year we did the tax increase, the budget was preliminary adopted around I think the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of November. And the other night in the paper it was said that we slipped in a 36% tax increase to the citizens at the end. It was written in a letter and I took a lot of acceptance to that because that budget and I've gone back and I don't know the exact date but was somewhere about two weeks from now when we did that and everybody just went off the rocker when it happened. No body was willing to talk about it, we talked about this budget just like we would talk about any other one; you know what Scott quite frankly it would have been politically expedient and that's where my numbers came up earlier to have said that we are going to reduce the taxes to the tax payers of this community to make us look good. My opinion is that it could be done, but I didn't want to be part of that, I want this election to be an election that goes out there and people vote on what they know, not what somebody is telling them. I want them to be informed, and I don't want to put something on the table today that would say your making it look good for you. I have nothing in this. I'm not a candidate, I don't plan on being a candidate in the future, I said I don't plan on it, nobody ever knows. I don't want to say never, but I don't believe that will happen. In this stage of my life I would probably be a dead man first. But anyhow we did this as a board that didn't make a political stand here, make a political issue out of it on, we put it on the table as it stands where it is and let people look at it and the next board of commissioners once there elected, whomever that board is and I'm not saying who that should be or shouldn't be they'll have sixty days after they take office to open up the budget and make any changes they see fit and you know what, my feeling is there is going to be a new board of commissioners and if they feel that's what they

need to do and open it up and reduce your taxes or raise your taxes or what ever they think, that's there business and that's the way the election process should go. But let me tell you something this budget process was open from the day we started it. In a home rule basis it will be done behind closed doors and presented to the council by one individual. This one was done by three open people, Scott you attended many of the meetings, Adam attended many of the meetings Richard Morris almost 95% of any meeting we had. The door was always open and we had discussion. I don't want anybody telling me that we forced something on somebody at the end that they didn't have the ability to come and look at because that is the biggest, outright fabrication of lie that I have ever heard of in my life.

Commissioner Yost – In the past last eight years when we did our budgets the transparency was always there and we keep saying get the word out of transparent government but that's not true. Our budget has always been open to the public for at least a month and a half before its been adopted in the last past eight years. Everybody had the opportunity to come during budget sessions, work sessions to see how the budget was going. And when we made the 36% tax increase everybody knew for a long period of time that we were going to increase taxes. When they keep saying there is no transparency in this government there's a hell of a lot more transparent in our state government or any other kind of government we have in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 AM seconded by Mr. Yost  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 01, 2007 meeting.  
Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the adoption of Employer Commitment to Work Keys Career Readiness Certificate Form. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Bossert.  
Commissioner Bossert – Now we can begin to talk about it. I'm on the WIB/LEO Board And probably three months ago at a regular meeting we discussed WorkKeys. It was a Brand new concept and everybody at that particular meeting, the LEO Board the elected Officials, the Commissioners and we were all very much impressed with this and determined That is was proper to experience further with this concept and voted unanimously as the LEO Board to do that and it is moving forward very rapidly. The WIB section of the WIB/LEO Board accepted that and picked it up and they are running with it. WIB is a nine County organization and they are impairers that are part of this organization that are Instrumental in creating favorable atmosphere; training, opportunities, etc. to facilitate To encourage; all those words are associated with opportunities for employment and we Feel we have some input. I don't think we are totally responsible for all good deeds that Happen in the area but I feel we are instrumental in a driving force that creates opportunities For employee and employer. Jamie am I pretty accurate in that explanation because I know You are part of the WIB. Jamie stated yes, I'm on the WIB board and you are correct. Jamie you live in Northumberland County and you have been appointed from that entity to be on that board. Yes you work in Clinton County. I was on the WIB before I came to Clinton County. We are fortunate he is there because we get additional representation from this County, believe it or not. Anyway in exploring WorkKeys which creates an atmosphere of common language atmosphere between employee and employer and it is tremendous and the opportunity is abound. I think Mifflin County was the first county of the nine that was selection as a power within the nine-member board and I insisted that Clinton County have their opportunity as well. I think were second in line and I will say to you that I think this nine county WIB/LEO Board is the power project in the State. As we jumped on this with both feet and Bill Brock who is the administrative person indicated that we were the lead in the state of Pennsylvania. I've said about enough as far as introduction and Bobbie you here and you are the person that has direct responsibility and you're the advocate in this county and I will pass this process to you to explain further.

WORK  
KEYS

Bobbie Scrimshaw – Site administrator of the Career Link in Clinton County. Our job is to match employers with employees. We work with job seekers, those who do not have the skills necessary, we provide training, we have workshops, we provide assistance to them to help build their skills so that they are ready for the employers. WorkKeys is a means of measuring for skill, when you get an application as an employer and the employee will say on the application that they can do this, this, and this. Unless they are someone with a college degree who can present you with a transcript and a diploma from a college you're taking their word for it. WorkKeys was developed by ACT and ACT is a company on the East coast of the United States is primarily know as the STAT where you take those STATS to get into college and the Midwest and the west you take the ACT. So ACT is premier

testing company that provides the college entrance examines as well as STAT does and they have gotten into this crediting for WorkKeys which is essential areas that employers might need when they hire. The job seeker can come to us and they can take a Wind Placement test which will give them their scores now. If their not happy with the scores they have they can attend remediation workshops where we will work on building their skills so that then we can get their skills to the level where they can take this test and when they do their provided with a credential that looks like a diploma, it has the gold seal we have bronze, silver and gold levels. Jobs can be profiled individually for a company or there are over 13,000 jobs already profiled by this company and if your job is already profiled you can use the profile that they have to determine what level you need for that job. So that you can look at the job profile and if you feel you need a level six in math and a level five in applied technologies you can tell us or we can look at the profile and determine what you must need for that job. They as employer if you sign on as a basic or preferred that does not mean that you cannot look at and you cannot hire other people, but if someone presents you with a credential from WorkKeys you know that they have the minimum requirement that you need for that job. So it's a way of verifying the skill level of your potential employee.

There is no cost for the Wind Placement. There is no cost involved for the remediation classes and we also have partnered with the Central Intermediate Unit to assist us with the remediation. The only cost comes when they take the actual WorkKeys Test and we provide free testing; and the cost is fifteen dollars per test. But 99.9% of the people who will come in and would be tested for WorkKeys will qualify under one of our programs so that we can pay for that test. Either it's an adult or a dislocated worker or an incumbent worker. We have many programs which can assist and cover that forty dollar fee. But if someone is not eligible for any of those programs and still wants to they can still pay. The WIB is looking at the possibility of providing some sort of scholarship fund in the future to pay for the people who may not have the means to pay for it and may not qualify for our programs. There is no minimum age. Primarily though we look at out of school, some of them may need their GED's which we encourage them to work on. There is not a pre-requisition to take the Wind or remediation but we cannot make anyone eligible for our program who does not have a GED. So if they want us to assist them with payment, it would be a pre-requisition for them to get their GED. So all we asking is that the County as an employer sign on as a basic or preferred partner of the WorkKeys Program. And in the long run what we are hoping is that we get as many job seekers as possible, credential WorkKeys and as many businesses as possible excepting that credential; then you won't necessarily be buying a bill of goods because you will know when you interview someone if they have a WorkKeys certificate in front of them showing they have certain levels that will transfer to your job.

Jerry Rosamalia – can we apply this to some of our probation qualifiers, documentation that they are actually participating initially as well as throughout the whole process to make sure that we are monitoring?

Bobby – yes we have some clients which I'm not going to go into great detail who are mandated. We provide documentation for them that they have taken the Wind Placement that they are Working on the remediation, the number of hours that they are there and when they take the testing We document for other mandated clients and we could do that.

Jerry Rosamalia – Is it possible to implement this at the jail location is necessary.  
Bobby – There are some parts that can be downloaded, right now are partners go to the jail two or three times a week to assist with GED's. There are trained in WorkKeys remediation. It is possible for them to down load some of the work book type things, but there are workbooks that can be purchased. Because the wind placement remediation part of this is computerized so all of the remediation happens on a computer. The jail for which many obvious reasons for which I cannot dispute does not give prisoners access to internet. So the remediation part of that software could not be utilized at the jail, but there are workbooks that can be purchased if the jail really wanted to get into this they could possibly look into the cost of purchasing them and rather its feasible or not and the instructor is there two or three days a week working with GED and could work with the other prisoners as well. If you have prisoners who are on work release, possibly than could be allowed to come to the classes held at the Career Link because they are offered during the day as well as in the evening and that could accommodate what ever their work schedule is and we could identify their attendance.

Commissioner Bossert – Jerry and Gina do you have any other questions? I can see some inquisitiveness that you are expressing to us at this point in time and I'm enthusiastic about that position that you assume because the folks you are working with need to get back into the workforce and become good Citizens.

Bobby – what I'm asking you to do will not cost you or the tax payers or anyone any money at this point. The only cost that would come in is if you would decide you want specific jobs profiled for you and if that job has not been profiled elsewhere and you want it profiled for you there is a cost involved there. I'm not asking you to do that at this time.

Commissioner Bossert – This certification if we were to agree would be designating the County as we have already been identified as the only participant in this in this County at this point and time. We would be the second, is that what we are saying. Bobby – Yes, and all it does is say that you will recognize that certificate. So if someone applies when you put your job orders on the system you

can say that you are a basic sponsor of WorkKeys which means that you believe in it and you'll look at it. You can say that you are a preferred sponsor which means that you prefer that your applicants have a credential. That does not mean that you will not look at applicants who do not have that credential it just says that you will prefer that. It does not obligate you in anyway beyond that.

Commissioner Bossert – This resolution that we are working on – is it a preferred designation or a Basic. Bobby – you can select preferred or basic. It is for either. It does not limit you if you. If You say you prefer to see a WorkKeys credential with applicants. That does not say that you will Not look at or hire someone ho does not have that. It just says that you would like to see that.

Commissioner Kyle – Bobby, how many profiles. There are ACT throughout the nation have Profiled over 13,000 positions. Chances are many of the positions that maybe you would want to say you definitely prefer a WorkKey credential would already be profiled and you could look at that profile and you could say that's are job and you have to have a silver certificate to do this job. So you can say that you prefer the applicant hold a silver WorkKeys credential. That still does not tell you that you cannot hire somebody who comes in with a college degree and does not have a credential.

Jamie Aurand – the other thing is that if there is somebody at the CPWFD CR which oversees and Is trained to be a profiler also, so if there are jobs specific, specialized jobs that haven't been profiled We do have somebody in the region that can profile jobs.

Bobby, but that's not what your resolution is today. You are not saying you want your jobs profiled; because that's when you get into a cost. There is no cost for what I'm asking you to give us today.

Commission Bossert – questions are important to us. Because many times we get more insight into the situation than we would have normally got. Motion carried. Bobby as this point in time, can we make a declaration, and it should be made public that we are seeking preferred.

Commissioner made a motion that we make it preferred status, seconded by Commissioner Yost. We understand from your explanation Bobby even though we do make this as a preferred status. We also have the flexibility to be able to go outside of this status if we wish to. Bobby stated Yes – absolutely. I just want to make sure that it is made public we do remediation workshops Ever week which will give you a status as to where you are for placement and we do WorkKeys Testing on a weekly as well. We have someone on site who is now qualified to monitor and Process that test.

Commissioner Bossert – there is a motion and a seconded to seek or indicate preferred status. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bossert asked for a motion to re-appointment Jeffrey B. Burnham, Fred Beury and Linda Leonard to the Clinton County Solid waste Authority for a five term expiring 1/01/2013. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion Carried.

BOARD  
RE-APPOINTMENT  
CCSWA

Commissioner Bossert asked for a motion to approve county bills, accounts payable in the amount Of \$165,542.87; payroll P/E 11/02/2007 \$306,118.93, Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion Carried.

COUNTY BILLS  
APPROVED

Richard Morris – We've had numerous conversations on Trout Unlimited-Project Development. Would it be possible to put together either an organization that would pardon the way so that Project development takes place and also a way in which the money in the mist how it is kept Funded and to the extent that as to how it flows with the State and Federal Government. There's A very strong chance that that will call for local matching of one kind or another and of all of the Local people that have any local say in that matter are County Commissioners. So I wandered Weather you would have the opportunity in the coming weeks to talk to other counties and see Weather there is a common view on how this initiative could be assisted.

AUDIENCE  
COMMENTS

In 2009 we will have a new property assessment system and for about the first time in thirty years it will be currently up-to-date with the county knowing everything it wants to know. One of the ways in which those systems become obsolete very quickly is that there is no real systematic control of the way the property is being brought up and the existing property going through. The local municipality no are caught in another issue called uniform construction code and they options to opt into it or opt out and I think what tends to happen is a lot of stuff happens that doesn't get controlled as well as it could. Therefore I was wandering in the long term whether it might not be possible to work with those municipalities and see if there isn't someway in which the county will now have there up-to-date, modern assessment system could not on behalf of the municipalities take on the process of permitting and inspecting new construction, improvements and existing construction so that that danger of your system or county system becoming obsolete is lessen because you are actually in control of all those developments.

Commissioner Bossert – While your concepts are well taken. I've always inquired ever time we have a steering committee about how much of the lost city has been found and yes there is always a comment - yes we found something. But there is no reference to the numbers, no reference as to how many, no good reference they choose to respond in that fashion. But I'm very much interested in the final number of increase value that could have been the lost city and your point is becoming more specific in the fact that it would be interesting to know of just out of whack

we really were and I don't have a good reference to that because of the answers that I have gotten and whether we can ever get a better answer than that I don't know. I think that the most revealing thing would be the total number. The total assessed value after the end of the re-evaluation would probably indicate how was lost. I still think in anticipation that there would be a 25% increase in the county and this is just a guess estimate. Increase in assessed in value simply because of finding lost city. That's the first declaration that I have ever made in the specific amount. Bud and Rich you challenge if you wish.

Commissioner Kyle – I think that when they are done there's a specific number of structures and everything else on the tax rolls that when they're done they will be able to give you a specific number of parcels or buildings or whatever. I think that will be a number that is available very soon.

Mr. Morris – what I was proposing going forward would prevent the gradual development of Another lost city.

Comissioner Bossert – I would like to see that number and that number will dictate how urgent this concept is that you have.

Commissioner Kyle –Richard, I would like to make a comment to that and it kind a comes back to a comment I will be making back shortly when I have my opportunity to do that. The State Legislature, the problem ends up being in county local government there is so much that people believe the County Commissioners have the ability to do. We do not as County Commissioners and there are two new commissioners elect in are mists today is all they can do is try to make that plea to those municipalities outside of the county or within the county to cooperate. If they chose not to cooperate, there is nothing that this board or the next board or the following board will be able to do unless are State Legislature sets down and talks about tax fairness and tells municipalities because municipalities operate just like the county does, under certain codes. And what we just went through was and if we're going to change those codes, well some on those things could have been changed some may not have been able to change that might not have been one of them that could have been changed no matter what. But if the state legislator were to tell all the municipal governments outside of county that you must report to the county any new building and require them to have building permits and require them to give it to the county assessors office then you would be able to hopefully eliminate the problems that you brought up. But I will say this, the county government presently does not have the ability to do that. We've talked to counties there are ordinances, but there are no provisions in the law that the municipalities have to accept what is recommended to them. Now, where that can be changed is are Legislature in Harrisburg. All of them 258 of them. Those people have to get through their mind and understand that they do not help county government by there actions or inactions in terms of property tax reform and they need to do that.

Richard Morris – The county's assessment and deed records are available on the internet. They are available in theory. The purpose that we currently have in making these available to the public doesn't really work as well as it should. The user pays not only for access to those records it also pays for the waiting time while that information is being accessed and I'm not a computer expert but there is something about the way that that process works that is takes an awfully long time for the average Joe on the computer to get into the counties assessment system and I believe that over time the county ought to take in upon themselves to see that that process could be improved. Again its not an immediate priority it will take time to develop, but if it could be added to the list of things for that department to do I thing that would be an improvement.

Commissioner Yost – I will congratulate the new Board of Commissioners. You have quite the job In front of you because you got to understand something I call it prawn bait. Right know you have a bunch of prawn out there just waiting for guys to screw-up. I'll tell you that right now and they will chew you up and spit out you've never seen; because every mistake you make there going to say we should have had home rule because that's the only thing they had coming. They lost down and dirty big time and they are going to watch for excuses everyday that the work that you guys do to show that they were right because they don't have anything else. Challenge them to do a good job and show them up. I expect you to do it for the first time you screw up, I'll tell you.

COMMISSIONERS  
COMMENTS

Oh yea, every few years we have the state do a program for us at the prison. What is really neat about it is it's always in the morning. So we had the state bring their drug dog to the County Prison and last night and do a walk through to make sure there isn't any drugs. They go from cell to cell, to bed to their clothing, everything; from one end of the prison to the other. No drugs. Great job by the people at the prison, I think that need to have a big that-a-boy. Scott, maybe you ought to call Tom and get a little more detail about it. It's a great program that's provided by the State provides and it goes to show you just how good our boys are down there. I'll tell you, that is very difficult to do. That is one of the reasons why we built the work release program away from the prison so that the people that are coming in on a day to day basis didn't have contact with the ordinary prisoners in there so they didn't have the opportunity to bring drugs in.

Commissioner Kyle – I just want to take the time to thank the voters of Clinton County for turning out at 39%. I know it could have been a little larger than that but those numbers are a little skewed

because there are 20 some thousand registered voters that there are 5 to 6 thousand people in that roll that basically won't vote because it's their time sensitive and why they are on there, so I think that probably overall eligible voters that could vote probably was up in the 50 to 60% number. But I would like to thank the voters for getting out and voting. One of the areas that I'm a little concerned about was that irregardless of the vote on home rule and obviously I'd be less than honest if I didn't tell you that, I still believe being out there and about during the day that no matter how it turned out I was a little disappointed that the mileage the people actually have of what was being proposed or not being proposed and I'm just encouraging citizens to become more involved in their local government at the local level. County Government to try to continue and understand what goes on and the difficulties that all those people have running it. Basically I hope the people will become more involved and more knowledgeable of what is actually happening to them. There was a question out there the other day, that all the supervisors were going to be eliminated by home rule. That had nothing to do with the supervisors at the local level. So unfortunately people are still misinformed and hopefully they will. The news media tries to do to people to be informed and unfortunately they still sometimes are misinformed.

I want to congratulate all the successful candidates who their elections and as well all the municipalities as well as the two new County Commissioners and by condolences to all those who were not successful. You went out there to run a campaign and people don't realize who run campaigns that have to go out there and put themselves in front of them, it's a lot of work and it is disappointing, and the day after an election or the night of election sometime it's difficult to take that. Because you know those people have egos and those are defeated sometimes when that happens, but as the fact that people are willing to go and run, do the job, work at it is important and I thank those people for their efforts no matter rather they were winners or losers. As far as I'm concerned everybody is a winner because you did try to participate in government. Political campaign is over; it doesn't make any difference if you are democrat or republican I encourage the new board of government, because I'm going to talk about county government, I encourage the new county government board, the politics is over it's now time to run the county and try to do what's best for all the citizens of Clinton County and I will take pride in the fact that I think from the last four years the present board of Commissioners, and I happen to be the minority on that board of commissioners, I think worked quite well together, but their minds together, decided, we didn't always agree on every issue even though people always said we agreed some of those disagreements took place long before they ever got here but we finally got to some kind of a common goal and I certainly appreciate that and I implore Adam and Joel to work there, and I'm sure they will. You have to work for the common good of all the people of Clinton County not just a select few. You'll make some enemies and you'll make some people angry at you and so on and so forth. But what you have to keep in mind is that you are representing all the constituents of Clinton County. You know, when some people come up to you with a great idea and you may think it a good idea but you have to figure out what it is for all the people. County Government and this is where I get my chance to put my slant back on what just happened. County Government is set-up to fail by the State Legislature. People said, well how does that happen? Well State Legislature has a strong hold on all of County Government through out the State of Pennsylvania Not just Clinton County and I believe it's time for our State Legislatures all 258 of them to sit down And start thinking about how we make County Government a better form of government in the State Of Pennsylvania, not just Clinton County but all the counties. There are six counties who actually Went out and did the home rule and quite frankly folks whatever that vote was those six counties Are no better off than we are because they are still under the same basic constraints of what it is. Jerry's sits back here and I forget what percentage of the budget that probably flows through that Office, but what 60 or 70% of our county budget and I guarantee you folks the strings come attached with all of it. And I don't care if they are home rule counties or they are counties like us. They're attached. It's time for our state legislatures to sit down, figure out what opportunities they can give county government. I have a friend of mind that was elected the same time Mike Hanna was elected and he happens to be the opposite party but was an associate of mine in business and I had an opportunity some months ago to discuss with him about the legislature and County Government and he said rich if you ever think that state legislature is ever going to let their hands off of county government your crazy because they do not want to do that. They want to have their control over you . We not all idiots and not all the people and the commissioners in all the 67 counties or council people are idiots. They are good people who put themselves out their to try to make solid decisions. And I think we need to have some our legislature and or current legislature took a pretty strong stand here in Clinton County and I'm going to call to task right now. If you want to get rid of Juror Commissioners that needs to be done in Harrisburg. Give Counties the right to do it if that's their so choosing. The other one is tax fairness. Where is tax fairness. Where's the vote on tax fairness and how you let the school boards, counties, Municipalities make it. Where's that legislation, what's are stand on that one. We actually Have the opportunity if people here in this county do not want auditors and they want a Controller then come forward and say let's put it on the ballot and if that's what they want we'll do that. That is a possibility. You don't need to have home rule to do that kind of stuff. Let's put in perspective as to where we are going to be. CCAP, which this county has been a very active part, we have had two of our past commissioners have been officers in that organization have legislated the State Legislature for years, at least for the period that I have been here and longer than that to have the ability to get rid of Juror Commissioners. The ability to collect their own taxes, to have tax fairness. You know what not one time since I've been a commissioner has that legislature even come up to be voted on because they not seem to want to give us control. So I hope that our local people will start to talk to those legislatures and hope that their local legislator will become more knowledgeable of the problems that county government faces in dealing with the state. And I give Adam, Joel and Tom, your going to have a major problem, but you need to continue that continue fight that goes on, you have to

tell them give us the opportunity to run our government. Don't tell us in Harrisburg how we're going to run Clinton county, how Clinton County runs is a lot different than Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. Give us some powers. Not limit us totally. I hope that they can lift some of those restraints on municipal government, the school board and the county and we need to talk to our legislators who ever that is. Just talk to them and say please work at reform in Harrisburg. Reform needs to happen. It needs to happen there. Don't start it here to make it happen, make it happen their, it will happen here in its own due time. Again thank you for everybody and congratulations to the two gentlemen that were elected, you'll do a fine job. I'm confident of that and as I've told both of you privately that I encourage you to make that transition as smooth as possible. You have great people here in this county to work with and you know you will make some changes and there is nothing wrong with that either. We want you to be successful, you will Be successful, you've got a good county, you have good people to work with.

Commissioner Bossert – I should make comment that; this team that is present will continue to be diligent and work to the duration of our time with the efforts that are necessary to keep this County moving forward; and that is obvious to everybody and very obvious to me because no one has faulted in responsibility or task since the primary and we will continue to work with the same intensity till our term is up. At that time we'll establish a new team and we're all hopeful we'll have the same kind of anticipations and success that this team has had. I would like to say One other thing and that is there should be some recognition and I will do that at this point in time for three people that are in this room; Richard Morris, Rich Kyle and Bud Yost. You have been champions as you stood and were diligent and were steadfast in staying in connection with home rule, you've got to have the best information possible to make a decision and you three people should be receiving an award and I will grant that upon you at this point in time as you three being champions of information. And I think there is nothing wrong with information. No Body can criticize you for making a decision on the based on the best information available. And you three championed that cost. And the citizens of this county and myself are grateful to you three for doing that for us. That was just, that was proper, that was the right thing to do. I thank you very much and if that is sufficient as far as an award is concerned that's wonderful and if not we'll give you some certain piece of paper that says you are champions.

Kathy Conrad – Commissioner Bossert, last week at the commissioners meeting you had asked me to send State Representative Mike Hanna a letter to attend our meeting today. I did that. This morning I received a fax of a letter he sent back to us. Thank you for the invitation to attend the November 8<sup>th</sup> Public Commissioners meeting. Unfortunately 22 hours notice does not provide enough time for me to rearrange my schedule to be there. As you now, I oppose the tolling of I-80. I continue to work to build a coalition of legislators to repeal Act 44 and implement a more responsible method of paying got road and bridge maintenance. In addition, I continue to participate in the I-80 Corridor Advisory Committee to the Turnpike Commission so that I can represent my constituent's interests in the event we can not come to an alternative funding proposal. In fact a representative of my office will attend a meeting in Bellefonte on Thursday to monitor and insure our constituents have input on the implementation of any tolling. Both Spec Session HB 32 and SB 1127direct the fast tract development of Oil and Gas drilling on our state lands. While this Legislation does provide for worthwhile funding for the states LIHEP program, I cannot support the legislation as written. We need to insure that any development of our mineral rights on state lands consider legitimate environmental concerns first. This legislation does not do so. Again thanks for the invite. Please try and notify me sooner next time. We will take this advise and consider it prudent to do so and if you would Kathy there were ore questions that we hand other than tolling of route 80 and HB32 that we were discussing last week. The one we had major concern was HAVA. We're lacking \$40,000 for HAVA reimbursement and we have a short fall of \$20,000 on Homestead Act Participation. Would you please invite Mr. Hanna and try to go 23 hours and say we have specific interest in these two subjects as it has a direct bearing on are overall budget. We would like to seek direct as to where we are going. Any invitation Mr. Hanna as managed not to appear for 8 consecutive weeks that we have invited him, and that is on tolling of route 80.

Commissioner Yost – I believe you should add to that list where our perta-tax money goes to. Maybe we can find out find why that at least charged PP&L \$100,000 on perta-tax and we only get six or seven thousand dollars of it. I think back in 2000 we were receiving around \$65,000 now we're done to about \$12,000.

Commissioner Kyle – Something I forgot and I want to say this especially to the Lock Haven Express. Not to say that they shouldn't take a stand in government and Mr. Lipez did take a stand on it and Everybody knows what his stand was. I lobbied the Express to take a stand. They chose not to do that and sometime I was disappointed that they didn't. But I think the coverage that the Express gave on both sides of the issue was as neutral as they could possible be. And I know that some of the people that wrote those articles may not have, probably took a neutral stand and Scott I'm not saying that to you but I thought your articles were fair they were fair and balanced, very fair to all sides and I not think that the Express could come under very very little criticism for there handling of what took place in the election. I thank the news media for that and even if John took a stand that was his opinion for himself. But I think in a small community sometimes its difficult to stay out of it and I think the Express did a great job of doing that.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM seconded by Mr. Yost.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 08, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVED

Mr. Bossert – I think I've been told that somebody has an agenda that is bigger than the County Commissioners meeting today and would like to have an opportunity to do what they do first. That has been alluded to but I have no idea what you're going to do so therefore, as per your request, Bill are you in charge of the back row.

PASC  
CLINTON  
COUNTY  
CHAPTER  
OF PENNA  
ASSOC.  
OF SCHOOL  
RETIREES

Bill will you proceed. We're here representing the Clinton County Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. On behalf of the Clinton County Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees it is a pleasure to present to you a check for \$1,107,604.00 representing the hours that our member volunteers in the community; in Clinton County. In the hospitals, the schools, libraries churches, programs for the youth, programs for the ages and programs like political, Cancer Society, Millbrook and the Red Cross. The State uses this year a figure of \$17.46 hour to come up with this figure. So we are very proud and honored to be able to present this to you.

Mr. Bossert – I think its appropriate to state that the County Commissioners as a Board certainly appreciate all volunteers in this County and the effort that the retired teachers are making and have made indicated by the number that is on this check is outstanding; and volunteers make our communities work. It is absolutely imperative that we do have volunteers. And I want to personally thank you as Chair of the Board for all the efforts you are doing. And I have some association with retired teachers at this point in time; however, I have never been able to retire as a teacher, I retired as something else but I did work for quite a lengthy time as a teacher. So I think what you are doing is great.

Bill – One of the State organizations did a little survey and I guess 67% of the retired School employees do volunteer work.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to move forward with the Bid Opening for the Renovo Water Interconnect System. Allen Uhler asked if he could give a brief update on where the project stands. First off you know the work in the Renovo area is still a different project several different contracts that we've been given money for. The Corp of Engineers project as you well know has been awarded to Harger Utility and they have received an administrative notice to proceed which means they been given the go ahead to start doing their paperwork, preparing their shop drawings and getting everything together. We're anticipating as soon as the weather breaks in the spring the Core of Engineers will issue a notice to proceed and they'll start digging. The other projects involve are the water tank construction in Chapman Township which is what your opening bids on this morning. A river crossing between Renovo and South Renovo that we have everything ready to go, the bid package ready to go. I'm hoping to get some confirmation that everything is in line with our Submerge Land License Agreement from the State before we advertise that. I have some phone calls in now, regardless I think I'll be advertising that within the next to weeks. Regardless rather we get that Submerge Land License Agreement now or a few months from now. Where all the money stands will be some minor placement in the Renovo and South Renovo areas. The bids you are about to open as I said are for Chapman Township Water Authority Storage Tank. There are actually two separate contracts in there. So don't be confused. The first contract is for the construction of the tank only. That's the footer of the tank, the tank shell and closing up the tank. Second contract is the site work? Including a small retaining wall behind the tank, meter pits, plumbing to connect the tank to their system, drain lines, everything to make that tank work with the system. That being said, unless you have another questions for me.

BID  
OPENING  
RENOVO  
WATER  
INTER  
CONNECT  
SYSTEM

Mr. Bossert – Allan will you come up here and seek out the number that needs to be announced at this point. This contract is submitted by Harger Utility Contractors, Inc. 108 West Clinton St., Lock Haven PA, sign by John B. Hoy, III, Secretary Harger Utility Contractors, Inc. the amount, this is site work \$66,324.00 and they have submitted two copies of this. Harger Utility Contractors, Inc. bid only on site work. M&M Asphalt Corporation, 215 McCoy Street, Williamsport, PA and the amount submitted is \$58,897.99. Third bid is submitted by Wolfe Coal Excavating, Inc. P O Box 907, Lock Haven, PA and the amount submitted is \$64,279.75. Alan

will be reviewing these along with SEDA-COG. Commissioner Yost made a motion that the bids be reviewed by Alan Uhler, the Engineer and SEDA COG seconded by Mr. Kyle, motion carried. Alan are the three bids proposed within the anticipated amount as far as the engineer was concerned. Alan stated they are higher than anticipated, but not by much.

Mr. Bossert – the other bid opening here today is for the tank and that bidder is north East Aquastore, Inc., 525 Memorial Parkway, Phillipsburg, PA the amount of submitted for the tank is \$128,750.00. Alan are you aware of any other possibilities of submission for the tank. Alan – as of this point I'm not aware of any.

Mr. Yost – Alan is that figure within the boundaries of the estimate. Most recent yes, the Cost of the tank has gone up tremendously within the last 8 to 12 months, but that's a Competitive bid. Yes that is a competitive. Is there enough money – yes? Commissioner Yost made a motion that the bid be reviewed by Alan, the Engineer and SEDA COG to make sure that come within the lines and guidelines that were proposed and recommend, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

Alan I would invite you back to the front of the room again and is it appropriate we put you in jurisdiction of these documents? What I would like to do is leave one copy with the Commissioners and I'll take for myself to share with SEDA COG to review. Then it is your responsibility for you to deal with SEDA COG as far as this motion is concerned. Would you take these bids at this point in time and you separate from it what is necessary For you to continue with your task and Bill will you make sure they get repackaged in some Fashion in the correct envelopes for the County. Another request is that can you be back here within seven days for the recommendation on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Scott – How big is this tank? Alan – the tank is 64,000 gallons with a foundation design so that it can be increased in size to approximately 84,000 gallons in the future if necessary. You said that the bid for the site work were a little bit higher than anticipated, what was the estimation for that? The estimation we were looking at was about \$45,000. There is one Particular item in there that unfortunately it is an expensive item but by the site that has Been selected we've got no other way to work around it. That being a retaining wall to Allow sufficient space for the construction of the tank. The Army Corp of Engineers project that was given to Harger Utilities, what did that entail. That entails a complete water line construction project, interconnecting Borough of Renovo water systems with the Chapman Township Water Authority System. Including approximately 2,000 feet of pipeline, waterline replacement and construction for the interconnect of the Renovo Borough system with the South Renovo Borough System with the exception of the waterline construction in the river. That bid was \$398,000. Funding sources for the project are \$500,000 from the Army Core of Engineers, that \$500,000 was matched by 25% from the County Commissioners with an additional \$166,000 from CDBG Funds; and then we received \$500,000 from the Competitive CDBG Program. Project to begin in the spring with completion by August of 2008.

Commissioner Bossert – I believe this project failed at one time. Am I correct in recall? This project was started and for some reason failed. It didn't fail the funding just went away, we believe Katrina got in the middle of it to some degree. The significant thing about the whole process is that as it has been indicated, it was rejuvenated and we've moved forward and hope for Chapman Township was that they have been on a boil water advisory for eight years two years ago and I think they are probably in the neighborhood of about ten. With the energy crunch as we know it now it's time to do this. If you have boil that much water then so much energy being used in Chapman Township it isn't even funny. I think that this Board of Commissioners is pleased that we have been instrumental in rejuvenating this thing and making sure it goes forward. Infrastructure is one of those things we need in the county.

Commissioner Yost – I'm just elated that it is finally getting done. It's been a ten-year project. It took a lot of negotiations and I believe it was probably the first time in the history of Renovo Borough Building that they actually had three County Commissioners attend one of there meetings, and we finally convinced them it was the right thing to do.

Alan Uhler – My father was involved and made to other efforts over the years dating back to the seventy's to try and come up with the system up their. I truly believe if not for all the effort you three County Commissioners put into it, we would not be here today opening these bids. It's been a long road and its had its fair share of challenges and we now have good cooperative spirit up they're at this point and I have to extend most of the credit to the three gentlemen sitting in front of me.

Commissioner Kyle – we do appreciate the cooperation that the Western Clinton County exhibited. It's their project and they needed to get it worked out and finally it's going to get done. I'm ecstatic it's going to happen. It just means that you got to be persistent and I'll tell the new Commissioners that are here, when you have these kind of projects you just have to be persistent. Just keep after and after and after it and it will finally happen.

Gerry Lacey – Just on behalf of South Renovo, we don't often get a chance to say it we want to thank this board of commissioners. Whether you realize it or not, but with your money over the years starting clear back in the late 90's the county money built a plan to put a storage tank in and the money you just gave replaces 13,000 feet of hundred year of cast iron main and we're going to order materials for that probably this week. But you've done major renovations to our reservoir and stream measuring dam, also our meters and we have two-thirds of them installed and its just been phenomenal the work that we've done and we're really great full for everything, the support and everything that the County has done.

Tim Holladay – I have one other thing that didn't get discussed was the fact that we had to Change DEP minds on how to go about this. DEP forced Chapman Township to drill four Or five wells and DEP was really persistent that Chapman Township keep drilling wells Until they found water and I think we all made a trip to Williamsport and their first comment was that we don't think you can pull it off. With the persistent to DEP we got them to change their minds and agree that an interconnect made more sense than continuing to drill wells.

Commissioner Yost – There were so many people giving DEP a hard time that I'll guarantee You that in the last four years that we've worked with them on sewer projects, on water projects, They have been extremely cooperative with us and with some of our advice, some of our pleading, And some of the work that we have done has taken this county forward in the last past three years And I'll tell you that's is saying good things about DEP as far as agreeing with us, cooperating with us and working with us on projects that were very expensive and very hard to do. They need a real pat-on-the back. It was a huge team effort on their part and is part and you can be grateful that we had that kind of commodity from them that we could get it done.

Scott Johnson – Once again Alan the river crossings between Renovo and South Renovo and the Line repairing Renovo and South Renovo lines, what the process of that?

Alan Uhler – As far as replacing line work in Renovo and South Renovo. We have some of our basic work done however until we have all of the big prices and essentially know how much money we have left over we won't be able to draw up those bids packages and prepare that for bid. The intent is once we have everything put together, know where we are going with it and know how much money we have spent on the other projects which we must do we will then take never what money remains in the budget and out that towards the remaining projects.

Commissioner Bossert – Alan I want to thank you personally for your efforts and that early on a couple of years ago we were chewing at each other's behinds and you were a favorite target if you recall and I want to congratulate you on your effort and the fact that we got this done. You should receive some of this credit here today too. And I thank you very much for that.

Alan Uhler – If I could take a brief moment while we're on the subject of grant funds. As you know I also represent Avis Borough. I just wanted to very briefly extend the gratitude from Avis Borough for the \$45,000 in Environmental Fund Grant you gave to Avis Borough a few weeks ago. That will be put to good use and allows them to complete the project.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to consider the approval of county bills; Accounts Payable in The amount of \$198,996.88. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS

Adam Coleman – What's the big jump this week? Normally when its not payroll week It's like \$100,000. Here is what's in here as major bills over \$10,000 – West Branch School Real Estate Taxes Collected - \$11,225, that's a pass through, Trans Core – Equipment for project \$58,309.60-Haneyville Tower and then Clear Vision Residential Services is \$16,917 that Children & Youth, Michael M. Doddon, MD \$12,000. That's because he will be here for the McCellhan trial on Tuesday and don't think that that's the end of that one. \$12,000 for one day. We heard it was \$18,000 so maybe we'll be paying the \$6,000 later.

Scott Johnson – On that trial what other costs are there to the County.

Commissiner Kyle - Public Defenders in fact Mr. Micelli will be billing us and we have no idea what that bill will be. There were some anticipated budget amounts in our budget, that the Court Administrator had placed in the budget in anticipation of this and were hoping that it's fairly close. The only savings here is that they were able to pick a jury from Clinton County. That's a huge, huge savings. If you had to take it out of the County again who knows what the cost may have been?

Jamie Aurand – Commissioner Kyle – One Tuesday we have approved a new budget For the year 2008. It has been a very peaceful time we've had here for two years and All the discussions that happened with Susque-View and all the other issues and people Saying we should sell Susque-View, with one particular business man and entrepreneur That we didn't have any reason to keep it I think that we knew exactly what we were Doing and I asked Jamie to please come down here and give us an explanation and tell

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Us where the status o Susque-View home and some statistics about it.

Jamie Aurand – Very briefly and I do have some written stuff here also. One of the things I would like to share briefly is where we were, where we are, where we're going. In 2006 The financial results were just about break even for Susque-View. This year were anticipating Probably a surplus. For the second year I a row we will not be asking the County obviously For money from the General Fund, so therefore we will not be a burden this year to the citizens Of Clinton County. As Rich mentioned we did approve the budget, the board did approve the Budget at their meeting this week and we're anticipating a surplus next year. So you might ask How did we do that? There are three primary factors that went into the sufficient turn around That Susque-View. One of those obviously is increased census. September of 2006 the average Daily census for that month was 134.2; maximum number of beds at Susque View is 146. Census in September of 2007 was 143.1; were talking roughly 9 more beds full each day. Prior To early '06 particularly we were using a lot of agency nursing staff, nursing assistance, LPN's Primarily. We haven't had an agency staff member in the building since November 26<sup>th</sup> of Last year, so we're getting ready to celebrate one year. The expense for agency nursing last year Was \$645,000, which is a lot of money that was not going to our employees? Thankfully with The support of the two union's, AFSCME and SEIU 1199P who bought into the fact that we Really did need to eliminate agency they helped us pull that off and the other major factor was We made a change in health insurance plans and for a change compared to what you normally Here for a change we actually provided a better plan with a better network for less cost to the Employees and less cost to Susque-View so the annually savings in expenses is about \$200,000. So what this has allowed us to do is start to work on some major projects that we need. We have An aging facility, we just celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there is a lot of things that need fixed. Or don't necessarily need fixed but are gong to need fixed soon. We've budgeted for next year About \$300,000 in capitol improvements and without that success that we've had we wouldn't Be able to do that without either borrowing money from the County or the County helping us To meet the bottom line. We're currently renovating the recreation therapy room, the therapy Area, the main dining room and the fountain in the atrium and we have lots of things we're Going to do next year to the upstairs, to the resident rooms so we're just trying to make the Resident's environment nicer. So than the question becomes what about the care? Did the Care suffers? We don't think so, the Department of Health doesn't think so because we had The inspection in July of this year. Obviously they found a couple of deficient areas so we Need to do some improvement, but we had the best inspection in at least five years running. The other thing is that there is significantly less resident and family complaints I believe than We used to. The gentlemen sitting up front here don't here as much as they used to about the Facility as far as negativity. So there are a few statistics I'd like to share before I certainly open It up for questions. Total expense budget for 2008 for Susque-View is 9.6M. Payroll expense Budget and that's not all the employees that work there, because some are contracted is \$4.360,000. Employee benefit expense for 2008 is budgeted for 2008 at 1.3M. There is a couple other things That is important for the pubic to know. The Communication center is housed in the basement Of the facility, also we contract with the Clinton County Correctional Facility for laundry. They Do are laundry, it's revenue to the jail and they do about 20,000 pounds of our laundry per month. We take it down, pick it up, and run it back and forth. And just this year we entered into a contract With the IT Staff to provide computer support and services. So that just some of the stuff that Is going on. Certainly I'm willing to take any questions that anybody might have. And certainly These gentlemen and provide further comment.

Scott Johnson – The bottom line for revenue, has the cost increased for the residents at all?

Jamie Aurand – About 85% of our revenue comes from medical assistance which reimburses us on a daily rate. We are anticipating a modest increase in our private pay rate effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, but it's less that 2% I believe, 1.5%

Commissioner Yost – Now that you asked. You have to understand here lately Manor Care was Up for sale and sold. There are Senators in Harrisburg wanting to know why County facilities Are selling private companies and it's very easy to figure out. Because I think as far as Susque-View goes our cost per patient per day is one of the lowest in the state. At Susque-View right Now the per diem cost per day is \$188.40 that per patient per bed. And if these people in Harrisburg would look at the MA Reimbursement and see that its \$171 a day then it wouldn't Be too hard for them to figure out why County Nursing Homes are closing. Because they don't Reimburse enough to even cover the total expense per patient per day. So that is another reason Why the Legislators down there could figure out better funding for nursing homes in the county, If they want them to stay under county group. We're not getting paid enough but I'll tell you what The management out there has been doing such a really great job and we're probably one of the Nursing homes in the state of Pennsylvania that can show that we're still in the black.

Commissioner Bossert – Rich, do you have any comments as chairperson of Susque-View?

Yes, I would like to take the opportunity to make a couple brief statements. First of all I would Really like to thank our management company for there diligent and we made some changes a Year ago and again that was another area when every body was trying to attack us on what we Were doing. Pardon me for getting back to that, but we took so much grief for over a year on Some issues that I want to assure county residents why it was taken care of and why we did what We did. But thank you for the management and I also think that we ought to say this. This Comment was made that there's ever been a good board of Commissioners in this County. Well Let e tell you folks, somewhere in the 1970's I was a very young man, not involved in politics Not a Commissioner here, some board of Commissioners made a decision what they wanted to do

With running Susque-View and I don't know who to give credit to, to that group at this point, but There was a group of Commissioners who decided that's what they wanted to do, I believe that Set the tone as to how Susque-View is run today. We help manage it, we help over see it, we Help professional organizations come in there and do it. I think to say that there's never been A good board of commissioners in this county is total bull crap and I wish that those people that Made that comment definitely don't know what they are talking about.

Center Crest which is our neighbor to the southwest of us, it cost the county 1.5M a year out of The general fund to run their facility. It costs Commissioners in that county maybe one or so an Election because everyone makes it a hot issue, I know it wasn't that persons fault. However, I Want to say, that being said here we are running a facility in Clinton County and we broke even And we're intending to do and I believe it will be a major problem for me as years go ahead as Bud Said if the state doesn't decide how they are going to do reimbursement to County facilities because That's the major issue in Centre County. So just letting people know is that we are not dipping into the County taxpayers pocket to fund the home. My personal opinion is if we had to we had to. I would Believe that. I don't believe in selling it, never have and will not, but that will be someone else's Decision if it ever comes to that somewhere down the road. So I wanted to say that, and I think the Unions also need to be thanked. They participated, they knew what some of the difficulties were There, they meet with the staff. That just goes to show you that management and unions can get Along. There is always a little bit of negotiation and fighting in there. They want something, Management wants something but I believe we need to thank the AFSCME and SEIU group up There for getting along and making it work and making it happen and the other thing is, I believe And quite frankly I went and talked to a resident right after the meeting and the lady I stopped to See, I didn't ask the question she volunteered. She said, if you have to be here someplace and you Can't be in your own home and you need the care this is a wonderful place to be. I know that Person wants to go home, whether that person will ever go home, I don't know. But she obviously Delivered that message to me. And I thanked her because that's the key position of the Commissioners to make sure that that is gong on there. The sale of Manor Care in Jersey Shore, if You read in the paper everyday, everybody is worried about the care. Guess what folks, we don't Have to worry about the care, we own it, we have the management company, the citizens of Clinton County don't have to worry about the care that they are going to get at Susque-View.

Richard Morris – First is whether you have established a timetable for adoption of County budget And in that context, remember last year when we produced a set of pie charts showing where the Expenditures went and where the tax revenue was. So my request would be that if there is time Within your time frame to adopt the budget to produce those again it would be extremely helpful To understand.

Commissioner Bossert - We enjoyed those charts that were made and I thought they were very Beneficial and there is not reason why we wouldn't do that again. Kathy what is out time table To answer his question. Kathy stated – Jeff Weiss, our Financial Consultant is the person that Created those pie charts last year. I will send him an e-mail and ask him to create them again. On the time frame for adopting the final county budget, anytime between now and the end of the Year. Commissioner Kyle stated we have to have in on display for twenty days. Commissioner Bossert stated – I would imagine Richard that we would consider that final probably within the First two weeks of December. It will be on one of those agenda's, either the 6<sup>th</sup> or the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Morris – Did the City ever respond to your request for designated parking on Water Street. Commissioner Bossert stated – no, not to my knowledge. Joel, you are a City Council Member. We Have for at least six months requested parking meter adjustment in front of the Court House on Water Street to facilitate the use of the Court House. There long term parking meters there now which cause people to use the parking space and therefore business in the Court House is slowed down or people don't have that opportunity. We were seeking a short term parking meter stall so people would have the opportunity for ends and outs. We were requesting three of those parking spaces on the north side of the street and three on the south side of the street and we have not had any correspondence, we've had some communication from the Chief and it just failed. would you by chance during your short tender there would you try to take care of this for us? Joel stated he would try.

Bill Suydam – Reminder of the 2008 CDBG Applications had gone out last week, due back December 21<sup>st</sup> which will give the Commissioners a chance to look at them before the next set of commissioners make their decision on them. Final decision will be February 14<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had \$252,000 to spend with a request of 14 projects.

Commissioner Yost – Referring to the letter from David Harger in the Express. One thing I don't Do is cry about being defeated in any kind of election or any other sport that I've ever done I've always had the character to take it like a man. But that letter last night really revoked the crap out of me because I want to tell you something. I went on drugs on 11/05/07 this year, in case anyone wants to know and I went off of them 11/07/07 of this year. So if anyone wants to know if I'm on drugs or not or if they want to test me for drugs they can check me anytime at all. These were prescription drugs and they were because I was really in pain. But for somebody to accuse me or any other elected official in this County of taking drugs or not being tested because of the program we have here there out in left field. Because as far as I'm concerned, we have already put our names in the hat with every employee in Clinton County that needs to be randomly testing for drugs just like everybody else. And then to sit there and accuse us of not mailing out the booklets that our terrorists were suppose to send out I would say that he is really off beat because they were the ones

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that made the mistakes, we've provided the money they actually had money left over in that budget, so they had the money to mail them out, if they would have had the intelligence on how to do it. But apparently they didn't have the intelligence on how to do it or the post office boxes in this County would have gotten them. I'm awful quiet and I don't shoot my mouth off much, but when I get accused of something that I didn't do it kind of bites me where it hurts.

Commissioner Kyle – I wasn't really going to make a comment because I don't believe it was worth having a comment, but two things that really disturbed me and that's an accusation that the County Commissioners take any form of drugs and whatever their jobs were outside of here what we did I thought was highly uncalled for. I guess Mr. Harger has his opinion as it may be, but I know Commissioner Bossert, he may say something here in a minute, we always put our name in the pool for drug testing and we do not as an elected official. This needs to be known that elected officials do not have to do that, they are not required to do that, that's a voluntary part on their part to do it. We said that from day one when we adopted our policy that we were willing to do it and I certainly wouldn't have any problem doing it at any time. And second of all the comment about people not receiving the booklet is just absolutely the biggest line of bull and lie I have ever heard. They adopted, I'm going to ask Richard to tell me, when could they have sent that out? As early as June?

Richard stated – the charter was adopted on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Any government study commission is under an obligation for discussion of the charter within the community to make the full charter available for discussion by the community. They don't actually have an obligation to initiate those discussions but they have an obligation to facilitate them and I think they finally agreed to the format in which they would send out their summary at the end of September and then there was a ruffle about the minority report being included in it and they were finally in a position to instruct their printers I think by the second week of October, which is five months after they adopted their charter.

Commissioner Kyle – people just need to know that that could have been out there. Now they had some room to make a few changes on that up to as far as 60 days before the election. Had they wanted people to know, and I've maintained this, if they wanted people to really know, they would have put it out there, they would have instituted discussion on it throughout the county and quite frankly I think there should have been discussion on it. I'm glad it went down, it went exactly the way I had hoped it would but I think there should have been a lot of discussion. There were many people come election day who had no idea what they wanted to do or how they wanted to do it. But because it came out in that manner that it did, most people just said no, not going to do it; and to accuse the Commissioners of not seeing that they got out there I can tell you it's on the record in here, in this office in the minutes that when Mr. Novosel was here we made a comment to him, you put that minority report in, and I don't care the minority deserved to be there because people needed to know both sides of the issue even though there was a majority and a minority in there they needed to know what that report was and we told them you put it in there and send it out and if you go over that budget we will pay for it. Am I correct gentlemen? Both Commissioner Bossert & Yost commented yes. I think it's in the minutes of September 9<sup>th</sup>. It is official record here. So don't anybody tell me that we snow balled that, we did not. We gave them the opportunity. It still took them a month to decide what they were going to do. Quite frankly I don't think this board of Commissioners hide anything from anybody in this County and I resent what was written about us? I just want to say this. Thank God we kept this form of government. I'm leaving, I'm not crying the blues, they'll be new people here and the new people will be able to run it. We didn't need that change. We'll be very capable. The people prior to us were capable of doing it, they did it. I'd only encourage the new board of commissioners as they come forward and come on board in January to form the bond and cooperation that this present board has had. I employ you to do that because that's how you get things done for the citizens of Clinton County. You're no longer a democrat, you're no longer a republican you're now a Commissioner. You have to make tough decisions. You're going to make people angry at you. You listen to people. We were accused of not listening that was bull crap. Somebody just wanted to throw that at us. And the people in this community who went out and sold what they sold to the citizens and I'm talking about Mr. Poorman who never one day in this community, that I'm aware of has made something that may have improved this community. He may want to tell you he's done all kinds of stuff. Let me tell you something, he doesn't have it what it takes to be here. And you know what if he doesn't like it as far as I'm concerned he should move.

Commissioner Bossert – I would just like to reiterate that this Board of Commissioners established a Drug Policy for the employees, specifically and not for elected officials because by statute we could not include them. Yet we've made available for any elected official to volunteer, to be part of that random drug testing. This Board of Commissioners volunteered to do that therefore we are subject to our Drug Policy and therefore the new Board of Commissioners will have that opportunity as elected official to throw their name in the hat to be part of random. I will do that in this next tenor. Joel and Adam do you have any comments to make. Joel stated he had no problem in participating. Adam stated as of January 5<sup>th</sup> his name would be in that hat as well. And therefore gentlemen that answer to the accusations that were in the paper have been resolved.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 AM seconded by Mr. Kyle.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr., and Richard K. Kyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Chairman Thomas H. Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2007 meeting. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

Resolution No. 32 of 2007: JUDGE RICHARD N. SAXTON, JR. – The County Commissioners recognizing the service and retirement of Judge Saxton. Motion by Mr. Kyle; seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. Tom Bossert – Those may recall that were present at the retirement dinner, we did Convene illegally at that location because it was not announced in the Sunshine Law but we proceeded Anyway in jest and our full intention was to do this and we have done it today. Any other comments?

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Rich Kyle – I'd like to make one. I want to talk about his golf. His golf isn't too good Because I have had a chance to play a lot of golf with him and he probably needs to spend More time on the golf course. That's all I can say. Bud Yost – He said you weren't any good. Rich Kyle – uhhh....we solved a few problems.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the re-appointments of Ralph Brungart, Dave Glessner and John Dotterer to the Clinton County Planning Commission for a four-year Term expiring 12/31/2011. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

BOARD REAPPT  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the re-appointments of Michael Doebler, Robert Emert, Sr., Carl Russell, and Raymond Walizer to the Clinton County Recreation Authority for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2012. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

BOARD REAPPT  
RECREATION  
AUTHORITY

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the re-appointment of Warren Gottshall to the Clinton County Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term expiring 12/31/2010. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

BOARD REAPPT  
ZONING HEARING  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the re-appointments of Jim Harbaugh, Charles Bechdel, Jr., and John Lucas to the Agricultural Preservation Board for a three-year term Expiring December 31, 2010. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle.

BOARD REAPPT  
AG PRESERVATION  
BOARD

Mr. Bossert asked if at this point in time there is an additional vacancy on this board effective The first of January 2008. Kathy Conrad commented that there is hearsay that there is a vacancy Although she has not received, nor has Suzanne Foust, a letter of resignation from Mr. Stewart Ramm. Sue Foust said she talked with him on Tuesday and told him he should send a letter.

Sue Foust made mention of an error; Jim Harbaugh will be an appointment, not re-appointment.

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Mr. Bossert – Do you wish to let this stand as it is or do you wish to amend it at this time or make Another motion? Board?

Mr. Kyle – let it stand.

Mr. Yost – Yes.

Mr. Bossert – Let it stand. Opinion is we will just leave it as it is. We have record of it if necessary to make reference to it that we would know if research was necessary or if term limit became involved, which I doubt. Any other comments? Hearing none. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Betty Schantz, Farmer Director and James H. Maguire, Public Director to serve on the Clinton County Conservation District Board for a term of one year effective January 1, 2008. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Mr. Bossert noted an error on the term length. Confirmed with Kathy Conrad that it should be a four-year term expiring on January 1, 2011. He asked Mr. Yost and Mr. Kyle if they minded if he added or corrected or filed an amendment to the motion and he will reread the suggestion for motion in its entirety. They agreed.

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CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT BOARD

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Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Betty Schantz, Farmer Director and James H. Maguire, Public Director to serve on the Clinton County Conservation District Board for a term of four years expiring January 1, 2011. So moved by Mr. Kyle. Seconded by Mr. Yost. Mr. Bossert asks for comments.

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Mr. Yost asks about Mr. Ramm's desire to resign from the Agriculture Preservation Board and Whether or not he desires to resign from the Conservation District Board also.

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Mr. Bossert responds that he spoke with Mr. Ramm and it is his desire to remain on this board

Until his term expires on December 31, 2008. Confirmed by MaryAnn Bower.

Mr. Bossert – also Bud Webb was on this board and chose not to go forward. How long was he on this board? MaryAnn responded, forty years. Mr. Bossert asks if she plans to recognize his service on This board and to stay after the meeting to speak with him about plans to recognize him through the County Commissioners. She agreed.

Scott – Betty is a re-appointment and James is in place of Bud?

Mr. Bossert – yes

Scott - and on the previous motion, Jim Harbaugh is a replacement. Who is he replacing?

Mr. Bossert – Dan Schrack, who is deceased.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the award of the pest control bid to Engler’s Pest Control for \$166.00/month effective January 1, 2008 for one year. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

PEST CONTROL  
BID AWARD

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the admission to Clinton County Drug Random Testing Pool. He revised the consideration to read: Board of Commissioners will consider the admission to the Clinton County Drug Policy Random Testing Pool effective January 1, 2008, of the Lock Haven YMCA and Infant Development program employees if those organizations so choose to be included to save costs. This is separate from pre-employment drug screening. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle.

DRUG TESTING

Mr. Bossert clarified to Mr. Morris that the drug testing is for “Safety Sensitive” employees only. Not every county employee or county funded agency employee is included. Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked Kathy Conrad to write a letter to Jersey Shore Hospital asking them if they will allow other county-affiliated agencies to piggyback our contract with JSH regarding drug testing.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the employment agreement between Clinton County and Warden Thomas V. Duran for a period of five years expiring November 5, 2012. Any and all increases shall be made on the same percentage basis as other non-union County employees, but not less than three per cent per annum. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle.

WARDEN  
EMPLOYMENT  
AGREEMENT

Scott Johnson – What does he make? What is his salary?

COMMENTS

Kathy Conrad – I can’t quote it right now. I would rather not. I can get you the information after the meeting, but right now I can’t. Not off the top of my head, I can’t.

Scott Johnson – Does anyone want to comment on the job that Warden Duran has done?

Mr. Yost – Yes, I say it’s been exemplary when you consider the fact of what we had to do since we put the new addition on. He has taken the prison from about \$900,000 a year out of the County General Fund to actual positive revenues at the prison in the last couple of years. The last time we were inspected by the state of Pennsylvania we got a 100% which is the first time ever in the county. to deal with the Co’s and Lt’s down there very well because now we have Co’s and Lt’s whose time served now is within the four-year range compared to when after a four –to– six month range we would have a huge turnover of employees. Administration and the work that he has done down there has been exemplary. It’s really important that we try to hold on to a really good warden because in the past two weeks there have been four other county warden positions that have come up that are paid in excess of what the warden is being paid in Clinton County. In some cases, most of the prisons are about the same size, some of them are even smaller and they are paying as much as \$114,000 a year to replace their warden. So, I think we’ve got quite a bargain in Mr. Duran.

Mr. Bossert – Scott, you are on point. In fact, we should have included that amount. We are not trying to hide that amount, we will make that amount public. It’s only proper and just that we do that.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Jennifer Dershem, Children & Youth Caseworker effective January 7, 2008. Motion by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Deanna Ruocco, part-time Case Aid for Independent Living, Family Counseling and Foster Family Services effective January 2, 2008. Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE

Mr. Bossert asked Gina Foresman to confirm that the new hires are replacements for existing positions. She confirmed, stating that Jennifer Dersham is a transfer from Allegheny County where she served In the same capacity.

COMMENTS

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The Salary Board was called to order at 10:45 AM. Details of the Salary Board are in the Salary Board minutes.

SALARY BOARD

Adjourn Salary Board at 10:46 a.m.  
Reconvene Commissioners' Meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Bossert made a motion to consider the approval of county bills; Accounts Payable in  
The amount of \$58,188.04 (for one week). Motion by Mr. Yost, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Motion  
carried. COUNTY BILLS

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 AM. Motion made by Mr.  
Kyle. Seconded by Mr. Yost. Motion carried. ADJOURNMENT

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Chief Clerk

Thursday, December 13, 2007

PRESENT: Thomas H. Bossert, Harold C. Yost, Jr.  
The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by Chairman Bossert.

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2007 meeting. Motion  
by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. Bossert APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bossert - I talked to Eric Miller from EADS last evening and did suggest that it was timely that the  
advertisement for the resurfacing of the Mill Hall county owned bridge to take place in the first two  
weeks of January. They had anticipated the same things as a result of our prior conversation. Bid  
opening should be about the middle of February for that bridge. That is for information purposes  
and there is no reason for us to have to make a motion on that as that is stuff that is already in motion  
and moving forward at this time. OLD BUSINESS  
PEALE AVE  
BRIDGE

Mr. Yost – Good idea. It needs to be done before more damages happen to the bridge.

Kathy Conrad – I received a letter from Representative Hanna telling us his schedule is very busy,  
However, he could be here to attend our December 20<sup>th</sup> or December 27<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' meeting.  
I have not gotten back to him. I was going to leave it up to the Commissioners to decide which one  
they prefer him to come to. Do you have a preference? MIKE HANNA  
ATTENDANCE

Mr. Bossert: Bud do you have a preference? Either the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup>?

Mr. Yost: No.

Mr. Bossert: Rich Kyle will be here on the 27<sup>th</sup> and we will have final approval of the budget on the 27<sup>th</sup>.  
I can't see any reason why we couldn't do that on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Conrad – sounds good. I will invite him to that meeting.

Mr. Bossert – Adam, Joel – is that a meeting that would benefit you two?

Mr. Long and Mr. Coleman – yes.

Mr. Bossert – ok, fine. Thanks, Kathy, for bringing that up.

Kathy Conrad – no problem.

Mr. Bossert – Therefore, any of the questions we had. Keith Yearick had a question. Tim Holladay has  
a question; I know he does for sure. And, there were more so we need to probably give him some  
advance notice to be fair in the matter and so we can make the best of our time. We should probably  
forward some of those concerns to him before he gets here.

Kathy Conrad – I believe I have in the recent letters I sent to him. I kind of singled out two or three  
maybe even four different topics we wanted to discuss with him. So I can reiterate that.

Mr. Bossert – Four would be enough.

Kathy Conrad – Four would be enough?

Mr. Bossert – yeah

Kathy Conrad – ok.

Mr. Bossert – Joel and Adam, if you have any other concerns that we should put on that agenda list please get with Kathy. Kathy, I think it would be appropriate to dig those out as we have all mentioned them over the last three, four, or five months. And get one-liners to him. These are subjects that we are interested in. Ok?

Kathy Conrad – certainly.

Mr. Bossert – any other old business? Kathy do you have any other old business?

Kathy Conrad – I do not. No.

Mr. Bossert – Ok, let's move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

HEADWATERS RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 2008:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to accept appointments of Rebecca Dunlap, Trout Unlimited as Member and MaryAnn Bower, Clinton County Conservation District as At-Large Member to serve on the Headwaters Resource Conservation & Development Council effective January 1, 2008 for a one-year term. Motion by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. Bossert. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Bossert – Any discussion on this? I think there's a comment appropriate at this time and that is the Board of Commissioners want to recognize Trout Unlimited and their capacity to umbrella the water environmental things that we're attempting to do – which is acid mine abatement. Their lead person we recognized two or three meetings ago as lead person to do mine acid abatement as they had basically volunteered in Kettle Creek and some of the other tributaries. We feel as Commissioners that they and their national recognition will be of great benefit to us and therefore Rebecca Dunlap has agreed to participate and Clinton County Conservation District has agreed it will be a good effort, so we are not taking anything away from CCCD in this matter. There is a motion and a second – any other comments Bud?

Mr. Yost – no.

Mr. Bossert – Those in favor indicate by saying “aye”. Motion carried.

INNOVATIVE CONSULTING GROUP, INC. AGREEMENT:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to enter into agreement with Innovative Consulting Group, Inc. to serve as Grants Coordinator for Clinton County for a 12-month period consisting of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 for a cost of \$20,000. Motion by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. Bossert. CONTRACT APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert – Discussions or questions? Motion carried.

SUSQUEHANNA GROUP ADVISORS, INC. AGREEMENT:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve entering into contract with Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. for Financial Management and Business Consulting for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$66750. Motion by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. Bossert. CONTRACT APPROVAL

Mr. Bossert – Any questions or comments? COMMENTS

Mr. Morris – This amount of money they will receive, is that a ceiling at which the amount they charge would not exceed \$66,750?

Mr. Bossert – That is exactly the wording of the contract. It could be less but the maximum is this. This is a 2.8% increase in the amount of maximum contract as opposed to last year which we felt was within the realm of normal inflation.

Mr. Morris – Will they hit the ceiling for their services this year?

Mr. Bossert – uuhhh

Mr. Yost – I can't answer that either but I don't think.

Kathy Conrad – I don't think either.

Mr. Morris – I guess we won't know until the end of the year anyway.

Mr. Yost – Since you asked.

Mr. Morris – I’m sorry, but I came out in the snow. I had to say something.

Mr. Yost – That’s fine, but I don’t believe they did reach their maximum.

Mr. Bossert – I am under the same impression. I was trying to recall the most recent references. I don’t think they’ve reached maximum yet. Any other questions or concerns? Bud, do you have any comments?

Mr. Yost – Well, I’ll tell you. They do a cost allocation for us every year and last year after they got done doing their cost allocation, it was fairly close to \$60,000 we got reimbursed from the state, so it damn near paid for their contract. Well worth the money. They have the expertise across the board you know, which is really nice.

Mr. Bossert – Before we had this group on board we were missing that cost allocation. We had not received it because it was something we were unaware of. It is refinancing from the state as per agreement – termination of agreement was looked at and we were definitely within certain numbers and it’s always been \$60,000 or \$70,000. The first year they did it at \$70,000, and you are probably correct and it was \$60,000. Any other comments or questions? Motion carried.

2008 COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR CLINTON COUNTY RETIREES:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve a 2.7% Cost of Living Increase for Clinton County Retirees effective January 1, 2008. Motion by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. Bossert. RETIREES COST OF LIVING

Mr. Bossert – Questions or comments? This is a recommendation from Chuck Friedlander, our actuarial. This number is derived from US Dept of Labor which is done in all the United States and is appropriate therefore, then that we grant this allocation. I would add the Social Security increase this year is 2.3. It appears we are kind of right in the middle where we should be with these numbers. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the lateral transfer for Joan Welfling, Microfilming & Scanner in the Prothonotary’s office to Bailiff-Central Court under the jurisdiction of Judge J. Michael Williamson effective December 17, 2007 with no change in salary. Motion by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. is Bossert. JOAN WELFLING TRANSFER

Mr. Bossert – Questions?

Scott Johnson – Who does she take the place of?

Kathy Conrad – Mike Doebler is retiring.

Mr. Yost – He I a lot like Bossert. This is about the fifth time he retired.

Mr. Bossert – This is a resolve of some difficulty we had in personnel and I am very pleased the Court at this point has chosen to go in the direction they have. It relieves concerns we had in two locations: the Prothontary’s office and the Director of Central Court. Any more comments? Motion carried.

COUNTY BILLS:

Mr. Bossert asked for a motion to approve the county bills. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$97,246 (for one week) and Payroll for the period ending 12/14/2007 for \$325,405.75. Motion by Mr. Yost; seconded by Mr. Bossert. Motion carried. APPROVAL COUNTY BILLS

Mr. Bossert – Bud do you have anything else that needs to be in the form of a motion?

Mr. Yost – No, I do not.

Mr. Bossert – Kathy? Do you have any other business that needs to be in the form of a motion?

Kathy Conrad – No, I do not.

Mr. Bossert – ok, as I traditionally do, Joel? COMMENTS

Joel Long – I have nothing, thank you.

Mr. Bossert – Young lady?

Jen – I have nothing.

Mr. Bossert – What is your first name?

Jen – Jen.

Mr. Bossert – Jen? Thank you.

Richard Morris – Could I take you back quickly to the Headwaters issue and obviously the motion? HEADWATER

Mr. Bossert - yes

Mr. Morris – Do we have these names and positions switched around. I would have thought that Mary Ann Bower would be a member and Rebecca Dunlap, who is not a member of any government body would be the At-Large Member. Mr. Bossert – There are two positions. There may be a third. We have already appointed an alternate haven't we Kathy? MaryAnn suggested an alternate and that was Tim Holladay.

Kathy Conrad – I believe so yes.

Mr. Bossert – My observation is that it should have been reversed but that not what the bylaws say.

Mr. Yost – She's always been their At-Large.

Mr. Bossert – There are equal voting rights with two people. There are two votes from each county therefore regardless to the position titles they are equal as far as impact in the organization.

Mr. Yost – I think the position the lady holds with Trout Unlimited is \_\_\_\_\_ especially with \_\_\_\_\_.

Kathy Conrad – Miss Dunlap is Amy Wolfe's project manager for the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Initiative which gives her the opportunity to be well at hand with what is going on with AMD and so and so forth.

Mr. Bossert – Richard you still have the floor.

Mr. Morris – Could I ask you to remind people about two things that are not exactly County Government, but this is as good a forum as any. The state this year extended the deadline for senior citizens to apply for the property tax rebate. PROPERTY TAX REBATE

Mr. Bossert – Richard, before you leave that subject this was one of the questions we wanted to talk to Representative Hanna about. If you recall the report Keith Yearick gave us one day that he felt we were in arrears as far as financing with the state in that particular area, at least \$20,000. It dealt with postage, it dealt with personnel, the requirements of personnel in his office and it also involved a computer program that had a certain amount of maintenance you had to do annually. Which in the original bill was a reimbursement item to the county but we have been doing this for two years now and without any reimbursement whatsoever and without any payment to homeowners/homesteads. We have a concern about that and that was one of the subjects we want to talk to Mike Hanna about. Why the delay? Could we anticipate anything in the near future? My specific question to him would have been if we are not going to realize anything from the state for the tax rebate for services we are bound by statute to create then why should we do this? In other words, give us the ability to terminate this if we get nothing. That would have been my specific question. If it's not a part of law that amends, then please amend so we can get out from under this burden. Now we have to maintain this record and that's what this cost we are incurring is coming from. The fact that people reapply, we have to maintain and enter it into a computer program which is apparently a tie-in with Harrisburg so they know what's going on. If we continue to do this, it's the second or third year. I'm not sure because it was tied with Act 72 and that was the gambling thing. It's proper for everybody to make the application and should be done. I thank you for bringing this to our attention. Richard, you still have the floor.

Mr. Morris – In a similar bearing, the deadline on this is a little longer. People have until March of next year to apply for assistance for fuel. You may apply to the County Assistance Program. It's not a county program. It's part of the county assistance office – DPW. I think a lot of people don't go because they perceive it to be a welfare program which it is not and it's better funded this year. HEATING ASSISTANCE

Mr. Yost – It better be. The program is out there for people who really get themselves in a bind with heating costs.

Mr. Bossert – Your statement reveals to me that that deadline has been extended too. Because I thought that program deadline for application was the end of December.

Mr. Morris – No, I think it's always dead lined that one at the end of the heating season.

Mr. Bossert – First come, first served was part of the standard.

Mr. Morris – But the tax rebate was extended largely for the reasons you alluded to. Because they wanted

to see if any of the other programs for tax relief were actually going to generate anything this year. Therefore, they extended the deadline. You don't have to be a homeowner. Renters are included in the property tax rebate. That element of rent that is allocated to the landlord's property.

Mr. Bossert – Thank you. Do you have anything else Richard?

Mr. Morris – No.

Mr. Bossert – Adam?

Adam Coleman – Nothing. Oh, wait. I do have one thing. When are we going to be tallying the votes for the designs out here as to which one we are going forward with?

COURTHOUSE  
ADA PROJECT

Mr. Bossert – We haven't established any deadlines and I would assume since the three of us had an opportunity to talk to Eric Miller last evening and asked him if he would have Pete Dolan speak to us and Kevin Fanning about their redesign. As you recall, Kevin had some questions about that.

Adam Coleman – We can still go with one of these designs and just add a roof structure over top of it.

Mr. Bossert – Yes, that's one of the things we talked to him about. I think that we will have that open until we have finals with Pete Dolan. So, if anybody has a suggestion as far as those designs are concerned, be sure to let us know which one you think is appropriate.

Kathy Conrad – Let me remind you if that project across the street, the ADA project, is coming out of CDBG money that application must be in by next Friday.

Mr. Bossert – Wonderful. Who was going to make the application?

Kathy Conrad – I have the application on my desk. We have to sit down and go over it because there are numerous questions on there; cost, so on and so forth.

Mr. Bossert – Ok. Will you put that on work session on Monday?

Kathy Conrad – Sure.

Mr. Bossert – Adam, Joel, Ed?

Ed Long – I don't want to wear my welcome out on this one subject but, I received a letter from Mike Hanna in regard to House Bill 32. It's the same as Senate Bill 1127. I think I gave you some information on that last week. Mike states, "As your State Representative I assure your concerns with opposed legislation and in reference to both, please note that I have not signed on as a co-sponsor to this legislation. I will continue to monitor this legislation closely and keep your thoughts in mind as this issue develops." So, he's opposed to it. But it's still smoldering somewhere down there in the House and Senate. When it moves out of there it's hard to say. I hope never. But I talked to Wozniak's henchman the other day on the phone and he is supposed to call me, whenever he gets in the mood I guess. I want to talk to him about the Senate Bill and why he is backing something as invasive as that. It's ridiculous. If anybody goes out in the woods and I know you guys do. I know Bossert never gets off the farm as far as hunting goes but once in a while he goes to Montana or some place. Either way, if you see what the gas wells have done back in Renovo and Tamarack and that whole area out in back of Beech Creek you would be opposed to this too.

HOUSE BILL 32

Mr. Bossert – Is this an issue that should be Clinton County Planning or is this an issue that should be Tourist Infrastructure?

Ed Long - Conservation or somebody. They're just doing it. You guys might remember. This happened five, six, seven years ago. They tried to ram this, quietly trying to do one of those midnight deals. The whole state would be put up for bid in one lump. They got caught at it so now they are trying it again. Why they have to give up 2.1 million acres in one fell swoop is beyond me. I have no idea. If you lose control they are going to form another group, DCNR is going to be out of the picture, half of us will have to go to welfare. There's just a lot wrong with going out and cutting these trees. The worst feature is, once they do this they put that old yellow gate up and that's as far as you go. They are not only putting these gas wells in, cutting down all these trees, and putting pipe lines in and roads and everything else, they are denying access. Well you can walk in but it's just not good.

Mr. Bossert – Alright. I think we need to get Clinton County Planning involved in this.

Ed Long – Ok.

Mr. Bossert – Kathy, Monday on work session could you ask Tim Holladay to meet with us in reference to these proposals?

Kathy Conrad – House Bill 32 and what was the Senate Bill number, Ed?

Ed Long - 1127.

Kathy Conrad – Thank you.

Ed Long - Someone said there are some small differences between the two. Why That would be I don't know. I don't have any idea?

Mr. Bossert – I understand what you're saying and we need to take a look at this. I have a copy of the Bill, which I received thanks to you Ed, and I will get that bill in Tim's hands and he can become aware of what it is.

Ed Long - There are some other features in that bill that are not written in the papers you have. There's something about a 40-acre grid and welfare and a few other things and why it isn't stated in there is beyond me, but it does exist.

Mr. Bossert – Ed, you still have the floor. Anything else?

Ed Long - No, that's it.

Mr. Bossert – Press table?

Scott Johnson – That bridge in Mill Hall. Is that Peale Avenue?

PEALE AVE  
BRIDGE

Mr. Bossert – Peale Avenue bridge.

Scott Johnson – Just resurfacing?

Mr. Bossert – There's resurfacing, removal of existing asphalt surface, and evaluation of the keys in the bridge when they remove that surface. If they are deficient, they are to repair them and put a new surface on the bridge that is water impervious and they have some other magical device that they would put down over the concrete pre-stressed beams. Membrane or what have you to prevent water infiltration.

Mr. Yost – What happens in the winter time you have leaks in the surface and water goes down through the cracks and on the keys and freezes. The more it freezes and expands the more it puts pressure on the box beams, cracks it, erodes it, breaks. Try to make the surface as water tight as you can so it doesn't leak down between the box beams and cause us damage. The keys get damaged because the plates in there will move the beams or crack them. That's why a lot of those box beam bridges come tumbling down.

Scott Johnson – That was one of the designs we had trouble with. Not we, but they Penn Dot report did list it as "structurally deficient."

Mr. Yost – It can stay deficient till it falls as far as I'm concerned. It will fall five feet. If no one's under it. No, it's not in that type of shape. What you've heard from Penn Dot on other bridges of that particular design, our bridge is in much better shape than those. So, if we take care of it and maintain it like we were talking about right now it should be fine.

Mr. Bossert – The weight capacity of that bridge was not reduced by Penn Dot. It's still an 80,000 pound bridge.

Scott Johnson – Who will be paying for the work there?

Mr. Yost – That will be coming out of Liquid Fuels. Most of the money coming out of Liquid Fuels for the project was reimbursed.

Scott Johnson – Now this is the fourth year for Weiss and his group?

WEISS CONTRACT

Mr. Bossert – Yes, this contract is for the fourth year.

Scott Johnson – Was it \$65,000 this past year?

Mr. Bossert – Yes, \$64,800. The increase is 2.8%.

Scott Johnson – Can you talk more about what the group has done for the county's finances?

Mr. Bossert – Bud alluded to one of the leading things that we were very grateful that did occur and that was the reimbursement by the state on that cost allocation plan. We feel that he has been a tremendous benefit. He changed us from a cash system of accounting to an accrued system of accounting which had not been done and is very beneficial to us at this point in time because we can understand the numbers accurately. That was a transition that he accomplished the first year of his services. Another benefit that I had found with him is the fact that he is available with a telephone call and he can answer questions on demand, very quickly. Another benefit is the multiple services he provides us. He has not only worked on the budget but he also understands state law and at this point in time is working with twelve or thirteen counties just like ours in the same capacity. I understand he is also to receive four other county businesses in the state of Pennsylvania so when he receives that he will have a sizeable percentage of counties he is affiliated with doing the same type of work. The benefit of that is he is knowledgeable about the county types of financing and laws which govern expenditures and incomes that counties have. So his expertise

in the field is one of the great things that we receive from him. He has the ability to do projections; he has the ability to create a budget which is projected into future years in anticipation of what expenditures would occur in counties. He has been able to project additional taxes that could have to be levied, would have to be levied, and much to his surprise instead of increasing taxes as he projected originally we have decreased taxes or stayed the same. Final budget is on the 27<sup>th</sup> and there's a good anticipation that there will be a 2 mil tax decrease. That I think surprised him but he has not objected to that at this point in time. Feeling that the funding we have at this point in time is realistic and we are in control of finances. I would give him much of the credit for that. Bud, you wished to make a comment.

Mr. Yost – I think you pretty well covered it.

Scott Johnson – Joan's a lateral transfer. Do you know what her salary is?

PERSONNEL  
TRANSFER

Kathy Conrad - \$34,372.

Scott Johnson – What was Mr. Doebler's salary?

Kathy Conrad – I don't have that right off the top of my head.

Scott Johnson – Is this going to take a budgetary problem from one department and put it in to another department?

Mr. Bossert – Let me address that a little bit. It has a potential to reduce Sherry Yarrison's budget by one employee. Joan's salary is paid out of the Prothonotary's budget. Mike Doebler is in the process of retiring and therefore it is a replacement rather than a new position. So, the long and short of the whole thing is if you look at it – it could be in essence reducing one staff person in the county. Last time I checked we had 217 employees full-time and it should indicate we have 216 now. So, it's not increasing the size of county employees in number it should have the potential to reduce it by one. That's the math I do in it. Therefore it's to the county's benefit. The long and short of it we should be reducing the total expenditure in those two offices by one salary position and cost of benefits. Mike Doebler did receive cost of benefits.

Press: What's preventing Mrs. Yarrison from requesting a replacement?

Mr. Yost – No, she's got a full staff.

Adam Coleman – If I may, Joan had left the office. In the meantime Sherry hired a replacement already. Then because of circumstances Joan had to be rehired at the same office.

Mr. Bossert – Anything else to come before the Board of Commissioners? Oh we come To the front row...Go ahead Bud.

Mr. Yost – No. Drive safely. Be careful. It's nasty out there. It's supposed to get worse. I have to go go get a Christmas tree in this stuff today

Adam Coleman – Where you going?

Laughter

Mr. Yost – You should deliver it and donate it.

Mr. Bossert – I have nothing left to ask any questions on.

Mr. Yost – You deliver?

Mr. Bossert – Anything thing else to come before the Board of County Commissioners at this time? Is there a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Yost – Oh my gosh yes.

Mr. Bossert – Motion to adjourn. There is a second. Those in favor indicate by "aye." Therefore, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you all very much.

MEETING  
ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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Chief Clerk





