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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina, Shannon Barnes, Director of Management & Operations, Solicitor Christopher H. Kenyon.

1.0 OPERATIONS

- 1.1 Opening Prayer
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
- 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

- 1.5 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 7/22/26 to be paid on 7/15/26 in the amount of \$1,755,242.56.

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

3.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

- 3.1 Michael Hagen – Approve the following Personnel Actions as conditional offers of employment, subject to the successful completion of a background check and all other employment conditions as outlined in Attachment (A).

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1 Michele McDermott- Vote to approve the Agreement with Motorola in the amount of \$6,825.00 for five years. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.2 Natalie Steppe – Vote to approve the purchase from Flag Zone in the amount of \$17,337.60. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.3 Shannon Barnes– Vote to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Dr. Frank Dattilio. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 4.4 Shannon Barnes-Vote to approve the resignation of Cameron Koons from the County Farm Advisory Committee

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

Commissioner Metzger thanked Mr. Coons for his years of service. He has been a tremendous asset to all the different boards he has served on.

- 4.5 Shannon Barnes – Vote to approve the appointment of Matthew Cowden to the County Farm Advisory Committee with an effective term of 7/16/2026 through 12/31/2027

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

- 4.6 Kelsey Green – Vote to approve Change Order #1 with Larson Design Group I the amount of \$6,162.34. (2026 approved budgeted item – Grant funds)

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

5.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Mussina spoke about the 30th anniversary of Flight 800 and its effects on the community as well as the wide spread support from people all over the country. He commented that it is sad that it takes a tragedy to bring people together.

Commissioner Metzger commented on the outpouring of love from all over the country. Many of the families affected are still living here. They were amazing students and adults on that flight. Mayor Giuliani spoke at the Memorial service and demonstrated an appreciation of the impact this left on the community. It brought the community closer together and is something we should never forget. Commissioner Metzger asked that everyone take a moment to think of those we lost and their families. He encouraged people to visit the Memorial on Broad Street.

Commissioner Sortman revealed that his wife was in the graduating and had wanted to go on the trip but didn't which he is very grateful for.

6.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for no more than three (3) minutes on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

James Pfleeger expressed his concerns and views about the staffing at DPS. He cautioned against using the traveling dispatchers stating they don't have good reviews.

YOU TUBE PUBLIC COMMENT

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Why have the county commissioners hired a rival landfill to take over management of our landfill when there is an obvious conflict of interest.



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The management firm is actually Wayne township landfill who has been in direct competition with Lycoming county landfill for years.

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Approximately 200 tons of garbage a day that use to go to the Lycoming County landfill now gets loaded onto Wayne township landfill tractor trailers and they haul the garbage right past the landfill

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Also as soon as the commissioners raise the Lycoming landfill's disposal fees the Wayne township landfill sending out flyers with theirs rates to all of the Lycoming County garbage haulers

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Both show a huge conflict of interest. Who are the commissioners working for Jay Alexander or the citizens of Lycoming County?

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Also the directors position was advertised for an annual salary of only \$65,000 and stipulated that a person applying needed a masters degree and 5 years of landfill management experience.

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Which the commissioners knew no one with those qualifications would apply for at that low of a salary.

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And now they have hired the Lycoming county's biggest competitor in the region at \$250,000 a year and put a total unqualified individual in the director's position.

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Who's only qualification or credentials is and I quote "my dad runs a landfill and my granddad use to run a landfill."

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Since taking over they have shown a total disregard for county employees safety directing one landfill employee to put one of the excavators up on to an unstable wood pile

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which the employee expressed his discomfort with doing so, but fearing for his job and position, did it anyhow.

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This resulted in the excavator sliding off of the wood pile and landing on its side causing extensive damage to the cab of excavator #10.

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The operator is very lucky that he wasn't severely injured or possibly even killed

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The "management firm" (Wayne township landfill) should be fired immediately. And if they aren't the county commissioners should be investigated for collusion and corruption with the Wayne township

Responses to U Tube comments:

Commissioner Sortman stated that the Agreement is with Clinton County Municipal Authority. They had the best ability to assist us. Since they have been onboard, we have been able to save money. We have a two-year agreement with them. Clinton County is not our competitor they are our partner. We work with neighboring counties to do what's best for all the citizens. Wayne Township landfill's prices have always been higher than ours and at this time they are the same. He pointed out that the taxpayers were supplementing the landfill which is why prices needed to be increased.

Commissioner Mussina pointed out that Lycoming County owns things that other counties may not have. We need to be able to run these in a financially responsible manner. Commissioner Mussina pointed out that there are governmentally set limits that every landfill has to follow. They can't steal our business. They also have a limit. Our landfill will stay busy out of need. This group is assisting us on preparing for our expansion which we will need for the future. The landfill was in a much worse financial state when we came into office. We are thankful for their help.

Commissioner Sortman reported that the Wayne Township Landfill provided a trailer to act as a transfer station. This trailer would have cost our county \$150,000.00. This is not a service we ever provided. Since the two of us are working together the southern garbage comes to Lycoming County instead of Clinton County.

Commissioner Metzger pointed out that these things, the landfill and DPS, did not happen overnight We are being proactive and sharing with the public. Corrections are being made and we are doing it as a team. So far, the results have been positive.

7.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Board Room, 3rd Floor, 33 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

To View This Meeting and For More Detailed Information Click on The Link Below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIrs4xKbwpQ>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Internal Changes:

Adult Probation – Corinna Meixel, Administrative Case Officer, Full-Time, PG7, \$20.9664 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 19, 2026.

New Hire:

Consolidated Services – Daniel Zellers, Records Retention Coordinator, Full-Time, PG5, \$16.8525 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 27, 2026.

Prison – Hailee Ashelman, Correctional Officer, Full-Time, Union, \$21.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 27, 2026.

Resource Management Services – Leslie Ingram, Administrative Support Specialist, Full-Time, PG8, \$23.3814 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: July 27, 2026.