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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026
10:00 A.M.**

Present: Commissioner Metzger, Commissioner Sortman, Commissioner Mussina, Shannon Barnes, Director of Management & Operations, Solicitor Nicholas Grimes.

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

Commissioner Metzger announced that going forward in order for online comments to be read at the meeting the person must list their full name and where they are from just like the people present at the meeting do. If this information is not included the comments will not be read at the meeting but will appear in the minutes.

None

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 8/12/26 to be paid on 8/5/26 in the amount of \$5,154,215.93.

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

- 2.2 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to approve the credit card cash requirement report of purchases from 6/26/26 through 7/27/26 in the amount of \$10,225.58.

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

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3.1 Shannon Barnes – Landfill Financial Update – See Attachment A- Comments Attached

Commissioner Metzger reiterated that in the six months with the management company in place and with the rates being increased the tonnage has increased and there is almost 1.5 million dollars in revenue. This indicates success to date. Commissioner Metzger informed that the audits for the management company indicate a profit even with their expansion.

Commissioner Sortman added that their audits were reviewed prior to making the decision to contract with them.

Commissioner Mussina commented that the decision to hire a management company was made over several months. It must be given time to see if it is working. Now after six months we have an update and it's positive.

Commissioner Metzger referred to the leachate which has cost the County millions of dollars and is now being turned around. The expansion is another area that is critical to the life of the landfill and is now being addressed. Commissioner Metzger commended the team and employees for working diligently to turn this around and make a profit for the County.

3.2 Michael Hagen – Elected Officials Personnel Actions

Newhire:

District Attorney – Alix Fils-Aime, Special Detective DUI Center, Part-Time, PG9, \$25.00 per Hour, Not to Exceed 1000 Hours Annually, Anticipated Start Date: August 10, 2026.

Recess Commissioners' Public Meeting for the Salary Board

4.0 SALARY BOARD SALARY BOARD MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON LYCO.ORG>ELECTED OFFICIALS>CONTROLLER

4.1 Convene Salary Board.

4.2 Vote to approve the Salary Board minutes from the July 9, 2026 meeting.

4.3 Vote to approve the following Salary Board Actions:

Commissioners Office

- Add PT Administrative Coordinator to the TDA

DPS

- Delete PT Administrative Specialist Position from the TDA

4.4 Adjourn Salary Board.

Reconvene Commissioners' Public Meeting

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Cindy Newcomer– Vote to approve the Agreement with Salzmann Hughes, PC.
(2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

5.2 Shannon Barnes for Nancy Schenck - Vote to approve the Agreement with George Jr. Republic. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

5.3 Shannon Barnes – Vote to ratify the updates to Policy 511 Uniform Policy.

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

- 5.4 Shannon Barnes – Vote to approve the 2026-2027 Election Integrity Grant application in the amount of \$364,948.10.

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

- 5.5 Shannon Barnes - Vote to approve Amendment #1 with Integrity Health. (2026 approved budgeted item- ARPA Funds)

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

6.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Mussina spoke about the recent meeting they had with former Senator Robert Casey who is now working in the private sector for a law firm. Commissioner Mussina relayed that Mr. Casey spoke positively about his working relationships with his peers from both party lines during his time in the Senate which Commissioner Mussina noted was encouraging to hear. He made it sound way more cordial and professional than what is often portrayed in the press.

7.0 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.

None

YOU TUBE PUBLIC COMMENT

CloverSmith-j2kWith the sunshine act don't the discussion about deals with outside firms have to be in public meeting not behind closed doors

@CloverSmith-j2k

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Or at least be put out for bid

8.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 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=12T6srdYz7M>

ATTACHMENT A

	<u>February 2025</u>	<u>February 2026</u>
Revenue	\$ 1,388,467.89	\$ 1,958,074.22
Expenses	\$ 1,322,013.08	\$ 1,112,124.35
	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>March 2026</u>
Revenue	\$ 1,964,961.61	\$ 1,820,464.35
Expenses	\$ 1,862,799.74	\$ 1,481,058.60
	<u>April 2025</u>	<u>April 2026</u>
Revenue	\$ 1,989,878.40	\$ 1,357,306.40
Expenses	\$ 1,697,430.24	\$ 1,465,376.84
	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>May 2026</u>
Revenue	\$ 1,914,544.13	\$ 1,828,884.16
Expenses	\$ 1,519,516.41	\$ 1,373,680.40
	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>June 2026</u>
Revenue	\$ 1,538,015.64	\$ 2,334,329.52
Expenses	\$ 1,347,677.21	\$ 1,360,976.68

Net	2025	2026
Feb	\$ 66,454.81	\$ 845,949.87
Mar	\$ 102,161.87	\$ 339,405.75
April	\$ 292,448.16	\$ (108,070.44)
May	\$ 395,027.72	\$ 455,203.76
June	\$ 190,338.43	\$ 973,352.84
Overall Net	\$ 1,046,430.99	\$ 2,505,841.78

Landfill Information Presented:

The management company came on board in February 2026. In order to compare apples to apples, we took the same months in 2025 to compare to those in 2026. The full months from Feb-Jun were compared. As shown in Attachment A of the agenda, the months are broken down. I will point out what really matters which is the overall net.

The difference between 2025 and 2026 is an increase in net revenue of \$1,459,410.79 when comparing time periods between 2025 and 2026.

Just to point out, this includes the additional spending that has been needed for the permitting process. So, I would say that thus far, the management team has been successful in starting to turn things around for the county landfill.

Tonnage is up 3,676.8 tons. The difference in how business is being conducted is what is making this new direction profitable. Money is not being spent on capital projects that are not necessary, and just because they are a “want”. For example, the \$1.5 million project on a new force main for leachate. By changing how the leachate is being handled at the landfill, that forced main project is currently not needed. It doesn’t mean it will never be needed; it just isn’t needed now.

What we have done is made fiscally responsible decisions. We do not know the ins and outs of how a landfill works, so we hired a management team after meeting with different companies to get their knowledge and went with the best team from our region. That is what you do in business.

You hire the experts who are successful at what they do. You model your investment after something that has a track record and longevity of being successful. We found that in the Clinton County Municipal Waste Authority.

I am speaking for myself; I know the Commissioners are working very hard to ensure the landfill is successful. They want to see things going in the best direction because if the landfill fails, that is a failure that impacts the entire county. Everyone can have their opinions, that’s what so great about America...but my opinion as a taxpayer in Lycoming County is this....did my trash rates go up? Yes, they did, but if that is what it is going to take to keep waste management out of Lycoming County, I’ll be happy to pay a bit more.

I’m from California and still have family living there. They do not get to choose their trash hauler. They have to use what is provided to them by their municipalities. It isn’t cheap. Base rates are between \$150-250, with additional charges for cans, if your trash is not separated (not just recyclables...) I am so thankful I can choose who takes my garbage, and if I don’t like them, I have the option to go elsewhere. I am certainly thankful I pay a reasonable trash bill each month.