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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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

- 1.6 Proclamation -Hunger Action Month – Jeremy Pearson, Agency Services & Program Coordinator spoke in lieu Katie Kerr, Community Engagement & Advocacy Specialist, Central PA Food Bank - Comments attached

Ben Hazen, Executive Director American Rescue Workers thanked the Commissioners for their support and the Central PA Food Bank for their assistance.

In answer to a question Tracy Haas Ungard explained that the changes n SNAP benefits have shifted the need from one place to another, moving people off benefits and towards the Charitable Food Network.

Commissioner Metzger pointed out that programs like the Back Pack Program are critical for children to have proper food on the weekends. He thanked all the different organizations that assist with food deficiencies emphasizing the difference it makes in peoples lives.

Commissioner Sortman thanked the Central PA Food Bank for all they do as well as the agencies and residents that contribute. He pointed out that this is not an issue that can be ignored.

2.0 REPORTS

- 2.1 Nicki Gottschall – Vote to ratify accounts payable cash requirement report for invoices due through 9/16/26 to be paid on 9/9/26 in the amount of \$1,083,192.88.

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 for purchases from 7/28/26 through 8/26/26 in the amount of \$10,383.96.

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

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Nicki Carter – Countywide Action Plan Funding Opportunity

Ms. Carter announced that the Lycoming County Board of Commissioners is seeking projects to include in the 2027 Countywide Action Plan, or CAP, funding application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

We're looking for projects that improve water quality in Lycoming County using best management practices that remedy stormwater runoff from urban and agricultural sources and/or stabilize unstable stream systems. Projects must demonstrate the ability to reduce phosphorous, nitrogen, and sediment pollution in our waterways. Eligible applicants include municipalities, government entities, nonprofit and community organizations, and educational institutions. Projects must be located within Lycoming County and be shovel-ready.

The county will review applications competitively and select projects to potentially include in our January 2027 application to DEP.

The deadline to submit an application to the county is October 30, 2026.

Application materials and instructions are available on the Lycoming County website at lycomingcountypa.gov/cap_grant.

If anyone has questions or would like more information, they can contact me, Nikki Carter, with the Department of Planning and Community Development, at [570-329-4761](tel:570-329-4761) or nmcarter@lyco.org.

3.2 Michael Hagen – Elected Officials Personnel Actions

New Hire

Courts / President Judge Linhardt – Paula Lupold, Executive Secretary, Full-Time, PG7, \$20.16 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 28, 2026.

4.0 PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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

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

Commissioner Metzger thanked Natalie Steppe for her service to her country and all she has done for the veterans of this County. He wished her the best in her new position.

Commissioner Metzger encouraged all to visit the Veterans office on the 2nd floor.

Natalie Steppe responded that she loved her work with the veterans for over 13 years and will continue working with veterans in her new position.

Commissioner Sortman complimented her on her transition to Director when the previous director retired and wished her well in her new position stating he was glad the Lycoming County Veterans will still have her as a resource.

Recess Commissioners Meeting for the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

5.0 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR FFY26 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

5.1 Convene Public Hearing

5.2 Larissa Hassinger – Discuss Final Public Hearing for FFY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program and project selection for funding in the amount of \$589,879.00.

Projects Selected for Funding:

LYCOMING COUNTY	Total Allocation	\$ 274,941
1. Wagner Ave Area Lateral Upgrade		\$ 43,000
2. ARW Exterior Building: Homeless Shelter		\$ 154,000
3. Park Loop Rehabilitation		\$ 31,441
4. SEDA-COG Administration		\$ 46,500
MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH	Total Allocation	\$ 101,621
1. Montoursville Curb Cuts Phase VI		\$ 84,721
2. SEDA-COG Administration		\$ 16,900
JERSEY SHORE BOROUGH	Total Allocation	\$ 95,275
1. Jersey Shore Curb Cuts Phase III		\$ 78,775
2. SEDA-COG Administration		\$ 16,500
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT BOROUGH	Total Allocation	\$ 118,042
1. South Williamsport Housing Rehabilitation Phase II		\$ 98,642
2. SEDA-COG Administration		\$ 19,400

5.3 Public Comment - None

5.4 Adjourn Public Hearing

Reconvene Commissioners Public Meeting

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Larissa Hassinger – Vote to approve the MOU with Lycoming County Housing Authority for environmental reviews

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

6.2 Shannon Barnes for Adrienne Stahl– Vote to approve the Agreement with Matthew Slivinski, Esq. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

6.3 Shannon Barnes for Adrienne Stahl – Vote to approve the Agreement with Donald Martin, Esq. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

6.4 Shannon Barnes for Adrienne Stahl - Vote to approve the Agreement with Robert Hoffa, Esq. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 6.5 Shannon Barnes for Adrienne Stahl – Vote to approve the Agreement with Krista Deats, Esq. (2026 Approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 6.6 Dave Goodwin – Vote to approve the grant application with the PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency for the FY 2026-2027 Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program Initiative in the amount of \$380,000.00.

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

- 6.7 Jennifer McConnell – Vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission in the amount of \$10,000.00. (2026 Approved budgeted item – Act 198 Restricted Fund)

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

- 6.8 Jennifer McConnell – Vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission in the amount of \$50,000.00. (2026 Approved budgeted item – Act 198 Restricted Fund)

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

- 6.9 Leslie Kilpatrick – Vote to approve the Zoom renewal with Keyser Consulting Group, LLC in the amount of \$12,500.00. (2026 approved budgeted item – Operating Expenses)

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

- 6.10 Forest Rothchild – Vote to approve the award of the Flood Warning System bid to Keystone Communications. (2026 approved budgeted item – ARPA Grant funds)

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

- 6.11 Forest Rothchild– Vote to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with PEMA for the Lawshee Run Project. (2026 approved budgeted item – ARPA Grant funds)

Forest Rothchild requested to table this item for further review.

Mr. Mussina moved to table this action item. Mr. Sortman 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0

- 6.12 Forest Rothchild – Vote to ratify the Declaration of Disaster for Lycoming County. - Comments attached

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

Mr. Rothchild announced that for anyone needing assistance the regional assistance, called MARC, is being held in Clinton County. The information is available on our website. Mr. Rothchild explained that the Declaration of Disaster is so the state can collect data, acknowledge that there was damage and then put assistance together. Individuals need to file with their own carriers first.

Commissioner Metzger informed that they will be touring the damage in Woodward Township. He pointed out that a certain monetary threshold must be reached before the government agencies can offer assistance.

Mr. Rothchild asked that everyone report their damage so they can get to the threshold noting that every bit helps get to the threshold.

- 6.13 Shannon Barnes - Vote to approve Resolution 2026-18 amending Resolution 2024-01 and removing an assistant solicitor.

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

- 6.14 Shannon Barnes – Action on proposed relocation of the Lycoming County Register and Recorder’s Office to the Third Street Plaza Building.

Commissioner Metzger provide some background before asking for public comment. He made the following points:

The County faces challenges providing proper and adequate space for each office. The Courthouse was constructed in 1970. Since then, the number of judges and courtrooms have increased. Currently there are only 2 holding cells for prisoners waiting for their hearing. Female prisoners can’t be in the same cell as male prisoners. This creates an unsafe condition with multiple prisoners all in one holding cell. There can be up to 7 hearings being held at one time. The holding cells need to be strategically placed near the rear elevator for safe transporting purposes. In addition, the Sheriff’s office, as well as some other departments have grown. Different plans were looked at and discussed. The president Judge felt that the Register & Recorder Office would be the best choice to move. This was presented to Mr. Huffman. At the time he indicated that as long as the space had the proper square footage and his needs would be met that he would consider the move. Attempts to resolve this have been unsuccessful to date. Mediation was not successful. Mr. Huffman filed an action against the County. Commissioner Metzger listed the different departments within the County and how many times they moved their location. Commissioner Metzger outlined some of the steps that they have taken to resolve this with the court’s recommendations. This morning the Register and Recorder filed a motion to stay in this matter which the judge dismissed. Commissioner Metzger invited the public to stop in and see the proposed space. He reported that the Commissioner’s office has spoken with other counties in the state that moved their Register and Recorder office getting the information needed to move valuable documents and safe guard them. Commissioner Metzger indicated that he is not aware of any security incident in the Register & Records office that the Sheriff’s department had to respond to. The building is as secure as it can be without a physical guard in place. He stated that he wants all of our employees to be safe. Safety is the biggest reason why it’s critical for additional holding cells to be put in the courthouse on the 3rd floor.

Commissioner Metzger invited public comment.

Holly Thorn, Loyalsock – Title Abstractor expressed her opinions of Mr. Huffman and his job performance. She pointed out that in her opinion there is no reason that the Register & Records should not move into Third Street Plaza. Ms. Thorn pointed out that most of the

work a title abstractor does is with The Register & Records office and the Prothonotary. Ms. Thorn stated that she is not concerned that she would have to walk across the street from the Courthouse. Ms. Thorn responded to questions asked. Ms. Thorn complimented the new space and indicated that she has no safety concerns doing work in the new space.

Sheriff Spiegel informed that his office has outgrown its 'space. Due to the elevator access for transporting prisoners they are limited to where they can be located. He pointed out that currently they do not have a locker room for the female deputies. Sherriff Spiegel acknowledged Mr. Huffman's concerns for safety. Sheriff Spiegel spoke about the safety systems already in place in the Third Street Plaza and the response time when an alarm is activated. Additional cameras can be put in place on the first floor for additional security. He stated that they do not have the staff to put a fulltime Deputy into the Register & Records office every day. Sheriff Spiegel added that through his research he found that in the last three and a half years throughout the entire state there have been no reported incidents in any Register & Recorder Office.

Retired Sheriff Mark Lusk spoke. He spoke about Sheriff's Spiegel's expertise and training in security. If a security threat was identified in the new proposed space, it would be addressed. Discussion was held on the need for additional holding cells, as well as an area for the attorneys to meet with the inmates. Currently they are sitting on the floor in the hallway waiting for their turn in court with staff walking by and prisoners listening. There is no confidentiality which is also an issue.

Jenny Johnson, Williamsport – Title Abstractor, requested that the Commissioners reconsider the relocation of the Register & Records office. She informed the Commissioners that the Register & Recorder's office has housed documents for 231 years. In her opinion documents will be susceptible to damage, especially the older ones, if moved. Ms. Johnson indicated that the move will cause a hardship to Title Searchers and Attorneys having to go back and forth between buildings, as well as the public. Ms. Johnson pointed out the potential impact to elderly employees who deliver files using hand carts having to go back and forth across the street. Ms. Johnson expressed concerns regarding the security of the office. Per Ms. Johnson she does not feel that the safety of the Register and Records office should be put below that of the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Mussina pointed out that many Title Searchers and Attorneys have to walk past the building most times to get to the courthouse. He expressed his understanding that they may be inconvenienced and do more walking. Commissioner Mussina stated that the Commissioners concern is for the safety of the Sheriff's Department and transfer of prisoners who can be dangerous. Commissioner Mussina pointed out that there are several elected officials in Third Street Plaza. Per Commissioner Mussina we would not put ourselves in the building if we didn't feel it was safe.

Commissioner Metzger pointed out that extra safety precautions, such as key fobs, were installed when the offices moved over to Third Street Plaza from Executive Plaza. He also noted that the entire time they were in Executive Plaza anyone could walk right into any of the offices.

He explained that APO needs to stay in the same location with the Sheriff and all guns need to stay in one location. This increases their response time. Commissioner Metzger explained why there are more incidents in the courthouse than there are in TSP. He pointed out that the County also needs to stay within the budget and is not able to hire additional sheriff deputies for departments that don't have a history of incidents.

Commissioner Sortman invited Ms. Johnson to go down to look at the new space. He pointed out that title searchers would be working behind a secure door. Currently they must work at an open counter.

Director Barnes added that the Planning Department deals with the Register & Records office frequently due to plans that have to be recorded. There is already traffic between the two buildings from the public getting plans and then taking them to be recorded. Many have commented that it would be more convenient to have the Register and Recorder's office in the same building.

Commissioner Sortman echoed that there is a lot of interaction between the Planning Department and the Register & Records office. He commented that he was happy with the Sheriff's comments regarding the safety of all the County owned facilities. He reminded all that this is not personal, it is a business decision based on space. A decision has to be made to move someone due to an overcrowded courthouse. Every aspect was considered before a decision was made on who would be the best to move. He expressed his opinion that the cost to the tax payers regarding this matter is "ridiculous". The taxpayers are paying the cost on both sides. It has been a two-and-a-half-year lawsuit.

Commissioner Mussina echoed Commissioner Sortman's comments regarding the cost to the taxpayers. He added that the statute says the Register and Recorder must be provided an office space that is adequate to do the job in a county building in the county seat. There are five other elected officials in the building.

Commissioner Metzger provided additional reasons why other departments should not be moved. Per Commissioner Metzger, the Courts advised them that moving the Register & Recorder would be the least impactful.

Commissioner Sortman pointed out that the new office space has a vault that is fire and water safe to store the orphan's records, which there is only one copy of. Currently they are not protected from either element.

Commissioner Metzger asked for any additional comments from the public or the Commissioners. There were no additional comments, so the vote was taken.

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

7.0 COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Sortman commented about the 25-year anniversary of 911 and promoted the commemorative ride that starts in Clinton Township encouraging all to attend.

Commissioner Mussina expounded on Commissioner Sortman's comments indicating that it is one of the largest memorial rides on this side of the Mississippi attracting riders from all over.

8.0 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.

Mike Wiley, Solicitor, McCormick Law Firm, Williamsport noted that the Commissioners did everything they could to keep the matter with the Register and Recorder out of the courts.

Mr. Wiley pointed out that although the resolution for item 6.13 was to remove an assistance solicitor, he wanted to recognize Mr. Cease's valuable service to the firm. He reported that he has moved to South Carolina and taken another opportunity. Mr. Wiley stated he would be remiss if he didn't thank him publicly for his service to the firm, the county and many boards of commissioners.

YOU TUBE PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17th, 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=hknCXJ-lb00>

ATTACHMENT (A)

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Internal Changes:

Military Affairs – Jeffery Hamilton, Director of Veterans Affairs, Full-Time, PG9, \$47,837.712195 Annually, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: September 13, 2026.

Pre-Release Center – Judy Lohman, Resident Supervisor, Part-Time, Union, \$20.70 per Hour, Not to Exceed 1000 Hours Annually, Effective Date: October 11, 2026.

Prison – Jennifer Gies, Sergeant, Full-Time, PG9, \$27.236 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: September 27, 2026.

Prison – Tapanga Jolin, Full-Time, Union, \$21.50 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Effective Date: September 27, 2026.

New Hires:

Facilities Management – James Baker, Custodial Worker, Full-Time, PG3, \$14.8736 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 21, 2026.

Military Affairs – Vaughn Ceccacci, Assistant Director of Veteran's Affairs, Full-Time, PG 7, \$21.34 per Hour, 75 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: October 5, 2026.

Pre-Release Center – Michelle Probst, Resident Supervisor, Full-Time, Union, \$20.70 per Hour, 80 Hours per Pay Period, Anticipated Start Date: September 21, 2026.

Comments Jeremy Pearson

Thank you for taking the time today to recognize the issue of food insecurity and the work that the charitable food network does in Lycoming County with this proclamation.

Hunger Action Month is a time for us to reflect on the extent of hunger in our communities as well as the work that our network has achieved over the past year.

As of 2024, the most recent available data, nearly 17,000 people in Lycoming County experience food insecurity, including over 5,000 children.

In Lycoming County, like in all other counties across the state, children have a higher food insecurity rate than adults. 22.1% of children live in households that face food insecurity compared to 14.8% of the overall population.

Since January 2025, we have also seen a drop in SNAP participation in Lycoming County of 9.3% compared to 14.2% in Pennsylvania.

Food insecurity is an issue of increasing importance. Since 2021 food insecurity has increased by 44% across the state of Pennsylvania. Nationally, we are experiencing high rates of food insecurity not seen since the heights of the Great Recession.

Support from our County Commissioners, and community, makes a huge difference in reducing hunger for neighbors in need, so thank you again for your support of our work to address hunger.

Soup kitchen meals for 25/26 state food year: 34,229

Unduplicated Households served for 25/26 state food year: 5,782

Unduplicated Children served for 25/26 state food year: 5,409

Unduplicated Adults served for 25/26 state food year: 7,555

Unduplicated Elderly served for 25/26 state food year: 2,619

Unduplicated Total neighbors served: 15,583



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity are issues of vital concern in Pennsylvania where, according to Feeding America, over 1.7 million individuals, 13.5% of Pennsylvanians, and one in every five children experience food insecurity. In Lycoming County, one in seven neighbors and one in five children are food insecure, and

WHEREAS, adequate nutritious food has become more expensive and out-of-reach for many neighbors with food costs rising more than 33% between 2019 and 2026, leading to record demand for charitable food; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity, the condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food, is associated with numerous adverse social and health outcomes and is a critical public health issue; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every corner of our Commonwealth and to providing additional resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Lycoming County is committed to working with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank distributed over 61.3 million pounds of food in Fiscal Year 2026 to Pennsylvanians experiencing food insecurity. In Lycoming County alone, over 3.1 million pounds were distributed, over 762,000 pounds of this being produce; and

WHEREAS, public and private entities, including policymakers, business leaders, community activists, farmers, concerned citizens, and hunger relief organizations must collectively work to address food insecurity within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to the issue of food insecurity in our communities and to mobilize the public in the movement to end hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the Commissioners of Lycoming County, do hereby recognize *September 2026* as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

throughout Lycoming County and encourage all citizens of the County to actively support the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank with assisting those with food insecurities within our community.

Lycoming County Commissioners

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RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

Board of County Commissioners Meeting — September 2-3, 2026 Storm Event — Ratification Requested

To: Lycoming County Board of Commissioners
From: Forest W.S. Rothchild, Director of Public Safety
Date: September 10, 2026
Re: Ratification of the Lycoming County Declaration of Disaster Emergency — September 2-3, 2026

BOTTOM LINE

DPS requests that the Board ratify the Lycoming County Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the September 2-3 storms and flash flooding, dated September 4 and submitted to PEMA, to formally document this countywide event and preserve the County's ability to pursue state and federal recovery assistance if damages warrant.

WHAT HAPPENED

On September 2 and 3, significant rainfall, severe storms, and flash flooding hit multiple municipalities across Lycoming County. The volume of water overwhelmed portions of our stormwater, drainage, roadway, culvert, and stream infrastructure. The result was flooded homes and businesses, foundation and structural damage, damaged roads, erosion, landslides, access problems, debris, and residents temporarily displaced from their homes. South Williamsport has issued its own local disaster declaration.

WHAT THE DECLARATION DOES

Because the need was immediate, the County's declaration was dated September 4 and submitted to PEMA so response and damage assessment could move without delay. Under 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501, a local disaster emergency declaration activates the County's emergency management plans and authorizes aid and assistance. Our declaration directs DPS and EMA to collect, validate, and report damages and coordinate with PEMA, and it requests PEMA's review for Commonwealth disaster programs, a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment, and federal assistance if applicable. As written, it remains in effect for seven days unless extended, modified, or terminated by the Board. Today's vote brings that declaration before the full Board in public session for ratification.

DAMAGE REPORTING: ONE PRIMARY PROCESS

We are using Crisis Track as the County's primary system for reporting physical storm damage. Residents and businesses submit their location, damage details, and photographs, and EMA reviews and validates each report to build the official county damage picture for PEMA. Municipal EMCs are assisting residents who cannot self-report and documenting municipal and public infrastructure damage. PA 2-1-1 remains the resource for recovery assistance and referrals, and anyone who already reported through 2-1-1 will not be asked to report again.

The public message is simple: report storm damage once through Crisis Track, call 2-1-1 if you need recovery assistance, and call 9-1-1 for an emergency.

REQUESTED ACTION

Board ratification of the Lycoming County Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the severe storms, excessive rainfall, and flash flooding of September 2-3, 2026, as dated September 4, 2026 and submitted to PEMA.

CLOSING

Recovery takes time, and this declaration keeps every available door open for the residents and municipalities hit hardest. Thank you to our Emergency Management team and our municipal EMCs for the work already underway. Thank you.