

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 1:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a workshop session, all members present.

Brian Wilson, Account Executive of Mailroom Systems, Inc., 340 Buttonwood Street, West Reading, PA 19611, met with the Commissioners to present a proposal to provide successful delivery of the first class presort mail. Mailroom Systems will pick up the County's mail Monday through Friday evening and then take the mail back to their West Reading facility for daily processing. Mailroom Systems is licensed, bonded, insured and HIPPA approved.

At 2:15 p.m., the Commissioners held an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commissioners held an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 1:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a workshop session, all members present.

The Commissioners held an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Thursday, February 5, 2015 9:30 a.m.

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners was held today all members present. Comm. Ames presiding.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag and observance of a Moment of Silence.

The Commissioners asked for public comment. LTC Dale Waltman, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities at Fort Indiantown Gap (FIG), Annville, PA, informed the Commissioners of special events that will be held at the Gap. He also stated that FIG Fire Company responded to nine (9) fire calls off base for surrounding municipalities.

The Commissioners approved the minutes, with corrections on the January 15, 2015 meeting.

Sallie Neuin, Lebanon County Treasurer, met with the Commissioners to present the weekly Treasurer's report for consideration.

The Commissioners accepted the Treasurer's report as read with expenditures in the amount of \$2,076,254.71. The gross payroll for January 2, 2015 was in the amount of \$932,219.08 and for today was \$933,624.22.

Michelle Edris, Human Resources Director and Leeanne Shank, HR Assistant of Lebanon County Human Resources, met with the Commissioners to present the weekly personnel transactions and conference/seminar requests for consideration.

At 9:50 a.m., the Commissioners sat as the County Board of Elections.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners resumed the regular meeting.

Dennis Good, Fiscal Operations Officer of Mental Health/Intellectual Disability/Early Intervention and Commission on Drug & Alcohol Abuse, met with the Commissioners to present the 2013-2014 Drug & Alcohol Fiscal and DDAP Report for consideration. Mr. Good reported that funds for the rehabilitation program are getting tight due to changes in the State Law and Medical Assistance Guidelines for eligibility requirements.

The Commissioners accepted the **2013-2014 Annual Fiscal Report for the Commission on Drug & Alcohol Abuse in the total expenditure amount of \$1,263,335.00** as provided.

The Commissioners approved and signed **the 2013-2014 the Department of Drug & Alcohol Program (DDAP) report in the actual total expenses amount of \$379,740.00.**

The Commissioners approved and signed the **Amended Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Lebanon, on behalf of the Lebanon County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Compass Mark, 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601. The new contract total is in the amount of \$84,420.00 for authorized services according to Section III Contract Amount/Invoice Procedures.**

Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator, presented the following items for consideration:

Mr. Wolgemuth announced that **CRC Health Group, Inc.** 20400 Stevens Creek Blvd., 6th Floor, Cupertino, CA 95014, **the parent company of Advanced Treatment Systems, Inc. entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc., 830 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 610, Franklin, TN 37067 on October 29, 2014. CRC Health Group was a provider for the Lebanon County Commission on Drug & Alcohol Abuse.**

Mr. Wolgemuth also announced that **Standard and Poor's (S&P) Ratings Services raised its long-term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) on Lebanon County, general obligation (GO) debt two notches to 'BBB+' from 'BBB-'.** The rating actions are based on the sale of the county-owned nursing home that has resulted in budgetary relief as well as a one-time cash infusion to its general and pension funds. The outlook is positive and reflects the elimination of the annual general fund subsidy to the nursing home, which was a source of significant budgetary pressure. It also reflects the county's commitment to funding its pension ARC, which it has not done in years given its support of the nursing home. Should the county begin posting structurally balanced results while meeting its pension obligations, the rating could be raised further. However, should the county's performance continue to be weak, the outlook could return to stable.

The Commissioners approved and signed the **Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) the Emergency Management Performance Grant Annual Application, on behalf of Lebanon County Emergency Management Agency (LEMA), for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.** PEMA, on behalf of eligible participants and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, applies annually to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for federal Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds.

The Commissioners **exonerated the Lickdale Community Fire Company from paying 2014 county real estate taxes on property known as District Map 102A, Lot 24.**

The Commissioners approved the **sale from the Repository for Unsold Properties to Lebanon Valley Homes, Inc.**, 1341 E Main Street, Palmyra, PA 17078 **on property located at 82 Northcrest Acres, Lebanon, PA**, district/map & lot #27:2350193-376389-3509, **for the bid amount of \$1.00.**

The Commissioners approved the **sale from the Repository for Unsold Properties to Stone Hill Village, LLC**, 519 W. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003 **on property located at 21 Stone Hill Park, Annville, PA**, district/map & lot #18:2309636-365101-0123, **for the bid amount of \$1.00.**

The Commissioners approved the **sale from the Repository for Unsold Properties to Stone Hill Village, LLC**, 519 W. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003 **on property located at 55 Stone Hill Park, Annville, PA**, district/map & lot #18:2309636-365101-3676, **for the bid amount of \$1.00.**

Taryn Blydenburg resigned as a member of the Lebanon County Commission for Women, effective immediately.

The Commissioners appointed the following individuals as members of the Lebanon County Commission for Women with terms to expire February 28, 2018:

Susan Spahr
Kelli Knerr
Rebecca Witherite

Troy Massey resigned as a member of the Lebanon County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Advisory Council, effective January 9, 2015.

Former Representative *Rose Marie Swanger* and *Richard Fields* as members of the Community Action Partnership Advisory Board.

The Commissioners reappoint the following individuals as members of the Lebanon County Library System board with terms to expire January 21, 2017:

Angel Price
Bonnie Wolgemuth
Sam Abram

The Commissioners **entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the County of Lebanon and Mailroom Systems, Inc.**, 340 Buttonwood Street, West Reading, PA 19611. **Mailroom Systems shall provide delivery of the first class presort mail. Mailroom will pick up the County's mail Monday through Friday evening and then take the mail back to their West Reading facility for daily processing. According to Mailroom Systems, Lebanon County will realize a savings of 2 cents for each one ounce letter, 23 cents for each two ounce letter, and 72 cents for each three ounce letter which could be as much as \$20,000.00 per year.**

The Commissioners approved and signed the **farm lease agreement between the County of Lebanon and Loren Horning**, 400 Fontana Avenue, Lebanon, PA, for rental of county owned property located along Church Road & Route 934, South Annville Township, Lebanon, PA. **The term of this lease shall be from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 at an annual rental of \$150.00 per year.**

The Commissioners adopted the following proclamation for the Boy Scout Expo:

PROCLAMATION

BOY SCOUT EXPO

February 2-6, 2015

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America have served our nation's youth since 1910; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred million youth and adults have benefited from being members of this highly regarded youth movement; and

WHEREAS, scouting is available for all youth regardless of race, religion, or socio-economic level which builds character, trains in responsible citizenship, helps build future leaders, and develops personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, twenty one units of the Boy Scouts of America will participate in the annual "Boy Scout Expo" at the Lebanon Valley Mall as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Lebanon County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of February 2-6, 2015 as "**BOY SCOUT WEEK**" in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. We call upon all citizens of Lebanon County to join us in extending congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America on its one hundred fifth year of service to the United States of America. **FURTHER**, we commend the community groups that provide volunteer adult leaders who make it possible for the scouting program to bring its proven benefits to our young people.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

William E. Ames

Robert J. Phillips

Jo Ellen Litz

ATTEST: *Jamie A. Wolgemuth*
County Administrator

Commissioner Phillips extended congratulation to County employees for the 91% increase in United Way contributions during the 2014-2015 campaign. Lebanon County received the Step-Up Award at the Victory Celebration for United Way of Lebanon County held in the Alden Club at Alden Place on January 29, 2015.

It was moved by Comm. Litz, seconded by Comm. Phillips to adjourn the meeting.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 1:30 p.m.

The Board of Commissioners met in a workshop session, all members present.

Michael McGrady, representative of MCM Consulting Group, Inc. presented a Regional Shared Services Assessment Findings Report. This report was conducted in anticipation of a statewide implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) systems and in an effort to streamline Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) costs. The goal of assessing the feasibility of Emergency Services Internet Protocol-based networks (ESInets) and equipment sharing/regionalization of the PSAPs, is in a coordinated effort across the Commonwealth. Mr. McGrady reported that cost savings for Lebanon County is possible with sharing of Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems with only one other PSAP. However, cost savings would increase with each additional PSAP that joined a shared system. LC911 is part of the South-Central Region of Pennsylvania, and eight county region that includes Adams, Franklin, Cumberland, Perry, Dauphin, York and Lancaster Counties.

At 2:15 p.m., the Commissioners held an executive session to discuss personnel.

At 2:45 p.m., the Commissioners held an executive session to discuss personnel.

Thursday, February 19, 2015 9:30 a.m.

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners was held today all members present. Comm. Ames presiding.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag and observance of a Moment of Silence.

The Commissioners asked for public comment and no comment(s) were heard.

The Commissioners approved the minutes, from the February 5, 2015 meeting. Vote unanimous.

Sallie Neuin, Lebanon County Treasurer, met with the Commissioners to present the weekly Treasurer's report for consideration.

The Commissioners accepted the Treasurer's report as read with expenditures in the amount of \$2,175,120.32. The gross payroll is in the amount of \$942,784.96.

Michelle Edris, Human Resources Director and Leeanne Shank, HR Assistant of Lebanon County Human Resources, met with the Commissioners to present the weekly personnel transactions and conference/seminar requests for consideration.

Richard Bleistine, resident of Lebanon County, met with the Commissioners at their request.

The Commissioners adopted the following proclamation for Richard Bleistine:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Richard Bleistine fondly known as "Dick" received the highest honor a firefighter could receive for his dedication and advocacy of All Fire Service Members. Richard was presented with the ***FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD*** during the

annual Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania Convention in September, 2014;
and

WHEREAS, Richard is an active member of the Liberty Fire Company since 1955 and retains the office of President. Richard is past President of the State of PA Firemen's Association and currently holds the Treasurer's position; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Lebanon County, Richard, served in the United States Navy and the Naval Reserves. He continues to exemplify a strong sense of military and civic duty. He remains an active member of the VFW Post 23 Honor Guard for over forty years. He is a member of the American Legion, the Forty & Eight as well as the Navy Club. He was elected and served on the Lebanon City Council for twenty-four years, and continues as a member of the Republican County Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, The Commissioners of Lebanon County, on behalf of all our citizens, take this opportunity to recognize "**RICHARD 'DICK' BLEISTINE**" for his integrity and dedicated service to our community. **FURTHER**, we extend congratulations on receiving the Firefighter of the Year Award and we extend best wishes for continued success.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMISSIONERS

William E. Ames
Robert J. Phillips
Jo Ellen Litz

ATTEST: Jamie A. Wolgemuth
County Administrator

ADOPTED: This Fifth Day of February,
Two Thousand Fifteen.

Carol Davies, Administrator of Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging, met with the Commissioners to present 2014-2015 contract amendments for consideration. The changes are mainly a result of an additional \$357,000 in new Waiting List funding received for this fiscal year. The funding allows AAA to continue the in-home service expansion with the new Option Services Funding received in the prior fiscal year, and to provide a 2% rate increase for many of the contracted services providers.

The Commissioners approved the **2014-2015 contract changes for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the budget change amount of \$349,503.00 and will not require any additional County support.**

Dr. Jeffrey Yocum, Lebanon County Coroner met with the Commissioners to present the **annual 2015 State of the Coroner's Office address**. During the presentation James Donmoyer, Executive District of the Lebanon County Commission on Drug & Alcohol and Kevin Schrum, Administrator of the Lebanon County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities/Early Intervention Program, also stated the number of drug related and suicide cases for the year 2014.

Michael Battistelli and Brett Holland Financial Advisors of Stifel Nicolaus, Lebanon, PA along with Brad Baker, Portfolio Manager of Sovereign Asset Management, met with the Retirement Board to present the results of the 4th Quarter Performance Review of the Lebanon County Municipal Employees' Retirement Plan.

Jay Wenger, Managing Director of Susquehanna Group Advisors, met with the Commissioners to discuss refunding opportunities for outstanding county debt.

Jill Wiester, Chairman of the Lebanon Valley Destination Marketing Organization (LVDMO), met with the Commissioners to present a progress report on the Tourist Promotion Agency, and to request \$4,000.00 to pay for marketing efforts and promotional material for the 2015 Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors Convention in Hershey, PA. Ms. Wiester also announced that Laura Putt has been nominated President of the LVDMO.

The Commissioners approved an **appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Hotel Tax/Tourism Fund to the Lebanon Valley Destination Marketing Organization. The funds shall be used to assist with marketing the Lebanon Valley 2015 Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors Convention in Hershey, PA.**

Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator, presented a request from Corrigan Sports Enterprises (CSE) to provide a tourism grant of \$5,000.00 in financial support. CSE is currently planning to bring a boys lacrosse tournament to Annville and Palmyra, PA.

The Commissioners approved an **appropriation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Hotel Tax/Tourism Fund to Corrigan Sports Enterprises, 6725 Santa Barbara Court, Suite 114, Elkridge, MD 21075. These funds shall be used to assist with the National Scholastic Club Lacrosse Association (NSCLA) championship tournament.**

Stephanie Harmon and Larry Taylor, representatives of the Lebanon County Envirothon, met with the Commissioners to present a review of the 2014 Envirothon event.

Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator, presented the following items for consideration:

The Commissioners approved **appropriations from the 2014 Marcellus Shale Grant Fund for the following applications:** Comm. Phillips and Comm. Ames voted "Aye", Comm. Litz voted "Nay". Motion carried.

Project #	Applicant	Project Title	Project Description	Allocation
#14	Jackson Township	Playground at Fairlane Park	Installation of Playground equipment & wood safety surfacing	\$7,500
#2-14	North Cornwall Township	Gloninger Woods Park	Development of Park	\$7,500
#3-14	Lebanon Valley Rails To Trails	LVRT Stormwater Management	Managing Stormwater at two locations along LVRT	\$7,500
#4-14	Cornwall Borough	Snitz Creek Project	Realignment and Re-establishment of Creek bed	\$7,500
#5-14	Lebanon County Conservation District	Envirothon	2015/2016 Envirothons for high, middle & elementary school students	\$10,000
#6-14	Lebanon County Historical Society	Krall Log Barn	Re-erection Project at Union Canal Tunnel Park	\$7,500
#7-14	Lebanon 2000 Foundation	Bicycle Rides Lebanon County PA Publication	To provide information about three types of	\$1,693

			bicycling in Lebanon County	
#8-14	South Londonderry Township	Campbelltown Community Park	Construct Pavilion at Park	\$7,500
#9-14	Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Gov. Dick, Inc.	Forest Stewardship Activities	Update Management plan, access road/trail rehab., etc.	\$7,500
#10-14	South Lebanon Township	Climbing Boulders	Install boulders on Tot lot at South Hills Park	\$7,500
#11-14	City of Lebanon	Southwest Park	Develop Master Site Plan	\$7,500
#12-14	PA Dutch Council #524, Boy Scouts of America	Stouffer Lake Dam Restoration Project	DEP required improvements at Bashore Scout Reservation	\$7,500
TOTAL				\$86,693.00

It was moved by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Ames to adopt a **resolution on the current 9-1-1 subscriber fee structure** as follows: A letter and a copy of this Resolution was mailed to the Senator and Representatives of Lebanon County, including Governor Wolf, the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) asking for their support of 911 Funding and System Reform. The original signed resolution was mail to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP). Comm. Phillips and Comm. Ames voted "Aye. Comm. Litz voted "Nay" because she is not in favor of Lebanon County's participation in a hiring pool for 911 Dispatchers. Motion carried.

911 Funding and System Reform

A RESOLUTION

A resolution of the county of Lebanon, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to amend Chapter 53 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, relating to Emergency Telephone Services (formerly the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act, Act 78 of 1990).

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act gave Pennsylvania county government responsibility for implementing and managing a system of 911 call taking on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth, setting in place planning processes, lines of authority between counties and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and a funding stream based on telephone subscriber surcharges; and

WHEREAS, Under counties' stewardship, Pennsylvania's 911 system is one of the best managed and up-to-date systems in the nation, with almost complete E-911 coverage (Enhanced 911, providing locator systems for wireline, wireless, and VoIP calls), the fewest Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) per capita among large states, and a commitment to moving toward Next Generation 911 (NG911) technologies.

WHEREAS, the 911 system faces significant challenges to meet rapidly changing technology requirements, a funding stream whose failure to keep pace with needs requires counties to rely both heavily and increasingly on the property tax, and the

June 30, 2015, sunset of one key funding source, the wireless telephone surcharge; and

WHEREAS, the Act currently keys its planning, administrative, and audit functions separately to different communications technologies, inhibiting counties' ability to manage the system, to incorporate shared services, or to implement system efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the original law was to fully fund counties' eligible 911 costs; and

WHEREAS, the current subscriber fee structure is a monthly surcharge on wireline, wireless, and VoIP subscribers, ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month for wireline, and set at \$1.00 per month for wireless and VoIP; and

WHEREAS, the wireline fees have not changed since the Act's passage in 1990 and the wireless and VoIP fees, although adopted later, were keyed to the 1990 wireline rates, all of which, if adjusted for inflation alone, would mean fees of at least \$1.72; and

WHEREAS, Counties over the years have adapted and upgraded 911 systems to meet unanticipated technology change including locator systems, and are now actively planning upcoming technology needs including Next Generation 911 text, video, and other social media; and

WHEREAS, the onslaught of technological change was unforeseen and dramatically altered the ability of the funding structure to meet county needs, for both operating and capital costs; and

WHEREAS, the current funding structure covers only 43 percent of Lebanon County's cost to provide this vital service, with the remainder drawn from County property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the need to address the funding stream is immediate, and will reach crisis proportions if action is delayed past the June 30, 2015 expiration of the wireless telephone subscriber surcharge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Lebanon County joins with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in support of a comprehensive rewrite of Chapter 53 of Title 35; and

RESOLVED, that Lebanon County supports a reform bill that is technology-neutral allowing counties to develop systems meeting current and future needs; and

RESOLVED, that Lebanon County supports a reform bill that combines planning, administrative, funding and audit provisions into a single consolidated whole, affording counties the best opportunity to manage effectively, facilitate shared services, incorporate system efficiencies, and readily adapt to new technologies and

RESOLVED, that Lebanon County supports a reform bill that increases 911 subscriber fees to a level that fully supports current and next generation operations, and which keys the fees to inflation or allows for other mechanisms to provide regular adjustments to meet system needs; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lebanon County legislative delegation, to Governor Wolf, to the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lebanon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 19th day of February, 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ *Jamie A. Wolgemuth*

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ *William E. Ames*

/s/ *Robert J. Phillips*

Michael Deaven was appointed member of the Renova Center Advisory Board with a term to expire January 31, 2017.

Angela Shea was appointed member of the Lebanon County Commission for Women with a term to expire February 28, 2018.

Peggy Kreiser was appointed member of the South Central Workforce Investment Board with a term to expire September 30, 2018.

The Commissioners accepted the **award of state Victim/Witness Services funds from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$105,589.00 for the project period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. This subgrant will be used by the District Attorney for the Rights and Services (RASA) program in Lebanon County.**

The Commissioners approved the **sale from the Repository for Unsold Properties to Lersy & Nathali Calzado, 529 Lehman St., Lebanon, PA on property located at 17 N 2nd Avenue, Lebanon, PA, district/map & lot #09:2342509-370053-0000 in the bid amount of \$50.00.**

The Commissioners adopt a proclamation for the **Swatara Watershed Association** as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *The Swatara Watershed Association will host their 27th Annual Swatara Canoe & Clean-up Trip on May 2 & 3, 2015; and*

WHEREAS, *The purpose of the Sojourn is to promote the importance of watersheds by encouraging and supporting volunteer community organizations, educators and other groups to conduct watershed education and awareness activities; and*

WHEREAS, *It is well known that through storm drains, trash enters the Swatara Creek which ends up in tributaries and eventually the Swatara; and*

WHEREAS, *It is through knowledge and participation, that public awareness increases, and communication among watershed groups and governments are enhanced.*

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, *The Commissioners of Lebanon County, recognize the efforts behind the “SWATARA SOJOURN” and do hereby encourage all citizens to join them in this successful project for the County of Lebanon.*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*William E. Ames
Robert J. Phillips
Jo Ellen Litz*

ATTEST: *Jamie A. Wolgemuth
County Administrator*

ADOPTED: *This Nineteenth Day of February,
Two Thousand Fifteen.*

It was moved by Comm. Litz, seconded by Comm. Phillips to adjourn the meeting.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met in an executive session to discuss personnel.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioners sat as the County Board of Assessment Revision.