

A meeting of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:30 pm. on this date in the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, with Percy H. Dougherty presiding as Chairman.

Present: Commissioners Percy Dougherty, Jane Ervin, John McHugh, **Grayson** McNair, Joseph **Maher**, Joseph Pascuzzo, Sterling Raber, and Linda Rosenfeld. Commissioner George Laughlin was absent.

Others: Rick **Klotz**, Director of Administration; Bill Berndt, Deputy Court Administrator; Robert Korp, Director of Planning; Peter **Waldron**, Director of Development; Ed Sweeney, Director of Corrections; Judy Johnston, Executive Administrator; Janice Nisbet, Human Resources Director; Gloria Zimmerman, Cedar-brook Nursing Homes Director; Henry **Perkin**, County Solicitor; Peter Shaffer, Controller; Michelle Griffin, Public Affairs Manager; Bob Leiby, Lehigh County Cooperative Extension Director; Christopher Christman, Legislative Aide; Catharine Roseberry, Deputy Solicitor; David Barilla, Clerk to the Board; reporter Dan Hartzell, Morning Call.

Commissioner Dougherty thanked Whitehall Township for hosting tonight's meeting of the Board of Commissioners. He introduced Glenn Solt, Whitehall Township Executive. Solt welcomed the Board of Commissioners and guests to Whitehall Township. He introduced Whitehall Township Commissioners Phil Ginder, Tom Slonaker, Ken Snyder and Bruce Brinker. Commissioner Dougherty said it is really nice to see so many elected officials attend tonight's meeting.

The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' meetings held May 24, 2000 were approved upon the motion of Commissioners Ervin and Raber and a unanimous voice vote, with Commissioners McNair and Rosenfeld abstaining. Under Executive Sessions, the clerk announced that the Parks Committee met in Executive Session on May 25 to discuss potential real estate acquisitions.

Under Citizens Input, Sid Mahler said he is a retired County employee and has been asked to represent the retirees. He said he has helped the retirees for the past four years, He said he has had over 25 calls from people concerned with how the election (retirement board election) is being handled. He said they do not know who the candidates are. He said Human Resources sent out a packet. He said two questions were asked of anyone who wanted their name placed on the ballot. He said he thinks the questions are great. He said he assumes that this information was for this department to give out should anyone ask about the candidate. He said he called because he was not familiar with two of the retiree candidates. He said we are asking why the retirees who received the mailing were not educated on who the retirees are. He said they were not, they had to call and ask questions.

Mahler said he helped with the campaign for a long time. He said he has spoken with approximately 300 people prior to the election and most of these people know him by Sid, they do not know his last name. He said we now have a candidate on the ballot Sid White. He said he is not saying that he is not a great candidate. He said he is saying that they do not know his last name and people are calling and asking who that Sid was, who spoke at our luncheon, who helped get us that vote. He said he thinks it is deceiving when someone may vote for someone who they think is Sid Mahler, because someone did not bother to put that information in the packet that was sent to the retirees. He said as a matter of courtesy to the retirees, they should have been given some consideration so they knew who they were voting for. He said he has been told that a large number have been mailed back. He said the mistake can still be corrected. He said the information should have gone out. He said the voters should have a right to know who the candidates are.

Mahler said he has a secondary concern. He said the ballot is filled out and placed in one envelope and sealed. He said that envelope is then placed in a larger envelope which you sign on the back and fill out. He said nowhere in all the information he was given, is the same procedure in place for employee absentee ballots. He said if that is the case, that is discrimination. He said the point he wants to get across is why one group would have restrictions and be disqualified for voting and another group not.

Janice Nisbet said she will go through the process, which generally follows the process that has been used since retirement board elections have been conducted. She said it has been handled through the **Office** of Human Resources and the person who is doing it within her office is the same person who has been doing it for at least 16 years. She said on April 28, notifications to self-nominate for the Retirement Board were mailed to all retirees and notices were sent to all employees through inter-office mail. She said six self-nomination forms were received by the May 12 deadline. She said on June 1, a letter was mailed to all 870 retirees with a ballot, an instruction letter and two envelopes. She said the person would fill out the ballot, place it in an envelope and then place it in another envelope and put in their return address. She said this would allow people within her office to take the ballot out and not know who voted for whom. She said it would also allow us to verify that a retiree was voting. She said on June 12 election information was sent to employees who may vote at building sites using voting machines. She said employees who are not there on June 20 must use the same sort of absentee process, exactly the same as retirees are currently doing. She said for some outlying **office** sites, where we were unable to bring out a voting booth, those offices would be using the same process that retirees are using.

Nisbet said as of today, approximately 450 of the 870 retirees have voted. She said employees vote on June 20. She said the voting machines will be at the Government Center Human Resources **Office** from **8:00 a.m.** to 4:00 p.m., the Lehigh County Prison **from 7:00 a.m.** to 4:00 p.m., Cedarbrook- Allentown and Cedarbrook- Fountain Hill from **6:45 a.m.** to 4:00 p.m. and the Courthouse Room 103 **from 10:00 a.m.** to 2:00 p.m.

Nisbet said in 1999, a total of 290 votes were cast including both retirees and employees. She said we are significantly ahead. She said the process used this year is generally the same. She said in years past, additional information such as departments, years of service, bio-sheets and things along that line were not included with the ballots. She said the last time that supplemental information was provided with the ballot was in 1991. She said when she spoke with Mr. Mahler, she thought there was always room for improvement in any process and when the election comes up again in four years, we will certainly take a look at that. She said however, she felt that we were far enough along in the process and had a substantial return rate. She said she felt we should go forward with the process as it is currently in place. She said as far as people being confused by the process, less than 2% of the 450 people, eight voters, did not sign the back of their envelopes. She said eight of the 450 envelopes could be disqualified, last year four of the 250 voters also had their ballots invalidated for not following proper procedure. She said we are still at basically the same percentage of votes that are valid.

Commissioner Pascuzzo asked if retirees can use voting machines on that election day. Nisbet said she offered that to Mr. Mahler. She said that certainly is an option open to retirees. She said that was not offered initially because we thought it would be more of a convenience to drop the ballot in the self addressed stamped envelope. Commissioner Pascuzzo asked how it is handled if retirees or employees call for information on the candidates. Nisbet said we would provide them copies or offer for them to come in and look at the information, whichever is more convenient. Commissioner Pascuzzo said it may be helpful to have that on there specifically that individuals can call for information on the candidates. Nisbet said that is something that we could highlight.

Commissioner **McNair** said Sid Mahler had called and spoke with him. He said his experience in industry is that for elections to Boards of Directors, there is always information on the individuals being nominated. He said he is not sure how they come up with that information. He said for future elections, he would support that this type of information be made available as part of the balloting process. He said he was prepared with a motion to ask to invalidate what had been done so far, but he thinks there would be more confusion by doing that. He said on behalf of the 450 **people** that have already voted, he would be concerned about restarting this process. He said it is up to the voter to determine who they are voting for and get the information. He said he will not introduce a motion tonight.

Commissioner **McHugh** said he has been aware of this since day one and has initiated conversations. He said the retirees are very much interested in this election, unlike previous years. He said the retirees are organized and have been meeting on a regular basis. He said the individuals who worked toward the referendum and the passage of the referendum are still meeting on a regular basis. He said there is a great deal of interest in who is going to be their representative on the retirement board. He said that is unlike any previous year for the retirement board. He said the retirees have a concern on two matters. He said the first are those who inquired of Mahler, they were a small number compared with the number of returns which have come in to Lehigh County, they wanted information on the four candidates. He said the second concern is really skepticism. He said they have to indicate their name on the larger envelope. He

said Nisbet worked out a plan where you would not know who was voting for whom. He said it is really a matter of trust. He said he had suggested that we proceed with the current procedure, but the envelopes be opened on June 20 with monitors present. He said the monitor could watch the procedure.

Commissioner Ervin said she thinks that we are giving short-thrift to the intellectual and voting capabilities of retirees. She said she thinks this is very straight forward and very clear. She said she thinks this is a logical way to cast votes. She said her only suggestion for the future would be to print information provided by the candidates.

Mahler said he understands where the Commissioners are coming **from**. He said please understand, when you do not know the candidates you can not pick a winner. He said our votes are important to us. He said we want someone there who is knowledgeable, has an understanding of finances, and can not be bought. He said he is disappointed that candidates gave information and that information was not given to those individuals to make them a more educated voter. He said if individuals did not know who they were voting for, that really is a shame. Commissioner Dougherty said the Commissioners would not have taken the actions they did in the past, putting the referendum on the ballot, if the retirees well being was not at heart.

There was nothing under the Chairs Review.

Under Old Business, the clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-29: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with The Pennsylvania State University for Educational and Surveillance Services in Connection with the West Nile Virus (sponsored by Commissioners Raber, Dougherty, McNair and Rosenfeld), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the General Services Committee on May 2. Commissioner Raber said the West Nile Virus is in New York and there were several deaths **from** it. He said the state has allocated money for the Agricultural Extension **Office** to monitor the possibility of this virus in Pennsylvania. Bob Leiby said this afternoon we met with some members of the media to update them. Commissioner McNair said as a sponsor, he would like to state that the largest part that we will be doing now is for a public education program, trying to inform the public on eliminating mosquitoes breeding places. He said it is not just monitoring if the virus is in Eastern Pennsylvania, but trying to prevent those breeding grounds **from** existing. Commissioner Rosenfeld said the virus has traveled and she thinks it is important to move ahead with this education and surveillance.

Rick Klotz said he was requested to further explain the budget in this contract. He said the contact with Penn State is for \$92,529. He said the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approached the County and asked us to put together a budget for \$125,000. He said this is their portion of that budget. He said this budget that is being approved in the contract will not nearly look like the budget that you see tonight. He said the state provided a mechanism to amend that budget to react to the necessary means that they have. He said the money can be underspent in the event that there is not as much of an emergency as some people think. He said he wants the Commissioners to be aware that it

is representative of what we thought it might look like, we will certainly administer those monies wisely. He said again, it is not the budget, but it is the mechanism we needed in place to spend down those dollars.

Commissioner Ervin added her name as a sponsor of the bill. She said she thinks it is critically important that we move forward with this. She said individuals have expressed their concerns to her and she has been asked what the County is doing. She said she thinks we are doing the right thing by educating the public. She said she thinks we are going in the right direction and she supports this. With no further discussion, Bill 2000-29 was approved by the following vote: Commissioners Ervin – yes; McHugh – yes; McNair – yes; Dougherty – yes; **Maher** – yes; Pascuzzo – yes; Raber – yes; and Rosenfeld – yes. The Chairman declared the bill's approval and it now becomes Ordinance 2000 – No. 134.

Refer to the Ordinance Book for County of Lehigh Ordinance 2000 - No. 134

Re: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with The Pennsylvania State University for Educational and Surveillance in Connection with the West Nile Virus.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-33: Approving an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement With Advanced Technology Solutions, **Inc.** For Consulting Work on the Geographic Information Systems Project (sponsored by Commissioners Dougherty, McNair and Ervin), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this bill went through the Planning Committee on May 17. He said ATS is a very reputable firm within this field and he is sure that they will do a great job on the GIS system. He said this was discussed thoroughly at previous meetings. Commissioner McNair said this amendment provides more flexibility in this agreement. With no further discussion, Bill 2000-33 was approved by the following vote: Commissioners McHugh – yes; McNair – yes; Dougherty – yes; **Maher** – yes; Pascuzzo – yes; Raber – yes; Rosenfeld – yes; and Ervin – yes. The Chairman declared the bill's approval and it now becomes Ordinance 2000 – No. 135.

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Re: Approving an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement With Advanced Technology Solutions, Inc. For Consulting Work on the Geographic Information Systems Project.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-34: Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Lehigh and the Lehigh County Deputy Sheriffs' Association and Transferring Funds to Implement Same (sponsored by Commissioners McHugh and **Maher**) and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this bill went through the Administrative Committee on May 24. Commissioner McHugh said we heard a very professional presentation on this bill at the Administration Committee and at first reading before the Board of Commissioners. He said those who worked very hard on this proposal are to be

commended. He said the Sheriffs' Department is also to be commended. He said this is a good contract that was handled very professionally. Commissioner **Maher** said he would like to echo Commissioner McHugh's comments.

With no further discussion, Bill 2000-34 was approved by the following vote: Commissioners McNair — yes; Dougherty — yes; **Maher** — yes; Pascuzzo — yes; Raber — yes; Rosenfeld — yes; Ervin — yes; and McHugh — yes. The Chairman declared the bill's approval and it now becomes Ordinance 2000 -No. 136.

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Re: Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Lehigh and the Lehigh County Deputy Sheriffs' Association and Transferring Funds to Implement Same.

Under New Business, Commissioner McHugh made the following motion: that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between Lehigh County and Structured Finance Consultants, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ervin.

Commissioner McHugh said we had some public questions during the last Commissioners' meeting. He said as a result of those questions, we convened an Administrative Committee meeting to discuss the contract with Jeff Skinner who is Structured Finance, Peter Shaffer, Controller; and Rick **Klotz**, County Administrator, He said we were very much impressed with the answers to the questions that were raised. He said in his view, one of the highlights of the discussion came as a result of the actions of Commissioner Pascuzzo who requested our Controller, Peter Shaffer, to perform an audit. He said the audit was very favorable. He said the questions were direct and to the point and we had a very **fine** discussion of the contract.

Commissioner **Maher** said he attended that meeting and Skinner proved beyond any doubt that the contract he is receiving is justified and the County is getting its monies worth. Commissioner Pascuzzo thanked Commissioner McHugh for the kind comments and Peter Shaffer for doing the audit. He said he does not claim to be a financial wizard and you have to rely upon experts in the field and our County Controller is an expert in the field. He said with the results of that audit, he is satisfied.

Commissioner McNair asked what the purpose of the motion was this evening. The clerk said to approve the renewal of the Structured Finance Consultants agreement for an additional year. Commissioner McNair asked why this would not be coming forward in the form of an ordinance. Henry **Perkin**, County Solicitor, said this was a multi-year contract which normally would be approved without additional Board action once the original agreement was approved. He said during the process of creating the contract, there was a request made by the Controller at that time, that the Board review the performance of this contract. He said we came to the conclusion that this did not require another ordinance to approve the contract, but simply a motion to approve it for the next year. He said it is the same contract and that is why we came to that conclusion.

With no further discussion, the motion of Commissioner McHugh and Ervin was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-30: Honoring Mack Trucks, Inc. On Its Centennial Anniversary (sponsored by Commissioner Dougherty). Commissioner Dougherty said we are very fortunate to have a very good corporate citizen such as **Mack** Truck in the Lehigh Valley. He said under Renault, **Mack** Trucks has returned with a vengeance. He said in the closing year, they set a record for retail sales in the heavy truck market. He said right now, **Mack** Trucks employs 2,500 people in the Lehigh Valley. He said they are still a very important presence here. He said we are fortunate to have its headquarters and major research facility here. He said he will be presenting this resolution at their ceremony to commemorate this event. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 -No. 30 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 30,

Re: Honoring **Mack** Trucks, Inc. **On** Its Centennial Anniversary.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-3 1: Honoring Lenore Carlier Kohl For Her Years of Dedicated Service to the Allentown School District (sponsored by Commissioner McHugh). Commissioner McHugh said on Friday evening at Brookside Country Club, we will be honoring **Lenore** Carlier Kohl. He said **Lenore** has just completed 35 years of service to the Allentown School District. He said what makes her retirement somewhat unique is that she spent all 35 years at the Roosevelt School. He said she spent 18 years as a classroom teacher and 17 years as the Principal of the School. She said she has the second largest tenure of any Principal at that school. He said he remembers her as a beginning teacher during his principalship there. He said of that staff, five of his faculty members went on to become Principals. He said **Lenore** deserves this recognition. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 3 1 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 3

Re: Honoring **Lenore** Carlier Kohl Her Years of Dedicated Service to the Allentown School District.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-32: Accepting Donations from Essroc Italcementi Group for Renovations to Saylor Park (sponsored by Commissioner Raber). Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the General Services Committee on June 6. Commissioner Raber said a resolution is required by County law to accept donations. Commissioner **McNair** added his name as a sponsor. Commissioner Dougherty said he would also like to be added as a sponsor, this is a very important historical landmark in Lehigh County. Rick **Klotz** said with this resolution as well as the companion piece, we were able to leverage this \$25,000 for another \$44,000 **from** grant agencies. He said we were able to do two more kilns of this project mainly because of this money being presented at this time. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 32 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 32;

Re: Accepting Donations from Essroc Italcementi Group for Renovations to Saylor Park.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-33: Accepting Donations **from** the Lehigh County Historical Society for Renovations to Saylor Park (sponsored by Commissioner Raber). Commissioner Raber said this is a similar resolution with the donation coming from the Lehigh County Historical Society. Commissioners McNair and Dougherty added their names as sponsors. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 33 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 33

Re: Accepting Donations from the Lehigh County Historical Society for Renovations to Saylor Park.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-34: Honoring Nathan Litzenberger for Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout (sponsored by Commissioner McNair). Commissioner McNair said Nathan Litzenberger is one of the few scouts that has attained the Rank of Eagle, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts. He said Nathan's service project involved building a planting and demonstration shed at the Wildlands Conservancy. He said he presented this resolution on Sunday and he hopes the Commissioners will approve this resolution. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 34 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 34.

Re: Honoring Nathan Litzenberger for Attaining the Rank of Eagle scout.

The clerk announced Resolution 2000-35: Honoring Adam Ulicny for Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout (sponsored by Commissioner McNair). Commissioner McNair said Adam Ulicny was also recognized at the Eagle Court of Honor that was held on Sunday. He said his service project involved landscaping at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building. He said it was his pleasure to have recognized both of their achievements. With no further discussion, Resolution 2000 - No. 35 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Refer to the Resolution Book for County of Lehigh Resolution 2000 - No. 35.

Re: Honoring Adam Ulicny for Attaining the Rank of Eagle Scout.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-35: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with William Zaun, Esquire for Legal Services Related to Juvenile Matters in Lehigh County (sponsored by Commissioners Ervin, McNair, **Maher** and Pascuzzo) and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the Judiciary and Corrections Committee on May 24. Commissioner **Ervin** said this contract is one that we have done over the last several

years with a number of attorneys. He said William Zaun has a separate contract because he is new. Commissioner **Maher** said William Zaun is very well qualified to serve in the capacities appointed. He said the whole program is excellent in the sense that it cuts down on our costs and provides a corps of people with expertise. With no further discussion, the Chair announced the bill's first reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on June 28, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-36: Transferring Funds for Juvenile Placement Costs (sponsored by Commissioners Ervin and **Maher**), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the Judiciary and Corrections Committee on May 24. Commissioner Ervin said in the County Budget, part of our funding for juvenile placement is held back' as a way to try to control costs. She said it is now time for us to transfer that money to the line item so it can be used for juvenile maintenance. She said during our committee meeting, Paul Werrell informed us that costs of juvenile placement facilities are escalating dramatically. With no further discussion, the Chair announced the bill's first reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on June 28, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-37: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. (sponsored by Commissioners Ervin, **Maher** and McNair), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the Judiciary and Corrections Committee this evening. Commissioner Ervin said this is a contract with Crime Victims Council through the District Attorney's Office. She said this is PCCD grant money that comes directly from the state. She asked Suzanne **Beck-Hummel** for any further comments. Suzanne Beck-Hummel said this is a continuation grant. She said this is a team approach and a cooperative piece between the District Attorney's Office, Crime Victims Council, Turning Point and law enforcement. She said this is really a good opportunity for us to work together to address the issues of sexual assault. Commissioner **Maher** said this is an excellent program which involves a pass-through of funds. He said we heard earlier that 85 victims have been handled on one level and 50 victims on a secondary level. Commissioner McNair said he thinks it is very appropriate and critically important to provide these types of services. With no further discussion, the Chair announced the bill's **first** reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on June 28 at **7:30 p.m.** in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-38: Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc. (sponsored by Commissioners Ervin, **Maher** and McNair), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the Judiciary and Corrections Committee this evening. Commissioner Ervin said Lehigh County has received a Stop Violence Against Women sub-grant from PCCD in the amount of \$75,000. She said under the scope of services, this will provide counseling for victims of domestic violence and also provide child care services for children who must be looked

after during some of these terrible situations that families have to go through. She' said we also have a representative **from** Turning Point with us this evening. Victoria Coyle said she would like to echo the strength of the partnership which Suzanne **Beck-Hummel** referred to. She said it has worked well for a couple of years and she has no question that it will work well in the **future**, so we can support victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and attempt to educate the community. She said hopefully, we can eliminate all forms of violence in the Lehigh Valley.

Commissioner **Maher** said he has been aware of and worked with people **from** Turning Point for many years here in the Lehigh Valley. He said they are doing an excellent job not only in Lehigh County, but the entire Lehigh Valley. Commissioner McNair said he thinks it is very appropriate that we are providing these services and he is pleased that the state is funding them. He said he worked with Victoria Coyle on their capital campaign and he wished her well as Executive Director for Turning Point. With no further discussion, the Chair announced the bill's first reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on June 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center.

The clerk announced Commissioner Bill 2000-39: Revising the Articles of Incorporation of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority to Permit the Ownership and Operation of Two (2) Municipal Airports (sponsored by Commissioners Laughlin, McNair and Raber), and the deputy solicitor provided a summary for the record. Commissioner Dougherty said this went through the Intergovernmental and Appointments Committee this evening. Commissioner McNair said this has been discussed a number of times earlier this year. He said it was finally agreed that the township and the airport authority would have to work matters out to the satisfaction of the Bureau of Aviation of Pennsylvania. He said that all has been done. He said part of that agreement was that Northampton County and Lehigh County governments approve that agreement that restricts **Braden Airpark** to its current physical size and not be expanded and maintain its current level of operations. Commissioner Dougherty added his name as a sponsor. Commissioner Ervin added her name as a sponsor. She said this is a very good ordinance. She said this will be voted on by Northampton County Thursday night.

Commissioner **Maher** made a motion for sponsorship by all Commissioners present. Commissioner Rosenfeld said no thank you. Commissioner **Maher** said he would like to be added as a sponsor. Commissioner Rosenfeld said **from** the very beginning she has been opposed to this type of ordinance. She said she feels that we appoint a board and it is the responsibility of that board to do what we are doing here. She said she has felt all along that this is a problem between the airport authority, Forks Township and the state. She said she has a procedural problem with Lehigh and Northampton Counties being brought in.

Henry **Perkin** said the ordinance he originally drafted was under Section 306 of the Municipal Authorities Act. He said that is where we attempted to limit the projects of the airport authority. He said the ordinance that is before you now is under Section 305 of the Act. He said as part of this settlement, he requested that the airport authority

initiate a request to this body and Northampton County to request that their Articles of Incorporation be amended. He said we are no longer imposing anything, the airport authority is asking us. He said it brings this back to the procedure we are used to. Commissioner McHugh added his name as a sponsor of the bill.

Commissioner **Maier** said it is now referred to as **Braden Airpark**. **Perkin** said they decided to also change the name to **Braden Ah-park**. Commissioner **Maier** said there is one reference to **Braden** Airfield. **Perkin** said yes, that is a quote, He said this is also intended to change the name. With no further discussion, the Chair announced the bill's first reading. Second reading, discussion and vote will be held on June **28** at **7:30 p.m.** in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center.

The Committee Reports were given as follows:

Cedarbrook - No report.

Development - Commissioner Rosenfeld said the committee will meet on June 21 at 4:00 p.m. for a tour of the Game Preserve.

General Services - Commissioner Raber said we met on June 6 and reviewed items on tonight's agenda.

Human Services - Commissioner McNair said the Human Services Committee on June 6 at Treatment Trends. He said at the end of our meeting we had a tour of their facilities. He said they are one of the providers under contract with the County to provide rehabilitation services, primarily for drug and alcohol abuse situations. He said we had an update on Pennsylvania Health Choices. He said we are responding to the requirement of Pennsylvania to go into a managed care type of operation for mental health services. He said we had an update on the staffing of the eleven new positions for Human Services. He said as of the meeting they were fully staffed. He said there were three or four positions to fill for CEWELL employees who are pursuing a masters degree in social work.

Commissioner McNair said we had a report on the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare meeting "Investing in Prevention Through Community Collaboration: A Local Policy Makers Role". He said we were one of eight counties to participate in a day long conference. He said he feels the Lehigh Valley is ahead of the curve on making community collaborations work. He said the state is trying to bring other counties forward. He said we also had a detailed response by David Blair of the Human Services Department on the status of changes that are taking place in the Department of Human Services concerning the Children and Youth death review report. He said there were two cases in which a child died and the family was receiving services in some fashion **from** the Office of Children and Youth Services. He said there are six things that the County is responding to on that: one is the understaffing, priority has been given to getting up to full staff as he just reported; placing more emphasis on timelines for referrals; guidelines and the timelines for opening a file; how to use the information that we have, working on getting data bases compatible; thoroughly checking all family members; and looking at the volume of the referrals and prioritizing them He said the report the County filed-is in

Harrisburg. He said until that report is approved, this is as much information that the County will release, pending approval by the correct bureau in Harrisburg.

Commissioner McNair said we also had a discussion on things parents should be doing. He said the suggestions were that if you are going to use a day care center or baby sitter that you investigate and get referrals.

Commissioner McNair said Bob Scandle also provided a number of suggestions and concerns on Pennsylvania Health Choices.

Intergovernmental & – Commissioner **Maier** said we met this evening and reviewed five Appointments appointments to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board. He said the committee meeting will be on June 28.

Judiciary and Corrections – Commissioner Ervin said we met this evening and will meet again on June 28.

Planning • Commissioner Pascuzzo said the Planning Committee has not met since the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Administrative – No report.

There was no Citizens Input On Committee Reports. Under Commissioner Announcements, Commissioner McNair said he received a thank you note **from** Steven **Kurtow**. He said he was recognized in a joint proclamation **from** the County Executive and the Board of Commissioners. He said he was recognized as a very special person for the United Way.

Commissioner Rosenfeld thanked the sponsors, vendors, volunteers and **MayFair** attendees. She also said she would like to welcome back County Executive Jane Baker. Commissioner McNair said he would like to remind everyone of the racing action at the Velodrome every Friday night. Commissioner Pascuzzo said Flag Day ceremonies are being held tomorrow at **11:00** a.m. between the Courthouse and City Hall and at **7:30** p.m. at West Park.

There was no Citizens Input at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



David Barilla, Clerk to the Board