Easton, Pennsylvania                                           March 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Ronald R. Heckman, President; Lori Vargo Heffner, Vice President; John Cusick; Margaret L. Ferraro (via telephone); William B. McGee; Robert F. Werner; Tara M. Zrinski; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council and Christopher T. Spadoni, Solicitor to Council. Absent were: Matthew H. Dietz and Kevin Lott.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McGee led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes – February 21, 2019

Mr. Cusick made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting shall be approved.

Mr. Heckman seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Presentation of Proclamation

Mr. Heckman presented a proclamation to Mr. Stan Smith for 26 years of service as a Northampton County Constable and he also received a plaque from the Northampton County Constable Association.

Courtesy of the Floor

As no one signed up for Courtesy of the Floor, Mr. Heckman asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.
Executive Session

Mr. Heckman stated County Council entered into an Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with no action being taken.

County Executive Report

Mr. Lamont McClure, County Executive, advised the Election Commission voted 3-2 to recommend the purchase of the ExpressVote XL voting machines. He further advised a request would be presented to County Council as it was anticipated approximately $2.6 million would be needed to complete the initial phase of the purchase. He noted the machine would be ready for use at the November election.

Mr. McClure stated the Department of Fiscal Affairs received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mr. McClure advised in 2019, the County saved $110,121 in medical claims from employees who used Teledoc. He further advised the cost for Teledoc over 18 months was $73,200 and it saved $335,533.

Mr. McClure stated they were investigating other potential opportunities to control prescription drug costs in an effort to control costs where they could while improving the employees’ healthcare.

Mr. McClure advised a letter was received from President Judge Michael Koury that indicated those employees working for the Courts would refer to the building as the Courthouse after it was announced the employees who worked for the Administration would refer to this building as the Government Center. He further advised this decision was made after some confusion occurred when the Court of Common Pleas recently decided to suspend its docket for the day and sent its employees home, but all other employees had to continue to work.

Mr. McClure stated the Courts had the right to make the determination they did as the County Executive could only make such a decision for those employees who worked for his Administration. He further stated the general policy was not to
close the Administrative offices unless there was a State of Emergency declared by the Governor of Pennsylvania and he was going to continue that policy because the County had two 24/7 operations where employees had to work and some offices had to stay open due to time limits in processing their work so under those circumstances it was important to distinguish between the Courthouse and the Government Center.

In answer to Mr. Cusick’s question as to whether the absentee ballot processing unit that was previewed be part of the purchase, Mr. McClure replied it would be.

In response to Mr. McGee’s question as to whether the calls to Teledoc were mostly for cold and/or flu symptoms, Mr. McClure advised he did not receive any information regarding specific diseases.

In answer to Mr. Werner’s question as to whether they chose the same machine as Lehigh County, Mr. McClure stated they did not.

In response to Mr. Werner’s question as to how many machines was the County going to purchase, Mr. Charles Dertinger, Director of Administration, indicated they were going to purchase 320.

When Mr. Heckman commented a resolution was adopted in 2005 indicating this building should be known as the Courthouse, Mr. McClure advised another reason for calling the Administrative part of this building the Government Center was to clear up any confusion when WFMZ announced the Courthouse was closed because it did not pertain to Administrative employees.

In answer to Mr. Werner’s remark that Lehigh County was receiving 5% back on their purchase, Mr. McClure responded he had no knowledge of that fact.

In response to Mr. Heckman’s question as to when the County would be closing on the Human Services Building, Mr. Barron advised the ceremony would be held at 2:00 p.m. on March 28, 2019, at the Human Services Building.
Discussion Regarding Gracedale

Ms. Jennifer Stewart-King, Interim Nursing Home Administrator, stated the census was currently at 668. She further stated Gracedale passed the revisits by the Department of Health and Life Safety and would advise County Council of the star rating once it was revealed.

Ms. Stewart-King advised the removal of the paneling in two rooms was near completion and they would be available for use soon.

Ms. Stewart-King stated they received three responses for their Request for Proposals for the electronic health records and they were in the process of reviewing them. She further stated one of their biggest stipulations was to make sure they had enough staff to give the employees the time to make them comfortable with the system.

Ms. Stewart-King advised they were commended by the State for their drop in anti-psychotic medicine use.

In answer to Mr. Heckman’s question as to whether there was a plan in place regarding the use of medication due to the type of residents Gracedale was accepting, Ms. Stewart-King stated they have been trending downwards in the use of medications during the last few years. She further stated they were constantly evaluating the residents to determine if they really required the medications they were receiving.

Ms. Stewart-King advised the electronic health records system was going to be helpful in this regard because all the data would be available in one place. She further advised Haven House was very instrumental in this process in that they were able to assist in one-on-one care and worked in partnership with the social workers and nursing staff.

Ms. Stewart-King stated the retention committee had been doing a variety of things to keep the employees’ morale up.

In response to Mr. Werner’s question as to whether staff was being mandated to stay on a daily or weekly basis, Ms. Stewart-King advised they did that once in January and twice in February due to the weather.
In answer to Mr. Werner’s question as to whether they were using the various websites to recruit staff, Ms. Stewart-King replied they used a number of them.

In response to Mr. Werner’s question as to whether the onboarding process had been improved, Ms. Stewart-King stated NeoGov allowed them to see who applied daily.

Ms. Dawn Tuersfeldman, Director of Nursing, advised they had a lot of “float” staff and through attrition they were taking those positions and creating full-time and part-time positions and assigning them to one area to make the employees more committed and allow for continuity of care for the residents. She further advised they were a little low on staffing at times, but they were not short-staffed as they were way above the State level.

Mr. McClure stated there was a notion that Gracedale was ridiculously understaffed, but it was budgeted for 788 positions and they currently had 606 employees. He further stated last year every Friday under Premier’s direction, they were dipping under the Per Patient Day, but that had not happened this year.

Ms. Tuersfeldman advised she and the Assistant Director of Nursing were holding staff meetings on every single unit to get the key players to discuss their complaints and suggestions.

In answer to Mr. Heckman’s question as to whether it was difficult when competing against larger health facilities for nurses, Ms. Tuersfeldman stated that was mostly true for Registered Nurses (RN). She further stated they did not have an issue with Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), but the tuition reimbursement program was very important.

In response to Mr. Cusick’s question as to whether staffing of the second shift was still an issue, Ms. Tuersfeldman advised staffing for that shift would also be an issue, but the shift differential pay helped.

In answer to Mr. Werner’s question as to whether they considered offering daycare, Mr. McClure stated they were investigating the possibilities, but there were significant hurdles.

In response to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s request to explain the Haven House project, Ms. Tuersfeldman advised when the State hospitals closed Gracedale received a number of those
individuals. She further advised Haven House was coming in and looking at their medications and suggesting different initiatives in the treatment of these residents.

Ms. Tuersfeldman stated Haven House was providing education to the staff and peer to peer assistance, which was when people with the same diagnosis were put together to talk to each other.

In answer to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s question as to how they were determining whether the staff was meeting their competencies, Ms. Tuersfeldman advised Reliance, the online education program, should be up and running by April 15, 2019.

In response to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s question as to whether the management team was setting any goals for the year, Ms. Tuersfeldman stated their goals were 20% of what the State required and 80% of what they wanted to meet. She further stated she wanted to make sure the staff knew how to care for the residents at the basic levels.

In answer to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s question as to whether there was going to be training in dealing with crisis issues, Ms. Tuersfeldman replied there was a program in Reliance. Ms. Stewart-King added Haven House was assisting in that training.

In response to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s question as to whether patient staff ratio differed between RN, LPN and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), Ms. Tuersfeldman advised on average there was usually one RN, however, they did not do direct patient care, but oversaw two LPN’s and a CNA. She further advised it depended on the unit, the amount of residents and type of resident.

In answer to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s question as to how they were handling wound care, Ms. Tuersfeldman stated they were re-educating and providing new education for the staff through Reliance. She further stated a LPN currently did not stage wounds, but they were now being trained to do so by the treatment team.

In response to Ms. Vargo Heffner’s question as to what she thought was the biggest misconception regarding the management team, Ms. Stewart-King advised since Gracedale was a County home it was thought there was no quality of care, but doctors who worked at other facilities and family members of residents who were transferred from other facilities would tell you the quality was there. She further advised there was a high level
of commitment and loyalty from the staff that other nursing homes did not have.

Mr. McGee stated he thought eliminating floaters and having staff assigned to one area would benefit both the staff and residents.

911 Tax Reductions

Mr. Cusick advised at the last meeting there was discussion about 911 tax reductions for certain municipalities so he would like to continue that discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Consideration of a Resolution Establishing Industrial Hemp Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Zrinski introduced the following resolution:

R. 22-2019 WHEREAS, the 2018 Farm Bill of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania removed Industrial Hemp from regulation under the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance Act; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Farm Bill provides for the commercial production of industrial hemp, removing restrictions and establishing application periods in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the production of industrial hemp provides the potential for increased benefits to the County’s agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County maintains acreage of farmland available for industrial hemp production and Northampton County maintains numerous manufacturing facilities available for the processing of hemp; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Farm Bill presents the County of Northampton and its residents significant economic possibilities; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturing and processing of hemp presents numerous opportunities for manufacturing jobs within the County of Northampton; and
WHEREAS, the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of Northampton County Council for industrial hemp would permit the exploration of such economic and related business opportunities/benefits available in the production, manufacturing, and processing of hemp.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Northampton County Council that an Ad Hoc Committee of Northampton County Council comprising of not more than three members of Northampton County Council is established as to the production, manufacturing, and processing of hemp. The Ad Hoc Committee of Northampton County Council is expressly requesting to have public input, input from any users/processors of hemp, and input from any and all stakeholders that may be affected by the manufacturing, production, and processing of hemp within the County of Northampton.

Ms. Zrinski stated Senator Judy Schwank was trying to get Senate Bill 335 that would regulate industrial hemp passed and she thought it would be great if the County could be on the forefront of researching how this could be part of its economic development.

In answer to Mr. Heckman’s question as to whether she intended to have the Administration be part of the committee, Ms. Zrinski advised she would like to have input from the people who would be directly impacted because she felt this was something that would help the farming community.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Heckman called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 420 entitled, “The Marijuana Revenue and Regulation Act”

Ms. Zrinski introduced the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 420 (SB420) has been introduced entitled, "The Marijuana Revenue and Regulation Act", that would legalize, tax and regulate marijuana at the Federal level; and

WHEREAS, SB420 is to preserve the integrity of State marijuana laws and provide a path for responsible Federal legalization and regulation of the marijuana industry; and

WHEREAS, SB420 would shrink the gap between Federal and State marijuana policies; and

WHEREAS, SB420 would de-schedule, tax and regulate marijuana. This legislation would impose an excise tax on marijuana products similar to the current Federal excise taxes on alcohol and tobacco escalating annually to a top rate equal to 25% of the sales price. Marijuana producers, importers, and wholesalers would be required to obtain a permit from the Department of Treasury and the marijuana industry would be regulated in a manner similar to alcohol; and

WHEREAS, SB420 would prohibit the sale or distribution of marijuana in States where it is illegal under State law; and

WHEREAS, SB421 would reduce the gap between Federal and State laws by removing Federal criminal penalties and civil asset forfeiture for individuals and businesses complying with State law. SB421 would also reduce barriers for State-legal marijuana businesses by ensuring access to banking, bankruptcy protection, marijuana research and advertising. SB421 would protect individual marijuana consumers and States that have legalized marijuana by providing an expungement process for certain marijuana violations, insuring access to public housing and Federal and financial aid for higher education, and insuring that a person cannot be deported or denied entry into the United States solely for consuming marijuana in compliance with State law. SB421 would remove unfair burdens by insuring Veterans having access to State-legal medical marijuana and protect Native American Tribes from punishment under Federal marijuana laws; and

WHEREAS, SB422 would treat State-legal marijuana businesses like other small businesses by repealing the tax penalty that singles out marijuana businesses and bars them from claiming deductions and tax credits; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania General Assembly House Bill 50 maintains the following title:
An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, further providing for title of act; providing for general provisions for act; in preliminary provisions, further providing for short title, for declaration of policy and for definitions; in program, further providing for program established, for confidentiality and public disclosure, for lawful use of medical marijuana and for unlawful use of medical marijuana; in practitioners, further providing for practitioner registration, for practitioner restrictions, for issuance of certification and for duration; in patients, further providing for identification cards, for caregivers, for special conditions, for contents of identification card, for suspension and for prohibitions; in medical marijuana organizations, further providing for medical marijuana organizations, for permits, for granting of permit, for application and issuance, for fees and other requirements, for issuance, for relocation, for terms of permit, for permit renewals, for suspension or revocation, for convictions prohibited, for diversity goals and for limitations on permits; in medical marijuana controls, further providing for electronic tracking, for grower/processors, for storage and transportation, for laboratory and for prices; in dispensaries, further providing for dispensing to patients and caregivers and for facility requirements; in tax on medical marijuana, further providing for tax on medical marijuana and for Medical Marijuana Program Fund; in administration, further providing for governing practice and procedure, for reports by medical marijuana organizations, for law enforcement notification, for evaluation, for report and for temporary regulations; in Medical Marijuana Advisory Board, further providing for advisory board; in offenses related to medical marijuana, further providing for criminal diversion of medical marijuana by practitioners, for criminal diversion of medical marijuana, for criminal retention of medical marijuana, for criminal diversion of medical marijuana by patient or caregiver, for falsification of identification cards, for adulteration of medical marijuana, for disclosure of information prohibited, for additional penalties and for other restrictions; in research program, further providing for definitions, for establishment of medical marijuana
research program, for medical marijuana research program administration, for approval, for requirements, for restrictions, for regulations and for non-entitlement; in academic clinical research centers and clinical registrants, further providing for legislative findings and declaration of policy, for clinical registrants and for research study; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for conflict, for financial and employment interests, for insurers, for protections for patients and caregivers, for schools, for day-care centers, for notice and for applicability; providing for adult-use cannabis; establishing the Commonwealth Reinvestment Fund, the Student Loan Reimbursement Program, the Mixed Income Housing Program and the After-school Program; imposing duties on the Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement; imposing penalties; making appropriations; making repeals; and making editorial changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Northampton County Council that we as a municipal body support Senate Bill 420 and House Bill 50 in the best interests and permanent welfare of the citizens of Northampton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to our State Senators; State Representatives and Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Wolf.

Mr. Heckman stated he would like to review a copy of SB 420 before considering this resolution and asked if County Council would be hearing from Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman before voting on it.

Ms. Zrinski advised he was going to visit every County to determine if it should be passed at the State level. She further advised Federal legislation was also introduced that would take it off the Schedule 1 Controlled Substance list.

Ms. Zrinski stated decriminalizing marijuana was a social issue at its core, but there was the issue of how it was going to be regulated on both the State and Federal levels.

Mr. Heckman advised this would only work if both the Federal and State governments agreed and set collective rules.
Mr. Cusick stated there were actually a set of three bills. He further stated the first would remove marijuana from the Schedule 1 list where heroin was also listed; the second was to get State and Federal regulations in line and the third dealt with banking, business issues and taxation.

Mr. Cusick advised since 2012 ten States and the District of Columbia have legalized possession of small quantities for personal use and New York and New Jersey may follow suit this year.

Mr. Cusick stated in Pennsylvania there was a lot of reluctance to move until the Federal government did, but House Bill 50 in Harrisburg would set up a taxation and revenue disbursement system should it become legal. He further stated if Pennsylvania’s neighboring States legalized or decriminalized marijuana, he would hate to see it miss out on the tax revenue.

Mr. Cusick advised it had been reported the revenue could be potentially between $580-600 million. He further advised last year Colorado brought in over $250 million in taxes, licensing and fees.

Mr. Cusick stated he always felt for years that substance abuse or misuse was an educational and medical issue. He further stated the first step was with the Federal government so he would like a resolution addressing the Federal issues and another addressing the State issues.

In response to Mr. Heckman’s question as to whether the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania weighed in on this issue, Mr. Cusick advised the issue had been raised and someone tried to introduce a resolution opposing legalization at the annual conference this past summer, but it was not adopted.

Mr. Werner stated Auditor General Eugene DePasquale had spoken about the benefits of legalizing cannabis and said places it produced $581 million in tax revenue. He further stated it could have a significant impact on the County’s criminal justice system.

Ms. Vargo Heffner advised she agreed with decriminalization, but from a health and drug addiction perspective there were other issues. She further advised when other States legalized it they had systems in place with regard to regulations and where the tax revenue would go.
Mr. Heckman made a motion to table this resolution.

Ms. Vargo Heffner seconded the motion.

Mr. Heckman called for a vote on the motion to table this resolution.

The vote: Heckman, "yes"; Vargo Heffner, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Zrinski, "yes"; Cusick, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration of Resolution Regarding an Amendment to Article XVIII(2)(M) of the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) Bylaws

Ms. Zrinski introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) held discussion on a non-discrimination amendment to Article XVIII of the bylaws, which was tabled in September 2018 and will be voted on at the Board of Governors (Board) meeting on April 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the LNAA contracts and HR manuals currently exclude sexual orientation and other marginalized groups as Article XVIII(2)(M) reads as follows:

...the following ethical principles and rules shall apply to all Airport employees and all members of the Board:

M. Employees and the Board members shall adhere to all laws and regulations that provide equal opportunity for all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or handicap/disability; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County Council supports the LNAA contracts and HR manuals to include sexual orientation, specifically, as Article XVIII(2)(M0 would be amended as follows:

...the following ethical principles and rules shall apply to all Airport employees and all members of the Board:
M. Employees and the Board members shall adhere to all laws, and regulations that provide equal opportunity for all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or handicap/disability.

The Authority is committed to compliance with all Federal and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania anti-discrimination statutes as currently in effect, and as may be enacted from time to time by the Federal government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adding to the protected classifications; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Governor Tom Wolf has issued an Executive Order on April 7, 2016, prohibiting State agencies from discriminating in employment and award of contracts and grants by State agencies on the basis of "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression". The legislature has not so amended the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and

WHEREAS, protection from discrimination based upon sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity can be found within the local ordinances of the cities of the Lehigh Valley. The three cities in the Lehigh Valley - Allentown (Ordinance §181), Bethlehem (Article 145) and Easton (Section 79-1 et seq) - have each enacted ordinances extending protections for sexual orientation and gender identity and expression in employment, housing and public accommodation within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, sexual orientation is loosely defined as a person's pattern of romantic or sexual attraction to people of the opposite sex or gender, the same sex or gender, or more than one sex or gender. Laws that explicitly mention sexual orientation primarily protect or harm lesbian, gay and bisexual people. That said, transgender people who are lesbian, gay or bisexual can be affected by laws that explicitly mention sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, one in four Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) employees report experiencing employment discrimination in the last five years; and

WHEREAS, the transgender unemployment rate is three times higher than the national average. Over one quarter (27%) of transgender people who held or applied for a job in the last
year reported being fired, not hired or denied a promotion due to their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, 52.8% of LGBT employees report that discrimination negatively affected their work environment; and

WHEREAS, LGBT-supportive policies and workplace climates are linked to less discrimination against LGBT employees and more openness about being LGBT. Less discrimination and more openness, in turn, are also linked to greater job commitment, improved workplace relationships, increased job satisfaction, improved health outcomes and increased productivity among LGBT employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Northampton County Council and at the request of Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure expressly supports the inclusion of non-discrimination language that recognizes the characteristics of "Sexual Orientation" in support of the proposed amendment to the Article XVIII (2)(M) of the current Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority.

Ms. Zrinski stated at the LNAAn meeting there was a discussion about adding specific inclusive language regarding sexual orientation. She further stated three major cities, as well as Lehigh and Northampton Counties, have all made this adjustment to not only include sexual orientation, but gender expression and gender identity thinking the word "gender" was inclusive.

Ms. Zrinski advised to her this was an important issue so specific categories of people who were marginalized in communities were recognized. She further advised naming them was more powerful in protecting them so she would like to get support from County Council and the County Executive to change LNAAs amendment.

When Mr. Heckman commented the County's policy for years was not to discriminate, Mr. McClure stated that was always the County's position and the Title VII policy of the Civil Rights Act was added to it policies last year.

Ms. Zrinski advised the discussion at LNAAn was whether adding these categories of people would open them up to more liability so why not just say they did not discriminate period, but actually that might open them up to more liability because
of the hyper-inclusivity of that terminology. She further advised in naming something they were not going to discriminate against would give it power.

Mr. Werner stated he would like to obtain an opinion from County Council’s and the County’s solicitors as to how it should be worded.

In response to Mr. Cusick’s question as to whether this could be construed in any way to be a bathroom bill, Ms. Zrinski replied it was about discrimination with relation to employment.

Mrs. Ferraro disconnected from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Heckman made a motion to table this resolution.

Mr. McGee seconded the motion.

Mr. Heckman called for the vote on the motion to table the resolution.


The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

**Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Mr. McGee advised the Economic Development Committee meeting was held earlier in the evening where a presentation was given regarding Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-Pace) program.

**Farmland Preservation Board Liaison Report**

Ms. Zrinski stated she attended the Farmland Preservation meeting on Tuesday and so far 16,265.84 acres on 193 farms have been preserved. She further stated the 18 farms currently on the list have been ranked and were in various stages of the process.

Ms. Zrinski advised they also discussed rural enterprises, which was where farmers were trying to diversify their farms. She further advised that one farm was trying to have a dog training school on its farm, but it was denied.
Ms. Zrinski stated the price for farmland preservation was approximately $4,239 per acre and there was a concern that farmland preservation was not being pursued as aggressively as it could be and the land was being bought for warehouses and development so Mr. Roger Unangst, Chair of the Board, would like to meet with Mr. McClure to discuss this issue.

Mental Health, Early Intervention and Developmental Program Advisory Board Liaison

Ms. Vargo Heffner advised she learned about the Haven House program at Gracedale and it seems to be working well. She further advised they were looking for it to become a model for the State.

Ms. Vargo Heffner stated the budget was being worked on and Request for Proposals were going out for different services. She further stated that Ms. Tiffany Rossanese, MH/MR Administrator II, informed them she was looking very closely at the kind of vendors the County contracted with to make sure they were doing what they proposed to do.

Ms. Vargo Heffner advised LTR for forensics was moving very slowly due to the fact that it was new and there was no real model for it. She further advised once they had negotiated a space to build it, the process of getting service provisions would occur.

General Purpose Authority Liaison Report

Ms. Vargo Heffner stated they changed the way they prepared their budget and treasurer report to be more in line with the County’s methods. She further stated the Willowbrook Road Bridge was going to be three lanes with the Rockefeller Group paying for the third lane.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Mr. McGee advised at their meeting they elected Mr. Gregory Zebrowski as the new Vice Chair.
Council Clerk's Report

Mrs. Zembo stated the official County Council picture would be taken on April 4, 2019 immediately following the Economic Development Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Vargo Heffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Zrinski seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

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Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council