MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Tim DeFoor, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; Laura Cullison, Controller’s Office; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; Donna S. Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

James Roxbury, Jennifer Wintermyer, Alexa Verber, WITF and Fox 43

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are three sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

There was one Executive Session held this morning regarding personnel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Jennifer Wintermyer, Executive Director, Tri-County Community Action
   1. Presentation on the Green Infrastructure Project

Ms. Wintermyer thanked the Commissioners for all their support and for their appointment of Janis Creason to the Board. The Community Action is over 50 years old and recently changed its mission. The new mission is to build on the strengths and resources available, provide solutions for complex issues, and empower individuals, families, and communities to move out of poverty. Ms. Wintermyer discussed the Sustainable (Green) Watershed Restoration and Protection Project, which will be the development of a parking lot on unused land in South Allison Hill. This project will address storm water runoff impacts at the Paxton Creek Watershed. Some of the project amenities include pervious pavers to reduce runoff, rain garden with solar lighting and spaces to accommodate weekend market-style vending on 13th Street. It will also provide much needed parking for businesses along Derry Street. This project was funded partly by the Local Share Gaming Grant Funds, which the Tri-County Community Action was able to use as leverage for State funds. Bids are going out next week for the project and it is anticipated that completion will be this summer.

The Commissioners commented on the project and how leveraging gaming funds assisted in obtaining other funds. It was noted that the Conservation District is available should there be any questions regarding stormwater.
HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Packet, the Personnel Packet and/or the Pay Scales/Increases for 2017. There was none.

The Packets will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci noted that since January 3 was the first day to start entering requisitions, he does not have a Packet for the Board to review. He plans on adding the rest of the requisitions and should have a Packet to the Board by Monday. The budget items will be addressed prior to the Packet being distributed.

TRAINING PACKET

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Training Requests #1, #2 and #3 of the Training Packet.

Question: Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Interest-Free Grace Period for Property Owners with 2016 Delinquent Property Taxes. (A Vote is Requested 1/4/17)

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Item A listed above under Items for Discussion.

Discussion: Mr. Hartwick noted that this allows taxpayers to pay their taxes without having to incur any interest or penalties. This allows money to come into the County early in the year, which helps with the cashflow.

Mr. Pries asked if it has gone up or down and if it is the same people every year that take advantage of this.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he could get that information, but it has been holding steady.

Question: Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.
SOLICITOR’S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III, ESQ.

Mr. Curcillo indicated that he has nothing to report and everything should be ready for next week. There were no questions.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor had nothing to report and no questions were asked.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick congratulated the newly elected officials that were sworn in yesterday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn; motion carried.

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz