

OCTOBER 29, 2024

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING ROOM, CARBON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM WITH LIVE STREAM FOR THE PUBLIC ON THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK PAGE.

THE MEETING WAS BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS SOFRANKO, NOTHSTEIN AND AHNER AND CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER.

TREASURER KEVIN ZELIENKA, SHERIFF DANIEL ZEIGLER, CLERK OF COURTS TYRA BONI, AND RECORDER OF DEEDS DONNA GENTILE.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE CHAIRMAN OFFERED THE PRAYER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

GUESTS: (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS AS PER COUNTY POLICY #2012-01 GOV)

SHERIFF DANIEL ZEIGLER RE: SHERIFF’S PAY SCALE FOR THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029

OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES:

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION #2024-042 TO SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

COMMISSIONER SOFRANKO DISCUSSED OVER A TWENTY-SEVEN (27) YEAR PERIOD THE ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEIVED AN AVERAGE RAISE OF 2% IN SALARIES.

COMMISSIONER AHNER NOTED THE PAY SCALE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD BE 3% FOR THE YEAR 2028.

COMMISSIONER SOFRANKO COMMENTED ON BEING IN FAVOR OF THE 3% PAY SCALE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2028.

MOTION BY MR. AHNER TO APPROVE THE 3% PAY SCALE FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029.

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A BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS HELD TO ESTABLISH A FULLTIME CORONER POSITION.

COMMISSIONER AHNER DISCUSSED A PAY STRUCTURE NEEDS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE CORONER’S POSITION AND THE CORONER’S OFFICE.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN NOTED ESTABLISHING A FULLTIME CORONER POSITION NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED DURING SALARY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER SOFRANKO SPOKE OF BEING IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING A FULLTIME CORONER POSITION.

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER DISCUSSED THE ELECTED OFFICIAL’S SALARIES FOR THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029 ARE REQUIRED TO BE SET BY DECEMBER 31, 2024.

MOTION BY MR. SOFRANKO, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REFLECTING THE SCALE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029:

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	YES
	NOTHSTEIN	YES
	SOFRANKO	YES

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE CHAIRMAN RECESSED THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 6:15 P.M. TO BE RECONVENED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

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THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS RECONVENED THIS DATE AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING ROOM, CARBON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA, VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM WITH LIVE STREAM FOR THE PUBLIC ON THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FACEBOOK PAGE.

THE MEETING WAS BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS SOFRANKO, NOTHSTEIN AND AHNER AND CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ELOISE AHNER.

TREASURER KEVIN ZELIENKA, CORONER MARK SMITH, REGISTER OF WILLS/CLERK OF ORPHANS’ COURT JEAN PAPAY, CLERK OF COURTS TYRA BONI, AND RECORDER OF DEEDS DONNA GENTILE.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OFFERED THE PRAYER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

GUESTS: (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS AS PER COUNTY POLICY #2012-01 GOV)

THERE WERE NO GUESTS CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS.

CORONER:

MOTION BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, SECONDED BY MR. AHNER, TO APPROVE THE CHANGE FOR THE COUNTY CORONER FROM PART-TIME TO A FULL-TIME POSITION EFFECTIVE 2028.

BOARD POLLED:	AHNER	NO
	NOTHSTEIN	YES
	SOFRANKO	YES

OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES:

RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY MR. AHNER, SECONDED BY MR. NOTHSTEIN, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REFLECTING A 3% INCREASE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029:

RESOLUTION #24-043
CARBON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES

WHEREAS, THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION UNDER ARTICLE 3 PROHIBITS INCREASES IN THE SALARY OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICER DURING HIS/HER TERM OF OFFICE; AND,

WHEREAS, ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES MUST REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY FIXED UNTIL NEW ELECTIONS ARE HELD AND NEW TERMS BEGIN; AND,

WHEREAS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ASSIGNED THE POWER UNDER ACT 1979-82, 16 P.S.SECTION 11011-10.1, TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FIX THE SALARIES FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS, PROVIDED CERTAIN PROCEDURAL STANDARDS ARE MET; AND,

WHEREAS, A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING TO FIX NEW SALARIES WAS HELD AND LIVE STREAMED WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CARBONCOUNTYCOMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 2024 AT 6:00PM AND RECESSED UNTIL NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT 6:00PM, FOLLOWING PUBLIC NOTICE THEREOF APPEARING IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SAID MEETING ; AND,

WHEREAS, ACT 1979-82 SETS FORTH TWO (2) IMPORTANT CRITERIA:

- (1) NO NEW SALARY SCHEDULE SHALL BE ADOPTED IN A CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE TO BE ELECTED; AND,
- (2) ANY SALARY INCREASE SHALL BE ON PERCENTAGE BASIS AND APPLIED EQUALLY TO ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY HAS ASSEMBLED THIS DATE AND ADOPTED A SALARY SCHEDULE TO BE PLACED INTO EFFECT FOR ALL CARBON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THOSE COUNTY OFFICIALS ELECTED IN 2025 AND TAKING OFFICE JANUARY, 2026, SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARIES AS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, SAID SCHEDULE BEING ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AS PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

ADOPTED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/S/ MICHAEL J. SOFRANKO, CHAIRMAN
/S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
/S/ ROCKY C. AHNER, MEMBER

ATTEST:
/S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK

CARBON COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS PAY SCALE

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
<u>OFFICE</u>							
COMMISSIONERS	75,629	76,385	77,913	79,471	81,060	83,492	85,997
TREASURER	67,673	68,350	69,717	71,111	72,533	74,709	76,950
CONTROLLER	67,673	68,350	69,717	71,111	72,533	74,709	76,950
RECORDER OF DEEDS	67,673	68,350	69,717	71,111	72,533	74,709	76,950
REGISTER OF WILLS/ CLERK OF ORPHANS COURT	69,367 2,000	70,081 2,000	71,523 2,000	72,993 2,000	74,493 2,000	76,788 2,000	79,152 2,000

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SHERIFF	67,673	68,350	69,717	71,111	72,533	74,709	76,950
CORONER	32,001	32,321	32,967	33,626	34,299	74,709	76,950
PROTHONOTARY	67,673	68,350	69,717	71,111	72,533	74,709	76,950
CLERK OF COURTS	67,673	68,350	69,717	71,111	72,533	74,709	76,950

BOARD POLLED: AHNER NO
 NOTHSTEIN YES
 SOFRANKO YES

COMMISSIONER SOFRANKO NOTED THE 3% SALARY INCREASE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEARS 2028 AND 2029 SALARIES ARE INCOMPLIANCE WITH THE OVERALL COUNTY RAISE INCREASES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.

ELOISE K. AHNER,
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MICHAEL J. SOFRANKO, CHAIRMAN