

2024 STATE OF THE COUNTY

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Carbon Commissioners Report

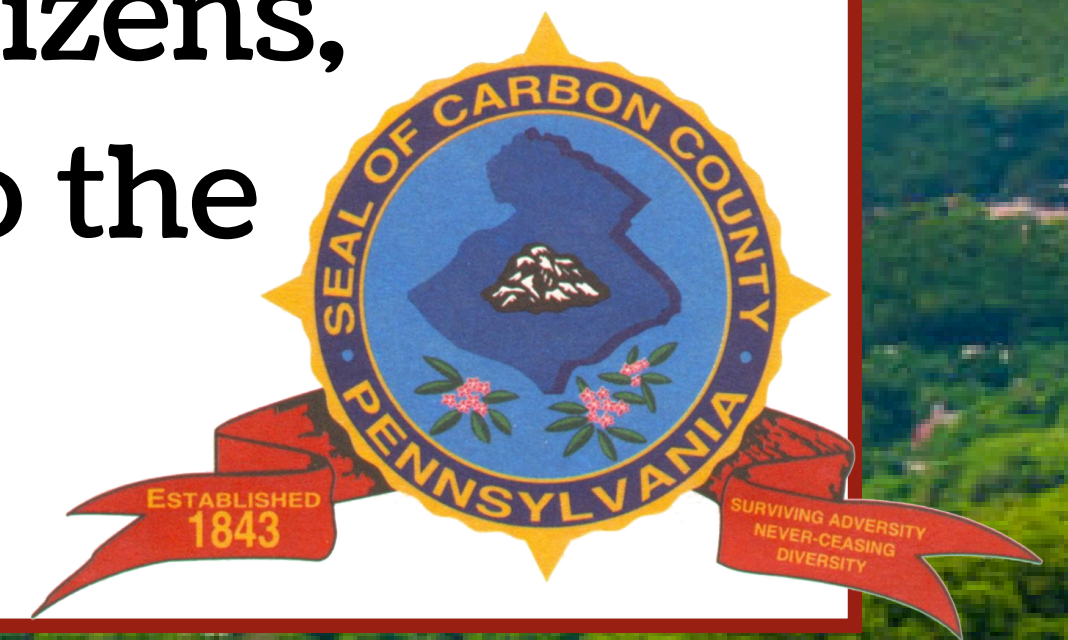
MIKE SOFRANKO
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

 **CARBON CHAMBER**
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GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COUNTY OF CARBON MISSION

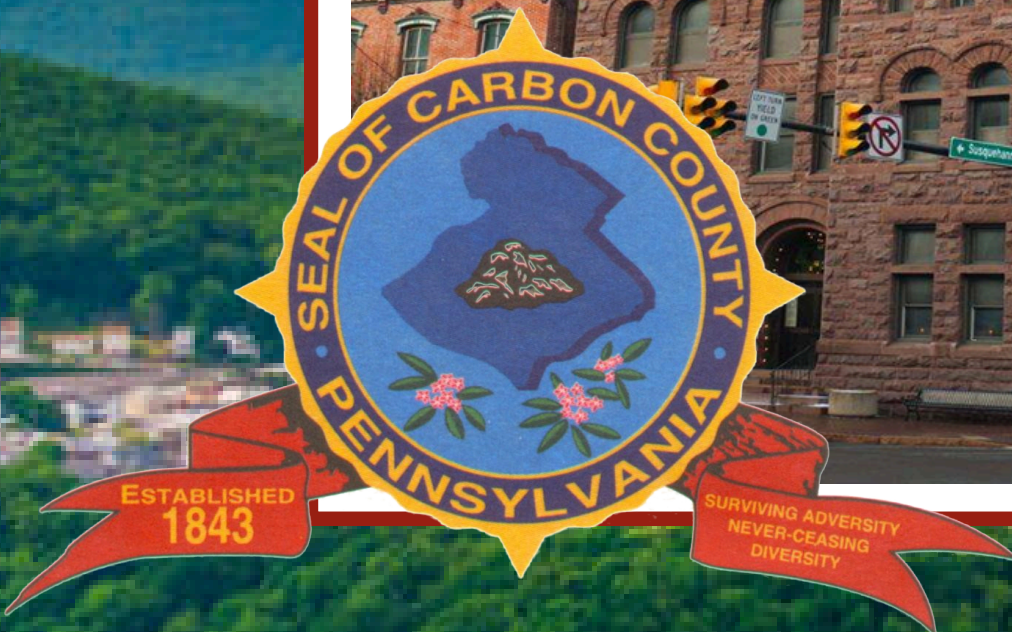
To provide governmental, economic, social, cultural, emergency and recreational services to improve the vitality of the community and the lives of its citizens, while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayer.



COUNTY OPERATIONS

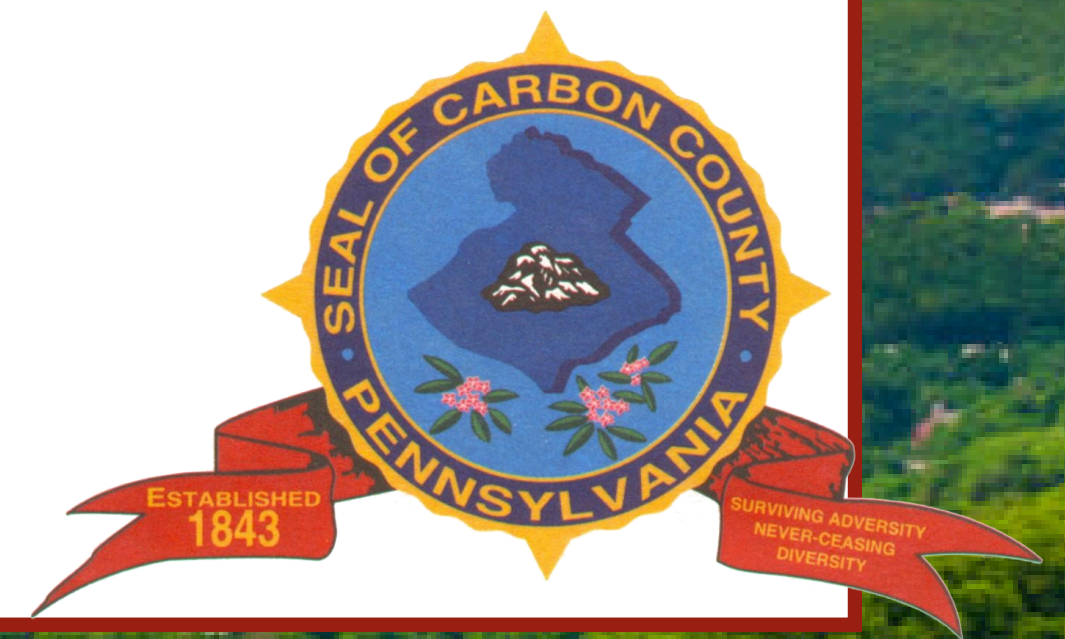


- Sixth largest employer in Carbon County.
- Successfully negotiated six of seven union agreements.
- Utilized Opioid Settlement grant funds for police departments within the community that hosted National Night Out.
- Established a Grant Coordinator position and Planning & Development Open Space Coordinator position
- Appointed a new Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, Chief Public Defender, Chief Adult Probation Officer and a Tax Assessment Chief Assessor
- Pursuing grant funding and working with Schuylkill County for law enforcement and EMS for mobile and portable radios
- 2024 ESG Grant Application o/b/o Family Promise of Carbon County.



COUNTY OF CARBON FACILITIES

- Mauch Lake Park –
 - Modernization of Boat Launch B restrooms
 - Paving of entrance and parking lot – Boat Launch B
 - Wise management of resident vs tourist at peak capacity holidays
 - Community activities to celebrate the 50th Anniversary
- Josiah White Park (Train Station):
 - Responding to community feedback – added vendors
 - Established a formal vendor onboarding process
- Carbon County Animal Shelter:
 - Replaced HVAC system (funded by donations)
 - New Gazebo, bench, shed and flag pole (funded by donations)
- Courthouse renovation project on schedule and on budget.
- Pedestrian safety upgrades at 76 Susquehanna and Train Station
- Divestiture of unused property
- Bridge #3 surface repairs pending funding comprehensive rehabilitation



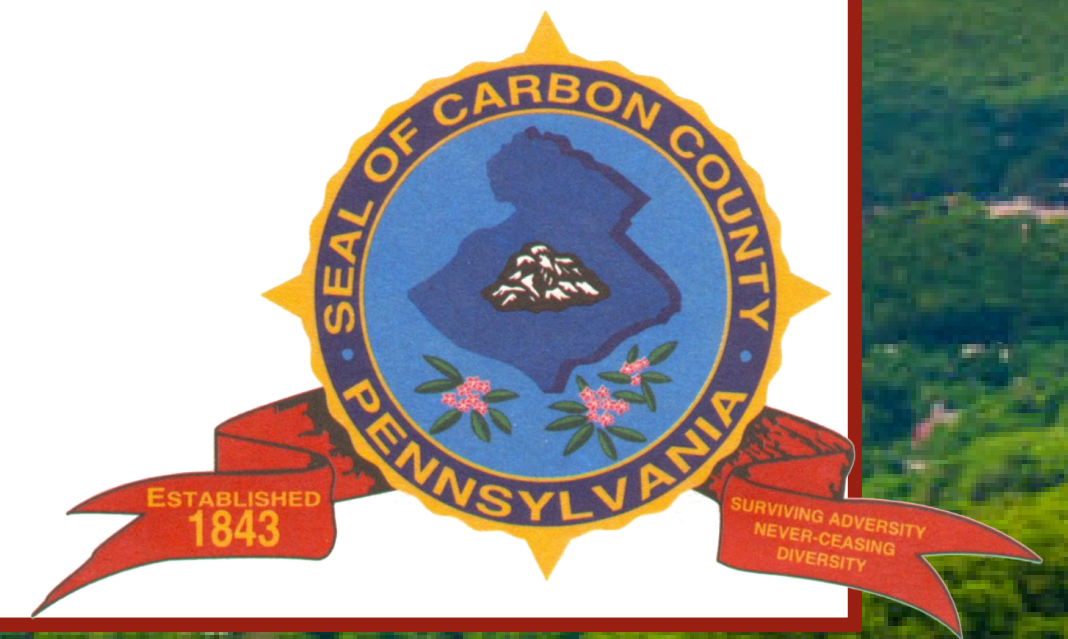
MAXIMIZED REVENUE



- Established a County Demolition and Rehabilitation Fund
- Pursuing state grant funding \$6 million for rehab / replacement of County Bridges
- Obtained grant funding for virtual communications between the Correctional Facility, courtrooms and the Public Defender's Office.
- Compliance with all requirements to ensure ongoing state grants for Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation and indigents.

COUNTY OF CARBON COMMUNITY

- Actively engaging with the recovery community.
- Effectively addressed the unsheltered settlement on County property.
- Open Space Management
- Deep dive into public transportation
- Modified the Carbon County Home Rehabilitation Program & Whole Repair Program application



COUNTY OF CARBON OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify ways to address transitional housing gaps
- Knowledge management/transfer for key county positions

To grasp the bright future right in front of us, we must be...

BRAVER and **BOLDER** than ever.

It will **REQUIRE...COURAGE.**

It will **REQUIRE... TAKING RISKS**

It will require **INNOVATION**

We must never be content with the status quo.

