

## **JULY 27, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Formally approved at August 10, 2021 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Sue Kauwell, Prothonotary; Bob Stoudt, Hannah Leary, MARC; Philip Campbell, Lackawanna College; Suann Leighow, Master Gardeners; Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise; Joe Sylvester, The Daily Item.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Assistant Solicitor Robert L. Marks Jr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$307,372.96
General Account Receipts	\$248,319.40
General Account Checking .01%	\$2,530,913.99
Capital Reserve Fund .03%	\$4,296.71
Operating Reserve .03%	\$658,639.00
Total Checking	\$3,193,849.70
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .03%	\$232,444.95
Act 44 .01%	\$117,458.46
Act 89 .03%	\$159,908.59
American Rescue Plan .01%	\$1,770,489.76
Children and Youth Checking .01%	\$444,908.35
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	\$997,294.22
Facilities Fund .05%	\$3,365.26
Flood Mitigation .01%	\$2,816.17
Hazardous Material Account Checking .01%	\$18,392.70
Human & Community Services Checking .01%	\$106,598.57
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$10,776.98
Liquid Fuels Checking .01%	\$198,052.53
Offender Supervision Account Checking .01%	\$44,123.64
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$37,761.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$724,512.63

Mr. Finn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Stoudt reported on the status of the pump track project at Hopewell Park. To date, \$149,000.00 has been raised in donations and pledges. MARC has submitted a grant applications to DCNR, which is requiring three addendums: a professional design and drawing, an updated budget and a document showing MARC either owns the land or has a 25-year lease on the property. Another

option, said Mr. Stoudt, would be for the County to be the applicant with MARC handling the administration duties.

Mr. Holdren introduced Mr. Campbell, Center Director of the Sunbury site of Lackawanna College, who provided an overview of the college and its programs. The private institution with a location in Sunbury takes no funds from state or local governments or school districts. That difference allows Lackawanna an agility to quickly update its offerings. For instance, an interest in 3D printing program was expressed and within a month a certificate program was in place, Mr. Campbell said. The college offers associate degrees as well as certificate programs and online bachelor's degrees. Lackawanna partners with local high schools and students in a dual enrollment program with courses offered right at the school. Students can also take college-level classes at the college or online and can earn an associate's degree in an accelerated time frame and at a much lower cost than traditional tuition. As Geisinger is the biggest employer here, Mr. Holdren asked if the college has plans to offer programs for laboratory, pharmacy and radiology technicians. Mr. Campbell said a nursing program is coming to the campus and eventually so will other healthcare disciplines.

Ms. Leighow offered information on the Penn State Master Gardeners program, stating the group works with everyone from 4-Hers to farmers to local residents to commercial enterprises, as part of Penn State Extension's philosophy that everyone should have access to science-based education. The Master Gardeners' presence can be found at the Growers Market, Montour-DeLong Fair and Ag Safety Days. Additionally, staff is physically present several days a week at offices in the County Administration Center. Cooking classes, webinars, poison prevention education, home newsletters, youth programs, seed-to-supper growing program and spotted lantern fly information are among the services offered.

Under old business, Mr. Holdren reported an outreach for engineering services to address HVAC issues at the Administration Center yielded only one response. Mr. Finn moved to reject the proposal. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Commissioners, Mr. Holdren said, will go back to the drawing board on the issue.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to approve a scope of services agreement with SEDA-COG to administer the 2021 CDBG program for the County and Danville Borough. Mr. Hartman seconded. The \$56,100.00 cost is comprised of \$39,000.00 for the County and \$17,100.00 for Danville Borough as an "on behalf of" municipality. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a tourism Fund Grant proposal from the Danville Business Alliance the 2021 Danville Fall Arts, Crafts and Heritage Festival. The \$12,000.00 application – which includes a 25 percent matching grant of \$3,000.00 – will be used for advertising and other costs. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve payment to Peters Consultants for engineering services related to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in Derry Township as follows: \$910.00 for 23 Mill Road; \$950.00 for 29 Mill Road; and \$750.00 for 75 Strawberry Ridge Road. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the following purchase of service agreements for Children and Youth Services: Law Offices of Marks, McLaughlin, Dennehy and Piontek,

The Devereux Foundation, and Law Offices of Stephanie J. Webb. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept a letter of resignation effective immediately from MARC Board member Heather Good. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$276,241.66; Children & Youth, \$52,458.14; Uniform 911, \$98,831.80; Human and Community Service, \$1,120.37; Facilities, \$87,518.19; Liquid Fuels, \$368.69; Operating Reserve, \$88,398.19; Other Funds, \$140,421.43. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk

