

JUNE 23, 2015 MINUTES
Formally approved July 14, 2015 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Linda Weaver, Register & Recorder; Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Greg Molter, Director of Human Services; David Kovach, Columbia County Commissioner; Ken Holdren, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Rev. Molter. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The meeting was then opened.

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$257,134.45
General Account Receipts	\$149,605.16
General Account Checking .15%	\$2,340,441.54
Capital Reserve Fund .10%	\$29,622.70
Operating Reserve .10%	\$77,822.09
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$2,447,886.33
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .10%	\$87,355.49
Act 44 .12%	\$10,672.89
Act 78 Checking .15%	\$9,130.20
Children and Youth Checking .15%	\$303,506.00
Flood Mitigation .15%	\$1,839.68
Hazardous Material Account Checking .15%	\$18,214.06
Human & Community Services Checking .15%	\$45,511.05
Improvement Fund Checking .15%	\$10,487.29
Liquid Fuels Checking .15%	\$280,793.98
Medical Assistance Transportation .15%	\$102,773.34
Offender Supervision Account Checking .15%	\$36,107.47
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$33,798.55
Transit Fund Account Checking .15%	\$35,638.50
Wireless 911 .15%	\$209,408.84

Mr. Finn called for public comment. Mr. Kovach asked the Board to sign a picture frame for a photo collage of Columbia County's bicentennial celebration in 2013. Mr. Kovach said he is seeking signatures of those who participated in the bicentennial, including Montour County Commissioners.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Finn recessed the meeting to convene a public hearing on the 2015-2016 Human Services Plan. Mr. Molter said the plan to be submitted for approval to the Department of Human Services is comprised of a \$50,000.00 grant application for the Human Services Development Fund and a \$10,800.00 allotment for the Housing Assistance Program. Mr. Molter said the annual HSDF grant is utilized for everything from in-home meal delivery to emergency shelter. This year's plan allocates more funds for emergency shelter as that's where the need is, Mr. Molter said. Mr. Finn called for public comment. There being none, he closed the hearing and reconvened the public meeting.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the Human Services Plan as presented. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to draft a letter to the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority requesting a meeting to discuss easement charges by the Rail Authority to the Valley Township Municipal Authority. Mr. Ward said the township Authority needed an easement underneath Route 11 and the railroad tracks near the Danville Middle School for a sewer line project 20 feet under the rail tracks. While the need to pay for an easement is understandable, the \$9,000.00 charge which must be paid every 10 years seems exorbitant, he said. Mr. Finn noted the Authority recently granted Verizon an easement, but made it a one-time fee at a lesser cost. What's more, many years ago Montour County Commissioners, specifically former Commissioner Tom Herman, were at the forefront of efforts that saved the railroad from going under, he said. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to provide engineering authorization to Norfolk Southern Railroad for the Bridge 16 replacement project. Under the authorization, the County will pay railroad flagging costs and may be invoiced for costs associated with the railroad engineering by Norfolk Southern's engineer. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to adopt Resolution R-6-23-15 appointing Transit Director Shawn Mowery to the Metropolitan Planning Organization through December 31, 2016. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$108,531.02; Children & Youth, \$67,713.38; Transit, \$8,237.12; Liquid Fuels, \$39,638.23; Act 78, \$383.63; Human and Community Service, \$324.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk

