

JUNE 28, 2016 MINUTES
Formally approved July 12, 2016 meeting

PRESENT: Commissioner Chairman Kenneth A. Holdren, Commissioner Vice-Chairman Dan W. Hartman; Also present: Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Greg Molter, Human Services Director; Fred Hunsinger, Columbia County 911; Jamie Shrawder, Danville Borough; Glenda Ruch, SEDA-COG; Oren Helbok, Destination Blues; Lloyd Bunch, Glen Wintersteen, Public; Jen Wakeman, WKOK; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$1,589,242.62
General Account Receipts	\$435,689.06
General Account Checking .40%	\$3,368,483.00
Capital Reserve Fund .22%	\$29,672.11
Operating Reserve .22%	\$77,951.83
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$3,467,107.93
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 22%	\$127,559.03
Act 44 .40%	\$22,693.80
Children and Youth Checking .40%	\$362,926.93
Flood Mitigation .40%	\$1,844.52
Hazardous Material Account Checking .40%	\$16,047.68
Human & Community Services Checking .40%	\$42,235.12
Improvement Fund Checking .40%	\$13,748.54
Liquid Fuels Checking .40%	\$282,864.90
Medical Assistance Transportation .40%	\$104,485.21
Offender Supervision Account Checking .40%	\$38,347.53
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$30,611.05
Transit Fund Account Checking .40%	\$40,099.37
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$374,179.53

Mr. Holdren recessed the meeting and convened a public hearing on the 2016-17 Human Services Plan. Mr. Molter explained his submission for grant funding to the state

Department of Human Services involves two programs – the Human Services Development Fund and the Housing Assistance Program. The \$50,000.00 sought under the HSDF provides for in-home meals and homemaker services to shut-ins, transportation, 24/7 emergency contact assistance, and inter-agency referrals. Additionally, HSDF funds help with emergency shelter, which augments the Housing Assistance Program. Montour typically receives \$6,812.00 for the HAP. Mr. Holdren asked for public comment. There being none, he adjourned the hearing and reconvened the public meeting.

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Helbok asked the Board to consider continued financial support for next year's Destination Blues festival, saying organizers want to increase advertising to areas already drawing visitors to the event, such as Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Jersey. Mr. Holdren said the Board will take the allocation request of \$5,000.00 from Hotel Tax funds under advisement and address it at a future meeting.

Mr. Dombroski said the Borough's sewer interceptor project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

Mr. Hunsinger reported a grant submission to PEMA for the consolidation of Montour and Columbia 911 functions is under review. He noted once funding is actually secured from the state, it will likely take another six to eight months for the merger to occur. Mr. Holdren said the Governor's office and Sen. John Gordner have been helpful in getting issues resolved.

Under correspondence, Mr. Holdren noted receipt of a letter from Danville Borough seeking a letter of support from the County for a \$326,519.00 grant from the DCED to purchase and install security cameras through the flood protection system.

Under old business, Mr. Holdren presented an update on Transit services changing from County operations to rabbittransit effective July 1. Mr. Holdren stressed the move had nothing to do with Montour Transit's quality of service, but was driven by increasing regulatory requirements and associated costs. He noted PennDOT, which funds the Shared Ride program, cited the County Transit for deficiencies several times last year and in January indicated that further funding for Transit operations would be withheld due to ongoing compliance issues.

After evaluating the County's ability to ensure compliance to keep the program running and the tremendous cost associated with doing that, Commissioners reached out to rabbittransit, which operates transit services in Columbia, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties, among others. Commissioners in those counties are well satisfied with rabbittransit, said Mr. Holdren, who noted PennDOT has reinstated funding to the County after being notified of the switch to the new provider.

Other than a small fee increase on some trips, there will be no change in services. Mr. Holdren pointed out that the last time ride fares increased was in 2005, while the

transportation CPI has increased 27 percent over the same time period. Even with the small increase, which comes out to 6.6 percent, Montour's fares remain the lowest in the area. "We were very tight in negotiations (with rabbittransit) so our citizens won't be impacted," he said.

Mr. Holdren also noted that all Transit employees were offered the opportunity to interview with rabbittransit and about half have accepted employment with rabbittransit at their current salaries.

Under new business, Mr. Hartman moved to approve submission of the human Services Plan grant application as presented by Mr. Molter. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Ruch submitted a CDBG subgrantee agreement with the Washingtonville Municipal Authority for 2014 funding in the amount of \$100,118.00 for rehabilitation of the authority's wet well at its sanitary sewer facility. Mr. Hartman moved to enter into the agreement. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Ms. Ruch also presented a budget revision moving \$28,060.12 of excess funds from the Crawford Road Construction project in Derry Township to the Washingtonville Municipal Authority Wet Well project, adjusting the latter budget to \$134,018.14. Mr. Hartman moved to approve the budget revision as presented. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to adopt Resolution R-6-28-2016 authorizing a loan of \$7,750.00 to the Northumberland/Montour Joint Airport Authority to make roof repairs to facilities. The loan will be issued at an interest rate of 1 percent with complete payment due on or before July 1, 2021. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren announce the Montour Area Recreation Commission has raised enough funds to extend the Montour Preserve lease with Talen for another year, effective October 2016 through December 30, 2017.

Mr. Hartman moved to seek a time extension of six months from PennDOT for the completion of the Bridge 16 project. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve an agreement with Lukesh Consulting Group Inc., to update the employee manual for \$1,400.00. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a memorandum of understanding for the SWAN Legal Service Initiative which provides paralegal services at no cost to the County from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to enter into the following purchase of service agreements on behalf of Children & Youth Services: Diversified Treatment Alternatives, Youth Services Agency, Geisinger Clinic, Pennsylvania Mentor, Behavioral Specialist Inc., Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services Inc., Concern, KidsPeace National Centers, Alternative Rehabilitation Communities Inc. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept a letter of resignation from Craig Patterson, Children & Youth Services Director, effective July 16. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a Family Medical Leave Act request from Gerald Cutchall, Prison Warden, retroactive to May 18 through July 10. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a Family Medical Leave Act request from Amanda Schultz, Children & Youth Services Caseworker from July 13 to 22. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint James Hack as Acting Prison Administrator at a rate of \$25.20 per hour effective June 16. Mr. Holdren seconded, noting the appointment is a temporary measure due to the Warden's FMLA leave. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept the resignation of Bob Stoudt from the SEDA Foundation, SEDA-COG Local Loan Review Committee and SEDA-COG Economic Development Strategy Committee. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint John Yoder to the SEDA Foundation, SEDA-COG Local Loan Review Committee and the SEDA-COG Economic Development Strategy Committee. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$883,247.63; Children & Youth, \$107,227.11; Transit, \$165,987.78; Liquid Fuels, \$2,937.48; Uniform 911, \$33,619.69; Human and Community Service, \$11,173.54. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk

