

April 9, 2019 MINUTES

Formally approved at April 23, 2019 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Norma Bird, Treasurer; Ashlea Hilday-Stabler, ECEN; Leon Bogdan, Press Enterprise; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

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

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$291,753.92
General Account Receipts	\$763,654.77
General Account Checking 2.43%	\$983,251.64
Capital Reserve Fund 2.38%	\$45,566.39
Operating Reserve 2.38%	\$88,333.17
Total Checking	\$1,117,151.20
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 2.38%	\$217,284.55
Act 44 2.43%	\$91,331.89
Act 89 2.38%	\$98,068.86
Children and Youth Checking 2.43%	\$578,831.45
Flood Mitigation 2.43%	\$2,713.42
Hazardous Material Account Checking 2.43%	\$20,056.10
Human & Community Services Checking 2.43%	\$75,087.90
Improvement Fund Checking 2.43%	\$24,682.74
Liquid Fuels Checking 2.43%	\$256,762.85
Offender Supervision Account Checking 2.43%	\$59,586.12
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$33,866.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge 2.23%	\$694,969.15

Mr. Hartman called for public comment. There was none.

Under old business, Mr. Holdren said high-speed broadband is now. Any member of the public interested in signing up can get information at driveindustry.com or on DRIVE's Facebook page. Mr. Finn said the initiative to bring high-speed broadband here is infrastructure and the County is thrilled. Mr. Holdren said Geisinger was a critical partner on the project, stating this is how a public-private

partnership is supposed to work. Mr. Hartman said the Governor's Office is so impressed by the initiative that it is using the project here as a poster child of sorts for other areas of the Commonwealth.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to approve a Tourism Grant application of \$10,000.00 submitted by the Danville Business Alliance for the Danville Heritage Festival and Parade in July. Mr. Hartman seconded. It was noted that the 100th anniversary of the American Legion will be observed as part of the festivities. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the following purchase of service agreements for fiscal year 2019-2020 on behalf of Children & Youth Services: Family Care for Children and Youth; Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services Inc.; Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve a CDBG budget revision to remove an elevator from the Prison handicapped accessibility project. Mr. Hartman seconded. The elevator project was part of plans to make the former warden's residence, which has been vacant for years, accessible and put the space to practical use. The Board expressed frustration that an official with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission rejected the elevator plan. The official wanted the elevator moved to the back, which is where the jail is located. However, the public can't walk through the jail, Mr. Finn explained. More infuriating, he said, was the PHMC official's reasoning - that the rejection was predicated on the use of federal funds for the work. Had the County used another funding source, the official indicated the PHMC wouldn't have cared. Mr. Finn said he found that abhorrent and said Commissioners plan to address the matter with U.S. Senator Toomey and state legislators. On called vote all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to proclaim the week of April 14 to 20 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Ashlea Hidlay-Stabler of the East Central Emergency Network accepted the proclamation on behalf of co-workers. She told the Board she has been a telecommunicator for 10 years and loves her job, saying telecommunicators are the first ones to aid those in distress before help gets there. She recalled playing a game of 'What do you do?' and said her clue was, "I may save your life, but I never see your face."

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint Mellissa Kilborn to the Northumberland-Montour Joint Airport Authority to fill the unexpired term of Stu Hoffman. The term runs through November 2020. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to affirm the hiring of Paige Bitting as Chief Deputy Coroner effective April 15 at a starting salary of \$28,000.00 to increase to \$33,000.00 when certified. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman affirmed the resignation of Colleen McCollum as part-time Deputy Coroner effective April 1. Mr. Holdren seconded. On called vote, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Holdren voted in favor. Mr. Finn abstained as he is related to Ms. McCollum.

Mr. Finn announced the prison achieved 100 percent compliance in the recent Department of Corrections inspection. He commended Warden William Wilt on a tremendous job as he continues to build morale and make the facility a professional institution.

Mr. Finn said Anthony Township Supervisor Dennis Sheatler informed the Board that Lewis Township in Northumberland County would accept recycling from the northern end of Montour County - Anthony, Derry and Limestone townships and Washingtonville Borough - this year for \$1,000.00. Mr. Finn moved to use up to \$1,000.00 from the County's Operating Reserve Fund for one year only to assist the northern townships. Mr. Hartman seconded. Saying it should be a shared obligation, Mr. Holdren said Mr. Sheatler needs to reach out to the townships to contribute to the effort, so the County doesn't have to pay the entire fee. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Finn said Mr. Sheatler will also forward a memorandum of understanding to the County to execute the contract.

Mr. Hartman moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$228,658.13; Children & Youth, \$18,432.42; Liquid Fuels, \$372.18; Uniform 911, \$0; Human and Community Service, \$915.01; Other Funds, \$125,431.23. 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