

AUGUST 21, 2019 MINUTES

Formally approved at September 10, 2019 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Ray Geringer, Sheriff; Jim Miller, Clair Heath, Steve Bennick, Brad Bason, County employees; Brian Pufnak, ECEN; Mike Lester, Press Enterprise; Karen Blackledge, The Daily Item.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Assistant Solicitor Michael Dennehy. 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.

There was no Treasurer's Report presented.

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

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Pufnak sought the Board's authorization to move forward with ECEN phase II upgrades at a cost of \$3.2 million, 20 percent of which will be Montour County's share with the remaining 80 percent borne by Columbia County. Mr. Pufnak said the upgrades involve an investment lease with Motorola to get the 911 center in sync with PA StarNET. Mr. Pufnak said Montour will piggyback onto Columbia County's financing for the project. Mr. Holdren noted Montour may be able to utilize some of its Uniform 911 Fund reserves for the project. Mr. Finn moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to adopt Resolution R-8-21-2019 to enter into a lease agreement with Motorola Solutions and authorize Mr. Holdren to sign the 10-year lease for radio equipment for emergency responders in Montour County, Riverside Borough, Geisinger Division of Emergency Services and Danville Area School District at a cost of \$919,646.65 with a 3.23 percent interest rate. Mr. Finn seconded. Mr. Holdren said the County previously raised \$107,000.00 toward the \$140,000.00 purchase cost of new radios for firefighters in 2017, only to learn shortly after the new Kenwood radios were at end of life and would not be compatible with the switch from high band frequency to P-25 digital. The County negotiated a 60% discount with Motorola, which is much higher than CoStars pricing of a 20 percent discount. Additionally, Motorola is giving a dollar-for-dollar credit for the previously purchased radios. The County has committed to funding 50 percent of the cost of the new radios for firefighters through grant revenues and corporate partners, said Mr. Holdren, who noted Geisinger is the County's first corporate partner in the initiative. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to enter into a three-year HVAC service agreement of \$76,953.00 with Siemens Industry Inc. for the County administration building. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a proposal from Seimens Industry Inc. to migrate the HVAC system at the administration center to an updated platform at a cost of \$25,500.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to authorize Mr. Hartman as signatory on the Seimens proposals. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a \$6,000.00 Tourism Fund grant request from the Montour County Historical Society to renovate and upgrade the Boyd House Museum. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Action to hire Michelle Getkin as Assistant Chief Clerk was tabled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk