

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MINUTES
Formally approved September 23, 2014 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Susan Kauwell, Prothonotary; Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Craig Patterson, Children & Youth Services Director; Greg Molter, Planning Director; Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG; Dan Knorr, Danville Borough Administrator of Governmental Affairs; Fred Gaffney, ColumbiaMontour Chamber of Commerce; Bob Garrett and Renee Gerringer, Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce; Walter Rupert, Gary Derr, Matt Derr, Valley Township; Steve Phillips, BIDA; Joe Stigerwalt, Washington Fire Co.; Marie Kruger, The English Garden; Joseph Crouch, Danville Borough; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Mr. 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. Gerst moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$466,181.50
General Account Receipts	\$124,570.87
General Account Checking .15%	\$1,675,131.72
Capital Reserve Fund .10%	\$30,796.41
Operating Reserve .10%	\$40,143.44
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,746,071.57
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .10%	\$119,312.44
Act 44 .15%	\$100.90
Act 78 Checking .15%	\$7,003.34
Children and Youth Checking .15%	\$295,116.02
Domestic Relations Checking .15%	\$139,636.09
Domestic Relations Incentive	\$160,207.93
Flood Mitigation .15%	\$1,837.40
Hazardous Material Account Checking .15%	\$15,753.36
Human & Community Services Checking .15%	\$46,679.97
Improvement Fund Checking .15%	\$8,467.35
Liquid Fuels Checking .15%	\$94,048.88
Medical Assistance Transportation .15%	\$86,618.55
Offender Supervision Account Checking .05%	\$26,356.04
Transit Fund Account Checking .15%	\$49,917.39
Wireless 911 .16%	\$228,992.18

Mr. Finn called for public comment. Ms. Kruger informed the Board of a fund-raiser for

the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by The English Garden in Riverside. The business will donate 10% of store proceeds during its Light The Night event from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 18. Luminary kits will be available for a donation and a closing ceremony is planned. Mr. Gerst voiced his support of the event and hoped that the community would, too.

Mr. Knorr thanked Commissioners for participating in the opening of five miles of new recreational trail, where a bicycle race was held over the weekend. Mr. Ward noted many of the cyclists commented that Montour's bike courses are among the best in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Crouch said the County has a national treasure at the Montgomery House Museum in the form of a hand-written letter from Benjamin Franklin. He suggested to a tour guide that a photo be taken of the letter and posted online but the suggestion was not well received. Mr. Crouch asked Commissioners if they would follow up on the idea with the Historical Society.

Mrs. Kauwell expressed the need for additional storage capacity for records in her office.

Mr. Garrett invited the Board to the Chamber's monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. October 9 at the Danville Elks. The meeting will feature a speaker from the DCED. Mr. Garrett informed the Board of a road safety audit program, which would provide free assistance to local municipalities. Mr. Ward noted a meeting held earlier that morning with PennDOT officials to bring a long-term fix to traffic issues on Routes 54 and 642.

Under old business, Ms. Shrawder reported the County will receive \$212,609.00 in CDBG funding for program year 2014, and recommended funding for projects as follows: Washington Fire & Hose Co., \$265,000.00 for a new rescue truck, pending verification of fundability through a random, County-wide income survey; Washingtonville Borough, \$37,300.00 for demolition of a blighted property at 11 Front Street.

Mr. Stigerwalt said the fire company is also looking to Danville Borough for funding of the \$650,000.00 piece of equipment and volunteers are conducting raffles and other fundraisers to help with the cost. He noted the current vehicle will not pass safety requirements.

Mr. Gerst expressed reservations about utilizing funding to clean up a private property that, rightfully, should be the owner's responsibility. Mr. Molter pointed out that Washingtonville Borough does not have property maintenance codes, and without them, the permission of the owner would be required before any work could be done.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the funding requests as presented provided Washingtonville Borough enacts property maintenance codes and the further stipulation that ownership will go to Washingtonville Borough through the condemnation process. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to enter into an agreement to continue participation in and accept new bylaws adopted by the Unemployment Compensation Program of the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Trust. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a request by engineering firm Larson Design for a 12-month time extension for preliminary design on Bridges 14 and 16 through October 15, 2015. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a \$20,000.00 appropriation from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund to the Montour Area Recreation Commission. Mr. Gerst seconded the motion. Mr. Ward noted MARC has taken over maintenance on Hopewell Park. Mr. Finn said the growth of recreational opportunities through the efforts of MARC is not only a boon to County residents, but provides a selling point when attracting business to the area. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a letter of agreement on behalf of the Transit Agency with Northumberland County BHIDS to provide non-waiver transportation services at a rate of \$11.80 per one-way trip not to exceed \$6,113.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the RASA (Rights and Services Act) grant application for 2015-16 to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$44,566.00. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst Mr. Gerst moved to appoint Mr. Finn to the Seven Mountains EMS Council. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to approve the following purchase of service agreements on behalf of Children & Youth Services: Psychological Services, Law Offices of Marks, McLaughlin and Dennehy, Michael Wintersteen and Columbia County Family Center. Mr. Ward seconded. Mr. Patterson explained the agreement with Columbia County Family Center will provide a “seamless opportunity to serve families” with children ranging in age from infancy to 18 through five new prevention services, including parenting skills and truancy elimination. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve a 5% pay increase- from \$12.93 to \$13.57 per hour - for Transit employee Sherry Foust to temporarily assume managerial duties for Transit until a new Director is appointed. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to extend unpaid medical leave to Deputy Sheriff William Beitz. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$420,220.25; Children & Youth, \$53,125.91; Transit, \$39,839.88; Liquid Fuels, \$335,270.54; Act 78, \$11,799.78; Domestic Relations, \$2,228.35; Human and Community Service, \$2,747.76. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk