

September 27, 2016
11:00 A.M.

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Jesse Kline, Treasurer; Fred Hunsinger, Tim Murphy, Columbia County; Tyler Dombroski, SEDA-COG; Bob Stoudt, MARC; Jamie Shrawder, Danville Borough; Ken Altenbach, Lloyd Bunch, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News..

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

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

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

General Account Disbursements	\$261,577.90
General Account Receipts	\$185,259.10
General Account Checking .40%	\$1,704,134.62
Capital Reserve Fund .29%	\$29,692.76
Operating Reserve .29%	\$206,326.32
General MMA	\$0.00
Total Checking, MMAs	\$1,940,153.70
Act 13 Highway-Bridge 29%	\$167,663.15
Act 44 .40%	\$22,716.62
Children and Youth Checking .40%	\$368,965.93
Flood Mitigation .40%	\$1,846.38
Hazardous Material Account Checking .40%	\$18,930.77
Human & Community Services Checking .40%	\$45,840.02
Improvement Fund Checking .40%	\$14,918.94
Liquid Fuels Checking .40%	\$274,197.77
Medical Assistance Transportation .40%	\$103,820.81
Offender Supervision Account Checking .40%	\$51,156.42
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$33,111.05
Transit Fund Account Checking .40%	\$51,958.74
Uniform 911 Surcharge .01%	\$203,760.95

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Mr. Bunch stated he had to reapply for transportation services with rabbittransit even though he previously utilized Montour Transit because his records could not be found.

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Mr. Stoudt reported the 6.2-mile North Branch Canal Trail is finished and has passed inspection by state and local agencies. However, due to issues resurfacing with an adjacent landowner, only the first 3.6-mile section will be opened to the public and barriers erected on the rest of the trail until the issues are resolved. Meanwhile, the one-year anniversary of MARC operating Montour Preserve is approaching. Operations for the year will come in \$20,000.00 under budget. Additionally, \$403,000.00 has been raised through donations and state grants. Mr. Stoudt said the Degenstein Foundation has presented a challenge grant to MARC. The Foundation will award MARC \$25,000.00 if MARC can bring in a matching \$25,000.00 in local donations by the end of December. Mr. Holdren thanked Mr. Stoudt and volunteers for the amazing job of managing the preserve. He said it is vital to raise \$1,000,000.00 to build an endowment fund for the future.

Ms. Shrawder reported the Borough approved a Visitors Bureau request to utilize drones to film the area for a video to be used on the bureau's website.

Mr. Holdren noted correspondence from Ed Draugelis, seeking a correction to the minutes of March 16, 2016, in which Mr. Draugelis was identified as representing the Mahoning Township Authority. Mr. Draugelis' letter stated he attended the meeting as a former Authority board member, taxpayer and rate payer. Mr. Holdren said the entire Board of Commissioners was in agreement that Mr. Draugelis presented himself as attending at the request of the Authority, so the minutes would stand. As an update to the original runoff issue presented by Mr. Draugelis, Mr. Finn noted that the Conservation District has started a stream project that will reduce or eliminate flooding on Bloom Road.

Mr. Holdren referenced a newspaper article concerning expenses incurred by the Housing Authority to send some of its board members to out-of-state conferences. The County appoints the Authority's board members but has no control over how it conducts business, he said. Commissioners, nonetheless, are stewards of all public dollars that come into the County and so the Authority will be encouraged to devise a travel policy and personal conduct policy.

Under old business, Mr. Finn moved to accept the resignation of Conservation District Director Jeff Smith, effective August 16. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor

Mr. Holdren gave an update on the 911 merger, noting all municipalities in the county have signed off on the readdressing project. As Northumberland County Commissioners want Montour to continue providing 911 dispatch services to Riverside Borough and Rush Township, Mr. Holdren said Montour will seek readdressing permission from the two municipalities.

Under new business, Mr. Finn moved to re-adopt a Fair Housing Resolution to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons. Mr. Hartman seconded. Mr. Holdren noted the County engages SEDA-COG to make sure Montour is in compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Law. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania DCED for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program with a total allocation of \$300,051.00. Mr. Finn seconded. Mr. Holdren said the County will utilize its 2016 allocation of \$211,393.00 for the Prison annex removal of architectural barriers project at a cost of \$173,393.00 and \$38,000.00 for administration. Danville Borough will utilize its allocation of \$88,658.00 for the Mahoning Creek concrete pedestrian bridge improvements at a cost of \$72,750.00 and the remaining \$15,908.00 for administration. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the Victim Services Grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$75,932.00 for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2018. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve the distribution of \$5,000.00 in Hotel Tax funds to the Destination Blues Festival and \$1,000.00 to The Hero's Fund. The latter will support the Armed Services Reserve Center's annual holiday party. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve Purchase of Service agreements with Justice Works and Centre County Youth Services Bureau on behalf of Children & Youth Services. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the promotion of Amanda Schultz from CYS Caseworker III to CYS Casework Supervisor effective September 19 at an annual salary of \$33,000.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to presented resolution to Ken Altenbach of Danville, honoring him for saving the life of a choking victim at the Danville Area Community Foundation dinner on September 20. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$352,110.39; Children & Youth, \$39,003.74; Liquid Fuels, \$1,883.97; Uniform 911, \$12,809.25; Human and Community Service, \$886.75. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.