

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved February 28, 2023 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Norma Bird, Treasurer; Clair Heath, Sheriff; Greg Molter, Planning Director; Melissa Mathews, SEDA-COG; Ethan Howard, Penn State Extension; Rebecca Dressler, Liz Brown, Public; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item; Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Pastor 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. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

General Account Disbursements	\$464,290.49
General Account Receipts	\$103,887.58
General Account Checking	\$1,064,640.94
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,025.76
Operating Reserve	\$1,577,021.67
Total Checking	\$2,646,688.37
Act 13 Highway-Bridge	\$106,063.39
Act 44	\$99,294.61
Act 89	\$197,603.41
American Rescue Plan	\$1,770,708.75
Children and Youth Checking	\$733,201.88
Debt Service Fund	\$299,683.94
Emergency Rental Assistance Program	\$8,525.50
ERAP 2	\$637,918.38
Flood Mitigation	\$2,830.88
Hazardous Material Account Checking	\$20,545.79
Human & Community Services Checking	\$123,390.60
Improvement Fund Checking .01%	\$14,747.09
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$233,542.60
Offender Supervision Account Checking	\$64,138.48
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$45,261.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge	\$641,189.18

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

Mr. Holdren called for public comment. Ms. Brown read a statement voicing her concern over what she described as a home invasion in January, when a mentally disabled person entered the home of an elderly woman in Cooper Township. When 911 was called,

dispatchers could not locate the home and police response did not occur until a township Supervisor got involved, she said. When Ms. Brown later called ECEN about the matter, she was advised to call state police. She asked what residents should do, when five years after readdressing, issues are still occurring. Mr. Finn said 911 dispatchers followed proper procedures. As Cooper Township does not have municipal police coverage, the call was immediately transferred to state police. The problem, Mr. Finn said, was that state police did not pick up the call. "It rang and rang and rang" until the call transferred back to 911. Mr. Finn said Commissioners have tried repeatedly to address the issue with state and federal legislators and "there is nothing we can do to get (PSP) to cooperate." He did note that the 911 system works well for fire and EMS calls.

Mr. Holdren recognized Mr. Howard from Penn State Extension who updated the Board on activities, including webinars on grant writing and land use planning. Montour 4-H clubs are already meeting in the new year and the Sharpshooters Air Rifle Club is once again up and running. Two Montour 4-H'ers have completed Diamond Status and were recognized at a state leadership conference brunch.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to approve a CDBG-CV sub-recipient agreement with Columbia-Montour Aging Office under to purchase a vehicle with the funds. Mr. Hartman seconded. The vehicle will be used exclusively for Montour County residents' intakes, care and food delivery. The vehicle, a 2022 Honda Pilot, will be purchased through Costars for \$46,833.17, 25 percent of which will be covered by CMAA as the fair share requirement. Other CDBG-CV funds will be utilized \$17,610.00 in funds will be used to purchase 280 PPE bags. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an architectural and engineering proposal of \$24,500.00 from LeFevre Wilk Associates for a generator upgrade at the Prison. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a 10-year agreement for physician services with Evangelical Medical Services Organization to provide services at the Prison at \$450.00 per week. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve an agreement for ambulance and medical transportation services with West Shore Advanced Life Support Services doing business as Geisinger EMS. Fees in the three-year agreement range from \$560.00 for non-emergency to \$1,600.00 for advanced life support. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to adopt a code of conduct promulgated by the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce with an intent to foster decorum and professionalism among officials. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. It was noted that Fred Gaffney, Chamber President, left that position after two decades and that Chris Berleth has replaced him as President..

Mr. Holdren moved to approve the payment of an invoice of \$562.50 from Barry Isett and Associates Inc. through the general fund as part of the CDBG-DR Iron Street buyout project. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to affirm the hiring of Clay Fahringer as a part-time Deputy Sheriff at \$16.53 per hour retroactive to January 25. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to appoint Ryan Craig as Assistant Director of Elections retroactive to December 19 with a stipend of \$2,000.00. Mr. Finn seconded, noting the position is worth more than the \$2,000.00 stipend. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to affirm a letter of retirement from James Miller, Chief Probation Officer, effective March 10. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$316,637.69; Children & Youth, \$58,343.56; Liquid Fuels, \$458.74; Food Pantry, \$161.38; Operating Reserve, \$11,383.34; Other Funds, \$151,099.83. 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