

DECEMBER 2, 2015 MINUTES
Formally approved December 8, 2015 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT: Also Present: Dan Hartman, Ken Holdren, Public; Karen Blackledge, The Danville News.

Mr. Finn asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Mr. Holdren. 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. Finn called for public comment. There was none.

Mr. Finn recognized Jerry Buckley, Sealer of Weights and Measures, who asked the Board to consider hiring Katie Bogart as Assistant Sealer of Weights and Measures at an annual salary of \$500.00. Mr. Buckley said she has been helping him as a volunteer by assisting with inspections and clerical work and was also instrumental in setting up the computer program for the fee collection system started two years ago. Mr. Ward commended Mr. Buckley for initiating the program, which has made that office self-sufficient. Mr. Gerst said he appreciated the fact that Mr. Buckley's work protects both the citizenry and retailers. In noting that a Salary Board meeting would be required to create the position, Mr. Finn, too, thanked Mr. Buckley, noting that when times were lean, Mr. Buckley took a pay cut in order to keep the weights and measures program going.

Under old business, Mr. Finn said at a Tax Appeals Hearing in October, the County sought a 60-day extension to make a decision on an appeal by the Frosty Valley Country Club Board of the property's assessed value of \$3,172,970.00. The FVCC Board presented an appraisal setting the value property's value at \$900,000.00. Mr. Finn said County Commercial Appraiser Richard Drzewiecki took a look at the property and the appraisal. He found the current assessed value too high, but did not agree with the FVCC appraisal that the best use of the land was agricultural, according to Mr. Finn, who said the County feels the land could be developed. Mr. Ward moved to set the assessed value at \$2,000,000.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Ward moved to approve the tentative 2016 General Fund budget of \$8,458,208.65 in expenditures with \$8,467,632.40 in revenues. Mr. Gerst seconded. Mr. Finn said the budgetary process was very difficult this year, mainly because of the state budget impasse. The Commissioners Office, working with Commissioner-elect Ken Holdren, was able to draft a budget with no tax increase, said Mr. Finn. He noted that due to the diligence of elected office holders and department heads to adhere to austerity measures, it also appears the County will not have to borrow money to get through the end of the year. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to set the millage rate at 3.349 mills, reflecting no change from the current rate. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to set the per capita tax at \$5.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the per capita tax at \$5.00. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the tentative Liquid Fuels budget of \$1,227,165.26 in expenditures and \$1,465,309.38 in revenues. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Ward moved to approve the tentative Transit Budget of \$572,921.25 in expenditures and \$583,921.25 in revenues. Mr. Gerst seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Gerst moved to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 15. Mr. Ward seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk