

## OCTOBER 27, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved at November 17, 2020 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Greg Molter, Planning Director; David D’Onofrio, Montour Solar One; Renee Goocey, Sandra Johnston, Ronald Johnston, Jim Holdren, Andria Lamay, Public; Geri Gibbons, Press Enterprise; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item; Sean Coffey, WBRE-TV.

Mr. Holdren asked those so inclined to rise for a prayer led by Solicitor Robert L. Marks. 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.

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

General Account Disbursements	\$256,409.26
General Account Receipts	\$102,519.97
General Account Checking .20%	\$1,411,471.77
Capital Reserve Fund .20%	\$9,846.28
Operating Reserve .29%	\$188,417.85
Total Checking	\$1,469,957.91
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .20%	\$503.12
Act 44 .20%	\$106,137.88
Act 89 .20%	\$2,412.75
Children and Youth Checking .20%	\$305,170.48
Facilities Fund .10%	\$204,929.86
Flood Mitigation .20%	\$2,814.01
Hazardous Material Account Checking .20%	\$12,567.68
Human & Community Services Checking .20%	\$99,330.94
Improvement Fund Checking .20%	\$15,117.64
Liquid Fuels Checking .20%	\$193,755.00
Offender Supervision Account Checking .20%	\$40,729.33
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$34,961.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge .20%	\$785,482.23

Mr. Holdren asked for public comment. Mrs. Johnston made several comments on proposed solar farming, among them that people are starving and good farmland is being taken away, solar panels create noise and she would like to enjoy peace, and proponents of solar farming want to push the Green New Deal. Mr. Holdren said Mr. Molter will listen to comments and specific concerns will be addressed by the committee tasked with updating the zoning ordinance. He also noted a tour of Anthony Township was taken following the previous meeting to look at potential sites.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to approve a CARES Act block grant allocation of \$2,007.00 to Montour County for administrative expenses. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a CARES Act Block Small Business award of \$11,017.00 to Color Addiction. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve a CARES Block Grant County reimbursement of eligible expenses of \$284,899.71. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to approve a CARES Block Grant tourism award of \$2,500.00 to the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau to promote safety and health in the county. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Holdren said all but \$49,159.00 in funds have been used, noting small business requests surpassed \$1,000,000.00. The County alone would qualify for more than \$500,000.00 in reimbursement and suggested the Board reach out to the Department of Community and Economic Development for additional funding. Mr. Finn implored residents to support local businesses.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a 2021 web hosting and maintenance agreement with Tyler Technologies for the Assessment Office at a cost of \$10,270.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to appoint Renee Goocey as an alternate member to the Planning Commission due to the incapacitation of a current member. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to hire Cynthia Ulmer as a part-time Veterans Affairs Clerk at an hourly rate of \$10.00 effective November 9. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor. Mr. Holdren expressed appreciation to recently retired VA Director John Novak for his help to the County at a critical time.

Mr. Hartman moved to accept the resignation of Amy Hertzog, Children & Youth Services Caseworker, effective November 6. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$406,502.96; Children & Youth, \$83,668.44; Liquid Fuels, \$410.93; Human and Community Service, \$1,921.67; Facilities, \$515,715.72; Uniform 911, \$89,679.97; Other Funds, \$1,821,705.88; Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Trevor S. Finn, Commissioner