

## DECEMBER 31, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Formally approved at January 12, 2021 meeting

FULL BOARD PRESENT; Also present: Greg Molter, Planning/Zoning Director; Angela Mattis, District Attorney; Rick Dandes, The Daily Item.

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.

General Account Disbursements	\$226,763.59
General Account Receipts	\$84,538.06
General Account Checking .20%	\$687,636.08
Capital Reserve Fund .20%	\$9,849.56
Operating Reserve .29%	\$189,280.70
Total Checking	\$886,766.34
Act 13 Highway-Bridge .20%	\$235,338.86
Act 44 .20%	\$78,697.94
Act 89 .20%	\$146,707.07
Children and Youth Checking .20%	\$272,194.50
Facilities Fund .10%	\$126,805.17
Flood Mitigation .20%	\$2,814.95
Hazardous Material Account Checking .20%	\$12,571.95
Human & Community Services Checking .20%	99,685.25
Improvement Fund Checking .20%	\$9,110.75
Liquid Fuels Checking .20%	\$185,799.87
Offender Supervision Account Checking .20%	\$45,834.74
Storm Water Ordinance Escrow	\$34,961.05
Uniform 911 Surcharge .20%	\$824,235.95

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. There was none.

Under old business, Mr. Hartman moved to adopt the 2021 General Fund budget of \$9,171,109.19 in expenditures and \$9,175,727.83 in revenues. The budget reflects a carryover of \$300,000.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to set the millage rate at 4.0 mills – a .22-mill increase – and to adopt a tax resolution setting the millage rate. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to adopt the 2021 Liquid Fuels budget of \$140,941.00 in expenditures and \$225,871.00 in revenues. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Under new business, Mr. Holdren moved to adopt Resolution R-12-31-2020, finding the Montour County Zoning Ordinance invalid, specifically that the ordinance does not permit commercial solar development. The resolution further directs the Zoning Officer to assemble a committee to prepare a curative amendment to the ordinance to correct the invalidity. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Molter explained the resolution would stop a commercial entity from petitioning the court for its own curative amendment on what a solar farming ordinance amendment should look like. The resolution allows the County to come up with proper procedures in the best interest of the County and its residents while not being overly restrictive for commercial purposes. Mr. Molter noted that Montour is not the first County to go through the process, as there are some places in the Commonwealth with solar farms in operation for a year. He suggested at some point that he will invite the Board to tour one of those solar farms to see operations firsthand.

Mr. Finn moved to approve the 2021 Savin Maintenance and Service Agreement with the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Institute, noting the Institute pays for the victim notification system. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Holdren moved to approve a Professional and Administrative Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for \$22,800.00 to administer CDBG Corona Virus Response Funds.

Mr. Hartman moved to approve a contract with Cellitti Moving and Storage to move County offices to the new Administration Center for \$11,611.28. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to reappoint Jack Gerst and William Betz to five-year terms on the Geisinger Authority. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to reappoint Rodney Bird, Wayne Hildebrand and Josh Seidel to three-year terms on the Planning Commission. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to affirm the termination of employment of Alese Fitzgerald, Deputy Register of Wills, effective December 8. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hartman moved to affirm the hiring of Eric Truxell as Deputy Register of Wills effective January 4 at a salary of \$21,000.00. Mr. Finn seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

Mr. Finn moved to pay the following bills: General Account, \$453,470.33; Children & Youth, \$91,987.35; Liquid Fuels, 23,771.69; Human and Community Service, \$1,842.30; Facilities, \$429,491.40; Uniform 911, \$0; Other Funds, \$161,739.18; CARES Block Grant, \$26,319.32. Mr. Hartman seconded. On called vote, all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly A. Brandon, Chief Clerk